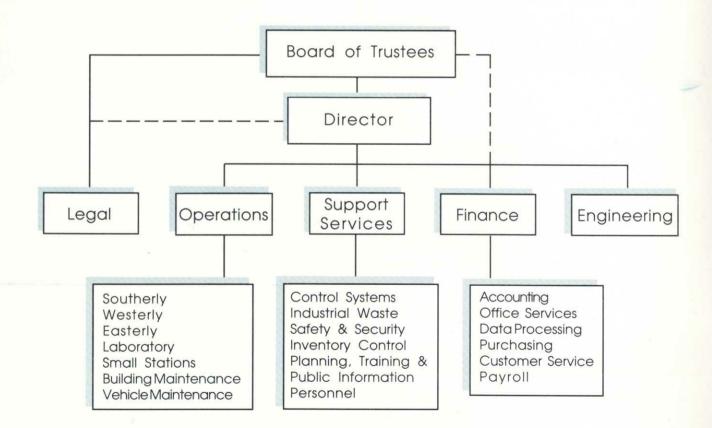


The Northeast Ohio Regional Sewer District is a special purpose public agency governed by the Ohio Revised Code, Section 6119.

Its mission is to economically and efficiently operate and manage wastewater collection, treatment and disposal facilities. The facilities include three major wastewater treatment plants (Southerly, Westerly, and Easterly) and a network of interceptors (large regional sewers) that carry wastewater to the treatment plants. The District also operates two small municipal plants (Berea and Strongsville "A") and other associated water pollution control facilities. The two municipal plants will be abandoned when new interceptor sewers now being built are finished.

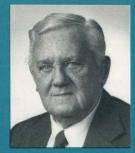
The District serves the City of Cleveland and 46 surrounding communities. This service area contains 295 square miles and has a population in excess of one million.

The District is governed by a seven member board of trustees. The director reports to the board and has five divisions reporting to him.



On the cover: Facing north, the Southerly Wastewater Treatment Plant in foreground and downtown Cleveland in upper left corner.

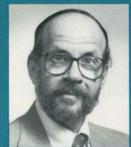
Board of Trustees



Lester C. Ehrhardt, President, was appointed by the Suburban Council of Governments in February 1984.

Rosemarie F. DeJohn, Vice-President, was appointed by the Cuyahoga County Commissioners in March 1987.





Edward H. Richard, Secretary, was appointed by the Mayor of Cleveland in March 1984.



William J. Reidy was appointed by the Mayor of Cleveland in January 1983.



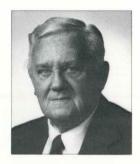
Newburgh Heights Mayor Ronald D. Sulik was appointed by the Suburban Council of Governments in January 1985.



Garfield Heights Mayor Thomas J. Longo was appointed by the Suburban Council of Governments in March 1988.



Reverend Emmitt T. Caviness was appointed by the Mayor of Cleveland in July 1989.



As a public utility, keeping your water clean is our goal. It is neither an easy task nor an inexpensive one. We work with numerous publics to accomplish our goal, so it is important to us to have a cooperative relationship with these people.

The Ohio Environmental Protection Agency is one such public. They monitor and regulate our treatment plants and set the standards within which we must operate. We report our treatment efficiency to them. They distribute federal construction grants which we have used for construction projects to prevent water pollution. However, elimination of the grants program will force us to fund future projects on our own.

Local, member community governments serve as liaisons between us and our customers. They help us to inform customers about our efforts at battling water pollution. They are also team members in an area-wide program to improve our vast sewer network. Many communities are planning or are already building new sewers or rehabilitating existing sewers. Once completed, the system will prevent wastewater from entering and polluting the environment. Instead, wastewater will be directed to our treatment facilities.

Area schools and universities rely on us to help educate children of all ages about the importance of maintaining the environment. We have a cooperative education program which allows high school and college students to experience the work world while pursuing their studies. We work with teachers from elementary up through college level to provide tours, speakers, or literature regarding our organization and its efforts. We not only want to leave our children a clean environment, but also an appreciation of it so they can continue the mission.

The financial community helps us market bonds to obtain the funds needed for the local share of federally funded construction projects and projects not receiving federal assistance. They also help to manage our revenue and provide guidance for short-term investments. With an operating budget of almost 50 million dollars, we assure prudent management of public monies.

There are also special interest groups with whom we have linked up to strengthen our resources. One group is the Build Up Greater Cleveland Program, which is dedicated to restoring our infrastructure through a planned program of repair and maintenance. They have helped us secure federal funds for system improvements. It is this "power in numbers" approach that helps us to make progress which may not have been attainable on our own.

We view ourselves as an integral part of the community, yet we are as dependent on it as it is on us. This will be conveyed as you read through the report.

Director's Message



Throughout the 1980's, the water quality in the Greater Cleveland area has made a comeback of equal magnitude to the other elements of the city. The visual improvements to our environment are apparent. The area around the Cuyahoga River is a thriving entertainment mecca. The North Coast Harbor and future lakefront development indicate Lake Erie is not only a natural resource but an economic catalyst. Boating, fishing and other recreational water sports are increasing.

The not so visual improvements made must also be recognized as they impact the community. Much of our efforts are not seen by the community as they are being done under the ground, yet contribute to the visual impact. We are constructing new interceptor and inter-community relief sewers throughout our service area to express separate sanitary wastewater to our treatment facilities. These improvements must continue, but the costs will increase.

