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# EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This document describes the activities of the Lucas County Sanitary Engineer's (LCSE) department. The LCSE department operates through the authority of the Lucas County Board of Commissioners. Services that the department provides to its customers include: Water Distribution, Wastewater Collection, Wastewater Treatment, Engineering, Surveying, Inspection, Operation and Maintenance. Additionally, the department coordinated the remediation of a dormant landfill (King Road Landfill) in Sylvania Township and continues to monitor the site in accordance with the Ohio EPA. In 2006, the Solid Waste Management District officially became part of the department.

## LCSE Department Description

**Water Distribution:** The department operates and maintains approximately 450 miles of water lines with approximately 7,000 fire hydrants and three water booster pumping stations. The distribution system has 2.5 million gallons of surface storage capacity and 4.0 million gallons of elevated storage capacity.

**Wastewater Collection:** The department operates and maintains approximately 300 miles of sanitary sewer/force main lines and 50 wastewater pumping stations.

**Water Resource Recovery Facility:** The department operates and maintains a 22.5 million gallons per day (mgd) water resource recovery facility, which discharges treated water to the Maumee River. In 2005, we officially increased our capacity by 7.5 mgd and we have a site capacity to expand another 7.5 mgd to 30 mgd in the future.

**Engineering, Surveying, Inspection:** The department consistently has thousands of feet of water supply lines and sanitary sewer lines under review, design, and/or construction. These improvements are being undertaken in response to petitions by property owners, service to new developments, and to enhance the dependability of the public water and sanitary sewer systems.

**King Road Landfill:** The department coordinated the remediation of the dormant landfill on King Road. The remedial action was accepted by the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (OEPA) and periodic monitoring is ongoing with reporting to the OEPA.

**Solid Waste Management District:** The District provides programs and services for all Lucas County residents, including efforts to reduce, reuse and recycle. The District's primary service includes collection of recyclables at drop-off locations throughout the County. District duties are made to comply with the approved District Solid Waste Management plan.

## **LCSE MISSION STATEMENT (WATER/SEWER)**

***To provide customers with high quality, safe, cost effective and sustainable water and wastewater services in accordance with applicable Local, State and Federal requirements for a healthier today and a sustainable tomorrow.***

## **SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT MISSION STATEMENT**

***To develop and enhance programs which enable residents to easily recycle common household wastes as well as to assist business and industry with the implementation of waste reduction and recycling programs, with programs/services to reduce, reuse and recycle.***

## **WATER RESOURCE RECOVERY FACILITY MISSION STATEMENT**

***To operate and maintain the Lucas County WRRF in a cost effective, reliable, and safe manner with meets all State and Federal permits and regulations.***

## **2024 Accomplishments**

### **SE - Permits/Taps/Tappers Stats:**

**Water connection fees paid**

**201 in 2024 (184-'23, 187-'22, 300-'21, 270-'20, 296-'19, 318-'18, 270-'17)**

**Sewer connection fees paid**

**191 in 2024 (168-'23, 157-'22, 273-'21, 235-'20, 254-'19, 260-'18, 223-'17)**

**Paid sewer taps**

**168 in 2024 (175-'23, 165-'22, 245-'21, 241-'20, 286-'19, 244-'18, 244-'17)**

**Licensed sanitary sewer tappers**

**47 in 2024 (47-'23, 49-'22, 48-'21, 53-'20, 51-'19, 51-'18, 51-'17, 49-'16)**

### **SE - Maintenance Stats (Emergency Response 24/7):**

**31 - Fire Hydrants Hit responses (12-'23, 14-'22, 29-'21, 8-'20, 18-'19, 23-'18, 23-'17, 12-'16, 20-'15)**

**424 - San Sewer PS alarms, primarily after hrs (356-'23, 427-'22, 402-'21, 260-'20, 247-'19, 235-'18)**

**44 - Sewer backup responses (incl private) (14-'23, 16-'22, 36-'21, 20-'20, 14-'19, 13-'18, 30-'17)**

**83 - Water main break responses (63-'23, 74-'22, 67-'21, 61-'20, 56-'19, 50-'18, 35-'17, 27-'16)**

### **SE - General:**

- 1. All plan reviews, phone calls, etc. have been returned in a timely manner.**
- 2. LCSE has provided many training opportunities for our employees. Initial training for new employees, confined space, new technologies, & water/wastewater licensed operator training, etc.**

