

**Miami Valley Regional Planning Commission
Areawide Water Quality Management Plan
Proposed SFY 2019 Amendment**

Date received:	December 2018
Amendment Locations:	Liberty Township, Darke County Harrison Township, Darke County Villages of Palestine, and Hollansburg
Amendment Title:	New FPA for Two Darke County Villages

Amendment Description: Facility Planning Area updates. This update arises from an upcoming project in Darke County to construct sanitary sewer, forcemains, and a new treatment works to serve the Villages of Hollansburg and Palestine as well as the unincorporated place, Glen Karn. On December 17, 2018 MVRPC received notice of an application to Ohio EPA for a Permit To Install for sanitary sewer for the Palestine-Hollansburg Joint Sewer District (PHJSD). The purpose of this amendment is to create a new Facility Planning Area (FPA) in southwest Darke County to reflect the decisions made regarding this sewer project.

Palestine and Hollansburg are both small villages in southwest Darke County. As of the 2010 Census, the villages had a combined 427 residents living in 177 households. The villages are characterized by densely arranged, small residential lots currently served by household sewage treatment systems. These systems are of a variety of ages and design. Based on the density and size of the residential lots it is safe to assume that no resident could get a permit to replace their current HSTS under the new HSTS design standards, which require larger areas, as well as a designated space for a replacement system. Therefore installation of sanitary sewer has been committed to in order to maintain the villages as viable residential communities.

The proposed FPA boundaries shown in the attachment follow exactly the designated service area of the PHJSD. The proposed new boundary does not include the unincorporated place, Glen Karn (located due north of Hollansburg on Hollansburg Tampico Road); under contractual arrangement between the Darke County Commission and the PHJSD Glen Karn will be sewerred with wastewater treatment to be provided by PHJSD. However, by agreement, the PHJSD will not have planning responsibility outside its district boundary; such planning responsibility is reserved to the Darke County Commission. This proposed boundary was reviewed and concurred with by the following stakeholders:

- Harrison Township Trustees
- Liberty Township Trustees
- The Village of Hollansburg
- The Village of Palestine
- The Darke County Public Health District
- Palestine-Hollansburg Joint Sewer District

Staff Comments:

- This is a minor change to the AWQMP for this area of Darke County. The proposed new FPA does not abut any existing FPA within the AWQMP.

- As this proposed change is in reaction to a proposed sanitary sewer project in a discrete rural area, it is the opinion of MVRPC staff that this project does not warrant an in-person meeting of the Areawide Facility Planning Subcommittee. An electronic request for comments will be posted and emailed to all AFPSC member communities.

Committee History: *Pending AFPSC review*

Attachments:

1. Permit To Install application for Palestine-Hollansburg Joint Sewer District (excerpt).
2. Proposed FPA Boundary Map for PHJSD, Darke County.