Even with the improvements we have made, there are others which remain. Not only must new sewers be constructed, but existing sewers need rehabilitation. One of our concerns is the wastewater which overflows into the environment during a rainstorm. Much of the area's sewer system was built to carry both storm water and sanitary wastewater. When the system's capacity is reached, the excess overflows. These overflows degrade the environment. Our goal is to reduce the occurrence of overflows.

The 1990's present the dilemma of continuing required construction projects without federal construction grant assistance. Clevelanders have been used to economical wastewater treatment service charges. The District's sewer service charge today is lower than it was in 1981. The District reduced its charge in 1983, and only restored half of the reduction in 1986. This same service charge has been in effect since that time. However, future increases are unavoidable as system improvements must be made to meet discharge standards.

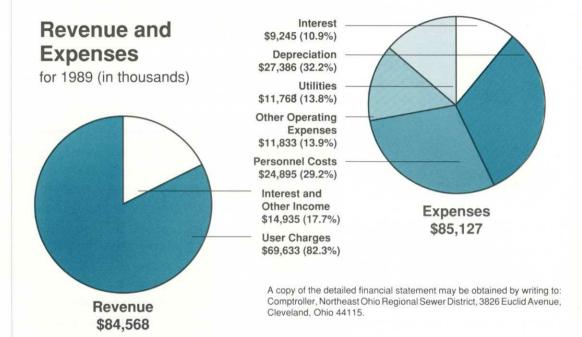
The improvements made so far have resulted in better water quality. The employees of the Northeast Ohio Regional Sewer District take pride in the results of their efforts and aim to provide even more improved operations in the coming years. These employees are the reason for the progress the District has made with water quality. These employees are listed throughout the pages of this report.

Erwin J. Odeal, Director

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-Finance

Through sewer service charges, our customers invest in maintaining water quality, and we maximize those investments by exhibiting fiscal prudence. Although revenues were down \$1 million from 1988, a 1% decrease, we still maintained the sewer service charge which has been in effect since 1986. However, future increases in that service charge are inevitable as construction projects are required but federal construction grants will be eliminated after 1990.



Investment Policy Protects Assets

In 1989, an investment diversification program was instituted to reduce our exposure to loss. We adopted an investment policy which details our investment practices, authorities and objectives. Based on the investment policy, an Investment Program was established. We had been investing in certificates of deposit with banks, and savings and loans and are continuing those types of investments. But, we have added other U.S. Government Investments such as Treasury Bills. This allows us more flexibility with our investments by putting funds in different securities. Working with the financial community has enhanced our ability to invest effectively. We solicited quotes from numerous firms and hired two companies as advisors. These professional firms will advise us on the types and terms of investments available for purchase, solicit quotes from investment brokers and dealers, provide results of the solicitations and make transaction recommendations. Each will execute investment trades at our instruction, and maintain records of all recommendations, transactions and portfolio composition. Both will serve as an informal advisor in the timing and pricing of debt issues, and will compare our finances to industry standards. We also chose a bank to be a third party custodian for securities purchases. We plan to invest approximately 40 percent of our funds in Treasury Direct Account at the Federal Reserve Bank, 40 percent in dealer purchased investments and 20 percent in certificates of deposit.

Financial Management System Refines Information Processing

In 1989, we continued integrating all financial information into a single system

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In 1989, we continued integrating all financial information into a single system through our computerized Financial Management System. The system allows various financial and payroll information to be accessible from integrated data bases. This makes Finance information readily available for Payroll and vice versa. The financial system applications which are in place and operable are general ledger, budgetary accounting and budget processing, accounts payable, project accounting, purchasing and encumbrance control, and fixed assets.

However, the system implementation is an ongoing process, and there are some applications yet to be finished. Those system applications not yet in place are purchase requisition processing, cash management, contract accounting, and personnel systems. We are still getting the "bugs" out of these systems, and will continue to refine and test them in 1990.

The fixed asset program involved the identification and recording of all our fixed assets. Co-op students were hired on a project-basis to aid in the inventory. Each fixed asset had an identification tag attached, then logged, and transferred into the data base record. More than 14,000 fixed assets worth almost \$700 million were identified.

Other Liabilities **Financial Position** \$21,386 (2.5%) as of December 31, 1989 Long Term Debt \$105,366 (12.4%) (in thousands) Equity \$725,228 (85.1%) Cash & Investments \$27,147 (3.2%) **Revenue Bond Funds** \$46,670 (5.5%) Other Assets \$43,968 (5.2%) **Equity & Liabilities Construction Fund** \$851,980 \$104,064 (12.2%) Plant & Equipment \$630,131 (73.9%) **Assets** \$851,980

Customer Service Department Takes Care of Our Customers

We contract with the Cleveland Public Utilities department to issue customer bills. They are responsible for reading meters, totaling charges, mailing bills to our customers and collecting payments. Our Customer Service department takes care of our sewer service customers by answering any questions they may have regarding their sewer service and some billing questions. However, if a billing question arises that we cannot answer, we work with the Utilities department to clear up any customer inquiry. The Utilities department is yet another special public we work with to give our customers superior service. Our joint effort also gives customers the opportunity to speak with us directly in the event of a problem, or if there is a question about their wastewater treatment.

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-Support Services

Support Services has more than 100 employees each contributing their unique talents to the welfare of the environment and community. We value our employees and their work. It is important for us to attract good people, help them develop their skills to the fullest, and keep them on staff.

