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PARMA RECEIVES FEDERAL EPA STIMULUS AWARDS

(PARMA) – The City of Parma has been awarded more than \$1.6 million in federal stimulus funding for four separate water pollution control projects. The money will be used primarily for U.S. EPA mandated projects, replacing existing septic tanks to sanitary sewer systems in the West Creek Watershed.

“This is great news for Parma and its residents,” said Parma Mayor Dean DePiero. “It will ease the financial burden for approximately 150 homeowners while meeting federally mandated guidelines set by the government. It’s a good day.”

The Parma stimulus award, coupled with funding received from the Ohio EPA’s revolving loan fund, will cover 100% of the cost for the four projects.

The money is being made available under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA). The aim is to protect public health and improve water quality.

According to the EPA, “This additional federal funding will provide jobs while also improving Ohio’s worn water infrastructure. Stimulus money will be combined with the state’s existing assistance funds to spread economic recovery and improvements to as many Ohio communities as possible.”

The EPA says the Recovery Act has provided Ohio the opportunity to get people back to work, while addressing one of Ohio’s biggest concerns – aging water systems.

In all, the EPA awarded 255 water pollution control projects in 164 communities.

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