



R.C. 6119 Sewer District and the Formation of CLERWTR



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- ❑ CLERWTR is financially viable.
- ❑ The public processes and next steps.



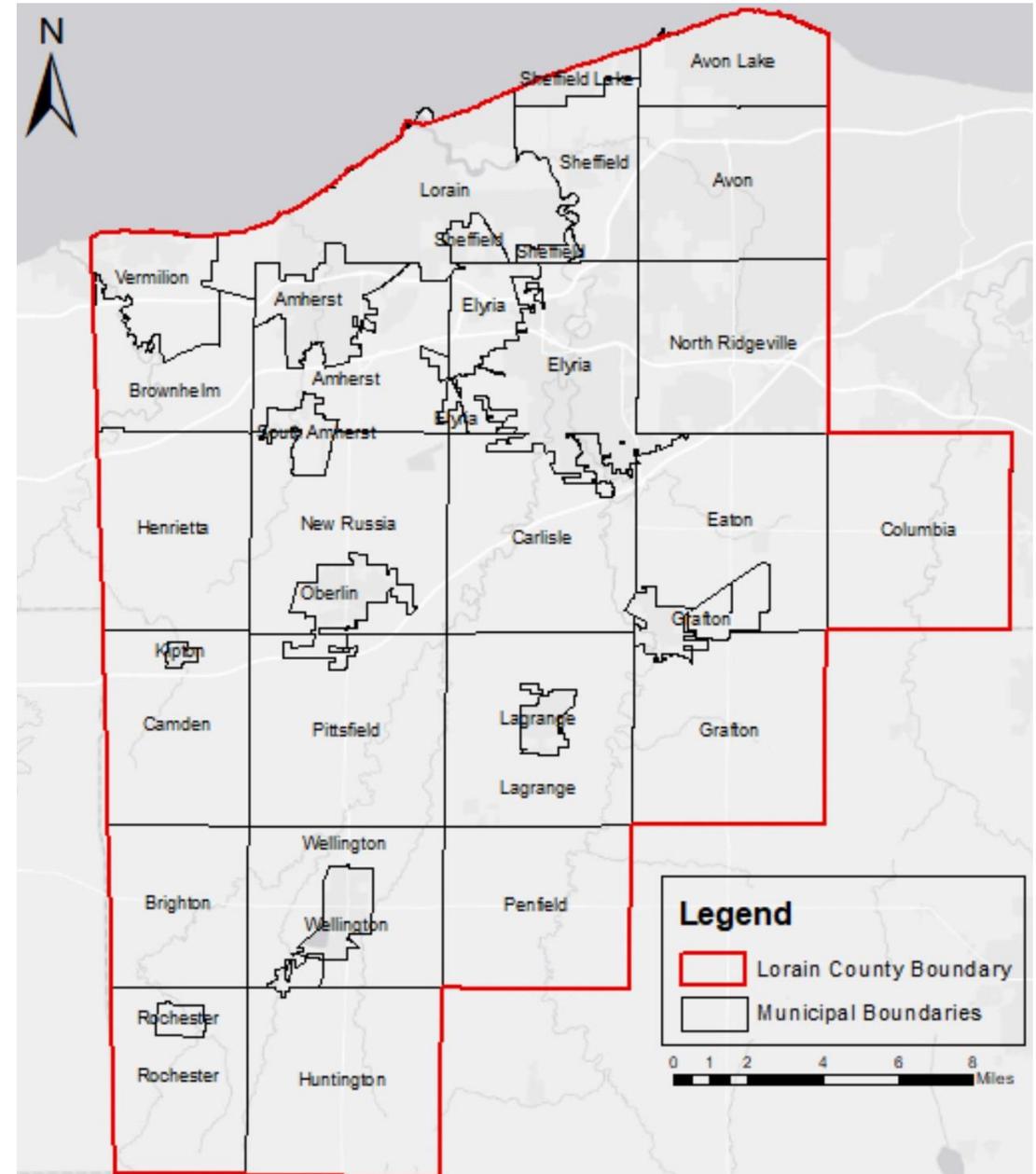
Ohio Revised Code Chapter 6119 Regional Sewer District Explained

What is an R.C. 6119 District?

