



February 20, 2026

Limited Environmental Review and Finding of No Significant Impact

**City of Springfield – Clark County
West High Street Water Services (LSL)
Loan number: FS390880-0026**

The attached Limited Environmental Review (LER) is for a lead service line replacement project in Springfield which the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (Ohio EPA) intends to finance through its Water Supply Revolving Loan Account (WSRLA) below-market interest rate revolving loan program. The LER describes the project, costs, and expected environmental benefits. Making available this LER fulfills the Ohio EPA's environmental review and public notice requirements for this loan program.

Ohio EPA analyzes environmental effects of proposed projects as part of its program review and approval process. We have concluded that the proposed project should not result in significant adverse environmental impacts. In accordance with Ohio Administrative Code 3745-150-05, this project meets the criteria for an LER rather than the more comprehensive Environmental Assessment. More information can be obtained by contacting the person named at the end of the attached LER.

Upon issuance of this Final Finding of No Significant Impact (FNSI) determination, award of funds may proceed without further environmental review or public comment unless new information shows that environmental conditions of the proposed project have changed significantly.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kathleen Courtright".

Kathleen Courtright, Assistant Chief
Division of Environmental and Financial Assistance

LIMITED ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW

Project Identification

Project: West High Street Water Services (LSL)

Applicant: City of Springfield
76 East High Street
Springfield, Ohio 45502

Loan Number: FS390880-0026



Figure 1. Clark County

Project Summary

The City of Springfield is requesting a low-interest loan from the Ohio Water Supply Revolving Loan Account (WSRLA) for lead service line (LSL) replacements. Work for this project will include replacing public and private side LSLs along West High Street in Springfield. A portion of the loan is eligible as principal forgiveness, which will not need to be repaid. Due to the nature of the work, environmental impacts will be minimal.

History & Existing Conditions

The City of Springfield is located in Clark County (Figure 1). Springfield owns and operates a water treatment plant (WTP) and distribution system. This distribution system is known to have lead components, which Springfield has been steadily working to remove due to the health hazard posed by lead in drinking water pipes.

This project will remove lead lines on both the public and private side of the water system. The public side includes the water main in the street and the service line up to the property boundary. The private side includes the service lines from the property boundary up to the residential building. See Figure 2 below for an example.

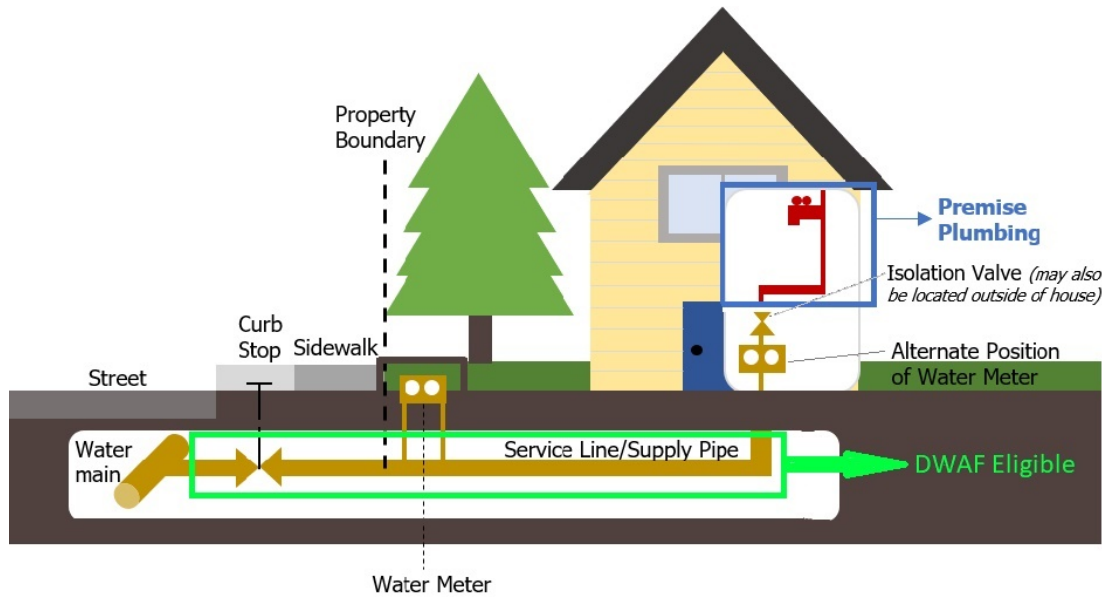


Figure 2. General illustration of a typical lead service line replacement

Project Description

The project will replace LSLs on the public and private side in 32 locations, as well as four additional private side only replacements and one additional public side only replacement. The replacements will take place along West High Street from Thompson Avenue to Bechtle Avenue. This project will be constructed in coordination with a wastewater project at the same location. The road will be repaved at the completion of both projects.

The project area consists of residential neighborhoods and roads that have been previously disturbed by the installation of the existing service lines and other underground utilities. As a result, no sensitive environmental resources such as streams, wetlands, state or federal threatened or endangered species, or historic properties will be impacted. No trees are expected to be cleared as part of the installation of the new service lines. See Figure 3 below for a map of the project area.

