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# The Village of Ludlow Falls

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## **ABBREVIATIONS**

Environmental Protection Agency
Gallons Per Day
Septic Tank Effluent Pump
Milligrams Per Liter
Million Gallons Per Day
Biochemical Oxygen Demand
Five Day Carbonaceous Biochemical Oxygen Demand
Miami Valley Regional Planning Commission
Dissolved Oxygen
Wastewater Treatment Plant
Recirculation/Dilution
Facility Planning Area
Operation, Maintenance, and Repair

### Purpose of Study

The purpose of this study is to identify, evaluate, and present information pertaining to the existing and future wastewater system within the Village of Ludlow Falls. This study will also gain a sense of the potential growth expected in the area, and present options of different wastewater collection and treatment systems. In addition, the study develops cost-effective alternatives for wastewater service in the area. This study will be used by the Miami Valley Regional Planning Commission (MVRPC) and the Village of Ludlow Falls for the purpose of future planning needs. The Village of Ludlow Falls was selected for this study because of the inability to stay within the health regulations when replacing failing septic tanks.

### **Alternatives Considered**

The existing and future wastewater needs were analyzed to help determine different collection and treatment options. These options include:

Wastewater Collection System Alternatives considered the following:

- Gravity Sewer System
- Septic Tank Effluent Pumping (STEP) System
- Grinder Pump Sewer System
- Vacuum Sewer System

Wastewater Treatment System Alternatives considered the following:

- Construct new Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP)
  - o Extended Aeration
  - o Lagoon
  - Packed Bed Media Filter
- Regionalize with Adjacent Community
  - Transport Wastewater to West Milton

### Conclusion

All of the different collection and treatment alternatives, listed above, were analyzed into many different scenarios. Each scenario looked at the cost of the project, O,M&R, and different environmental factors. All of these factors helped determine a best case scenario for the Village of Ludlow Falls.

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#### Recommendation

Based on the cost analysis, the best option for the Village of Ludlow Falls is to construct a gravity collection system and contract with the Village of West Milton for treatment services assuming West Milton will cover the cost of construction of a pumping station and forcemain from Ludlow Falls to West Milton.

The initial capital cost of a gravity collection system is higher than other collection systems, but the annual Operation, Maintenance, and Replacement costs are significantly lower and when a Present Worth analysis is run, these differences become apparent.

Construction of a gravity sewer will also require sewers to be deeper than the other collection systems requiring rock excavation. Rock excavation has been accounted for in the construction estimate. Construction will be slower and cause more disruption, but is temporary and with a responsible contractor, the residents should be able to manage through the construction process, especially considering that a good majority of the sewer lines could be located in alleyways and away from the streets.

### Table1-1: Funding Summary

In order to fund the project, the following plan is proposed:

			GRAVITY SEWER WEST MILTON TREATMENT
CUSTOMERS/EDUs			100
PROJECT COST- Collection System			\$1,472,510
ANNUAL O,M&R			\$0
FINANCING			
CDBG Formula Grant			\$30,000
Residential Public Infrastructure Grant			\$480,000
OPWC Grant			\$400,000
Unsewered Area Assistance Program	\$250,000		
Local Funds - Capacity Fee \$1,500/EDU			\$150,000
OPWC Loan	30	0.00%	\$162,510
OWDA Loan	30	2.00%	\$-
OEPA WPCLF Loan	30	0.00%	\$-
Total Financing			\$1,472,510
ANNUAL DEBT			
Annual OPWC Payment			\$5,417
Annual OWDA Payment		\$-	
Annual OEPA WPCLF Payment	\$-		
ANNUAL DEBT PAYMENT	\$5,417		
DEBT PAYMENT PER MONTH PER EDU	\$4.51		
O,M&R PAYMENT PER MONTH PER EDU	\$-		
TOTAL PER MONTH PER EDU (not including	\$4.51		

The above table shows a realistic funding plan for the construction of a gravity collection sewer system. Under this scenario, the majority of the project cost would be covered under grant programs with a much smaller portion through loan.

The bottom line in this table indicates the amount of debt payment for each customer. This debt payment will be in addition to the standard monthly billing to the Village of West Milton. West Milton recently enacted a 30% surcharge on out of town customers. With this surcharge, the rate to Ludlow Falls would be as shown in the following table:

Operation	Consumption Charge
Charge	(per 1,000 Gallons)
\$8.79	\$9.14

### Table1-2: Monthly Debt Payment

Each resident can calculate what their typical sewer bill would be based on their current water bill. For simplicity, the table below is provided based on a monthly water usage between 2,000 gallons per month to 6,000 gallons per month.

Water Usage (gal/month)	Operation Charge	Consumption Charge	Debt Payment	Total Monthly Bill
2,000	\$8.79	\$18.28	\$4.51	\$31.58
3,000	\$8.79	\$27.42	\$4.51	\$40.72
4,000	\$8.79	\$36.56	\$4.51	\$49.86
5,000	\$8.79	\$45.70	\$4.51	\$59.00
6,000	\$8.79	\$54.84	\$4.51	\$68.14

### Table1-3: Typical Monthly Sewer Payment

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### Background

In accordance with the Water Pollution Control Act amendments of 1972, the Miami Valley Regional Planning Commission (MVRPC) serves as the Designated Water Quality Planning Agency for the 5-county Miami Valley Region. In this role, MVRPC prepared and continually maintains an Areawide Water Quality Management Plan (AWQMP), also known as the 208 Plan. Also, under Section 208 of the EPA's Clean Water Act, MVRPC has the responsibility for reviewing and approving individual Wastewater Treatment Facility Plans and their associated Facility Planning Areas. Within the AWQMP for Miami County, the Village of Ludlow Falls, among other communities, was designated as a localized area of concern as noted by the Miami County Health District, Miami County Soil and Water Conservation District and Ohio EPA as a result of failing septic systems

In 2014, MVRPC received a grant sponsored by Ohio EPA to evaluate and provide wastewater collection and treatment alternatives for several communities within the 5-county region agreeing to take part in the study. The Village of Ludlow Falls elected to become one of the study participants. This report is the result of that commitment.

### **Objective**

The objective of this study is to provide a cost-effective and environmentally sound wastewater collection and treatment system for the Village of Ludlow Falls planning area. The design of the system will take the growth and development of the area into consideration. The new system will meet the requirements established by the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency.

### **Planning Area**

The Village of Ludlow Falls is a small incorporated village located in the southwestern corner of Miami County in Union Township. Ludlow Falls is approximately 3 miles north of the Village of West Milton and approximately 9 miles southwest of the City of Troy. The planning area for Ludlow Falls includes all property within the corporation limits of Ludlow Falls as well as a small area located just north of the Village. There are currently 88 service locations including a missionary church camp in the Village and 7 homes located just north of the Village. Figure 2-1 illustrates the planning area for Ludlow Falls.

### Scope of Study

A brief summary of the scope of this study is presented below. The planning period for this study is 25 years or through the year 2040.

<u>Data Collection and Review</u> - Data relevant to the Planning Area was collected, reviewed and analyzed. This data included previous studies concerning wastewater needs.

<u>Develop Population & Sewer Needs Forecasts</u> – Based on historical and existing population data, the projected future wastewater needs for the designated study area over a 25-year planning period was developed.

Factors such as cost, environmental impacts, regulatory and permitting requirements must be taken into consideration when evaluating wastewater collection and treatment alternatives.

<u>Develop and Evaluate Alternatives</u>- In establishing the criteria for the design of wastewater systems, several factors were considered. These included the length of time the facilities should serve before replacement or expansion is necessary, the population to be served, the type of customers to be served (i.e. residential, commercial, industrial, etc.) and the projected wastewater flows ( both average daily and peak hourly flows) over the span of the planning period.

<u>Draft Report</u>- Based on the work generated in the above tasks, a Draft Report summarizing the findings and recommendations is to be prepared. The draft report will be reviewed with the Village and other stakeholders and comments/ feedback will be incorporated into the Final Report.

<u>Final Report</u>- After review of the draft report and revisions made pursuant to comments received, a final report will be prepared and delivered to the Village, MVRPC, and the Ohio EPA.

### Methodology

Brief descriptions of the methods used in the preparation of this study are shown below.

<u>Study Area Boundary</u>- The general study area was determined by MVRPC and was refined during the first progress meeting.

<u>Projections of Sewer Needs for the Study Area -</u> The following calculations were used to determine the average daily flow and the peak hourly flow.

#### Wastewater Systems

Average Daily Flow = Population x 100 gallons/day/person

Peak Hourly Flow = Average Daily Flow x 4.0 peaking factor

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### **Chapter 3 - Existing Conditions**

### **Existing Water Systems**

The Village of West Milton owns and operates the public water treatment and distribution system (PWSID # OH5501711) in the Village of Ludlow Falls. The system was constructed in the early 1960s. West Milton purchases bulk water from the City of Troy. The City of Troy's water supply comes from buried valley sand and gravel aquifers associated with the Great Miami River.

The following table was generated from information provided by the Village of West Milton showing water consumption for the Ludlow Falls areas. Water usage ranges from a low of approximately 9,000 GPD to a high of 28,000 GPD over the last four years. Average annual daily water consumption is approximately 13,500 GPD which equates to approximately 4,000 Gallons per Month per Home.