Any area situated in any unincorporated part of one or more contiguous counties or in one or more municipal corporations, or both, may be organized as a regional water and sewer district in the manner and subject to the conditions provided in Chapter 6119 of the Revised Code, for *either or both* of the following purposes:

[...]

(B) To provide for the collection, treatment, and disposal of wastewater within and without the district.



Statutory Process for Forming a Sewer District

IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS OF LORAIN COUNTY
PROBATE DIVISION

IN THE MATTER OF:

CENTRAL LAKE ERIE REGIONAL
WATER RECLAMATION DISTRICT

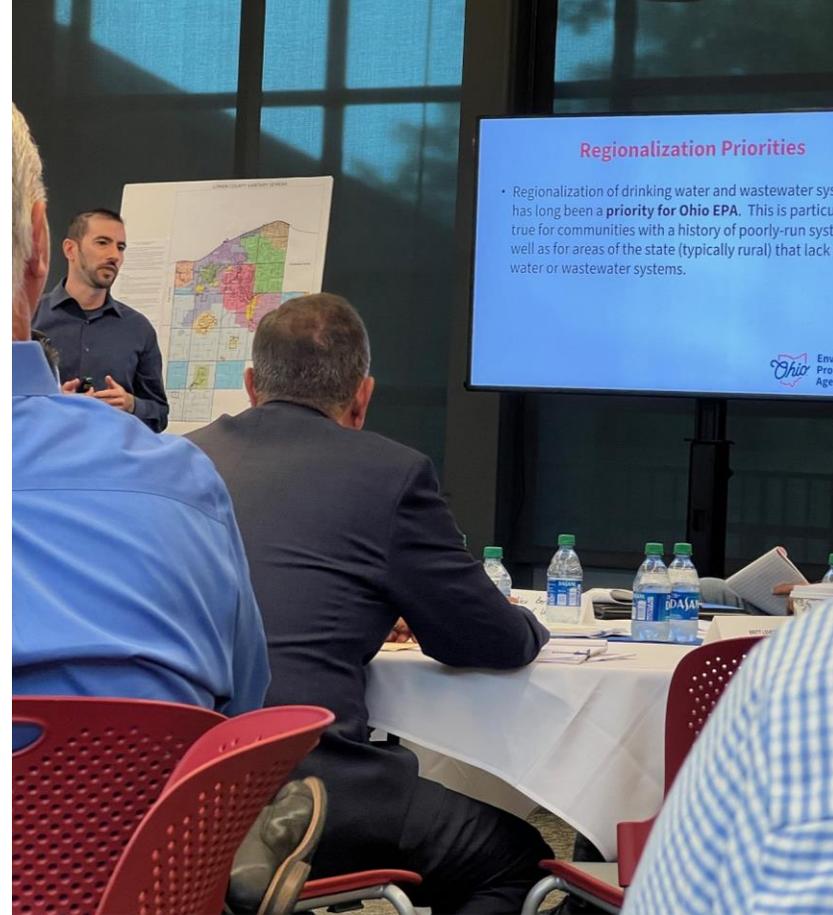
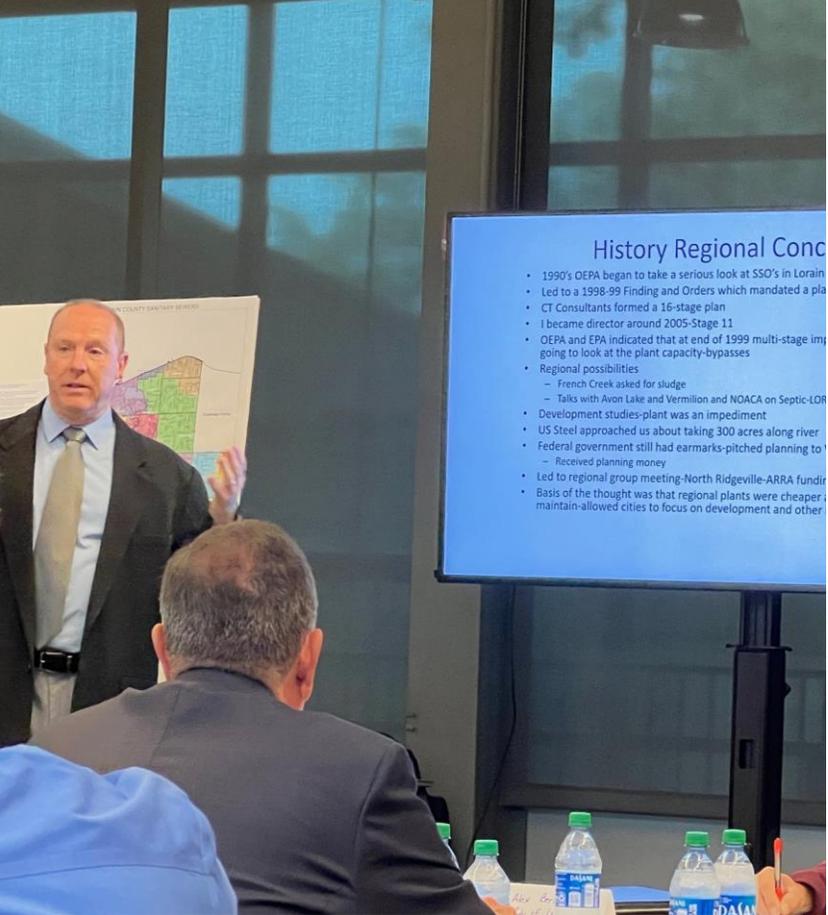
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: UNDER R.C. 6119.02
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Steps for forming:

1. Create the Petition and Plan of Operation
2. Hold a public hearing
3. File the Petition and Plan of Operation with the Court
4. Final hearing

Central Lake Erie Regional Water Reclamation District (CLERWTR)

Created by Lorain County, Avon Lake Board of Municipal Utilities, by and through the City of Avon Lake, and Lorain County Rural Wastewater District



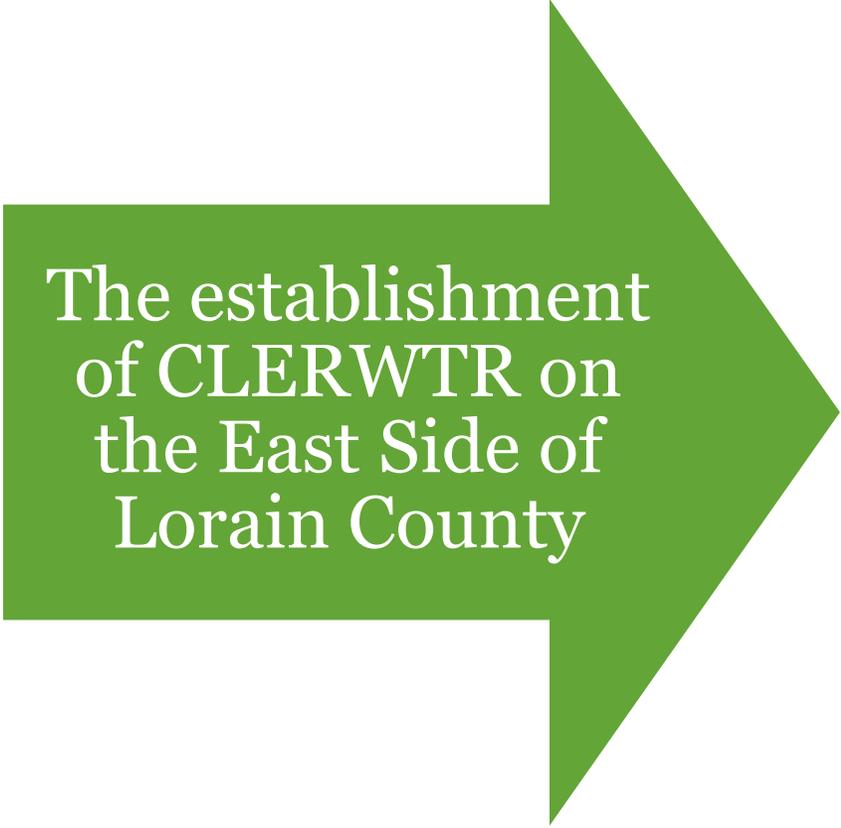
Longtime Efforts from Lorain County Entities