Benefits and Training Improve Work Environment

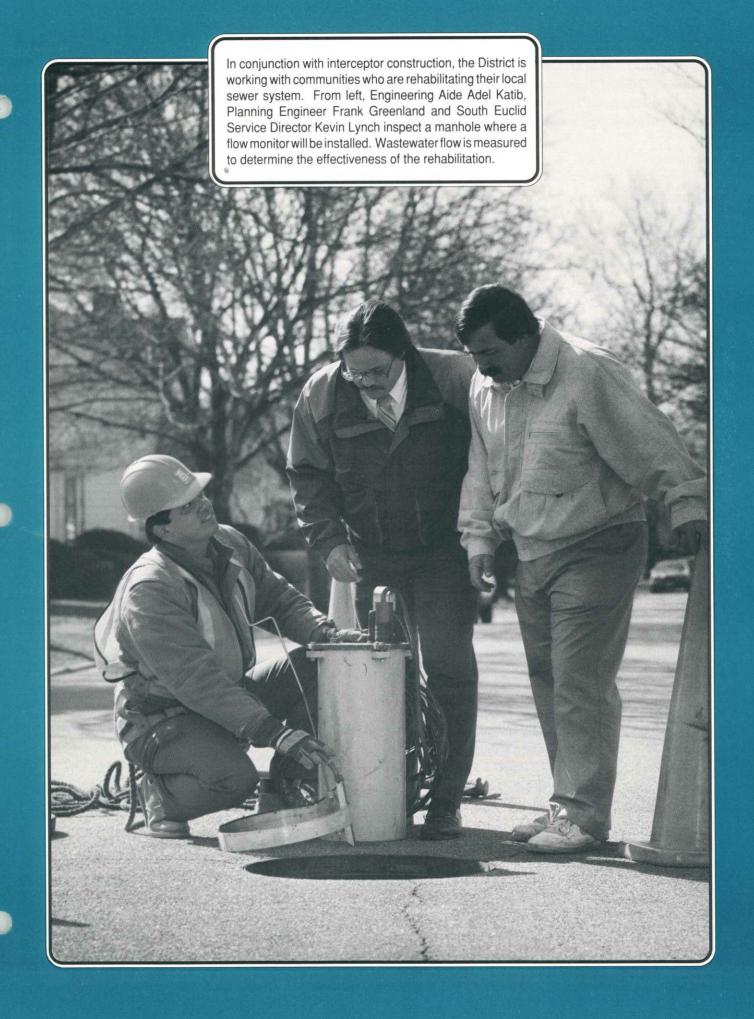
Employee benefits are as important as pay, and we continually try to improve them. The first step in making benefits more flexible was taken by adopting the "Cafeteria Plan." This plan allows certain medical and child care costs to be deducted from the employee's taxable income. We also evaluated becoming self-insured with Worker's Compensation in order to provide better service for employees and save them money.

The well-being of our employees is important, so to maintain a safe and healthy work environment we established a comprehensive Drug-Free Awareness program as an educational effort to prevent and stop substance abuses that affect the work environment.

A hidden benefit is the training opportunities provided to help employees improve themselves. The BIG STEP project enhances employees' learning, reading and math skills. The program gives employees the skills to further their knowledge of wastewater treatment or any other area they wish to follow. The largest employee group is wastewater treatment plant operators. We offer multiple training programs to help them become state certified. This is a priority since upper level operator positions will requires higher certification levels beginning in 1990.

Good Working Relationship Established With Public Services

Equally important, is keeping our more than 260,000 customers aware of our operation. We are committed to annually including information about our rates, operation, maintenance, and construction in our customer billing. Since the Cleveland Public Utilities department services our billing, intergovernmental cooperation is important to the efficiency of customer service and billing. Adding new customers to our service area calls for the same level of cooperation. As new city sewers are built, city officials contact our Industrial Waste Section (IWS) with a list of businesses and residences that will be using the new sewer. IWS then sends the list to Customer Service who contacts the Utilities department. The new customers are then billed once the sewer is on-line.



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Specialized Equipment Helps Perform Complex Tasks

Special equipment can be found in every department and keeps our workplace running smoothly. It also gives our employees the chance to work with the latest in technology, and allows efficient communication within and outside our offices and plants.

Much equipment is used when monitoring the condition of the environment or the method we apply to protect it. Our Sewer Control Systems group maintains our sewer system, fixing cross connections and pipe breaks by using unique equipment. We recently received a portable manlift system, which makes entering a manhole less dangerous and less expensive. The access shafts for the interceptors can be 180 feet deep making stairs, ladders, and elevators either dangerous or expensive. The mechanical manlift allows crews to enter the manhole without the effort of climbing stairs or ladders.

Other equipment we use are the Combination Machine and Video Rig. The Combination Machine acts as a vacuum cleaner to siphon debris that gets dumped into the sewers from the streets or washed in by storms. The Video Rig allows the crew to observe the inside of sewer pipes without physically going underground. A special video camera is attached to a line and is mechanically maneuvered through the sewer pipe. Meanwhile, the picture is seen and recorded on a monitoring deck on the surface.

Another piece of specialized equipment used by Sewer Control Systems is the automated regulator. An automated regulator prevents sewage from overflowing into the environment. Overflows result when storms temporarily overwhelm the sewer capacity, resulting in raw wastewater being discharged into area streams, the Cuyahoga River or Lake Erie. The regulator consists of an inflatable dam that controls discharges to the environment and hydraulic gates and valves that control diversion of water to the interceptor. The regulator controls flow by retaining it in the sewer until adequate capacity becomes available at the treatment plant.