	2011		201	2	2013	3	2014	4
							MONTHLY	
	(1,000 GAL)	(GAL)						
JAN	395	13,167	286	9,533	523	17,433	419	13,967
FEB			311	10,367	261	8,700	329	10,967
MAR	403	13,433	312	10,400	277	9,233	273	9,100
APR	335	11,167	575	19,167	320	10,667	596	19,867
MAY	422	14,067	414	13,800	661	22,033	408	13,600
JUN	841	28,033	774	25,800	554	18,467	362	12,067
JUL	522	17,400	498	16,600	537	17,900	370	12,333
AUG	594	19,800	343	11,433	398	13,267	296	9,867
SEP	349	11,633	317	10,567	313	10,433	342	11,400
OCT	320	10,667	265	8,833	327	10,900		
NOV	339	11,300	292	9,733	346	11,533		
DEC	340	11,333	295	9,833	349	11,633		
AVERAGE	442	14,727	390	13,006	406	13,517	377	12,574

### Table 3-1: Water Usage

Water distribution within the Village is generally 6-inch Ductile Iron. The Village also has fire hydrants located throughout the Village with adequate spacing for fire protection.

The following table shows the monthly water rates for the Village of Ludlow Falls. Based on a typical homeowner using 4,500 Gallons Per Month, the typical Ludlow Falls customer monthly bill is \$37.88. Figure 3-1 shows the layout of the existing water system, which was provided by the Village of West Milton.

### Table 3-2: Monthly Water Rates

OPERATION	CONSUMPTION	METER
CHARGE	CHARGE per 1,000 gal	FEE
\$10.50	\$5.45	\$2.85

### **Existing Wastewater Systems**

A centralized collection and treatment system does not exist within the Village of Ludlow Falls. Each residence and business is responsible for its own on-site treatment system. Many of these on-site systems are comprised of steel or masonry septic tanks with minimal leaching fields or even direct or indirect connections to drainage tiles. Many of these on-lot treatment systems are failing and discharging raw or partially treated sewage to drainage swales which finds its way into the water table and adjacent streams. These systems do not meet Ohio EPA discharge standards.

### **Environmental Conditions**

The environmental conditions in Miami County and the study area are important factors in determining the wastewater collection and treatment alternatives that are viable for the study area. The environmental conditions are analyzed in the following sections.

#### Soils

The majority of the study area falls within two soil classifications. The two classifications in the Village of Ludlow Falls are Milton and Miamian associations. The following information is generated from the United States Department of Agriculture National Resource Conservation Service. Figure 3-2 shows all the soil associations within the Ludlow Falls Planning area.

The Milton soil series is the dominant soil series covering approximately 55 percent of the planning area. The slope for this soil, primarily a flat terrain, ranges from 2-6 percent. These slopes help this soil generate a well drained natural grainage class. The runoff flows at a moderate rate leading to no flooding or ponding. The moderate amount of runoff keeps the available water storage in profile low at about 4.2 inches. The depth to the water table in this location is more than 80 inches in depth. One limited factor for this soil is the depth to lithic bedrock is approximatly20-40 inches below the surface.

The second leading soil class in the planning area is Miamian. This class has the same features listed above for the Milton soil class except this soil can retain more water and has a greater depth to lithic bedrock. The available water storage in profile is about 7.3 inches, which is a moderate rating. The depth to the bedrock is deeper than the Milton class at approximately 40-80 inches deep.

### Topography

The topography is relatively flat with a general slope down going from West to East. The highest elevation in the study area is 920 feet on the west side and the lowest elevation is 800 feet located on the east side in the campsite near Ludlow Creek. These elevations are about one mile away from each other.

The elevation of the bedrock in the Village is close to the surface elevation in some areas. In these areas the depth to the bedrock could be as close as 4 feet. This will come into effect when constructing a sewer system, especially a Gravity system, because the depth of the sewer line could be as deep as 16 feet. Figures 3-3 and 3-4 indicate the bedrock elevation in the Village.

### **Surface Water**

There is only one identifiable body of water within the area. It is a stream known as Ludlow Creek, located east and south of the Village. Ludlow Creek contains falls known also as "Ludlow Falls" in the southeast corner of the Village. Ludlow Creek flows to the northeast for approximately 1 mile until it joins Stillwater River. This stream could be a possible discharge point for a future wastewater treatment plant.

### Wetlands

There are a few wetlands identified by the National Wetlands Inventory Program in the area. These wetlands do not interfere with the planning of the collection or treatment systems. The location of these wetlands can be found in Figure 3-5.

### Flood Hazard Area (100 yr. flood plain)

Flood plains are formed by the periodic overflow of the stream and its resulting sediment deposition and realignment of the stream course. They are characteristically flat and fertile, and can extend over large areas of land.

Although flood plains are often perceived as desirable development sites, they are potentially hazardous in terms of loss of life, property, and land. The 100-year flood reoccurrence interval is most commonly accepted as a reasonable measure of flood-prone areas. Figures 3-6 and 3-7 show the aerial extent of the 100-year flood of the Ludlow Creek stream and its tributaries, as identified on the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) map.

### Land Use

The planning area has three different land categories. The three different categories for this study are residential, vacant/agriculture, and commercial. Figure: 3-7 shows the locations of each of the land categories.

The residential category, which is the largest, is comprised of single-family dwellings, multi-family dwellings, and vacant residences with a potential of human habitation. The primary residential area lies within the corporation limits of the Village of Ludlow Falls with additional residential areas just outside of the corporation limits. Residential land use in the planning area is comprised of approximately 24 acres, which is 51 percent of the total area.

The second largest land use category, vacant/agriculture, is composed of 12 acres and is approximately 26 percent of the land.

Commercial land comprises the third largest percentage of acres in the planning area. Commercial land is located mostly within the Village of Ludlow Falls along Covington Avenue. This land is comprised of lots used to conduct business instead of homes, the Missionary Church Camp, and Churches in the area. Commercial land use makes up approximately 23 percent of the planning area and contains approximately 11 acres.

LAND USE TYPE	ACREAGE	PERCENTAGE
Residential	24	51
Vacant/ Agriculture	12	26
Commercial	11	23
Total	47	100

### Table3-3: Existing Land Use

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### VILLAGE OF LUDLOW FALLS MVRPC UNSEWERED COMMUNITIES FIGURE 3-4: AREA BEDROCK-SOUTH

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### **Chapter 4 - Future Conditions**

A 25-year planning period will be used and all forecasts on population, land use, economics, flows, and loads will be trended from the most recent available data to the year 2040.

### Development

Demographic and economic projections are vital to the planning of wastewater facilities in that they permit proper sizing of both collection and treatment systems. Over estimating these projections can result in oversized facilities which are not utilizing their maximum capacities. Under estimating these projections can result in an undersized facility, which would need expensive upgrades to reach the desired degree of treatment. As a result, a need for accurate projections cannot be overstressed.

There is a potential for residential and commercial growth just outside of the corporation limits of the Village. These possibilities need to be taken into consideration when designing a new wastewater system. The proposed system needs to be able to with stand the additional amount of collection needed.

### **Population Trends**

The development of an area is directly related to changing population over time. In general, population growth trends create the basis for changing demand for various housing and commercial development. Population growth also has implications for demands on community facilities and infrastructure.

Determining population trends for smaller areas is more unreliable and erratic than for larger urban areas because small area growth is influenced by local political factors and social economic changes. Historically, the provision of adequate water and sewage facilities remains a major influence on future growth.

The following table shows the population of Miami County and the Village of Ludlow Falls between 1980 to 2010. While the population of the County continues to increase, the population of Ludlow Falls has seen a dramatic decrease between 1990 and 2000 and has steadied in 2010.

	Miami		Ludlow	
	County	%	Falls	%
Year	Population	Change	Population	Change
1980	90,381	-	248	-
1990	93,182	3.1%	235	-5.2%
2000	98,868	6.1%	210	-10.6%
2010	102,506	3.7%	208	-1.0%

#### Table 4-1: Population Trends

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To generate future population projections through the year 2050, it is assumed that the population of Ludlow Falls will continue to increase steadily. As mentioned earlier, there are 7 homes within Union Township that are not included in the Ludlow Falls population. These homes are multiplied by the U.S. Census average of 2.8 persons per home and combined with the Ludlow Falls population. From there, we have assumed the study area will grow at a geometric gradient of approximately 5 percent for every 10 years or 1/2 percent annually. This may appear conservative based on historical trends of the community, but the development of a public sewer system may spur more development in the area. Accommodating for any lot splits adding additional housing which cannot be done currently based on the current wastewater regulations.

The following table shows the projected population for the study area and a theoretical sanitary flow based on EPA's typical 100 gallons per capita per day.

Year	Ludlow Falls Population	Union Twp Population	Combined	% Change	Sewage Flow (gpcd)	Total Theoretical Sanitary Flow (gpd)
2010	208	20	228	-	100	22,800
2020	218	21	239	4.8%	100	23,900
2030	229	22	251	5.0%	100	25,100
2040	240	23	263	4.8%	100	26,300
2050	252	24	276	4.9%	100	27,600

### Table 4-2: Projected Population

In addition to the residential design flows, the Missionary Camp can have up to approximately 30,000 GPD during the summer. Furthermore, an allowance for future industrial development should be made. 10% will be used for the service area.

### Table 4-3: Design Flow

Year	Base Residential Sanitary Flow (gpd)	Commercial and Industrial Allowance (gpd)	Missionary Camp Flow (gpd)	Total Design Flow (gpd)
Present - 2040	26,300	3,000	30,000	59,300

We recommend that the proposed wastewater treatment facility be designed for a minimum of 60,000 GPD. This is higher than the current water consumption records as provided by West Milton in the previous section but accounts for future growth of the area.