West Side and East Side Efforts



All Ohio Future Fund Investment on the West Side of Lorain County

While the Lorain County Board of Commissioners has consistent goals, these projects are separate



The establishment of CLERWTR on the East Side of Lorain County



What CLERWTR will Look Like

Proposed CLERWTR Governance Structure

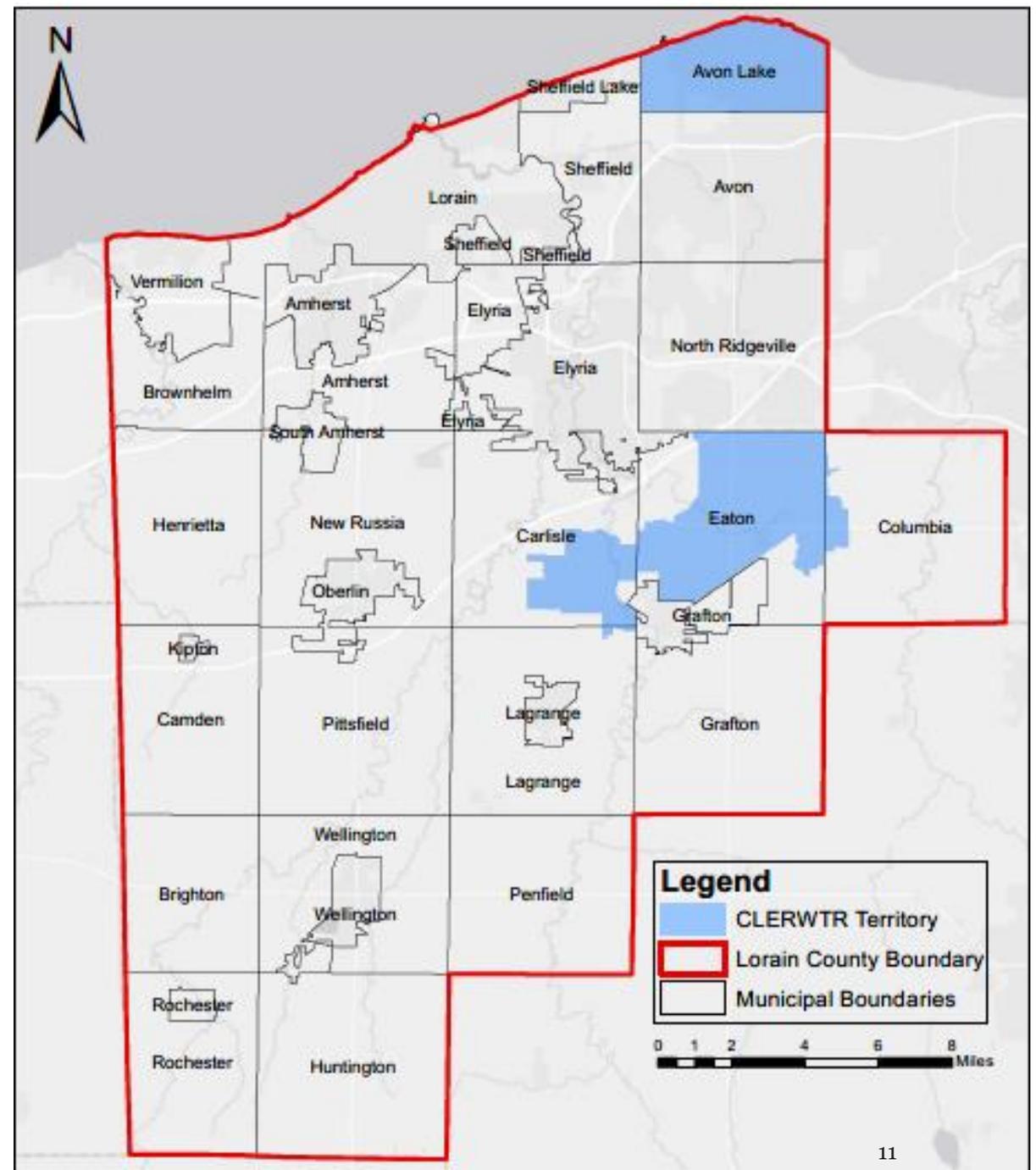
Three Member Board of Trustees

- 1) The Lorain County Administrator, as an initial Trustee, then an appointee by the Lorain County Board of County Commissioners.
- 2) The LORCO Executive Director, as an initial Trustee, then an appointee by the LORCO Board of Trustees.
- 3) The Avon Lake Chief Utilities Executive, as an initial Trustee, then an appointee by the Avon Lake Board of Municipal Utilities.