3. OPWC application was submitted in October. Received funding for the Monclova Rd sewer extension.
4. Using Bluebeam for all plan review. This cuts down on the amount of paper being used.
5. Office personnel have continued to complete and update the SOPs.
6. Gas monitors are updated once every six months. Personnel get safety shirts and other PPE as needed.
7. Communication with other entities continues to happen. Sharing of equipment when necessary.
8. GIS updates occur as new utilities are added, as well as updating existing as necessary. Field staff have IPADS.
9. Cityworks implementation was completed with all maintenance staff using and learning the system.

### **SE - Maintenance:**

1. All work is being documented with scanning or iPad capture for electronic versions.
2. Crews continue to do water valve inspection and hydrant painting. LCSE continues to replace hydrants & valves where economically feasible, especially in conjunction with road improvement projects.
3. Field activities (water valves on/off; WMBs, FHHs, SBUs, PSAs) are being transferred to office personnel and changes made on GIS and maps.
4. Sanitary sewer inspections (SL RAT) are giving crews ability to rapidly assess sewers and we have discovered potential back-ups (plugs) prior to becoming an issue.
5. MHIs and SWLs continue while locating and placing correctly in GIS.
6. PS alarms decreased substantially from the past. Pumps have been repaired/replaced in a timely manner.
7. All wastewater pump station wet wells were cleaned at least once.
8. Inventory has been built up to reduce downtimes.
9. Jer. Twp. #7, Airport Hwy and Sylvania-Herr PSs have supplemental odor/corrosion control.
10. Biweekly Crew Leaders and monthly maintenance staff meetings continue to increase communications.

### **SE - Projects:**

1. Currently using the Bluebeam Software for plan reviews. AutoCAD software is used by our technicians.
2. Started putting older plans on new mylar. Finished thinning out plans by putting them in more drawers.
3. Continue to look for cost effective approaches to stabilize water system (looping).
4. The Toledo SCADA project is in use and the county water PSs are on the new SCADA system.
5. Replaced water pump station equipment as recommended by operations (City of Toledo).
6. Maintaining records is in the work flow with communication between inspectors, surveyor and technicians.
7. Trunk sanitary sewer re-lined from WRRF to MH6. All 3 siphons have been rehabilitated.
8. Monthly projects meeting are held to increase communication and priorities.

### **SE - Ohio Utility Protection Service: CALL 811 BEFORE YOU DIG or (800) 362-2764** Thousands of locate requests are handled by LCSE staff as LUC 1201

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### **WR – Lucas County Water Resource Recovery Facility: (22.5 MGD rated capacity)**

2024 <u>Average Flow:</u>	16.360 MGD	<u>Max:</u>	42.620 MGD	<u>Min:</u>	10.540 MGD
2023 <u>Average Flow:</u>	16.320 MGD	<u>Max:</u>	43.210 MGD	<u>Min:</u>	11.010 MGD
2022 <u>Average Flow:</u>	15.299 MGD	<u>Max:</u>	32.583 MGD	<u>Min:</u>	10.107 MGD
2021 <u>Average Flow:</u>	16.943 MGD	<u>Max:</u>	35.868 MGD	<u>Min:</u>	11.254 MGD
2020 <u>Average Flow:</u>	14.873 MGD	<u>Max:</u>	38.271 MGD	<u>Min:</u>	9.436 MGD
2019 <u>Average Flow:</u>	17.260 MGD	<u>Max:</u>	34.415 MGD	<u>Min:</u>	10.914 MGD
2018 <u>Average Flow:</u>	15.049 MGD	<u>Max:</u>	36.174 MGD	<u>Min:</u>	9.875 MGD
2017 <u>Average Flow:</u>	14.913 MGD	<u>Max:</u>	35.521 MGD	<u>Min:</u>	9.345 MGD
2016 <u>Average Flow:</u>	15.381 MGD	<u>Max:</u>	31.747 MGD	<u>Min:</u>	11.179 MGD
2015 <u>Average Flow:</u>	15.847 MGD	<u>Max:</u>	42.898 MGD	<u>Min:</u>	11.085 MGD