Design peak flows for treatment will be based on 4.0 times the average daily flows. Therefore the peak flows will be 0.240 MGD (240,000 GPD).

### Chapter 5 - Wastewater System Alternatives

The primary goal of all wastewater management systems is to remove waste products from water and to safely return the water back into the environment. Wastewater management involves:

- Collection and transport of wastewater from the source to a treatment process
- Removal of all or most of the waste products that are suspended and/or dissolved in the water
- Returning the water back to the environment
- Management of these processes to ensure that a wastewater system is fully functional

The primary public health concern in wastewater management is to substantially reduce the risk of transferring pathogens into the environment and minimize negative impacts on public health. The following sections describe different alternatives for each of these collection and treatment processes.

### **Collection System Alternatives**

The first stage for managing wastewater is collection. Several alternatives were reviewed to provide a centralized collection system. These options are: Gravity Sewer system, Septic Tank Effluent Pump (STEP) sewer system, Grinder Pump Sewer system, and a Vacuum Sewer system.

### **Gravity Sewer System**

Gravity sewers are ideal for populated urban areas that create large volumes of flow. In conventional gravity collection systems the wastewater flows by gravity and except where pumping stations are required, the system is devoid of moving parts. Pump stations are added to the gravity system to overcome elevation problems within areas of rolling terrain or to avoid extremely deep installation requirements when transporting sewage over long distances. The system eliminates private septic tanks and leeching systems and replaces them with a sewer pipe that connects the building to the main sewer line. Gravity sewer systems require little maintenance in comparison to pressure systems such as the STEP or leaching type systems. The primary O,M&R costs for this type of system are generally associated with the pump stations within the system. O,M&R demands generally increase with age, but in well constructed systems, costs associated with this can be minimal. Due to larger pipe diameters, blockages within the system are rare and are generally easily removed when they do occur. With the simplicity of design and many years of application, conventional gravity sewer systems are a reliable and economical means of conveying wastewater from multiple sources to a central treatment facility. The following is a list of advantages and disadvantages for a conventional gravity sewer system.

### Advantages

- Design standards and procedures well established
- Reliable operation
- Handle grit and solids
- At minimum velocity lower production of hydrogen sulfide
- Higher excess capacity for future growth

### Disadvantages

- Slope requirements can require deeper excavation
- Pumping and lift stations may be required to overcome slope and elevation requirements
- Deeper manholes that require confined space entry
- Higher inflow and infiltration
- High bedrock could increase construction cost

Conventional gravity sewers are generally 8 to 15 inches in diameter and constructed of polyvinyl chloride (PVC) pipe with construction depths ranging from 7 to 20 feet. All sewers are designed and constructed to develop velocities not less than 2.0 feet per second when flowing full. Also, manholes are installed at the end of each line, at all changes in grade and/or alignment, at all intersections, and at distances not greater than 400 feet (for sewer up to 15 inches in diameter).

Residential and non-residential flows along with allowable clean water infiltration quantities must be considered in the design of a gravity wastewater collection system. Infiltration is identified as clean ground water that seeps into a sanitary collection system through pipe joints and other minor openings and mixes with sanitary flows creating larger volumes of wastewater to transport and treat. The allowable infiltration rate limit of 100 gpd per inch diameter per mile is based on current sanitary sewer construction technology. However, this amount would be expected to increase over the years mainly due to sewer extensions and the age of the collection system. Conventional gravity sewers shall also be designed on a peak flow basis with a peak factor of 3.33 times the average daily flow for municipalities as required by the EPA.

The minimum size of new conventional sanitary sewers is generally eight inches unless otherwise approved by the reviewing authority. Whenever possible, sanitary sewers shall be sufficiently deep to prevent freezing and to receive gravity flow from basements. Alternatives to the conventional gravity sewer system involve using grinder pump stations or septic systems. These are used to provide service to areas where the cost or the means of constructing a gravity system becomes dangerous or prohibitive.

Generation of the gravity collection system assumes that service laterals would be constructed from the main sewer line (usually located within public right-of-way) to the property lines (assumed 30 feet). From the property line to the house connection, individual property owners are typically required to construct the service line as well as abandon the existing septic tank or other on-lot disposal system. Figure 5-1 shows the standard house connection for a gravity collection system. Figure 5-2 illustrates the layout of the gravity sewer system.

A Gravity Collection System works well in the Village of Ludlow Falls given the general slope down from west to east. Gravity sewers can be placed in alleyways behind the homes with the least impact to established streets. Three homes located along Ludlow Creek on the south side of the service area will require Grinder pumps to keep sewer depths reasonable. The deepest sewer as shown is approximately 16 feet deep with an average of 13 feet deep.

A detailed construction cost analysis of this system is presented below in Table 5-1.

ITEM	DESCRIPTION	QTY.	UNIT	COST/UNIT	TOTAL
1	CLEARING & GRUBBING	1	LS	\$5,000	\$5,000
2	TEMPORARY SOIL EROSION CONTROL	1	LS	\$5,000	\$5,000
3	ASPHALT PAVEMENT REMOVAL & REPLACEMENT, COMPLETE	2,800	SY	\$30	\$84,000
4	8" GRAVITY SEWER PIPE, COMPLETE W/ BEDDING & BACKFILL	6,030	LF	\$80	\$482,400
5	6" SANITARY SERVICE PIPE, COMPLETE W/ BEDDING & BACKFILL	2,600	LF	\$45	\$117,000
6	8X6 WYE FITTING, COMPLETE	90	EA	\$150	\$13,500
7	3" SANITARY FORCE MAIN, COMPLETE W/ BEDDDING & BACKFILL	850	LF	\$20	\$17,000
8	ROCK EXCAVATION	7,000	CY	\$40	\$280,000
9	MANHOLE, COMPLETE	19	EA	\$3,200	\$60,800
10	GRINDER PUMP, COMPLETE	3	EA	\$3,000	\$9 <i>,</i> 000
11	MAINTAINING TRAFFIC	1	LS	\$10,000	\$10,000
12	CONSTRUCTION LAYOUT STAKING	1	LS	\$10,000	\$10,000
13	MOBILIZATION/DEMOBILIZATION	1	LS	\$20,000	\$20,000
14	SEEDING & MULCHING, COMPLETE	4,000	SY	\$1	\$4,000
15	PERMITTING	1	LS	\$15,000	\$15,000
SUBTOTAL					\$1,132,700
10% CONTINGENCY					\$113,270
20% N	20% NON-CONSTRUCTION				
TOTAL					\$1,472,510

### Table 5-1: Gravity Sewer Cost Analysis

### **STEP Sewer System**

A Septic Tank Effluent Pump (STEP) collection system combines the traditional septic tank system with a small pump and force main or a small diameter gravity system. The STEP system collects only the effluent off of septic tanks which can be located at each customer's building or a group of customers can be on one septic tank. The STEP system then uses small effluent pumps and a network of force mains, usually 2 inch to 4 inch pipe, to collect the effluent and send it to a small package treatment plant.

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This collection system conducts different stages of treatment at different locations. The solids are collected in a septic tank, where primary treatment takes place, before the sewage is discharged into a central collection system. Wastewater then flows from the pressurized collection system to a small package plant where the effluent is treated and disinfected. The following is a list of advantages and disadvantages for the STEP system.

### Advantages

- Connect multiple residents to septic tank
- Infiltration reduced
- Cleanouts and valve assemblies less expensive than manholes.
- Pipe size and depth requirements reduced

#### Disadvantages

- Mechanical components require greater institutional involvement
- O,M&R costs higher due to number of septic tanks and pumps
- Annual preventative maintenance for septic tanks and pumps
- Life cycle replacement costs are higher
- Power outages can result in limited use for pumps
- Required solids removal as part of septic tank maintenance

Advantages of a STEP system over a conventional gravity system are smaller pipe sizes and shallower pipe depths within the collection network. Smaller pipes have lower material costs and may be less expensive to install.

The STEP network uses all force mains and the depth of the pipes will be shallower than a conventional gravity system, thus further reducing the installation costs. On the other hand, the septic tanks and effluent pumps can drive up the initial cost of installation. The effluent pumps will need regular maintenance and repairs, and the septic tanks will require regular cleaning to remove the solids collected within them. Thus, the O,M&R cost of the system will go up as well.

A STEP system can be an effective means of collecting sewage from a small collection of homes, subdivisions, schools, and industrial parks, but it is not usually the preferred means of treatment for large communities or facilities that generate large flows. Ludlow Falls would be considered a small system.

The connection at the house will be similar to Figure 5-3. This Figure shows the typical connection for a STEP system where either the existing or new septic tank is installed on the property with an effluent pump where it is transported to the pressure main through a  $1 \frac{1}{2}$  " pressure service line. Figure 5-5 shows the layout for the STEP collection system.

A detailed construction cost analysis of this system is presented below in Table 5-2.

