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“The COVID-19 pandemic has created a unique set of circumstances which has prompted the city to re-negotiate its Inflow and Infiltration (I&I) reduction plan with the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). The Ohio EPA has recently approved the city’s request to delay the plan by one year,” shared Assistant City Manager/Public Works Director Gary Clough. “We understand the financial impact this program has on our residents and the concerns some have about having outside contractors on their property during the pandemic and were extremely happy the Ohio EPA understood and approved our request to temporarily delay the work.”

For work to be completed by private property owners, the revised plan will have no change on Areas 1-3; both inspections and repairs in these areas were to have been complete by April 30, 2019. The revisions will affect Area 4 through Area 21. For Areas 4 and 5 there will be no change to the inspection due dates; inspection work in those areas was to be complete by April 30, 2018, and April 30, 2019, respectively. Only the repair work deadlines in those areas have changed. The repair deadline in Area 4 has been extended to April 30, 2021. The repair deadline in Area 5 has been extended to April 30, 2022.

The inspection deadline in Area 6 has been extended to April 30, 2021 and the repair deadline has also been extended one year to April 30, 2023. For Areas 7-21, all deadlines have been postponed one year.

The city developed a 21 year program as a part of a three-pronged strategy designed to remove sources of clean water from both public and private sources and improve the city’s wastewater treatment process. To learn more about the city’s I&I program, visit: <https://www.sidneyoh.com/240/Sewer-Inflow-Infiltration>.

I & I Program Schedule

YEAR	Inspection Due by		Repairs Due by	
	EXISTING	REVISED DEADLINE	EXISTING	REVISED DEADLINE
Area 1	2014	4/30/2015	4/30/2017	
Area 2	2015	4/30/2016	4/30/2018	
Area 3	2016	4/30/2017	4/30/2019	
Area 4	2017	4/30/2018	4/30/2020	4/30/2021
Area 5	2018	4/30/2019	4/30/2021	4/30/2022
Area 6	2019	4/30/2020	4/30/2022	4/30/2023
Area 7	2020 (21)	4/30/2021	4/30/2023	4/30/2024
Area 8	2021 (22)	4/30/2022	4/30/2024	4/30/2025
Area 9	2022 (23)	4/30/2023	4/30/2025	4/30/2026
Area 10	2023 (24)	4/30/2024	4/30/2026	4/30/2027
Area 11	2024 (25)	4/30/2025	4/30/2027	4/30/2028
Area 12	2025 (26)	4/30/2026	4/30/2028	4/30/2029
Area 13	2026 (27)	4/30/2027	4/30/2029	4/30/2030
Area 14	2027 (28)	4/30/2028	4/30/2030	4/30/2031
Area 15	2028 (29)	4/30/2029	4/30/2031	4/30/2032
Area 16	2029 (30)	4/30/2030	4/30/2032	4/30/2033
Area 17	2030 (31)	4/30/2031	4/30/2033	4/30/2034
Area 18	2031 (32)	4/30/2032	4/30/2034	4/30/2035
Area 19	2032 (33)	4/30/2033	4/30/2035	4/30/2036
Area 20	2033 (34)	4/30/2034	4/30/2036	4/30/2037
Area 21	2034 (35)	4/30/2035	4/30/2037	4/30/2038

For additional information about how the COVID-19 pandemic as it pertains to city operations, please visit the city's COVID-19 Update website at: www.sidneyoh.com/465/COVID-19-Update.