## **WR - General**

1. Daily observations of the facility's systems and the evaluation of laboratory reports allows for the proper adjustments to be made to the treatment processes.
2. Continuous efforts are made to reduce odors at the facility.
3. Design for replacement of digester roofs, UV systems and thermal treatment heat exchangers.
4. The Digester roof replacement and thermal heat exchanger replacement will reduce reliance on purchased electricity

*In June, 2015, the Lucas County Board of Commissioners changed the name of the Facility (Maumee River Wastewater Treatment Plant) to the Lucas County Water Resource Recovery Facility (WRRF) to more accurately reflect the operations and purpose of the facility.*

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## **SW - General**

1. Continued Recycling Truck replacement program
2. Completed the Ohio EPA Annual District Report in a timely manner
3. Provided aid regarding curbside collection for Holland, Whitehouse, Monclova Twp and Jerusalem Twp as needed
4. Maintained E-waste & HHW Program for residential collection year around
5. Continue to provide programs/services based on the Solid Waste Plan update
6. Maintained partnerships with KT/LCB & the Univ. of Toledo
7. Worked with consultants regarding full scale MRF site
8. Purchased and placed recycling containers for District drop-off program
9. Established new drop-off locations in Oregon
10. Participated in Going Green on the Green Event
11. Participated in Party for the Planet

**SW - Residential Recycling:** All communities in Lucas County participate in recycling, either through curbside programs, or availability to District recycling drop-off locations. In addition, the District provides direct support for the City of Toledo's residential curbside recycling program, which in combination with the District drop-off program, allowed the District to satisfy Goal #1 (access and participation) of the State Solid Waste Management Plan.

**SW - Dual Stream MRF:** The District operates and maintains over 150 drop-off recycling sites throughout the county, accounting for the diversion of approx. 10,000 tons of material. The District has a contract with Gateway Recycling where commingled fiber is processed. The associated revenue sharing arrangement has proved beneficial for both parties. The District also has a contract with Republic Services to transfer and process commingled bottles/cans, however, the current commodity pricing has the District paying Republic Services.

**SW - Specialty Waste Program:** The Specialty Waste Program targets household hazardous wastes, scrap tires, batteries, and electronics for diversion from landfill disposal. The District coordinates a pay as you throw program with private companies, excluding scrap tires. Scrap tires are disposed where tires are privately purchased.

**SW - Business Waste Reduction Assistance Program** - The District provides information, technical assistance and no cost waste and energy assessments to County commercial and industrial businesses primarily through a partnership with the University of Toledo Business Waste Reduction Assistance Program. The service identifies environmentally friendly solutions and cost savings for local businesses through waste minimization and process efficiency solutions. The goals of the program are to (a) increase manufacturing competitiveness through reduced solid waste disposal costs, reduced energy costs and optimized use of raw materials, packaging and floor space; (b) improve corporate image as companies become more green; (c) reduce pollution through reduced energy usage and the application of clean and renewable energy sources; and (d) decreased reliance of landfills for disposal. The Business Waste Reduction Assistance Program (BWRAP) identifies solid waste for diversion from landfills resulting in cost savings for Lucas County businesses. This program contributes to satisfying both goals #3 and #4 of the State Solid Waste Management Plan.

**SW - Keep Toledo/Lucas County Beautiful, Inc. (KT/LCB):**

The District in partnership with Keep Toledo/Lucas County Beautiful, Inc. provides general assistance, educational materials and technical assistance in all areas of waste management, recycling, waste reduction, composting, yard waste management, market development, scrap tires, electronics, household hazardous waste as well as other solid waste issues. The aforementioned programs encourage environmental stewardship and satisfies goal #3 of the State Solid Waste Management Plan.

