

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ASHTABULA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS TO PREPARE AND SUBMIT AN APPLICATION TO APPALACHIAN REGIONAL COMMISSION FOR THE SOUTH RIVER ROAD WATERLINE EXTENSION AND TO EXECUTE CONTRACTS AS REQUIRED

WHEREAS, the Ashtabula County Commissioners wish to apply for \$250,000 of ARC funding for the extension of a waterline on South River Road located in Harpersfield Township, and

WHEREAS, the Ashtabula County Board of Commissioners will commit the local share of \$1,400,000, 85% of the total project cost of \$1,650,000; and

WHEREAS, the infrastructure improvement herein above described is considered to be a priority need for the community and is a qualified project under the ARC; and

WHEREAS, It is the desire of the Board to designate an official to sign and submit this application and to execute contracts in connection with said application; now

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by Ashtabula County Commissioners:

Section 1: Douglas Starkey, Director of the Ashtabula County Department of Environmental Services Department, is hereby authorized to apply to the ARC for funds as described above.

Section 2: The President of the Ashtabula County Commissioners, is authorized to enter into any agreements as may be necessary and appropriate for obtaining this financial assistance.

**ASHTABULA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
CERTIFICATION PAGE**

Resolution No. 2021-44SEWA

November 02, 2021

**RESOLUTION FOR ARC FUNDING FOR SOUTH RIVER RD WATERLINE
EXTENSION**

Upon the motion of Casey R. Kozlowski, seconded by J.P. Ducro IV.

VOTE:

Kathryn L. Whittington

Aye

J.P. Ducro IV

Aye

Casey R. Kozlowski

Aye

CERTIFICATE OF CLERK

IT IS HEREBY CERTIFIED that the foregoing is a true and correct transcript of a resolution acted upon and duly passed by the Board of County Commissioners of Ashtabula County, Ohio, on the date noted above.



Lisa Hawkins, Clerk of the Board
Board of County Commissioners
Ashtabula County, Ohio

**EASTGATE
PROJECT PROPOSAL SUMMARY
ARC PRE-APPLICATION
FY22**

Date Prepared:	5/10/2021			
1. Project Title:	South River Road Waterline Extension			
2. Project Grantee:	Ashtabula County			
3. Contact Person: (include name, title, address, e-mail & phone)	Director Douglas Starkey, Ashtabula County Dept. of Environmental Services, PO Box 520, Jefferson, OH 44047; 440-576-3722; dgstarkey@ashtabulacounty.us			
4. County(ies) & Designation:	Ashtabula; At-Risk			
5. Basic Agency:	Ohio Environmental Protection Agency			
6a. GOA State Goal/Strategy: (Copy/paste complete goal, objective, strategy)	<p>Goal 3 – Invest in critical infrastructure—especially broadband; transportation, including the Appalachian Development Highway System; and water/wastewater systems.</p> <p>3.1 Support and assist communities in rural Appalachian Ohio as they work to establish, maintain, and extend critical infrastructure systems to serve Ohio businesses and residents.</p>			
6b. ARC Fed Goal/Strategy: (Copy/paste complete goal, objective, strategy)	<p>Investment Goal 3: Critical Infrastructure – Invest in critical infrastructure especially broadband; transportation, including the Appalachia Development Highway System; and Water/Wastewater Systems." (2) Ensure that communities have adequate basic infrastructure to implement their community and economic development objectives. Communities need adequate water and wastewater systems, diversified energy sources, and quality affordable housing to sustain businesses, generate jobs, protect public health, and ensure a basic standard of living for residents. Many Appalachian communities continue to lack this basic infrastructure, compromising their ability to pursue broad community economic objectives. Investing in basic infrastructure that can help advance local community and economic objectives is an investment in the economic potential of the region, as well as in the health of its residents. Investment Goal 3: Outcome Measurement. Goal 3 primarily addresses ARC's performance target to increase access to improved infrastructure for businesses and households. ARC investments generate additional outcomes tied to specific strategies and activities that contribute to regional success.</p>			
7. Purpose:	To improve the health and safety and support economic development for the residents and businesses located in Harpersfield Township, Ashtabula County - by providing reliable potable water to businesses and residents with insufficient supply and increase available capacity to retain current businesses which are forced to haul in water daily and accommodate economic development.			
8. Funding/Budget:				
Source	Amount	Percentage of Total	Program/Funding	Status of Funds
ARC	\$ 250,000	15%	ARC	This Application
Federal				
State	\$1,400,000	85%	OEPA WSRLA	Committed 6/30/2021
Local				
Private				
Total	\$1,650,000	100%		

<p>9. Project Description:</p>	<p>Ashtabula County will extend a waterline approximately 11,400 lf. on South River Road in Harpersfield Township. Ashtabula County, a public entity, will own the waterline. The project area is currently served by underperforming wells or hauled water. The wells have insufficient quantity and poor quality. Providing reliable water service in this area will allow the businesses to not only maintain but to grow as well as allow future economic development. The wineries / businesses in the project area serve 30,000 to 40,000 visitors per year, increasing the need for a reliable consistent water source. This waterline extension project will ensure the 9 businesses and 10 residential properties have access to a reliable water source by tying into a municipal water system. This project has the support of the Ashtabula County Commissioners and the Harpersfield Township Trustees and the local businesses including Gene Sigel, President of South River Vineyard Inc. / Red Eagle Distillery; Matt Meineke, owner of M Cellars Winery; and Susan Burkholder, owner of Polly Harper Inn who have provided letters of support. Pending ARC grant approval it is anticipated the project will advertise for bids in June 2022 and be completed June 2023.</p>
<p>10. Strategic Rationale:</p>	<p>Businesses and residences have expressed concern about available potable water in the Harpersfield Township area which has experienced considerable development growth over the last decade. Businesses, such as Polly Harper Inn, must haul in water, sometimes multiple times per day, in order to properly serve customers.</p>
<p>11. Collaborative Partners:</p>	<p>Harpersfield Township Board of Trustees. In addition to the Harpersfield Township Trustees and the Ashtabula County Commissioners, this project is located supported by the local business owners including Gene Sigel, President of South River Vineyard, Inc. and Red Eagle Distillery; Matt Meineke, owner of M. Cellars Winery; and, Susan Burkholder owner of Polly Harper Inn.</p>
<p>12. Performance Measurement: Output Outcome:</p>	<p>OUTPUTS:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 11,400 lineal ft. – waterline installed • 10 Residences i.e. 27 households served • 9 Businesses served • 30,000 to 40,000 visitors served per year • 1 Community Served <p>OUTCOME:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 11,400 lineal ft. – waterline installed • 10 Residences i.e. 27 households served • 9 Businesses improved • 35 jobs retained • 30,000 to 40,000 visitors served per year • 1 Community Improved
<p>13. Leveraged Private Investment:</p>	<p>As noted in Mr. Sigel's letter of August 11, 2021, the new waterline will "serve well both the township residents and the firms here located to continue to grow and develop." Having a reliable water source will assist the business owners in maintaining and expanding their businesses as well as encourage additional economic growth. The County has received inquiries from businesses looking to locate in this area.</p>