Departments Work to Upgrade Water Quality

The Industrial Waste Section (IWS) monitors overflow points and their sources. The Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (OEPA) issued a National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System permit to control combined sewer overflow being spilled into the lake and river. IWS monitors 137 discharge points throughout our service area by installing flow meters and samplers.

IWS also gathers data to determine the status of our area's water quality. They are teaming with the OEPA and the Ohio Department of Natural Resources in this effort. They use a special piece of equipment called an electrofishing rig. The District purchased the rig in 1989 and will test it on the Cuyahoga River in early 1990. The rig is a 16-foot flatboat with a generator that sends an electric field into the surrounding water. Fish are electrically stunned and float to the surface where they are netted, identified, measured, weighed, visually inspected and

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returned to the stream. The types of fish and their health help determine the river's water quality. The Fish Tissue Task Force was created, locally, to analyze the fish tissue samples taken from some fish during electrofishing rig tests. This test is not required by the OEPA, but we believe it is important for us to evaluate the river's water quality.

The Planning department represents the District on the Cuyahoga Coordinating Committee in developing the Remedial Action Plan (RAP) for the Cuyahoga River. The river has been identified as one of the 42 Great Lakes Areas of Concern. The essence of the RAP is to identify the pollutants in the area waterways, and determine what needs to be done to clean them up.

The District works closely with member communities to control flow into interceptors through the Community Discharge Permit Program. Each community that has separate sanitary and storm sewers and discharges wastewater to our plants must follow guidelines. The permit program establishes those terms and conditions under which our member communities can discharge sewage to our treatment plants. Our member communities are responsible for the maintenance and rehabilitation of their local sewers. The Pilot Rehabilitation Project included research on completed local sewer rehabilitation efforts made by four of our member communities. We analyzed pre-rehabilitation versus post-rehabilitation flow monitoring data to determine the effectiveness of the rehabilitation. The information obtained from this study will be shared with each member community.

The departments that are Support Services work together with each other and the community to protect and preserve the environment. The effort exerted by this group of employees is reflected in the improved water quality of the Cuyahoga River, and the effective and efficient treatment of wastewater.

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Engineering

During the year, the District concentrated on improving existing systems instead of building new ones to reduce the cost of pollution control. The Engineering staff used this approach for several projects. These projects will reduce wastewater overflow and control pollution of our environment. This process often involves working closely with other entities to assure smooth progress. For example, the community of Olmsted Falls will be joining the District by connecting to our Southwest Interceptor instead of investing in a new wastewater treatment plant.

Interceptor Rehabilitation Prolongs Service

Engineering has been rebuilding, rehabilitating, and improving existing facilities. We started investigating the condition of older sewers to determine any problems. One of our biggest projects this year was the inspection and evaluation of the Big Creek Interceptor. This 7.9 mile sewer combines storm and sanitary flow from the southwest area of Cleveland and eight southern suburbs and carries it to Southerly.

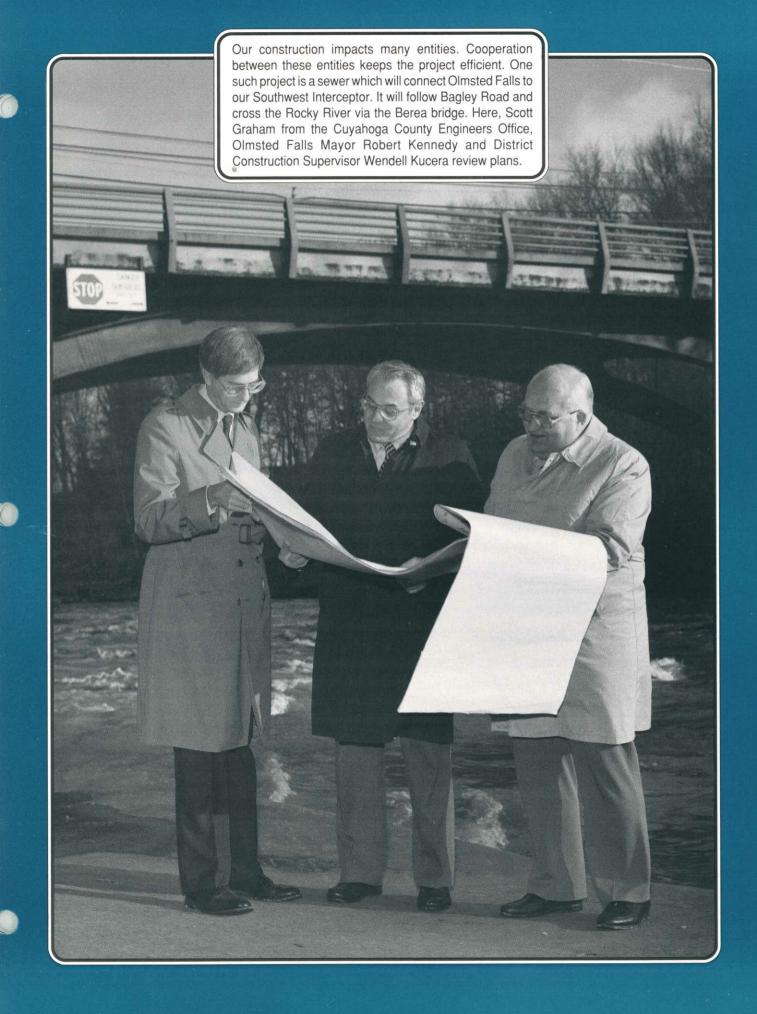
During routine inspections we found certain areas worn out and bricks missing. We are evaluating the various methods of repair. The Big Creek project is only the start of our interceptor rehabilitation program. As part of our long-term goals to relieve the problems, we have scheduled rehabilitation to begin in 1990. This is one of the projects which will be introduced into the District's capital plan to ensure the structural integrity of older interceptors in Northeast Ohio.