**SW - Sustainability Commission:** This Commission has a holistic model of sustainability which reflects the “triple bottom line” thinking. The District provides funding to support the work of the Toledo-Lucas County Sustainability Commission. The Commission worked to establish basic metrics for sustainability including documentation of the baseline carbon footprint for Toledo-Lucas County including development of measurable and prioritized goals through a carbon management action plan.

**SW – Single Stream MRF:** We have embarked on an effort to prepare a Brownfield site as the location for a new regional Material Recovery Facility. The portion of the brownfield remediation includes a \$7 million grant from the State of Ohio. The District is partnering with the City of Toledo to build a new MRF on this site to allow residential recycling materials to be processed in the City of Toledo, avoiding the unnecessary trucking costs to ship elsewhere. This investment will prove to benefit the region in the long run as we avoid and reduce the use of the landfills in our region.

# Trends / Opportunities / Tools

## Software

1. Annual subscriptions (AutoCad & ArcGIS) keep us up to date with the latest software.
2. iPads have field data entry software that maintenance staff have been using (w/ CityWorks).
3. Mobile devices (iPads) are being used more and more for access on "the cloud".
4. Cityworks provides an asset management software for staff (work order system).

## Survey (electronic field books)

1. We obtain field data electronically with an in-house Engineering Tech Surveyor.
2. Recent innovations and technology are coordinated with the County Engineer's office.

## Lucas County GIS (water & sewer layers)

1. We completed our back file data conversion by creating GIS layers and links to plan documents in 2006 and have made GIS updates part of our regular workflow.
2. We currently utilize ArcGIS ESRI software for the GIS system and many varieties of queries are available and utilized.
3. ArcGIS Online (AGO) is the online tool to view water/sanitary sewer layers with the County Engineer's storm water data and the Health Department's data on the County website.
4. The AGO can be accessed through a link on the Sanitary Engineer's website.

## Access to Sanitary Sewer permits

1. Sewer permits have been entered into the imaging system - OnBase
2. These records can be accessed through a link on the Sanitary Engineer's website.

## One-Stop Location for water, sewer & building permits & water taps and County Engineer data

1. Our joint location of Public Works has allowed us to issue water and wastewater permits, water taps and building permits at one location.
2. The Building Regulations Dept. relocated their operations as an attached office in 2000.
3. The Lucas County Engineer's office and garage facilities relocated next door, just north of the Sanitary Engineer's office in 2013.
4. These modifications have provided a user-friendly convenient service to our collective customers.

## Countywide Refuse/Recycling Collection & Processing

1. By Agreement, the District has contracted for refuse/recycling collection services for Toledo, Maumee, Whitehouse, Jerusalem Twp, Holland and Monclova Twp.
2. The District has begun the process of developing a full Material Recovery Facility (MRF) in the City of Toledo that is projected to be in operation in 2026.

## Growing Technology....

1. iPads were new to the Utility Crew Leaders for field access to GIS in 2015 and have since been made available for all field staff in 2023.
2. Verizon mobile phones, e-mail to text and monthly division meetings allow the department to communicate more effectively.
3. GIS and City Works continues to grow as a tool for all aspects of the LCSE operations.
4. Website information allows for public access to LCSE functions, programs and services.
5. Plan review software in 2018 has allowed us to continue on path of being paperless.



## **KEY FOCUS AREAS FOR THE FUTURE (2025 Priorities)**

1. Working Safely in all aspects of the Department!
2. CT^2 Initiative = COMMUNICATION TRAINING TEAMWORK to achieve results
3. Enhancing methods to improve communication between all employees to function as a responsible and knowledgeable team (SOPs, newsletters, emails, meetings)
4. Improving overall effectiveness and efficiency of the workforce by:
  - Improving internal communication, coordination, and documentation
  - Creating/Updating SOPs to transfer knowledge or create efficiencies
  - Incorporating succession planning in daily activities to allow others to learn
  - Utilizing strategies to continually improve labor/management forums
5. Working toward a future program allowing greater linkage between GIS and field activities.