ITEM	DESCRIPTION	QTY.	UNIT	COST/UNIT	TOTAL
1	1,000 GAL SEPTIC TANK W/ PUMP	86	EA	\$5,700	\$490,200
2	1,500 GAL SEPTIC TANK W/ PUMP	4	EA	\$6,500	\$26,000
3	2" DIA. FORCEMAIN	2,960	LF	\$30	\$88,800
4	3" DIA. FORCEMAIN	3,070	LF	\$35	\$107,450
5	AIR RELEASE VALVES	3	EA	\$2,500	\$7,500
6	CLEANOUTS	6	EA	\$950	\$5,700
7	1.25" DIA. SERV LAT & CONNECTION	90	EA	\$1,200	\$108,000
8	SEEDING & MULCHING	2,140	SY	\$1	\$2,140
9	ASPHALT PAVEMENT REPLACEMENT	2,496	SY	\$30	\$74,880
10	MAINTAINING TRAFFIC	1	LS	\$10,000	\$10,000
11	CONSTRUCTION LAYOUT STAKING	1	LS	\$10,000	\$10,000
12	MOBILIZATION/DEMOBILIZATION	1	LS	\$20,000	\$20,000
13	CLEARING & GRUBBING	1	LS	\$5,000	\$5,000
14	TEMPORARY SOIL EROSION CONTROL	1	LS	\$5,000	\$5,000
15	PERMITTING	1	LS	\$15,000	\$15,000
SUBTOT	\$975,670				
10% CON	\$97,567				
20% NO	J-CONSTRUCTION				\$195,134
TOTAL					\$1,268,371

#### Table 5-2: STEP Sewer Cost Analysis

### **Grinder Pump Sewer System**

The Grinder pump system utilizes a prefabricated pump and basin configuration. Wastewater from the house flows into the grinder pump station basin until liquid level controls turn on the pump. The grinder pump simultaneously grinds the waste into a slurry while pumping into the collection mains. Individual services are usually 1 ¼" PVC pipe with collection mains usually 2" to 6" PVC pipe.

The layout for the typical grinder system here is similar to those generated for the STEP system in this report. A low-pressure force main sewer system will follow the existing topography with the addition of isolation valves at intersections of mains, in-line cleanouts, terminal cleanouts, air release valves, and pressure monitoring stations. Main sewer lines would be constructed ranging in size from 4 inches to 6 inches in diameter. The following is a list of advantages and disadvantages for a conventional grinder pump sewer system.

#### Advantages

- Slope and pipe alignment not as critical as gravity sewers
- Pipe size and depth requirements reduced
- Cleanouts and valve assembles less expensive than manholes

#### Disadvantages

- Less- flexibility for expansion, O,M&R concerns
- Less range of flow capacity
- Power outages can result in limited use for pumps
- Periodic maintenance

Another operating concern with low pressure systems is power outage. A typical power outage lasts less than two hours. Grinder pump basins are designed with several hours' worth of holding capacity. However, in power outage conditions individuals would need to avoid showers and other heavy water usage activities.

The Grinder Pump conventional sewer connection and collection layout would be very similar to that of the STEP system with the exception that the existing septic tank would be removed and a grinder pump would replace the effluent pump, thus eliminating the primary treatment component associated with a STEP system. The design for each of these can be seen in Figures 5-4 and 5-5.

A detailed construction cost analysis of this system is presented below in Table 5-3.

ITEM	DESCRIPTION	QTY.	UNIT	COST/UNIT	TOTAL		
1	SIMPLEX GRINDER PUMP UNITS	90	EA	\$6,200	\$558,000		
2	2" DIA. FORCEMAIN	2,645	LF	\$30	\$79,350		
3	3" DIA. FORCEMAIN	3,773	LF	\$35	\$132,055		
4	AIR RELEASE VALVES	3	EA	\$2,500	\$7,500		
5	CLEANOUTS	6	EA	\$950	\$5,700		
6	1.25" DIA. SERV LAT & CONNECTION	90	EA	\$1,200	\$108,000		
7	SEEDING AND MULCHING	2,140	SY	\$1	\$2,140		
8	ASPHALT PAVEMENT REPLACEMENT	2,496	SY	\$30	\$74,880		
9	MAINTAINING TRAFFIC	1	LS	\$10,000	\$10,000		
10	CONSTRUCTION LAYOUT STAKING	1	LS	\$10,000	\$10,000		
11	MOBILIZATION/DEMOBILIZATION	1	LS	\$20,000	\$20,000		
12	CLEARING & GRUBBING	1	LS	\$5,000	\$5,000		
13	TEMPORARY SOIL EROSION CONTROL	1	LS	\$5,000	\$5,000		
14	PERMITTING	1	LS	\$15,000	\$15,000		
SUBTOTAL					\$1,032,625		
10% CONTINGENCY							
20% NON-CONSTRUCTION							
TOTAL		TOTAL \$					

### Table 5-3: Grinder Pump Sewer Cost Analysis

### Vacuum Sewer System

Vacuum sewer systems are a mechanized system of wastewater transport where, unlike gravity flow, differential air pressure is used to move the wastewater. It requires a central source of power to run vacuum pumps which maintain a vacuum on the collection system. The system requires a normally closed vacuum/gravity interface valve at each entry point to seal the lines so that vacuum is maintained. These valves, located in a pit, open when a predetermined amount of wastewater accumulates in the collecting sump. The resulting differential pressure between atmosphere and vacuum becomes the driving force that propels the wastewater towards the vacuum station. A vacuum system is similar to a rural water distribution system in that it is a dendriform shape. The following is a list of advantages and disadvantages of a vacuum sewer system.

#### Advantages

- Installed following the existing topography
- Pipe size and depth requirements reduced

### Disadvantages

- Less- flexibility for expansion, O,M&R concerns
- A broken main line can cause substantial operating problems
- Few vacuum sewer systems are in use

The layout for the typical Vacuum Sewer system here, again, is similar to those generated for the Gravity collection system in this report. A Vacuum Sewer system will follow the existing topography with the addition of vacuum valves, auxiliary vents, valve pits/sump pits, vacuum stations, and lift stations. Main sewer lines would be constructed ranging in size from 4 inches to 6 inches in diameter.

The connection at the house will be similar to Figure 5-6. This Figure shows the typical connection for a Vacuum system where the existing septic tank is abandoned and wastewater from the home flows by gravity to a valve pit, which is then transported to the main via 3 inch vacuum service line. A potential layout of the vacuum collection system can be found in Figure 5-7.

A detailed construction cost analysis of this system is presented below in Table 5-4.

ITEM	DESCRIPTION	QTY.	UNIT	COST/UNIT	TOTAL
1	6.0' - 2PC HYBRID VALVE PIT	90	EA	\$4,700	\$423,000
2	AIR TERMINALS	90	EA	\$230	\$20,700
3	TRAILER MOUNTED VACUUM PUMP	1	EA	\$40,000	\$40,000
4	PACVAC 165M-10	1	LS	\$250,000	\$250,000
5	3" SERVICE LATERAL, COMPLETE	6,030	LF	\$25	\$150,750
6	3" ISOLATION VALVE, COMPLETE	6	EA	\$1,200	\$7,200
7	VAC STA - SITE WORK	1	LS	\$20,000	\$20,000
8	VAC STA - BUILDING/FOUNDATION	1	LS	\$10,000	\$10,000
9	VAC STA - TANK INSTALLATION	1	LS	\$20,000	\$20,000
10	VAC STA - MECHANICAL/ELECTRICAL (BLDG TO TANK)	1	LS	\$15,000	\$15,000
11	VAC STA - VALVE VAULT(S)	1	LS	\$5,000	\$5,000
12	VAC STA - ODOR CONTROL	1	LS	\$15,000	\$15,000
13	VAC STA - GENERATOR	1	LS	\$35,000	\$35,000
14	MOBILIZATION/DEMOBILIZATION	1	LS	\$20,000	\$20,000
15	CLEARING AND GRUBBING	1	LS	\$5,000	\$5,000
16	TEPMORARY SOIL CONTROL	1	LS	\$5,000	\$5,000
17	MAINTAINING TRAFFIC	1	LS	\$15,000	\$15,000
18	CONSTRUCTION LAYOUT STAKING	1	LS	\$20,000	\$20,000
19	SEEDING AND MULCHING	2,139	SY	\$1	\$2,139
20	ASPHALT PAVEMENT REMOVAL & REPLACEMENT, COMPLETE	2,496	SY	\$30	\$74,880
21	PERMITTING	1	LS	\$15,000	\$15,000
SUBTOTAL					\$1,168,669
10% CONTINGENCY					\$116,867
20% N	ON-COSTRUCTION				\$257,107
TOTAL					\$1,542,643

### Table 5-4: Vacuum Sewer System Cost Analysis

### **Treatment System Alternatives**

The treatment of wastewater is the second stage in managing wastewater. Four scenarios were reviewed for the Village of Ludlow Falls. Three scenarios include the construction of a new wastewater treatment facility in Ludlow Falls. These treatment options include an extended aeration plant, a lagoon system or a packed bed media system. One additional scenario includes transporting wastewater to the Village of West Milton's existing treatment facility and contracting with West Milton for treatment operations.

Given that the proposed wastewater treatment facilities are new, there are currently no specific effluent parameters for the Ludlow Falls area. Without having specific effluent limitation parameters, effluent will need to comply with the EPA's Best Available

Demonstrated Control Technology for new sources discharging sanitary wastewater which is identified as follows:

Parameter	30 Day Limit	Daily or 7 Day Limit	Max/Min Limit
CBOD5	10 mg/l	15 mg/l	n/a
Total Suspended	12 mg/l	18 mg/l	n/a
Solids			
Ammonia (summer)	1.0 mg/l	1.5 mg/l	n/a
Ammonia (winter)	3.0 mg/l	4.5 mg/l	n/a
Dissolved Oxygen	n/a	n/a	6.0 mg/l (min.)
Total Residual	n/a	n/a	0.038 mg/l (max.)
Chlorine			
E. Coli	126 / 100 ml	235 / 100 ml	n/a

### Table 5-5: Design Effluent

In addition, a final decision upon the amount of residual treated wastewater constituents requires a formal study of the receiving water, in this case Ludlow Creek.

