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NOTICE OF INTENT TO PROCEED

To all interested citizens, organizations, and government agencies

Trumbull County

Braceville/Southington/Farmington Regionalization Project - Contract K Water Line Extension
WSRLA Numbers FS390079-0036, FS390079-0052

The attached Environmental Assessment Addendum describes a minor addition to Trumbull County's Braceville/Southington/Farmington Regionalization Project after the main project received a final Finding of No Significant Impact. We have reviewed the proposed addition and conclude it should not result in significant adverse environmental impacts. More information can be obtained by contacting the person named at the end of the Addendum.

Upon issuance of this determination and following a thirty-day public comment period, loan award may proceed without being subject to further environmental review or public comment, unless information is provided in the interim which shows that environmental conditions for the proposed project have changed significantly.

Adding this additional contract to the description of the main project is not a substantial change and does not alter our conclusion that significant environmental impacts will not result from the project.

Sincerely,

Jonathan Bernstein

Jonathan Bernstein, Assistant Chief
Division of Environmental & Financial Assistance

Attachment

ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT ADDENDUM

Project Identification

Project: Trumbull County – Braceville/Southington/Farmington Regionalization Project - Contract K Water Line Extension

Applicant: Board of Commissioners of Trumbull County
c/o Trumbull County Sanitary Engineer
842 Youngstown-Kingsville Road
Vienna, Ohio 44473

Loan Numbers: FS390079-0036, FS390079-0052

Project Summary

This addendum to the Braceville/Southington/Farmington Township water line extension project Environmental Assessment (EA) released on March 19, 2018 describes the proposed Contract K improvements needed to provide public water service to a chicken farm and six nearby residential homes. The Contract K project is a continuation of the Contract D water line extensions which originally included a 4,100-foot section of water line between the intersection of Braceville Robinson Road with Helsley-Fusselman Road and Helsley-Fusselman Road with State Route 534. The estimated total project cost of these improvements is \$329,400.

On this basis, Ohio EPA has concluded that the proposed work is comparable in setting and scope to a part of the originally funded regionalization project and supports the purpose of the county's original project. The March 19, 2018 EA is available upon request from the contact provided at the end of this document. On April 24, 2018, Ohio EPA issued a Final Finding of No Significant Impact (FNSI) for the Braceville/Southington/Farmington Township Water Line Extension project to provide potable water to areas of western Trumbull County. The water line extension project was planned as ten contracts.

Proposed Project

As shown in Figure 1 below, the Contract K project will start at the intersection of Braceville-Robinson Road with Helsley-Fusselman Road and run east for roughly 3,200 linear feet to just west of Leiby Osborne Road to serve a poultry operation and six residences that have requested water service from Trumbull County. All of the proposed six-inch diameter water line improvements will be constructed in and along Helsley-Fusselman Road and its associated rights-of-way. Significantly, all but roughly 100 linear feet of the proposed water line will be installed using horizontal directional drilling techniques.

During construction, contractors will utilize mitigative measures to reduce, if not eliminate, impacts on the project area. These measures include erosion and sedimentation controls, storm water pollution prevention, coordination with the State Historic Preservation Office if archaeological or historical resources are found, tree protection and trimming, project safety, and traffic controls.