## **Goals for 2025**

### **GENERAL GOALS**

- < Provide prompt and courteous response to customer inquiries and concerns.
- < Provide training to ensure adequate working knowledge and safe working conditions for staff and public.
- < Seek grants and available funding while increasing efficiencies to assist with budget to ease burden on customer costs.
- < Clean and maintain facilities so as to present an award winning appearance.
- < Continue to stay current with latest software/equipment for better utilization of technology for more efficient procedures.
- < Continue development/updates of SOPs - Standard Operating Procedures to capture institutional knowledge and increase operational efficiencies.
- < Look for synergies between the three SE divisions (SE, WR, SW).
- < Continue to improve employee morale and maintain a positive work place environment.

### **SANITARY ENGINEER GOALS**

- < Continue to maintain and update all safety devices and equipment (clothing, gas monitors, harnesses, signs, etc...) for a safer workforce.
- < Explore efficiencies in combining efforts, equipment and technologies with other agencies as appropriate (Co Engineer, Auditor, LCIS, Townships, Cities, Villages...).
- < Continue monitoring at the King Road Landfill and enjoy the bike trail extension.
- < Continue to update the GIS system with water and sewer lines as well as maintenance activities to assist in prioritizing capital improvements.
- < Return to scanning all sewer tap cards.
- < Continue to improve customer experience using HD TV screen at front desk w/ visual maps.
- < Replace kitchen counter/faucet

### **MAINTENANCE (OPERATIONS) GOALS**

- < Ensure adherence with EPA standards and recommendations for documenting activities.
- < Continue to Implement Cityworks for reporting and documentation.
- < Continue water valve & fire hydrant inspections in systematic fashion.
- < Continue field to office transfer of information (water valves on/off; WMBs, FHHs, SBUs, PSAs) and increase GIS accuracy to enhance customer service
- < Continue system wide approach for inspecting, flushing & televising sewers
- < Continue manhole inspections and sewer watch list with efficient routes

## **MAINTENANCE (OPERATIONS) GOALS** *(continued)*

- < **Implement valve maintenance program in systematic fashion.**
- < **Ensure pump stations operate with minimal downtime and reduced costs.**
- < **Update pump capacities periodically based on report information and clean pump station wet wells on a regular basis.**
- < **Increase inventory for items with an extended shelf life (pumps, check valves) when ordering results in long lead times.**
- < **Continue to maintain/update all vehicles by following the Vehicle Replacement program.**
- < **Continue to monitor and reduce sewer odor & corrosion control (Jer. Twp, Airport Hwy PS, Silica Rd PS, Strayer Rd, Forest Lakes, Breckenridge, etc...).**
- < **Continue coordination of office and Crew Leaders regarding proactive system repairs.**
- < **Explore ways to maintain inventory - electronically if less burdensome.**

## **PROJECT SECTION (DESIGN, CONSTRUCTION & INSPECTION) GOALS**

- < **Continue to update equipment/software for compatibility with other firms/agencies (COT, LCE, ODOT, etc...).**
- < **Continue to organize office areas and files (plan room, shop drawings, general areas...) to ensure ease of access.**
- < **Implement projects to loop water mains by eliminating dead ends to stabilize service to customers.**
- < **Incorporate new technology for increased efficiencies in workflow of inspectors and office staff - online form reporting.**
- < **Improve communication with water pumping stations and pressure sensing locations for system knowledge – Toledo SCADA Imps.**
- < **Complete water master plan and integrate COT flow data.**
- < **Replace equipment at water pumping stations per coordination with COT.**
- < **Update and maintain records on a consistent basis as part of the project workflow.**
- < **Rehabilitate various sections of the Interceptor Sewer per the 2016 Sanitary Sewer Master Plan.**
- < **Continue to improve the accuracy and efficiency of inspections/plan drawings (sewer mains, water mains, sewer taps, water main breaks, etc...).**
- < **Begin planning to prepare RFQ for sanitary sewer master plan update.**

