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Delaware County Commissioners Hear Update on Sanitary Sewer Master Plan Project

DELAWARE, Ohio — The Delaware County Board of Commissioners today heard an update on the Sanitary Sewer Master Plan, a project that will guide and impact future development in the rapidly growing county. Today's presentation marked the completion of the project's second phase, as guided by HDR, Inc., a Columbus-based engineering firm. The complete plan is expected to be completed this summer, according to HDR vice-president Jennifer Frommer.

Among the key points in today's presentation:

- Delaware County Sewer District's key financial variables, including debt ratios, historical operating expenses and cash on hand, are "outstanding," according to Frommer, and indicate that the county is well poised for the future. Additionally the county has "an impeccable regulatory history."
- Per Frommer, there is "strong potential for development" in the future with nearly 40,000 acres identified throughout the county as "developable." HDR currently is working with a variety of stakeholders, including local townships, municipalities and developers, to gauge future population growth and identify residential, commercial and industrial growth corridors over the short term (5 years), long term (10 years) and looking toward a 20-year scenario, with full "build-out" in the far future.
- HDR currently is assessing the existing system's capacity and condition. This phase is expected to be completed within the next 30 days.

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- By early May, HDR expects to present its recommendations for future service areas and modeling for system maintenance and upgrades. By late May, HDR plans to have completed its financial and affordability analysis that will provide the county commissioners and their staff with a range of cost scenarios that will guide future decision making.

The first-phase presentation for the Sanitary Sewer Master Plan project, presented Nov. 19, 2015, includes more detail on the financial analysis (pp. 77-80) and can be found at

<http://www.co.delaware.oh.us/sanitary/newweb/InformationRequests/MasterPlan/TM1-Final/DelawareCountyTM1Final.pdf>. A copy of today's presentation will be posted online at <http://www.co.delaware.oh.us/sanitary/newweb/index.asp>.

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