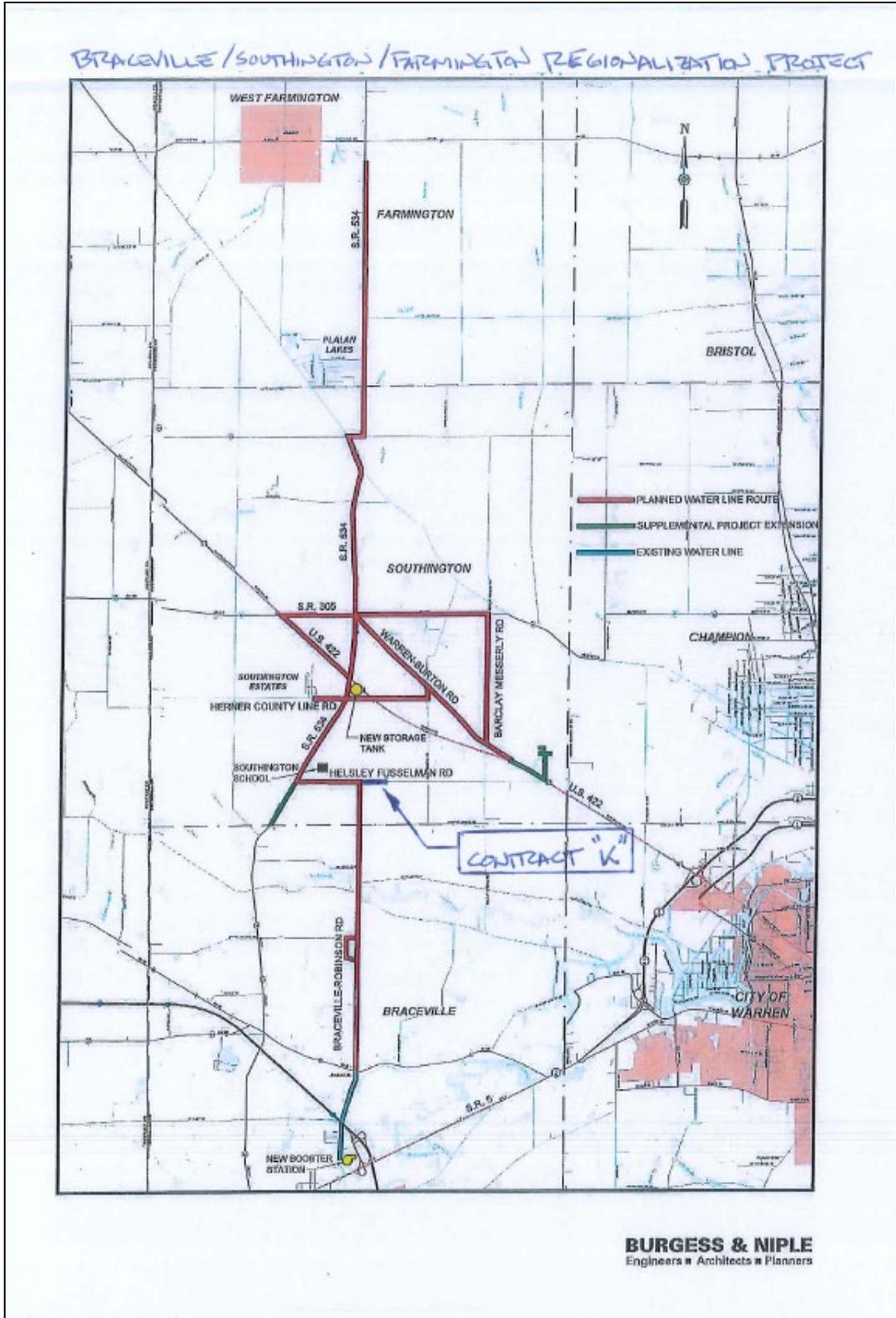


Figure 1. Contract K Project Area Map

Implementation

According to Trumbull County, Contract K's long-term debt will be blended into the outstanding debt of contracts A through J and will be retired by all the water customers within the county's district through usage and capital charges. With the addition of the poultry operation to the county's customer base, the county expects that the net effect of this proposed project will be lower rates and capital charges for all its water customers. The reason for this is that the chicken farm's water demand is comparable to over fifty residential customers (single residency equivalents or SREs).

Conclusions

Ohio EPA has reviewed the county's proposed project and concluded that its construction will not result in significant adverse impacts on such environmental attributes as air quality, aquifer recharge areas, archaeologically or historically significant sites, federal and state listed threatened or endangered species, floodplains, noise and traffic, prime farmland and other agricultural areas, surface water, terrestrial habitat, and wetlands.

At six inches, the minimal diameter of the proposed water main is not expected to result in any significant adverse indirect or cumulative impacts on these resource attributes. As such, Ohio EPA has concluded that the scope and setting of the county's proposed Braceville Contract K water line extension project is consistent with that of the work completed under prior construction contracts, especially Contract D covering the western part of Helsley-Fusselman Road to its intersection with Braceville-Robinson Road.

Given that the county coordinated directly with residents of the Contract K project area during the initial planning for the Braceville/Southington/Farmington Township Water Line Extension project and received feedback from them on if they wanted water service during future improvements, Ohio EPA has determined that no additional public review and comment on the proposed project is necessary. All potentially interested parties appear to have been given adequate opportunity to review and comment on this project and its costs.

Ohio EPA will make a copy of this document available to the public on its web page (<https://epa.ohio.gov/defa/ofa#169638770-wsrla-documents-for-review-and-comment>) and will provide it upon request. A copy may also be posted at the county's administration building and on its web site (if available).

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