## **WATER RESOURCE RECOVERY FACILITY GOALS**

- < **Meet and/or exceed all federal, state and local requirements, and in accordance with the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit at the Lucas County Water Resource Recovery Facility (WRRF).**
- < **Continue to maintain established plant odor control emissions by utilizing the facility's odor control process equipment.**
- < **Ensure WRRF is operated in and maintained in a safe manner.**
- < **Provide training and educational opportunities to staff.**
- < **Increase inventory of parts and equipment with long lead times.**
- < **Continue to upgrade equipment and facilities as they approach end of design life span**

## **SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT GOALS**

- < **Operate in accordance with State of Ohio Solid Waste Management Plan.**

- < **Implement designation agreements and enforce as appropriate for collection of fees.**
- < **Maintain partnerships with KTLCB and Univ. of Toledo to maximize effectiveness of programs/services.**
- < **Seek grants and available funding while increasing efficiencies to assist with budget.**
- < **Increase public awareness in all areas to reduce, reuse and recycle (especially Green Waste Diversion and Specialty Waste programs).**
- < **Continue to assist communities with RFP development in order to explore bundling refuse/recycling collection services.**
- < **Continue Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) & Electronic Waste program(s) at Matzinger Road for ease of use.**
- < **Continue to support the mission of the Toledo–Lucas County Sustainability Commission.**
- < **Prepare and submit Annual District and Quarterly Reports as required by the Ohio EPA.**
- < **Administer the development of the Lucas County single stream**
- < **Assist in administering the Municipal/Twp agreements for refuse and recycling collection services.**
- < **Extend Gateway/District revenue sharing arrangement (fiber) until the MRF is operational.**
- < **Extend Republic Services revenue sharing arrangement (B & C) until MRF is operational**
- < **Determine alternatives to revenue sharing arrangement for bottles and cans with MRF in place.**
- < **Implementation of a container replacement program.**
- < **Order new containers and recycling truck.**
- < **Implement a program for drop-off site maintenance support with assistance from seasonal employees.**
- < **Continue Correct Recycling Campaign.**
- < **Plan for food waste collection and participation at institutional and corporate entities.**
- < **Consider options/alternatives for composting facility.**
- < **Discuss development of recycling/reuse product options w/ Univ. of Toledo.**

## LCSE DEPARTMENT ORGANIZATION

The Sanitary Engineer Department under the direction of the Board of County Commissioners is responsible for the design, construction, operation and maintenance of the county water distribution, wastewater collection and wastewater treatment systems. The authority is given to the Board of County Commissioners under Ohio Revised Code Sections 6103 and 6117. Additionally, the department coordinated the remediation of a dormant landfill (King Road Landfill). The Solid Waste Management District was formed under the requirements of House Bill 592 (ORC 3734 and ORC 343), Ohio's Solid Waste law. The goal was two-fold: to ensure that adequate landfill capacity is available and to reduce the reliance on landfills. The Lucas County Sanitary Engineer's (LCSE) department was expanded to include the Solid Waste Management District in June, 2006.

The employees of the Sanitary Engineer's office, Water Resource Recovery Facility and Solid Waste Management District are in the same department. There are 71 Bargaining Unit (BU) Employees, 8 Non Bargaining Unit (NBU) employees and typically 3 or 4 Summer Helpers.

Bargaining unit employees are represented by AFSCME Local 544 Technical and Services Unit. This bargaining unit also represents employees in the following departments: Facilities, Building Regulations, Dog Warden, Support Services and Vehicle Maintenance.

## Service Area Information

The Lucas County Sanitary Engineer's department provides water and sanitary sewer service to more than 100,000 people including residential, commercial, industrial, and institutional customers. The Solid Waste Management District provides programs and services for all of Lucas County (population of ~435,000).

**Water Distribution:** Water for the county water distribution system is supplied by two sources: the City of Toledo and the City of Oregon. These water supplies are secured through agreements with the supplying communities. The department serves more than 25,000 customers (approximately 75,000 people) in Jerusalem, Monclova, Spencer, Springfield, Sylvania, Swanton, Washington, and Waterville Townships; the Village of Ottawa Hills; Village of Harbor View; and Village of Holland. Additionally, the county supplies water to the Village of Whitehouse, and Fulton County as bulk customers.