For the purpose of this study, it will be assumed that any new wastewater treatment facility will consist of primary, secondary and tertiary treatment. In the three scenarios evaluated, the extent of each component i.e. primary, secondary and tertiary treatment will be described briefly and used to evaluate the alternatives.

### New Wastewater Treatment Plant – Extended Aeration

The first alternative for a new wastewater treatment plant utilizes extended aeration. Extended Aeration is a modified form of the activated sludge treatment process and is ideal for smaller flows. For purpose of this study, it will be assumed that the proposed treatment facility would consist of mechanical screening and grit removal as primary treatment. Secondary treatment would be the extended aeration process and clarification. This would be followed by tertiary filtration, Ultra Violet (UV) disinfection, post aeration and sludge treatment for land application.

Treatment of the wastewater will begin with the removal of large pieces of debris and any materials carried through the collection system using a bar screen followed by a mechanical fine screen. The bar screen will need to be manually cleaned by an operator. Mechanical fine screens typically have an automated self cleaning system. The screenings will be collected and disposed of appropriately.

Following the screening process the wastewater will then proceed to secondary treatment which in this alternative is the extended aeration process. The proposed Biolac System is an activated sludge biological treatment system that is suitable for many municipal wastewater applications. It is an extended aeration system with internal final clarification. The system utilizes low-loaded activated sludge technology, single basin operation, simple basin construction, and high-efficiency aeration chains with suspended

fine –bubble diffusers. These features make the system very effective and cost efficient. The treatment process is presented in the diagram in Figure 5-8.

The system also offers a longer activated sludge age than most treatment systems. This provides excellent BOD removal, complete nitrification, and nutrient removal in warm and cold climates. The process incorporates a wave-oxidation process, which simplifies biological nutrient removal. Air distribution can be adjusted to vary the dissolved oxygen content and promotes alkalinity recovery. It also promotes nitrification, denitrification, and biological phosphorous removal.

Clarification is the next step in the treatment process and this occurs in a chamber that is integral to the extended aeration basin. The clarified wastewater then proceeds to the rapid sand filters where the tertiary filtration occurs. The rapid sand filters will be utilized as a polishing step to improve the quality of the wastewater prior to discharge.

After tertiary filtration, the wastewater is then disinfected as it proceeds through the UV disinfection unit. This is the followed by post aeration to meet the dissolved oxygen requirements. The treated effluent is then discharged to the receiving stream i.e. Ludlow Creek.

Sludge that is collected at the bottom of the clarifier flows to a sludge holding tank. From the sludge holding tank, some of the sludge can be pumped and returned to be mixed with the influent. This can be either upstream of the screening process or combined with the influent to the aeration basin. Any remaining sludge in the sludge holding tank can be held for extended periods of time without aeration. Air can be easily introduced into the sludge if required via the diffused air piping in the sludge holding tank. No further digestion is required and the large quantity of biomass can treat fluctuating loads with minimal operational changes. It also minimizes excess sludge and makes the process very stable. Excess sludge can be pumped to sludge drying beds for dewatering and further processing prior to land application.

A building will also be provided for the blowers, electrical equipment, process controls and other appurtenances necessary for the operation of the plant. A sludge building will also be considered for sludge processing equipment as required.

#### Advantages

- Modular ready for installation
- Routinely maintains good effluent quality
- Highest capacity to accept increased wastewater flows
- Relatively odorless and noiseless operation
- Less indicative to site selection

#### Disadvantages

- Increased power consumption
- Increased O,M&R
- More frequent sludge handling

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Under this scenario, the Village of Ludlow Falls would construct, own, operate, and maintain a wastewater treatment plant which would be designed to handle wastewater flows of 65,000 GPD. The location of the wastewater treatment plant would be in the southern end of the Village along Ludlow Creek.

Listed below in Table 5-6 is a construction cost estimate for an extended aeration plant.

ITEM	DESCRIPTION	QTY.	UNIT	COST/UNIT	-	TOTAL
1	BARS/SCREEN UNIT	1	LS	\$ 50,000	\$	50,000
2	BIOLAC SYSTEM	1	LS	\$ 250,000	\$	250,000
3	SAND FILTER	1	LS	\$ 30,000	\$	30,000
4	SLUDGE DRYING BED	1	LS	\$ 40,000	\$	40,000
5	SLUDGE BUILDING	1	LS	\$ 40,000	\$	40,000
6	UV DISINFECTION UNIT	1	LS	\$ 40,000	\$	40,000
7	POST AERATION TANK/FLOW METERS	1	LS	\$ 30,000	\$	30,000
8	OFFICE/BLOWERS BUILDING	1	LS	\$ 100,000	\$	100,000
9	YARD PIPING	1	LS	\$ 40,000	\$	40,000
10	SITE WORK	1	LS	\$ 40,000	\$	40,000
11	ELECTRICAL AND CONTROL	1	LS	\$ 35,000	\$	35,000
12	6" SANITARY FORCE MAIN, COMPLETE	500	LF	\$ 24	\$	12,000
13	LAND ACQUISITION	2	AC	\$ 10,000	\$	20,000
SUBTOTAL					\$	727,000
10% CONTINGENCY					\$	72,700
20% NON-CONSTRUCTION						159,940
TOTAL					\$	959,640

### Table 5-6: Extended Aeration Treatment System Cost Analysis

### New wastewater treatment plant - Facultative Lagoon System

The second alternative for the new wastewater treatment plant for the Village of Ludlow Falls considered in this study is a facultative lagoon system. The primary treatment for wastewater in this case is also screening. This will help to minimize floatables that could potentially accumulate in the lagoon.

A lagoon is a passive method of providing treatment by retaining wastewater for many months allowing microbes to break down the waste. In this process, sludge will be produced as a by-product which settles to the bottom until dredged.

Lagoons are used for residential, small commercial and small community applications that have suitable, available land. Lagoons provide treatment at a slow rate. Large volume and slow treatment are tradeoffs for little to no external energy requirements. Lagoons provide treatment through physical and biological processes.

Two types of lagoon systems commonly used for small communities include flow-through and controlled discharge lagoons which is dependent upon the stream size and characteristics for discharge. Flow-through systems require larger streams to minimize impact to the water quality. In this case, large streams are not immediately available, thus a controlled discharge lagoon would be considered.

In cold climates, lagoons which treat strong wastewater may require aerated lagoon systems. In an aerated lagoon, oxygen is supplied by means of surface aerators or diffused air units. The turbulence in a basin created by aeration keeps solids in suspension and aids in microbial growth to break down components in the wastewater. In this case, since wastewater is primarily residential, aeration will not be considered a necessary design addition.

Lagoon type systems are one of the most commonly used type system for small communities. The advantages of this type of system are the low O,M&R cost and minimum maintenance requirements. However, this type of system requires a large area for construction and treatment parameters of the effluent can't be controlled by operational means, which might require construction of additional treatment units.

Ten States Standards requires construction of three lagoons as a minimum and retaining the average daily flow for 180 days using an average depth of 4 feet in the ponds because of sludge accumulation. With an average daily flow of 60,000 GPD, a surface area of 8.98 acres would be needed to meet the storage requirements. In order to construct dikes to contain the water surface, an additional 80% of the water surface land size is needed. Thus site requirements would approach 17 acres (1.8 x 8.98 = 16.2 acres). Making this treatment option unlikely.

#### Advantages

- Easy to operate
- Requires little energy
- Smaller quantity of removed material

#### Disadvantages

- Difficult to control or predict ammonia levels
- Require large areas of land
- Burrowing animals

Listed below in Table 5-7 is a construction cost estimate for a lagoon treatment system.

ITEM	DESCRIPTION	QTY.	UNIT	COST/UNIT	TOTAL
1	EXCAVATION & EMBANKMENT	1	LS	\$ 300,000	\$ 300,000
2	PROCESS PIPING	1	LS	\$30,000	\$30,000
3	CONTROLS	1	LS	\$40,000	\$40,000
4	INFLUENT CHAMBERS	1	LS	\$30,000	\$30,000
5	OUTFALL STRUCTURE	1	LS	\$50,000	\$50,000
6	SITE WORK	1	LS	\$45,000	\$45,000
7	GROUNDWATER CONTROL	1	LS	\$40,000	\$40,000
8	LAND ACQUISITION	22	AC	\$10,000	\$220,000
9	6" SANITARY FORCE MAIN, COMPLETE	500	LF	\$24	\$12,000
SUBTOTAL					
10% CONTINGENCY					
20% NON-CONSTRUCTION					
ΤΟΤΑ	L				\$ 1,012,440

### Table 5-7: Lagoon Treatment System Cost Analysis

### New wastewater treatment plant - Packed Bed Media

Packed bed media filters are a secondary treatment option and designed to follow primary treatment, as achieved in the STEP collection system. If a different collection system is utilized then some other primary treatment process will have to be provided. Some of the media options for the packed bed media filter are sand/gravel, peat, foam, and textile (AdvanTex). The textile filter operates in the recirculating mode, similar to a recirculating sand or gravel filter and is the proposed media for this alternative.

Wastewater first enters an anoxic tank and then is applied over the top of the filter in small, uniform doses several times per hour. This process provides maximum holding time for the water within the fabric. Effluent is then collected at the bottom of the filter and returns to the Recirculation /Dilution (R/D) tank. The effluent is typically recirculated four times before being discharged. A diagram of the packed bed media process can be found in Figure 5-9.

