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Dean DePiero Appointed to Northeast Ohio Regional Sewer District Board of Trustees

Parma Mayor perfect fit for environmental organization

Cleveland - The Board of Trustees of the Northeast Ohio Regional Sewer District (NEORS) announced the appointment of Dean DePiero, Mayor of the City of Parma, as Board Member elect effective March 2, 2007. DePiero was appointed by the Board of County Commissioners, succeeding Gerald M. Boldt who has served on the District Board for 10 years.

DePiero brings a wealth of experience and demonstrated success in city management and fiscal responsibility. As Mayor of Parma since 2004, DePiero oversees Ohio's seventh largest city with a population of over 85,000, making across-the-board reforms and cost-cutting initiatives. The resurgence of the city under his leadership has resulted in police accountability, infrastructure upgrades, and improved parks and recreational activities, just to name a few.

'Dean DePiero's proven success as Mayor of Parma and his commitment to Greater Cleveland makes him a tremendous addition to our successful and accomplished organization,' stated Ronald Sulik, District Board President.

Prior to taking office in 2004, DePiero represented the 15th Ohio House District for five years. At the time, the District included Parma, Brooklyn, Linndale and Middleburg Heights. He served as House Democratic leader – the highest ranking party member in the legislative body. DePiero also represented the residents of the City of Parma, Ward 4, as their council representative from 1995 to 1998.

'I'm thrilled to be part of an organization that shares my desire to protect our environment and is absolutely committed to the community,' DePiero said. "I'm grateful to the Board of County Commissioners for this opportunity.'

In addition to the appointment of DePiero, the Sewer District Board announced the re-election of Ronald Sulik, appointed to the Board by the Suburban Council effective March 2, 2007. Sulik, a former District Trustee from 1985 to 1994, returned to the District Board by appointment of the Suburban Council in January of 2002. With more than 30 years experience in public and private accounting, budgeting, and cost analysis, Mr. Sulik is currently employed as the Controller for United Automatic Heating Supply. He also served as Mayor of the Village of Newburgh Heights for 12 years.

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The Northeast Ohio Regional Sewer District operates three wastewater treatment plants and related water pollution control facilities on Lake Erie, the Cuyahoga River and Rocky River to assure clean water for a Greater Cleveland. We serve more than one million people in 61 communities. Please visit www.neorsd.org for more information.