In 2019, the County established a new water agreement with the City of Toledo. The forty year term of the agreement will result in water rates based on a cost of service model and established a Regional Water Commission providing a participatory vehicle for jurisdictions with water contracts.

**Wastewater Collection/Treatment System:** Treatment of wastewater for the county collection system is provided by three sources: Lucas County, the City of Toledo and the City of Oregon. Treatment is provided through agreements with the noted communities.

The county provides wastewater collection services to approximately 19,000 (approx. 57,000 people) customers in Jerusalem, Monclova, Springfield, Swanton, Sylvania, and Washington Townships; the Village of Ottawa Hills ; Village of Harbor View; and Village of Holland. Additionally, the county's wastewater treatment plant provides treatment services to Monclova, Spencer, Springfield, and Sylvania Townships and has contractual arrangements for treatment services with the City of Maumee, City of Sylvania, Village of Waterville and Village of Whitehouse.

**Solid Waste Management District:** The area covered by the district includes the entire County along with all Cities, Villages and Townships. In addition to the events and programs, we operate drop off centers located throughout the County.

## 2024 STAFF

The department includes divisions that work together to provide water and wastewater services and solid waste programs/services on behalf of the County Commissioners for the residents of Lucas County. Employees are the most valuable resource in providing the necessary services that our customers expect.

### **Board of Lucas County Commissioners:**

Pete Gerken, President  
Lisa A. Sobecki, Commissioner  
Anita Lopez, Commissioner

### **County Administration:**

Jessica Ford, County Administrator  
Matt Heyrman, Deputy County Administrator  
Michael Hart, Chief of Staff

### **Administrative** (6 employees):

Jim Shaw, P.E., Sanitary Engineer (NBU)  
Nate Inkrott, P.E., Asst. Sanitary Engineer (NBU)  
Robin Ratliff, Admin. Secretary (NBU)  
Debbie Smith, Utilities Clerk Work Leader (NBU)  
Charva Smith, Account Clerk  
Bryan Sears, Utilities Clerk

### **Maintenance** (Water Distribution, Wastewater Collection, Facilities, Fleet - 27 employees):

Tim Farrell, Utilities Maintenance Superintendent (NBU)  
Ed Schultz, Auto Mechanic  
Mike Heier, Auto Mechanic  
Ryan Kowalksi, Util. Crew Leader  
Aaron Nova, Util. Crew Leader  
Todd Melnyk, Util. Crew Leader  
Thomas Clemensen, Util. Equip. Operator  
Gordon Schultz, Util. Equip. Operator  
Ben Reneau, Util. Equip. Operator  
Lydia Kokensparger, Util. Equipment Operator  
Shaun Warren, Util. Laborer  
Josiah Gerity, Util. Laborer  
Sara Jensen, Util. Laborer  
Kevin Keller, Util. Laborer  
Robert Lawson, Util. Laborer  
Brandon Dickman, Util. Laborer  
Brandon Coss, Util. Laborer  
Jason Rayford, Util. Laborer  
Robert Johnson, Util. Laborer  
Jeff Billick, Util. Worker  
Brandon Bell, Util. Worker  
Doug Studer, Util. Worker  
Ed Jacobs, Pump Crew Leader  
Mike Keating, Pump Crew Laborer  
Tom Kralovic, Pump Crew Laborer  
Rick Cajka, Pump Crew Laborer  
Mike Snavelly, Pump Crew Laborer

### **Project** (11 employees):

Julianne Badreddine, Project Engineer (NBU)  
David Kovacs, Project Technician

### **Water Resource Recovery Facility** (23 employees):

Jason Collins, Facility Manager (NBU)  
Alexandra Slawinski, Asst. Facility Manager (NBU)

**Vacant**, Design Technician  
Derek Schriener, Design Technician  
Jeff Gensler, Project Inspector Crew Leader  
Steve Riegle, Project Inspector  
John Krantz, Project Inspector  
John Griss, Project Inspector  
Joe Haines, Survey Engineering Tech  
Pam Lawson, Utilities Locator  
Tony Rommele, Utilities Locator