CLERWTR will have a Chief Executive Officer to run the day-to-day operation.

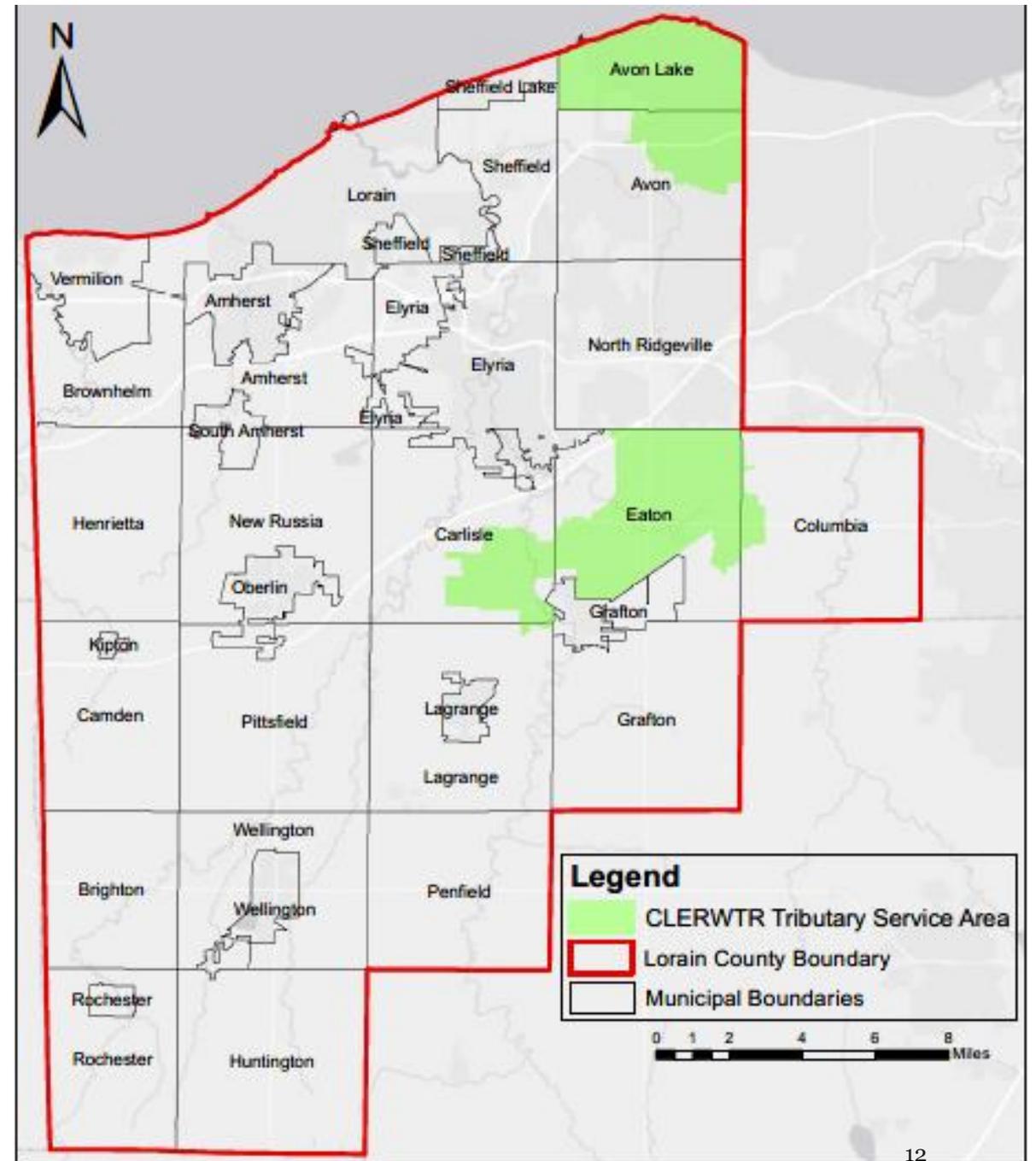
Territory

- City of Avon Lake.
- The LORCO service area that comprises the Avon Lake/LORCO Phase I Facilities Planning Area (FPA).
- The area tributary to the Eaton Estates Wastewater Treatment Plan operated by Lorain County, which is located within the Avon Lake/LORCO FPA.