Periodic maintenance by a trained service provider is critical to maintaining high quality effluent from the filter. If the biomat builds on top of the textile configuration, it will need to be periodically removed. The land size requirement for a packed bed media filter is smaller than most treatment systems. The land size requirement for this project would approximately be 1 acre.

Disinfection in this alternative will be achieved using UV disinfection and the treated effluent can be discharged.

A building will be provided for the electrical components, process controls and appurtenances as required.

#### Advantages

- Limited operator involvement
- Low power costs
- Able to handle seasonal or increasing flows
- Easy to expand

#### Disadvantages

- Needs Primary Treatment First
- Occurrence of clogging
- Media requires cleaning

Listed below in Table 5-8 is a construction cost estimate for a packed bed media treatment system.

### Table 5-8: Packed Bed Media Treatment System Cost Analysis

ITEM	DESCRIPTION	QTY.	UNIT	COST/UNIT	TOTAL	
1	42 ft AX-MAX	8	EA	\$ 75,000	\$600,000	
2	14 ft PUMP BASIN	2	EA	\$ 30,000	\$60,000	
3	RNE PUMP	1	EA	\$ 600	\$ 600	
4	DUPLEX PUMPING PACKAGE	6	EA	\$ 2,000	\$12,000	
5	35 ft AX-MAX	3	EA	\$ 65,000	\$195,000	
6	PRE-ANOXIC TANK	1	EA	\$ 50,000	\$50,000	
7	DISCHARGE PUMPING PACKAGE	1	LS	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000	
8	ALKALINITY WATER FEED PUMP	1	EA	\$ 600	\$ 600	
9	ALKALINITY FEED SYSTEM	1	LS	\$ 12,000	\$12,000	
10	INSTRUMENTATION/ FLOW METER	1	EA	\$ 10,000	\$10,000	
11	FLOW EQUALIZATION TANK PUMPING EQUP.	1	LS	\$ 5,000	\$5,000	
12	DISINFECTION (UV)	1	EA	\$ 50,000	\$50,000	
13	CONTROLS BUILDING	1	EA	\$ 50,000	\$50,000	
14	TELEMETRY CONTROL PANEL	7	EA	\$ 8,000	\$56,000	
15	LAND ACQUISION	2	AC	\$ 10,000	\$20,000	
SUBTOTAL					\$1,123,200	
10% CONTINGENCY						
20% N	20% NON-CONSTRUCTION					
ΤΟΤΑΙ	TOTAL					

### Regionalize with Adjacent Community - Transport Wastewater to West Milton

Another treatment option is to have a pump station transport the wastewater through a force main from the Village of Ludlow Falls to the Village of West Milton's collection system an ultimately their WWTP. The proposed force main would travel along State Route 48. The Village of West Miltons's WWTP is approximately 3.5 miles away located on the east side of the Village. Figure 5-10 illustrates the path of the force main from Ludlow Falls to West Milton. The design capacity for the West Milton WWTP is 1.2 MGD. The Village of West Milton has shown much interest in receiving the wastewater from Ludlow Falls, the church camp, and an adjacent potential 300 acre development. The development is located on the opposite side of Ludlow Creek which is planned for a possible campground. As such, they may consider paying for the pump station force main from Ludlow Falls to West Milton in order to receive the wastewater from the Village.

Listed below in Table 5-9 is a construction cost estimate for transporting wastewater to West Milton.

ITEM	DESCRIPTION	QTY.	UNIT	COST/UNIT	TOTAL
1	6" SANITARY FORCE MAIN, COMPLETE	11,000	LF	\$26	\$286,000
2	STREAM CROSSING	200	LF	\$200	\$40,000
3	PUMP STATION, COMPLETE	1	LS	\$200,000	\$200,000
4	AIR RELEASE MANHOLE AND VALVE	2	EA	\$6,000	\$12,000
5	PAVEMENT REMOVAL & REPLACEMENT	2,700	SY	\$30	\$81,000
6	SEEDING & MULCHING, COMPLETE	12,000	SY	\$1	\$12,000
7	MAINTENANCE & PROTECTION OF TRAFFIC	1	LS	\$10,000	\$10,000
SUBTOTAL					\$641,000
10% CONTONGENCY					
20% NON-CONSTRUCTION					
ΤΟΤΑ	L				\$846,120

### Table 5-9: Transport to West Milton Cost Analysis

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### Chapter 6 – Other Cost

The alternatives presented in this study are evaluated economically by comparing their present worth. The present worth of an alternative is the amount of money invested at 6 percent, which would provide the funds needed for all expenses during the life of the project (including O,M&R, but not including inflation). This provides a method of comparing the real costs of each system in its entirety, as opposed to the comparison of construction costs only. The procedures used in developing present worth are as follows:

### Contingency

Contingency costs are capital costs incurred to purchase and install each component of a collection alternative. These costs are estimates for a future construction date and include a 10 percent design contingency. Contingency costs typically costs for the following:

- Sewers, force mains, and pump stations
- Fittings and valves
- Earthwork
- Pavement replacement
- Grading and seeding
- Boring and jacking under railroads, highways, and streams
- Granular backfill Bid margin
- Design contingency
- Appurtenances

Contingency cost estimates for the various alternatives are included in the individual estimates.

#### **Non - Construction Costs**

Non-construction costs are calculated at 20 percent of the sum of the construction cost and contingency cost. They include the following:

- Engineering, legal, and administrative cost
- Easements
- Interest during construction
- Initial operation
- Construction inspection and administration
- Financing/Funding Administration

### **Operation, Maintenance, and Repair**

O,M&R costs are those costs associated with the daily or periodic inspection/ upkeep of the proposed collection system. They include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Salary Labor costs are based on the number of operating personnel required including benefits.
- Pump Stations O,M&R costs including inspections, repairs to impellers and bearings, etc.
- Collection System Maintenance costs are historically calculated at a unit cost per mile of collection pipe. Unit costs vary according to type of system.
- Electrical Electrical costs associated with pump stations, effluent pumps, and vacuum stations.
- Office & Overhead Costs associated with the monthly billing operations such as paper, stamps, computers, and personnel.

The O,M&R costs associated with the gravity, STEP, vacuum, and grinder collection systems are as follows:

### Table 6-1: Collection System O,M&R Costs

#### Gravity Collection System

ITEM	DESCRIPTION	COST
1	COLLECTION SYSTEM MAINTENANCE	\$2,000
2	EQUPIMENT REPLACEMENT	\$2,000
TOTAL	_	\$4,000

#### Septic Tank Effluent Pump Collection System

ITEM	M DESCRIPTION			
1	PRIMARY TANK PUMP OUT (90 tanks based on 7 year frequency @ \$400 per tank)			
2	PRO-ACTIVE PREVENTITIVE MAINTENANCE (pump and controls inspection annually)			
3	3 REACTIVE MAINTENANCE (repairs to pump components)			
4	EQUIPMENT REPAIR AND REPLACEMENT (pump replacement frequency 10 years)	\$3,500		
TOTAL	-	\$12,500		

#### Grinder Pump Collection System

ITEM	DESCRIPTION	COST
1	PRO-ACTIVE PREVENTITIVE MAINTENANCE (pump and controls inspection annually)	\$5 <i>,</i> 000
2	REACTIVE MAINTENANCE (repairs to pump components)	
4	EQUIPMENT REPAIR AND REPLACEMENT (pump replacement frequency 10 years)	
TOTAL		\$15,500

## Vacuum Collection System

ITEM	DESCRIPTION	COST
1	VACUUM STATION POWER	\$4,000
2	PRO-ACTIVE PREVENTITIVE MAINTENANCE	\$2,000
3	REACTIVE MAINTENANCE	\$1,000
4	EQUIPMENT REPAIR AND REPLACEMENT	\$4,000
TOTAL		\$11,000

The O,M&R costs associated with the treatment systems are as follows:

## Table 6-2: Treatment Systems O,M&R Costs

### Extended Aeration Treatment

ITEM	DESCRIPTION	COST
1	LABOR & ADMINISTRATION	\$30,000
2	CHEMICALS	\$1,500
3	POWER	\$2,500
4	LABORATORY	\$2,000
5	SLUDGE HANDLING	\$3,000
6	EQUIPMENT REPAIR AND REPLACEMENT	\$6,000
TOTAL	•	\$45,000

### Lagoon Treatment System

ITEM	DESCRIPTION	COST
1	LABOR & ADMINISTRATION	\$20,000
2	CHEMICALS	\$2,000
3	POWER	\$2,000
4	LABORATORY	\$2,000
5	EQUIPMENT REPAIR AND REPLACEMENT	\$3,000
TOTAL	•	\$29,000

### Packed Bed Media Treatment System

ITEM	DESCRIPTION	COST
1	LABOR & ADMINISTRATION	\$20,000
2	CHEMICALS	\$1,000
3	POWER	\$1,500
4	LABORATORY	\$1,000
5	EQUIPMENT REPAIR AND REPLACEMENT	\$3,000
TOTAL		\$26,500

Transport to West Milton

ITEM	DESCRIPTION	COST
1	WEST MILTON TREATMENT CHARGES (based on \$8.23/1,000 gal – 30,000 GPD)	\$90,000
TOTAL		\$90,000

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### Summary

The previously identified sewer system alternatives have been analyzed for feasibility based on existing and future projected demands, regulatory considerations, estimated costs and with regional service options based on user rate analysis. The following section will identify the recommended alternative based on the factors listed above.

