

LATERAL LOAN PROGRAM

STATE PROGRAM: Ohio Environmental Protection Agency

ASSISTANCE RECIPIENT: Avon Lake

ASSISTANCE AMOUNT: \$5M



PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Lake Erie is the drinking water source for over 11 million people. To help reduce harmful bacteria and fecal matter from entering the lake from combined sewer overflows, the Avon Lake Regional Water Utility (ALRWU) received an Ohio Water Pollution Control Loan Fund (WPCLF) loan for \$5 million at zero percent interest to finance the creation of a revolving loan fund that will help private property owners address separation of stormwater discharges from sanitary sewers. ALRWU realized that infiltration and inflow from private property was a major component leading to sewer overflows and basement backups and required that all homeowners remove clean water sources from their adjacent sanitary laterals. This new loan program helps homeowners not only remove clean water from sanitary laterals, but also supports directing the clean water through a new storm lateral to the storm sewer. In the first two years of the program, approximately 300 customers of ALRWU had applied for loans resulting in more than \$1 million in assistance. Customers will pay the loan back over a ten-year period as part of their water and wastewater bills.

To read more about this case study, please visit https://www.epa.gov/sites/default/files/2018-11/documents/pisces_2018_compendium_0.pdf.