Service Area

- Avon Lake Water Reclamation Facility tributary service area.



Utility Operation

- CLERWTR will lease from Avon Lake Municipal Utilities the Avon Lake Reclamation Facility located at 180 Shields Road, Avon Lake, Ohio, 44012 (the “Facility”).
 - This is a 30-year lease, with an option to purchase the Facility, and a separate option to purchase the outfall.
 - CLERWTR will assume the Ohio Water Development Authority Loans on the Facility.
- CLERWTR will purchase the LORCO regional conveyance assets - the 4-Plex lift station and 12” and 16” diameter force mains located on the leased real property at 38401 Royalton Road, Grafton, Ohio 44044 which is connected to the Facility.
 - CLERWTR will purchase the Assets.
 - CLERWTR will assume the Ohio Water Development Authority Loan on the Assets.
- CLERWTR will contract with Avon Lake Regional Water to operate the Facility and Regional Conveyance Assets.

CLERWTR Responsibilities are Defined

CLERWTR Will

- ❖ Treat regional wastewater flow to the Facility
- ❖ Be responsible for regional conveyance to the Facility
- ❖ Address Regional Infrastructure Master Planning
- ❖ Construct and expand regional assets as needed to effectively serve its service area

CLERWTR Will Not

- ❖ Take over local collections systems
- ❖ Take over the Facility NPDES Permit, including CSO related requirements
- ❖ Be responsible for local or regional stormwater management
- ❖ Be responsible for drinking water treatment or distribution



CLERWTR is
Necessary and Beneficial

Necessity of CLERWTR

Provide centralized water reclamation, reducing less efficient point source discharges and enhancing water quality in the Central Lake Erie region.

Provide consistent, stable, equitable and cost-effective water reclamation rates now and under anticipated tighter regulation.

Provide strategic flexibility to expand water reclamation services to support economic development initiatives and meet future customer needs.

Provide greater efficiency in meeting future regulatory requirements and managing sewer-related debt.

Benefits of CLERWTR



Maintain lowest cost wastewater treatment with uniform treatment rates for all users;



Optimize existing assets in regional approach;



Plan for additional sewer service capacity in areas in the county to support economic development local communities support it;



Establish regional treatment where future costs to meet emerging regulations, such as treatment for PFAS and nutrients, can most cost-effectively be instituted;



Improve water quality, public health and environment in Lorain County;



Support comprehensive infrastructure master planning in Lorain County.



The Proposed District is Financially Viable

Financial Feasibility

Based on the modeled scenario, CLERWTR is calculated to be financially feasible. CLERWTR's feasibility is demonstrated in the fact that its rates will track with the projected treatment rates for the Facility over the same period if CLERWTR is not formed

- ❖ CLERWTR will bill its wholesale customers within a sub-district a uniform treatment rate.
- ❖ Initial wholesale customers are Avon Lake, LORCO, and Lorain County (the Service Area).



Upcoming Public Processes and Next Steps

Summary of Process



Public Participation

Documents posted on clerwtr.org

CLERWTR Petitioners are collecting comments on the proposed district and documents. Comments can be submitted to comments@clerwtr.org

CLERWTR Petitioners will hold a joint public meeting to present the proposed District and to collect additional comments.

Summary

- CLERWTR is necessary and beneficial for the region.
- CLERWTR will optimize existing infrastructure among the willing parties.
- CLERWTR will improve water quality.
- CLERWTR will maintain low-cost treatment rates for all users.
- CLERWTR will support regional economic development.
- This effort is consistent with, but separate from, the \$67 million grant and County plans on the west side.