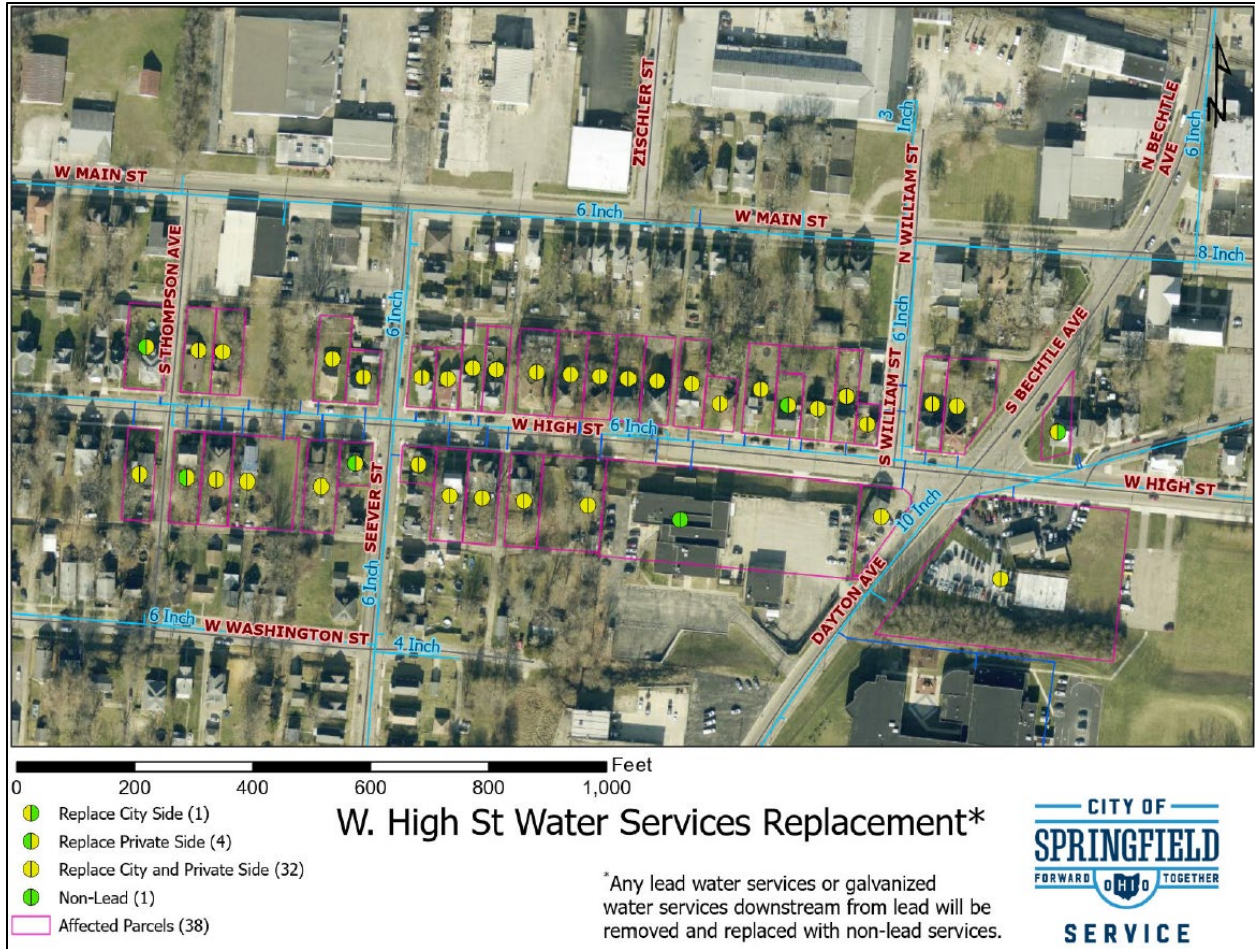


Figure 3. Map of the project area

Implementation

The City of Springfield proposes to borrow approximately \$430,000 from the Ohio WSRLA at an interest rate of 0%. This loan is eligible for partial principal forgiveness, which does not need to be repaid.

Springfield enacted a cost-of-living water rate increase of 12% in January 2026. The average annual water bill for residents served by Springfield is \$215. This is 0.5% of the median household income (MHI: \$45,883) and is lower than the Ohio average annual water bill, \$481. Construction is scheduled to begin May 2026 and to be completed in approximately five months.

Public Participation

Springfield contacts private property owners using mailers to inform them of the project and obtains their permission before replacing their lead service lines.

Ohio EPA is unaware of any controversy about or opposition to this project. The Limited Environmental Review (LER) and Finding of No Significant Impact (FNSI) will be posted on the Ohio

EPA Division of Environmental and Financial Assistance website. Additionally, the LER and FNSI have been provided to the City of Springfield to be made available according to their public notification procedures.

Conclusion

The proposed project meets the criteria for an LER; namely, it is an action within an existing public water distribution system, which involves the functional replacement of existing infrastructure. Furthermore, the project meets the other qualifying criteria for an LER; specifically, the proposed project:

Will have no significant environmental effect, will require no specific impact mitigation, and will have no effect on high-value environmental resources because no environmentally significant resources are likely present in the prior-disturbed road rights-of-way or residential properties where LSLs will be replaced.

Is cost effective and is not a controversial action because there is no feasible alternative to removing LSLs. Ohio EPA is unaware of opposition to or controversy about the project.

Does not create a new, or relocate an existing, discharge to surface or ground waters, does not create a new source of water withdrawals from either surface or ground waters, or significantly increase the amount of water withdrawn from an existing water source, or substantially increase the volume of discharge or loading of pollutants from an existing source or from new facilities to receiving waters, and will not provide capacity to serve a population substantially greater than the existing population because this project merely replaces drinking water infrastructure that services an existing population with no additional withdrawals or discharges.

Based upon Ohio EPA's review of the planning information and the materials presented in this LER, we have concluded that there will be no significant adverse impacts from the proposed project as it relates to environmental features. This is because these features do not exist in the project area, the features exist but will not be adversely affected, or the impacts will be temporary and mitigated. This project will result in reducing a source of lead exposure for the residents of Springfield.

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