



May 20, 2026

Limited Environmental Review and Finding of No Significant Impact

**City of Youngstown – Mahoning County
Crandall Park Area Water Main & Lead Service Line Replacement
Loan number: FS391023-0045**

The attached Limited Environmental Review (LER) is for a water main and lead service line replacement project in Youngstown which the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (Ohio EPA) intends to finance through its Water Supply Revolving Loan Account (WSRLA) below-market interest rate revolving loan program. The LER describes the project, costs, and expected environmental benefits. Making available this LER fulfills the Ohio EPA's environmental review and public notice requirements for this loan program.

Ohio EPA analyzes environmental effects of proposed projects as part of its program review and approval process. We have concluded that the proposed project should not result in significant adverse environmental impacts. In accordance with Ohio Administrative Code 3745-150-05, this project meets the criteria for an LER rather than the more comprehensive Environmental Assessment. More information can be obtained by contacting the person named at the end of the attached LER.

Upon issuance of this Final Finding of No Significant Impact (FNSI) determination, award of funds may proceed without further environmental review or public comment unless new information shows that environmental conditions of the proposed project have changed significantly.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Kathleen Courtright".

Kathleen Courtright, Assistant Chief
Division of Environmental and Financial Assistance

LIMITED ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW

Project Identification

Project: Crandall Park Area Water Main & Lead Service Line Replacement

Applicant: City of Youngstown
26 South Phelps Street
Youngstown, Ohio 44503

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Figure 1. Mahoning County

Project Summary

The City of Youngstown is requesting a low-interest loan from the Ohio Water Supply Revolving Loan Account (WSRLA) for water line replacements, including lead service line replacements. Due to the nature of the work, environmental impacts will be minimal. The portion of the project that involves lead service line replacement is eligible for partial principal forgiveness.

History & Existing Conditions

The City of Youngstown is located in Mahoning County (Figure 1). Youngstown owns and operates their own water distribution system, which serves approximately 59,100 people. The city purchases potable water from the Mahoning Valley Sanitary District.

This project is part of an ongoing effort to replace older, high-maintenance water mains located within Youngstown's distribution system. Lead service lines (LSLs) also need to be replaced to remove the health threat associated with lead. The existing mains chosen for replacement in this project are over 75 years old and at the end of their useful life. Additionally, there are approximately 470 LSLs present in the project area that will require removal, both in the public right-of-way and on private property.

Project Description

The project will replace approximately 4,700 linear feet of 8-inch water main and approximately 470 LSLs along Gypsy Lane in the Crandall Park area. Youngstown will obtain permission from private property owners to replace any LSLs on private property. See Figure 2 below for a map of the project area.



Figure 2. Map of the project area

Implementation

The City of Youngstown proposes to borrow approximately \$9.3 million from the Ohio WSRLA. The portion of the loan that consists of water main replacement will be borrowed at the standard interest rate of 3.25%. WSRLA interest rates are set monthly and may change for a later loan award. The portion of the loan that consists of LSL replacement will be borrowed at an interest rate of 0%, and is eligible for partial principal forgiveness, which does not need to be repaid.

Youngstown will not raise water rates in order to pay for this project. The average annual water bill for residents served by Youngstown is \$449. This is 1.3% of the median household income (MHI: \$34,746) and is less than the Ohio average annual water bill, \$481. Construction is scheduled to begin July 2026 and to be completed in approximately 12 months.

Public Participation

Youngstown shares project information with affected residents directly using door hangers, as well as more broadly using the city website and a link on the water bill. The city will coordinate with residents before any private LSL replacement.

Ohio EPA is unaware of any controversy about or opposition to this project. The Limited Environmental Review (LER) and Finding of No Significant Impact (FNSI) will be posted on the Ohio EPA Division of Environmental and Financial Assistance website. Additionally, the LER and FNSI have

been provided to the City of Youngstown to be made available according to their public notification procedures.

Conclusion

The proposed project meets the criteria for an LER; namely, it is an action within an existing public water distribution system, which involves the functional replacement of existing infrastructure. Furthermore, the project meets the other qualifying criteria for an LER; specifically, the proposed project:

Will have no significant environmental effect, will require no specific impact mitigation, and will have no effect on high-value environmental resources because no environmentally significant resources are likely present in the prior-disturbed road rights-of-way where the water mains and LSLs will be replaced, nor in residential properties where private LSLs will be replaced.

Is cost effective and is not a controversial action because there is no feasible alternative to replacing failing water lines, nor removing LSLs. Ohio EPA is unaware of opposition to or controversy about these projects.

Does not create a new or relocate an existing discharge to surface or ground waters, does not create a new source of water withdrawals from either surface or ground waters, significantly increase the amount of water withdrawn from an existing water source, or substantially increase the volume of discharge or loading of pollutants from an existing source or from new facilities to receiving waters will not provide capacity to serve a population substantially greater than the existing population because this project simply replaces water infrastructure that services an existing population with no impact on withdrawals or discharges.

Based upon Ohio EPA's review of the planning information and the materials presented in this LER, we have concluded that there will be no significant adverse impacts from the proposed project as it relates to environmental features. This is because these features do not exist in the project area, the features exist but will not be adversely affected, or the impacts will be temporary and mitigated. This project will result in eliminating public health threats associated with lead, as well as ensuring safe drinking water for residents of Youngstown.

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