Staying Ahead of Overflow Control Regulations

Another rehabilitation project was evaluating our combined sewer overflow control system. The system was built in the 1970's. It uses unique equipment to store wastewater and minimize overflow of combined sewage into the environment. Our goal is to eliminate all dry weather overflows.

This entire process is computerized and new technology allows us to upgrade and expand the system. We evaluated methods to increase system flexibility and will be adding new hardware and revising computer software. We will be upgrading our rain gauge and flow level monitoring equipment to improve information collection. We will be improving the telemetry to insure that accurate information about conditions inside the sewer reaches the central computer.

By evaluating and updating our process we are preparing ourselves for future changes in combined sewer overflow regulations.



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Westerly Analyzing Process Options

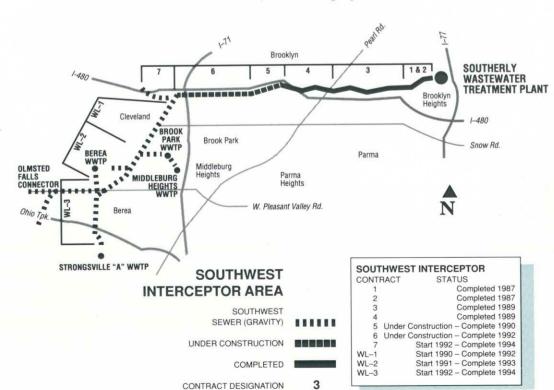
Westerly is our only treatment plant that is not fully operational. Its design uses a unique treatment technology that has not yet been proven.

The OEPA gives the District standards to meet in treating wastewater. Westerly has not met its effluent discharge limits for biochemical oxygen demand due to the treatment process technology and equipment which has been experiencing mechanical difficulty. Due to the costliness of repairing the system which is estimated between \$6 and 10 million, the District chose to examine its options.

A workshop was held in July for Operations and Engineering staff, plus Westerly's design consultant and process technology experts from throughout the country to identify problems and determine the action needed to operate Westerly at the level required by the OEPA. The workshop recommended a process option analysis be done to determine Westerly's future operation. A report on the analysis is due in 1990.

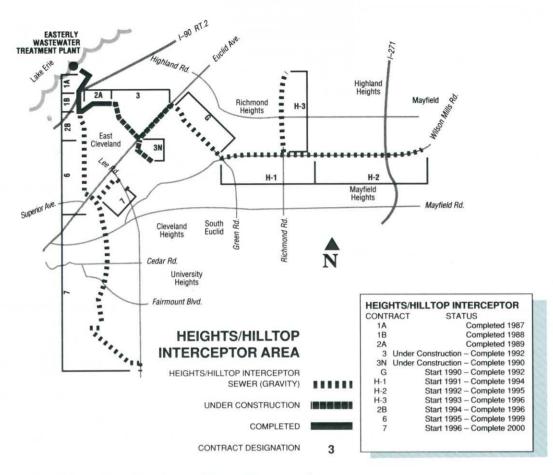
Major Investment Made in Southerly Odor Control

In an effort to control odors at Southerly, and in response to community concern, we invested almost \$3 million, to date, in new odor control technology. The existing odor control systems at Southerly have been in service for almost nine years and some units are nearing the end of their useful service life. As a result, a contract was awarded to optimize, modernize and expand the odor control systems. We identified the source of odors, then designed and installed equipment to control them. When finished, the entire project will cost over \$4 million.



PAUL PITINO CAROL PLA THOMAS PLANK GERALD PODRACKY LARRY POOLE JOSEPH POSANTE ALVIN PREISENDORF WILLIE PRESLEY THEODORE PREZTAK IOSEPH PRIAH ARRIE PRITCHARD GREG PROSSER CALVIN OUARTERMAN VICTOR OUINONES THOMAS RAFFAY DAWN REED DONNA REID WILLIAM REIDY ROBERT REPPENHAGEN SHARON REYNOLDS ROBERT RHOME EDWARD RICHARD ROBERT RISHAW WILLIAM RITZ WILSON RIVERA FRANK RIZZO DEBORAH ROBINSON GEORGE ROBINSON THOMAS ROCK JAMES ROSACCO JOHNNY ROSCOE PAUL ROSENFELD SCOTT ROSS MARGARET ROWE ABRAHAM ROWSER RANDY RUSSELL RUSSELL RYS FRNEST RZESZOTARSKI ANTHONY SABOLIK OTTO SACHS MARIAN SACK MOHAMMED SALEEM CHARLES SAMMONS NELLIE SAMMONS SCOTT SANDER JOSEPH SANDLY JAMES SANTIAGO ISTVAN SARAI ROBERT SARGENT LOUIS SCARPITTI STANLEY SCHAB WILLIAM SCHATZ TIMOTHY SCHEALI ROBERT SCHERMA PHILLIP SCHERVISH WARREN SCHINDLER IOHN SCHRADER SCOTT SCHRADER GEORGE SCHUR FRANK SCHUSCHU THOMAS SCHUSTER DAVID SCHWARK TROY SCOTT USHER SCOTT PAUL SEKERAK KENNETH SELBY

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Construction Projects Move Forward

We continued two of our long term projects-the Heights/Hilltop Interceptor (H/HI) and Southwest Interceptor (SWI). We awarded contracts for the next two segments of these projects which were started in 1985, as a long term solution to increased flow from growing communities.