The estimated costs for each collection and treatment alternative have been developed and are presented in the Tables below. These tables include the total project cost, estimated annual O,M&R costs, and present worth cost.

A 20-year present value analysis was used to compare alternatives against each other. Present value, also known as present worth or present discounted value, is the value on a given date (i.e. the present) for a future payment or series of future payments, discounted to reflect the time value of money. Present value calculations are widely used in engineering economics to provide a means to compare costs at different times on a meaningful "like to like" basis.

Criteria and factors used in the present value analysis include the following:

Design Life	20 years
Replacement Period	10 years
Discount Rate	6 percent
O,M&R Present Worth Factor	11.4699

The following pages show each possible collection and treatment option for the Village of Ludlow Falls.

The first option in a table is the collection system alternative, and the treatment alternative is listed directly below. The project cost of each of these is listed in the project cost column. The O,M&R for each option is listed in the O,M&R column. The present worth for each of the options is calculated by multiplying the O,M&R cost by the present worth factor (11.4699) and adding the project cost. The bold number in the table represents the total project present worth cost for that collection and treatment combination.

#### Gravity Sewer System

	Project Cost	O,M&R	Present Worth
Gravity	\$1,472,510	\$4,000	\$1,518,390
Extended Aeration	\$959,640	\$45,000	\$1,475,786
Total	\$2,432,150	\$49,000	\$2,994,175

	Project Cost	O,M&R	Present Worth
Gravity	\$1,472,510	\$4,000	\$1,518,390
Lagoon	\$1,012,440	\$29,000	\$1,345,067
Total	\$2,484,950	\$33,000	\$2,863,457

	Project Cost	O,M&R	Present Worth
Gravity	\$1,472,510	\$4,000	\$1,518,390
Pump to West Milton	\$0	\$90,000	\$1,032,291
Total	\$1,472,510	\$94,000	\$2,550,681

## STEP Sewer System

	Project Cost	O,M&R	Present Worth
STEP Sewer	\$1,268,371	\$12,500	\$1,411,745
Packed Bed Media	\$1,482,624	\$26,500	\$1,786,576
Total	\$2,750,995	\$39,000	\$3,198,321

## Grinder Pump Sewer System

	Project Cost	O,M&R	Present Worth
Grinder Sewer	\$1,342,413	\$15,500	\$1,520,196
Extended Aeration	\$959,640	\$45,000	\$1,475,786
Total	\$2,302,053	\$60,500	\$2,995,982

	Project Cost	O,M&R	Present Worth
Grinder Sewer	\$1,342,413	\$15,500	\$1,520,196
Lagoon	\$1,012,440	\$29,000	\$1,345,067
Total	\$2,354,853	\$44,500	\$2,865,264

	Project Cost	O,M&R	Present Worth
Grinder Sewer	\$1,342,413	\$15,500	\$1,520,196
Pump to West Milton	\$0	\$90,000	\$1,032,291
Total	\$1,342,413	\$105,500	\$2,552,487

## Vacuum Sewer System

	Project Cost	O,M&R	Present Worth
Vacuum Sewer	\$1,542,643	\$11,000	\$1,668,812
Extended Aeration	\$959,640	\$45,000	\$1,475,786
Total	\$2,502,283	\$56,000	\$3,144,597

	Project Cost	O,M&R	Present Worth
Vacuum Sewer	\$1,542,643	\$11,000	\$1,668,812
Lagoon	\$1,012,440	\$29,000	\$1,345,067
Total	\$2,555,083	\$40,000	\$3,013,879
	Project Cost	O,M&R	Present Worth
Vacuum Sewer	\$1,542,643	\$11,000	\$1,668,812
Pump to West Milton	\$0	\$90,000	\$1,032,291
Total	\$1,542,643	\$101,000	\$2,701,103

As mentioned earlier the best way to look at the price of the wastewater system is to look at the present worth. The gravity sewer system with the option to pump the wastewater to West Milton has the lowest present worth.

#### Conclusions

The previously identified wastewater collection and treatment system alternatives have been analyzed to determine the best collection system and treatment system scenario for the Village of Ludlow Falls. Each of these scenarios took the project cost, O,M&R cost, and the environmental conditions into consideration to provide the Village of Ludlow Falls a viable option for a future wastewater system.

#### **Recommendations**

Based on the cost analysis, the best option for the Village of Ludlow Falls is to construct a gravity collection system and contract with the Village of West Milton for treatment services assuming West Milton will cover the cost of construction of a pumping station and forcemain from Ludlow Falls to West Milton.

The initial capital cost of a gravity collection system is higher than either a STEP sewer or grinder sewer system, but the annual O, M&R costs are significantly lower and when a Present Worth analysis is run, these differences become apparent.

Construction of a gravity sewer will also require sewers to be deeper than the two pressurized collection systems requiring rock excavation. Rock excavation has been accounted for in the construction estimate. Construction will be slower and cause more disruption, but is temporary and with a responsible contractor, the residents should be able to manage through the construction process, especially considering that a good majority of the sewer lines could be located in alleyways and away from the streets.

### Chapter 8 – Funding

There are several Federal and State funding sources available to help assist in covering the cost of this project. Below are several sources which Ludlow Falls may consider with the project. These include both grants and low-interest loans.

Each year, qualified communities are bypassed in the apportioning of public funds, not for lack of need or eligibility, but simply because of failure to meet deadlines and provide necessary documentation. With the assistance of a qualified funding consultant, communities can be assisted in the time-consuming and laborious task of applying for grants and loans.

### Federal Funding

### **Community Development Block Grants (Grant Program)**

Approximately \$20.4 million is average annually split up among Ohio Counties. Counties typically fund 3 to 4 projects up to \$50,000. Financing is available in the form of supplemental grants. To be eligible for this grant, the project benefit area must include at least 51% Low to Moderate Income (LMI) households. The Village of Ludlow Falls 2014 Low Moderate Income is currently listed as 58.7%. Applications are due to the County in the Spring of each year.

#### State Funding

### **Ohio Public Works Commission (Grant/Loan Program)**

Financing is available in the form of grants and loans with varying interest rates. Grants may pay up to 50% of water or sewer project costs for new projects and up to 90% for repair or replacement projects. Loans may fund up to 100% of total project costs, each district will recommend an interest rate from 0% to 3% interest. The Loan Assistance is a grant that pays for the interest on a public or private loan during the construction period plus one year. Once project is complete a payment schedule is provided requiring payments every January and July, there is no prepayment penalty.

#### **Ohio Water Development Authority (Loan)**

Financing is available in the form of a loan program to plan, design and construct projects. The loan interest rate is current market rate. Discount rates are offered to previous borrowers and disadvantaged communities. The Village of Ludlow Falls has a Median Household Income of \$32,500 (according to the 2014 American Community Survey), and would be considered a disadvantaged community. The loan has a term of 5 to 30 years. To date, all eligible applicants have been funded.

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### **Residential Public Infrastructure (Grant) - CDBG**

Grants are available on a competitive basis up to \$480,000, at a \$1 to \$1 (other funds) ratio for projects benefiting at least 51% LMI households. Applications are due 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter of each year. The Village of Ludlow Falls 2014 Low Moderate Income is 58.7%.

#### **Unsewered Area Assistance Program (Grant) - OWDA**

Grants are available for construction of a publicly owned sewer system for un-sewered areas that have failing on-lot sanitary systems. The project area must have a Median household Income below the state MHI (\$32,500), per the American Community Survey. The Village of Ludlow Falls MHI is \$32,500 and has under 200 customers, they could possibly qualify for \$250,000 in grant funding under this program.

### Water Pollution Control Loan Fund (Loan) - OEPA

Financing is available through a revolving fund designed to operate in perpetuity to provide low interest rate loan and other forms of assistance for water resource protection and improvement projects. Interest rates are determined by project areas Median household Income. The Village of Ludlow Falls' MHI is \$32,500 and would qualify for an interest rate of 0% for 20 years. Applications may be submitted requesting a 30 year loan and cannot exceed the project useful life.

### Table8-1: Funding Summary

In order to fund this project, the following funding plan is proposed:

			GRAVITY SEWER WEST MILTON TREATMENT
CUSTOMERS/EDUs			100
PROJECT COST- Collection System			\$1,472,510
ANNUAL O,M&R			\$0
FINANCING			
CDBG Formula Grant			\$30,000
Residential Public Infrastructure Grant			\$480,000
OPWC Grant			\$400,000
Unsewered Area Assistance Program			\$250,000
Local Funds - Capacity Fee \$1,500/EDU			\$150,000
OPWC Loan	30	0.00%	\$162,510
OWDA Loan	30	2.00%	\$-
OEPA WPCLF Loan	30	0.00%	\$-
Total Financing			\$1,472,510
ANNUAL DEBT			
Annual OPWC Payment			\$5,417
Annual OWDA Payment			\$-
Annual OEPA WPCLF Payment			\$-
ANNUAL DEBT PAYMENT			\$5,417
DEBT PAYMENT PER MONTH PER EDU			\$4.51
O,M&R PAYMENT PER MONTH PER EDU			\$-
TOTAL PER MONTH PER EDU (not including treatment charges)			\$4.51

The above table shows a realistic funding plan for the construction of a gravity collection sewer system. Under this scenario, the majority of the project cost would be covered under grant programs with a much smaller portion through loan.