Marcia Malkin, Clerical Specialist  
Terry Flood, Chemist III  
Regan Farrell, Chemist II  
Kyle Timbrook, Pretreatment Coordinator  
Virgle Benson, WRRF Electrician  
Terry Storer, WRRF Maintenance Coordinator  
Mike Free, WRRF Maintenance Specialist  
Tracy Schlipf, WRRF Maintenance Specialist  
Tom Henneman, WRRF Maintenance Specialist  
Ryan Riley, WRRF Maintenance Specialist  
Mike Mooney, WRRF Maintenance Specialist  
Carl Fields, WRRF Maintenance Specialist  
David Scanes, WRRF Operator  
Nick Williams, WRRF Operator  
Vacant, WRRF Operator  
Asher Fishman, WRRF Operator  
Jerome Hall, WRRF Operator  
Chirs Maier, WRRF Operator  
James Beecham, WRRF Operator  
Luke Trabbic, WRRF Operator  
Matthew Thomas, WRRF Operator

**Solid Waste Management District** (10 employees):

Julie Riley, Manager (NBU)  
Beth Knestrick, Clerical Specialist  
Lou Posadny, Driver, Crew Coordinator  
Terry Broshious, Driver, Crew Coordinator  
Corey Allison, Driver  
Thomas Sutton, Driver  
Ron Keiser, Driver  
Daniel Pietrzak, Driver  
Alice Arnold, Waste Reduction Facilitator  
Mike Sass, Waste Reduction Facilitator

***We have a talented group of employees that provide services that are often taken for granted until there is a problem. For this, we are TRULY GRATEFUL for their dedicated service to the public.***

# 2024 Fund Information (year end)

Sanitary Engineer

**5010 Sanitary Engineer**

**5020 Water Operation**

**5021 Water Capital Improvement/Debt**

*5022 Water Projects....*

**5040 Sewer Operations**

**5041 Sewer Capital Improvement/Debt**

*5042 Sewer Projects....*

**(3010 Bond Retirement - Water/Sewer)**

Water Resource Recovery Facility

**5030 WRRF Operation & Maintenance**

**5031 WRRF Capital Improvement/Debt**

*5032 WRRF Projects....*

Solid Waste Management District

**5050 SWMD** (510002 dept)

<i><b>Beginning Balance</b></i> <i><b>(\$)</b></i>	<i><b>DEPARTMENT FUND</b></i> <i><b>(calendar year)</b></i>	<i><b>RECEIPTS</b></i> <i><b>(\$)</b></i>	<i><b>EXPENSES</b></i> <i><b>(\$)</b></i>	<i><b>Ending Balance (\$)</b></i>
7,016,204.05	<b>Sanitary Engineer 5010</b>	5,019,658.78	5,898,237.62	<b>6,137,625.21</b>
4,813,587.14	<b>Water</b> Operation 5020	1,066,261.73	1,128,794.71	4,751,054.16
3,950,798.53	<b>Water</b> Capital Improvement/Debt 5021	1,319,178.88	1,019,899.33	4,250,078.08
			<b>Water</b>	<b>9,001,132.24</b>
2,222,523.06	<b>Sewer</b> Operations 5040	945,255.95	989,645.16	2,178,133.85
1,919,250.15	<b>Sewer</b> Capital Improvement/Debt 5041	1,987,310.19	2,057,621.90	1,848,938.44
			<b>Sewer</b>	<b>4,027,072.29</b>
6,860,093.34	<b>WRRF</b> O & M 5030	7,408,442.65	7,717,658.90	6,550,877.09
1,380,848.91	<b>WRRF</b> Capital Improvement/Debt 5031	1,580,980.17	1,967,129.34	994,699.74
			<b>WRRF</b>	<b>7,545,576.83</b>
10,807,574.31	<b>Solid Waste</b> Mgmt District 5050-510002	3,118,875.86	2,505,173.27	<b>11,421,276.90</b>

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