In May, we awarded a \$12,475,522 contract for the SWI Contract 6. It is the sixth of seven contracts necessary to construct the main leg of the Southwest Interceptor. This contract has 14,000 feet of 96-inch tunnel, extending along I-480 from West 130th Street to State Route 237.

We awarded a \$1,846,243 contract in February for the H/HI Contract G. The contract is part of the system which will transport separate sanitary sewage from the Hilltop service area to Easterly. It has 3,700 feet of open cut sewer running from the intersection of Euclid Avenue and Ivanhoe Road to the intersection of Noble Road and Ravine Drive. This contract is the fifth construction contract for the project.

We are almost finished with our new Environmental and Maintenance Services Center. The two buildings, totaling over 114,000 square feet, will be opening in Spring 1990. The building will house over 125 employees from the Laboratory, Industrial Waste Section, Sewer Control Systems and Vehicle Maintenance. This building overlooks our Southerly treatment plant.

GINA SENES ANDREW SENTO FRED SEVER PRABHAT SHARMA MATTHEW SHARP DONALD J. SHAVER DONALD L. SHAVER ROBERT SHEETS GARY SHERANKO LARRY SHIMERKA LINDA SHOMON DAVID SHORR DAVID SHUBERT RIAGIO SIDOTI ANTHONY SIGGIA MARTHA SILVERA CHARLIE SIMMONS WILLIE SIMS **EDDIE SKINNER** STEVEN SLECHTA JAMES SLEDZ TERENCE SLOCUM THOMAS SMEAL AILYNE SMITH DANIEL SMITH JANE SMITH MARTIN SMITH RAYMOND SMITH ROSE SMITH TARNIA SMITH CHRIS SMOSARSKI ROBERT SOBCZAK DONALD SOBOCINSKI KEVIN SONODA CHESTER SOSKA ARTHUR SPEIGHTS JAMES SPENCER WALTER SPRUELI DAVID STANISLAW CASSANDRA STANLEY **BRIAN STAPLETON** DAVID STARYNCHAK GREGORY STAWICKI EDWARD STAWICKI PAUL STEFANSKI CHARLES STERNER THEODORE STOLL KEVIN STRONG LARRY STRUMP LESTER STUMPE RONALD SULIK MICHAEL SULLIVAN DAVID SVEJKOVSKY MARK SWIGER RICHARD SWITALSKI JIMMIE SWOOPE DANIEL SYROWSKI MICHAEL SZABO PAUL SZABO GENE TAKACS CARLA TATE ERIC TAYLOR MICHAEL TAYLOR ROBERT TAYLOR PAUL TEAGLE ALEX TENCH DAVID TERKEN

Cuyahoga River Water Quality Study Affects Discharge Standards

In response to OEPA's stricter wastewater discharge standards, we began analyzing the water quality of the Cuyahoga River. The water is analyzed by taking biological samples as well as physical and chemical measurements. The goal of the study is to determine proper water quality standards which take the conditions of the Cuyahoga River into account.

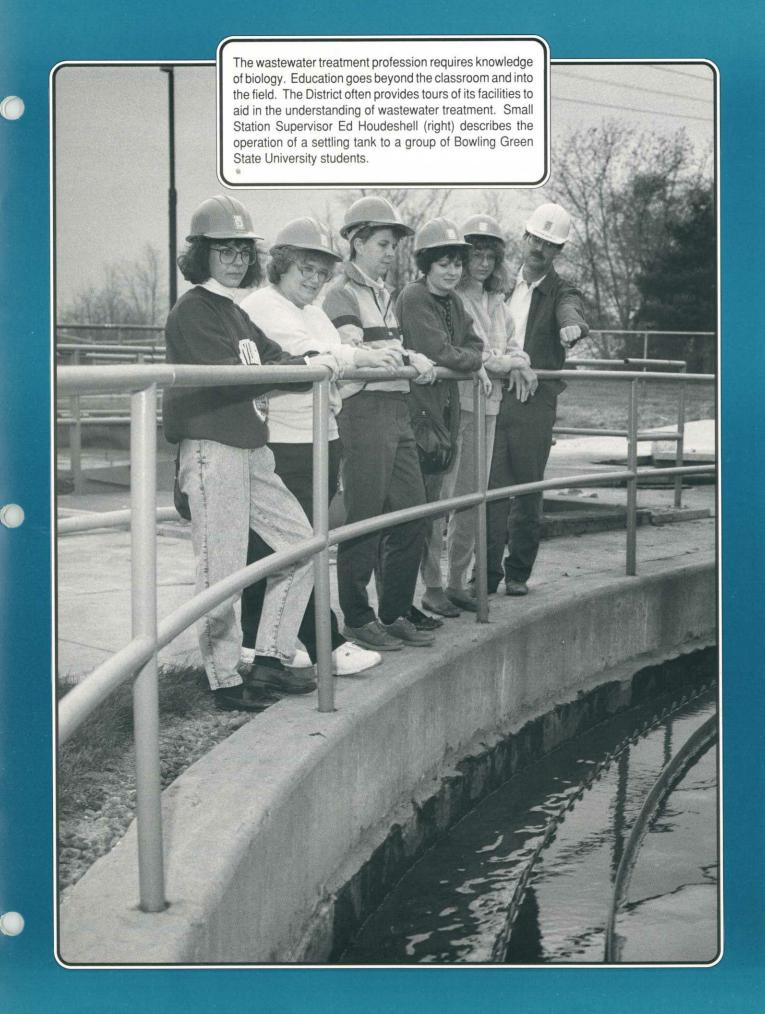
Nearly every industry and municipality that discharges wastewater has an EPA permit. A permit holder is subject to specific standards, but the standards can change when permits are renewed. The District is leading the way since Southerly's permit was the first of all sewage dischargers along the Cuyahoga River to expire after the OEPA established new, stricter wastewater discharge standards.