We have shown a \$1,500 capacity fee for each customer in the table above. A capacity fee (or otherwise known as a tap fee) is an upfront cost collected from each connection or customer to assist in covering the project cost. It would be up to the Village whether or not to include a capacity fee into the project. Many communities constructing a new sewer system will not charge a capacity fee for existing homes and businesses, but will enact legislation requiring a capacity fee for future homes constructed. If removed, the loan amount will be increased to cover the deficit and monthly debt payment will increase as well.

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The bottom line in this table indicates the amount of debt payment for each customer. This debt payment will be in addition to the standard monthly billing to the Village of West Milton. West Milton recently enacted a 30% surcharge on out of town customers. With this surcharge, the rate to Ludlow Falls would be as shown in the following table:

#### Table 8-2: Monthly Debt Payment

Operation	Consumption Charge
Charge	(per 1,000 Gallons)
\$8.79	\$9.14

Each resident can calculate what their typical sewer bill would be based on their current water bill. For simplicity, the table below is provided based on a monthly water usage between 2,000 gallons per month to 6,000 gallons per month.

Water Usage (gal/month)	Operation Charge	Consumption Charge	Debt Payment	Total Monthly Bill
2,000	\$8.79	\$18.28	\$4.51	\$31.58
3,000	\$8.79	\$27.42	\$4.51	\$40.72
4,000	\$8.79	\$36.56	\$4.51	\$49.86
5,000	\$8.79	\$45.70	\$4.51	\$59.00
6,000	\$8.79	\$54.84	\$4.51	\$68.14

#### Table 8-3: Typical Monthly Sewer Payment

### Institutional Responsibilities

The Village of Ludlow Falls has the necessary statutory authority for implementing this system and has the necessary legal, financial, institutional, and managerial resources available to ensure construction and O,M&R of the proposed collection system. The proposed collection system involves the Village of Ludlow Falls, MVRPC, Union Township, and the Village of West Milton. Various Ordinances and Resolutions of Agreement will have to be passed by the governmental bodies to implement the Village and surrounding areas collection and treatment system.

### **Implementation Steps**

The Village of Ludlow Falls would be the primary stakeholder in this project. Union Township would also be involved with this project in that the sewer system will be constructed within their jurisdiction. They will have varying degrees of direct managerial and supervisory responsibilities for the proposed Ludlow Falls collection facility. The owner will be assisted by the engineer in the preparation of detailed plans, construction, and O,M&R of the proposed facility.

The Village plans to finance the project through grants, loans, and user charges. The user charges will be programmed to provide adequate monies to meet bond retirement obligations and operate and maintain the proposed facility, without placing undue burden on local citizens.

The following steps should be completed in order to implement facilities plan recommendations:

- 1. Completion of the final "facilities plan" and submission for approval by local, regional, and state agencies.
- 2. Preparation of detailed plans and specifications for the proposed improvements.
- 3. Submission of the detailed plans and specifications for the proposed system, along with preparation of a financing agreement for State approval.
- 4. Preparation of all funding applications such as Ohio EPA, OPWC, CDBG, etc.
- 5. Execution of financial agreements, concurrent with grant/loan approval.
- 6. Advertisement for bids, bid evaluation, and award of contracts.
- 7. Construction of proposed system.
- 8. Preparation of operation and maintenance manual.
- 9. Employment of additional operation, maintenance, and administrative personnel.
- 10. Initiation of operation of the improved facilities.

The following implementation schedule is feasible and represents the shortest time to project implementation:

Planning: Submit completed feasibility plan	June, 2015
Design: Authorization to start engineering design Submit for OWDA planning loan Completion of detailed plans Obtain district and Ohio EPA approval Finalize funding applications	October, 2015 November, 2015 August, 2016 October, 2016 April, 2017
Construction: Advertisement for bids Receive bids Award contracts Complete construction Final inspection	June, 2018 August, 2018 September, 2018 August, 2019 October, 2019

### **Operation, Maintenance, and Monitoring**

It is assumed the Village of West Milton will perform all O, M&R of the Ludlow Falls collection system as part of the current rate structure. As such, Ludlow Falls will have minimal responsibility with the daily operations beyond ensuring the debt payment is made to the funding agencies. It is further assumed Ludlow Falls and West Milton will be able to negotiate the debt payment into the monthly bill to each resident to cover this cost.

### Chapter 10 – Summary of Environmental Considerations

### **Future Environment without Project**

The future environment of the unsewered areas with a "no action" policy would allow for the continuation of present conditions to go unabated. This would allow improperly treated wastewater from individual residences to drain into the surrounding natural waterways causing local water pollution problems. Taking no action to solve existing wastewater management problems within the study area would result in the continued malfunctioning of individual soil absorption systems and the surface ponding and discharge of improperly treated septic tank effluent. High fecal coliform levels in roadside ditches preclude compliance with Ohio's Water Quality Standards and present potential health risks to area residents. Because this alternative does not meet the "effectiveness" criteria established by Ohio's Water Quality Standards, it was eliminated from further environmental evaluation.

### **Environmental Evaluation of Alternatives and Selected Plan**

The environmental impacts of each alternative include primary and secondary impacts. The primary impacts are those directly related to the construction and operation of the facility. The secondary impacts are induced changes in the patterns of land use, population growth or the resultant effects upon the environment caused by these changes. Both adverse and beneficial impacts must be considered. Items included in this evaluation are the following:

- Air, land, and water quality
- Public Health
- Environmental aesthetics
- Historical and cultural area
- Noise and odors

### Air, Land, and Water Quality

Each of the alternatives involving construction will have an initial detrimental or negative impact on air quality near the construction site.

An increase in total suspended particulates in the form of dust, carbon monoxide, and photochemical oxidents is anticipated during the construction period. The increase is a result of diesel and gasoline powered internal combustion engines. The alternatives involving large construction sites will impose a negative initial impact on air quality. The "no action" alternative will have the least negative impact on air quality except for occasional odors.

The overall secondary or induced impact will be beneficial as odors will be reduced. A gravity collection system or vacuum collection system will have the least impact associated with odors where STEP systems or grinder systems may have odor impacts.

Each of the alternatives involving construction will have an initial negative primary impact on the land at the construction site. During and immediately after construction, the land will appear scarred and lacking suitable cover. Erosion will probably occur, creating unsightly washes, puddles and small gullies. The alternatives involving larger construction sites will experience greater negative impact. The secondary impacts will have essentially no impact, beneficial or adverse, on land or development.

Each of the alternatives involving construction will have an initial adverse impact on water quality near the construction site. Erosion will result in an increase in suspended solids and turbidity in area streams. The secondary impact on water quality will be beneficial for all alternatives with the exception of the "no action" alternative. It will result in a considerably lower organic, nutrient and ammonia loadings to the receiving streams.

### **Public Health**

All of the alternatives, with respect to the "no action" alternative, will result in a beneficial primary and secondary effect on public health.

### **Environmental Aesthetics**

The impact of the various alternatives on environmental aesthetics are closely related to the impacts on land and water quality. The immediate primary impact during construction is adverse. The smallest construction site represents the least adverse effect on environmental aesthetics. The 'no action" alternative will result in no construction impacts.

### **Historical and Cultural**

Each of the alternatives including the "no action" alternative will have no impact on any of the historical/archaeological or cultural elements within the planning area.

#### **Noise and Odors**

Each of the alternatives, except for the "no action" alternative will result in noise and odors inherent to construction activities. These adverse impacts will vary depending upon the extent of the construction activity and the proximity to existing residences. The secondary impacts will be virtually non-existent.

#### **Selected Plan Environmental Impacts**

The recommended plan for the study area is the construction of a Gravity sewer collection system and to pump the wastewater to the Village of West Milton for treatment. Gravity sewers have the advantage of delivering non-septic sewage to the treatment plant by allowing free flows of sewage through the sewers. Even with the pump station, there will be low operation and maintenance of the sewers. There are high construction costs associated with this alternative with possible requirements of deep excavations to maintain an adequate slope to the sewer. The construction activities will include removal of vegetative cover, noise, dust and occasional odors. A slight degree of water quality

degradation may take place after rainstorms as a result of erosion and siltation. The secondary impacts of the proposed action will be beneficial. Gravity sewers are a highly reliable alternative.

#### **Mitigation Measures**

Adverse impacts expected from the proposed action will primarily occur during the construction phase. The beneficial long-term impacts must outweigh the short-term adverse impacts for the project to be viable. To insure that the project does not harm the environment, mitigative measures must be taken to lessen the adverse effects of the proposed plan.

### **Erosion/Dust Control**

The soil surface will be exposed only for the minimum amount of time to facilitate construction. Sewers, force mains and appurtenances will be aligned along existing right-of-way and easements to minimize the destruction of vegetative cover. Reseeding and mulching will follow construction as soon as possible. Topsoil removed during construction will be stockpiled for reuse at the site. Terracing, erosion control structures and contouring will be incorporated in the design. Dust control measures will include periodic sprinkling of exposed earth surfaces.

### Archaeological/Historical Preservation

The proposed action will not have any impact on known historical or archaeological sites within the planning area. Therefore, no mitigative measures will be required. The Ohio Historic Preservation Office will be notified immediately upon discovery of unknown artifacts uncovered during construction.

### Vegetation

As previously mentioned, the construction sites have been selected to minimize disturbance of vegetative cover. Exposed areas will be seeded upon settling and final grading. Fertilizing and watering will be included in routine site maintenance.

### **Noise Control Practices**

Construction equipment will be required to have exhaust mufflers as required by safety standards. Construction activities in close proximity to residential areas will be limited to daytime working hours.

### **Odor Control Practices**

With proper O,M&R, including routine cleaning and sewer maintenance, no objectionable odors should be produced.