The District believes that the low river flow levels set by the OEPA are too low. These flow levels are used to calculate the water quality limits for discharged wastewater.

The OEPA gave us a schedule for compliance with the new standards which need to be implemented by 1991. We are conducting the study of Southerly's effluent metals toxicity to support revising the standards. We are also studying the toxicity of the river and treatment plant effluent. Samples of the river and effluent are taken and lab technicians add fathead minnows and other water species to observe how well they survive and reproduce.

We are also determining toxic limits for various metals the OEPA monitors. Unlike the "artificial" environment created in the OEPA laboratory, the study uses actual effluent, "spiked" with one of the metals. The minnows and water species are added and observed. In this way, we plan to determine at what level metals become harmful.

Part of the study involves a chemical analysis of the river using data from the State of Ohio to compare the river's current chemistry over time and at high and low water flows. This is just another way we work with the community to protect our environment and the water around us.



FRANCIS TESAR DEAN THURMAN ANTHONY TICCHIONE TIMOTHY TIGUE RUSSELL TISCHER MARK TOMARO JEROME TOMASHESKI JOHN TRAFFIS STEFAN TRIFL IAMES TUBERO ROBERT TUCKER TERRENCE TURK YVETTE TURNER DONALD TUTOLO DENNIS TYBURSKI GEORGE UHL THOMAS ULRICH BRIAN VACCHER OLIVER VACCHER DONALD VANDRASIK ALFRED VASIL CHARLES VASULKA DAVID VAUGHN PATRICK VELOTTA WILLIAM WAITE LLOYD WALDEN ROBBIN WALKER REGIS WALLACE WAYNE WALTERS JOHN WARD KENNETH WARD TOIVO WARGELIN IAMES WARGO ROSEMARY WASHINGTON JAMES WATKINS ANTHONY WATROBA DONALD WEBER IAMES WERER THOMAS WEBSTER RAYMOND WEEDEN SANDRA WEEDEN REGINALD WEEMS JOHN WEGAS ROBERT WEIGAND RONALD WEIZER CHARLES WELLMAN PATRICK WESLEY JESSE WETULA SVEN WIBERG PHILLIP WIENCLAW THOMAS WILD ALFRED WILLIAMS COLANDERS WILLIAMS CYNTHIA WILLIAMS JOSEPH WILLIAMS ROBERT WILLIAMS SEDALIA WILLIAMS SIDNEY WILLIAMS TRUZELLER WILLIS JAY WILSON MARY WILSON WILLIAM WILSON CHANDA WIMBS CHARLES WINEMILLER THOMAS WOHLFEIL

Operations

The operation of a wastewater treatment plant is an expensive endeavor. Operations is the largest department and has the largest budget. The personnel costs alone total 28 percent of the budget while 12 percent is used for utilities. One of the department's goals is to reduce operating costs. Each treatment plant was given the task of evaluating its operation and looking for ways to reduce costs.

Southerly Saves by Switching Solids Processing

One of our largest savings over the year resulted from the closing of the activated sludge thickening facility at Southerly. This facility is used to remove water from solids. It was possible to close this unit by diverting the sludge to the gravity thickeners. When the activated sludge thickening facility was installed, it was the latest in technology. However, it became inefficient due to the amount of energy and time needed to complete the process. By switching over to the gravity thickeners, we received similar results at lower maintenance and operation costs. We saved \$198,705 during 1989 and project a savings of over \$650,000 in 1990.

Southerly also started using ceramic coated rods for the thermal conditioning high pressure pumps instead of plain steel rods. The ceramic coated rods have double the life of the plain steel rods. By using the ceramic rods, our costs have decreased since the rods don't wear as quickly so we replace them less frequently. By using the ceramic rods we will save over \$25,000 annually.

Westerly Finds New Water Source for Savings

Westerly is currently in a transition period. Because of mechanical failure, Westerly has not been operating as designed. We are evaluating the process design. However, this has not stopped us from reducing operating costs.

There are three areas where cost savings were realized. Westerly changed from city water to process water in the incinerator scrubber system. We will save over \$390,000 by using process water. We have been incinerating solids instead of hauling to a landfill. Incineration is a more effective and economical method of sludge disposal. The estimated annual savings for this change is over \$350,000. We also reduced the rate of backwash water flow and the duration of filter backwash without affecting the filter operation. As a result, we saved over \$30,000 by reducing pump operation by 2.5 hours per day.

Outlying Facilities Add to Cost Savings

We decided to use a process similar to Westerly's for potable water at Strongsville "A" and did the preliminary work for the project. Using this method would save Strongsville "A" over \$25,000 a year.

We also combined two plant supervisor positions, one for Strongsville "A" and one for Berea into a plant manager position. This will result in a savings of over \$40,000 a year.

MICHAEL WOLF ANTHONY WOOD JOHN WOOD SABRINA WOODSON LENARD WOOLSEY APRIL WRIGHT HARRY WRIGHT JOHN YENYO BERNARD YORKO KENNETH YOUNG TAMES YUSKO THOMAS ZABLOTNY MOHAMMED ZACHARIAH VICTOR ZADELL TIMOTHY ZAK CATHERINE ZAMBORSKY ROBERT ZAMISKA TALIVALDIS ZARINS GLENN ZAROBELL KURT ZEH APRIL ZELLNER DAVID ZIEMBICKI BETTY ZIGMUND ALFRED ZIMMIE STEPHEN ZYCH

Easterly Staff Reduction Nets Largest Savings

At Easterly we saved close to \$300,000 by reducing the staff. We did not fill positions in non-critical areas when a vacancy occurred. These areas did not need constant monitoring.

By changing the chemicals used for disinfection at Easterly, we plan to save close to \$50,000 annually. We switched from chlorine to sodium hypochlorite. Hypochlorite is a strong bleach and can be rinsed down if a spill would occur. Using hypochlorite for disinfection is more economical as well as safer.

Easterly became the District's central grease disposal facility. We will save over \$32,000 annually by hauling grease from Berea, Strongsville and Westerly to Easterly instead of to a landfill. We are now only paying for hauling the grease and not for the disposal in a landfill. In 1990, we plan to haul Southerly's grease to Easterly which will increase the savings.

Award Winning Plant Performance Due to Quality Employees

Though many cost saving changes were implemented during the year, they had no negative effect on the performance of the plants. Our Easterly plant was given the Gold Award by the Association of Metropolitan Sewerage Agencies. The award is given to plants having no permit violations. Three of our plants, Southerly, Strongsville "A" and Berea were given the Silver Award for five or less violations, none of which exceed permit limits by more than 15 percent.

Most of the savings accomplished are due to the caliber of employees who contribute to the plant performance. All our plant superintendents have their Class IV Ohio EPA Wastewater Operator Certification which is Ohio EPA's highest certification for wastewater treatment plant operators. Our plant employees are very knowledgeable in the work they do. This year eight employees on two teams won medals in the Ohio Water Pollution Control Federation Operations Challenge '89. The event involved a one-day competition which tested wastewater treatment knowledge in seven categories. One of the two teams later represented Ohio in National Challenge sponsored by the Water Pollution Control Federation.

At the beginning of the year our former Assistant Chief of Operations Will Baylis was named Chief of Operations replacing Dale Patrick who retired after 15 years of service. Baylis has received numerous promotions in the Operations department since he began his career as a wastewater operator in 1969.

Superintendent of Small Stations Charles Johnson was awarded the Dean Stewart Award during the Ohio Water Pollution Control Federation's Annual Meeting. This award is given annually for the most outstanding proficiency in wastewater treatment plant operation in Ohio.

1989 Wastewater Treatment Plant Operating Statistics

Location Type of Plant **Number of Personnel Plant Design Capacity Total Wastewater Treated Total Sludge Pumped to Southerly** 1989 Operating Cost **Effluent Discharge Point**

EASTERLY WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT

14021 Lake Shore Boulevard, Cleveland

Primary and Secondary Treatment (Activated Sludge, Step Aeration)

155 mgd dry weather 51.1 billion gallons

656.8 million gallons

\$4,021,255

Lake Erie

Location Type of Plant

Number of Personnel **Plant Design Capacity Total Wastewater Treated** Total Sludge Filter Cake Processed **Total Sludge Incinerated** Total Sludge Hauled to Landfill 1989 Operating Cost **Effluent Discharge Point**

SOUTHERLY WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT

6000 Canal Road, Cuyahoga Heights

Primary and Secondary Treatment (Two-stage Activated Sludge) with Effluent Filtration and Solids Handling

175 mgd dry weather

47.0 billion gallons

115,998 wet tons*

102,493 wet tons

13.505 wet tons

\$16,716,292

Cuyahoga River

11.7 billion gallons

25,401 wet tons

8,272 wet tons

17,129 wet tons

 Includes sludge from Easterly, Strongsville "A" and Berea

WESTERLY WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT

Location 5800 West Memorial Shoreway, Cleveland

Type of Plant Primary and Advanced Treatment (Physical-Chemical) and Solids Handling

Number of Personnel 50 mgd dry weather

Plant Design Capacity Total Wastewater Treated

Total Sludge Centrifuge Cake Processed

Total Sludge Incinerated

Total Sludge Hauled to Landfill

1989 Operating Cost

Effluent Discharge Point

1989 Operating Cost **Effluent Discharge Point**

Plant Design Capacity

for Further Processing

Effluent Discharge Point

1989 Operating Cost

Total Wastewater Treated

Total Sludge Hauled to Southerly

\$8,239,206

STRONGSVILLE "A" WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT

Location Type of Plant **Number of Personnel Plant Design Capacity Total Wastewater Treated** Total Sludge Filter Cake Processed and Hauled to Southerly 22707 Sprague Road, Strongsville Conventional Activated Sludge and Solids Handling

2.6 mgd dry weather 1.2 billion gallons

5.982 wet tons

Blodgett Creek (tributary to West Branch of Rocky River)

BEREA WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT

Location 400 Barrett Road, Berea Type of Plant **Number of Personnel**

Primary and Secondary Treatment (Contact Stabilization)

3.0 mgd dry weather

1.0 billion gallons 6.1 million gallons

\$594,456

East Branch of Rocky River

EASTERLY WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT

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NPDES PERMIT PARA-**METERS** LIMITS JAN. FEB. MAR. APR. MAY JUN. JUL. AUG. SEP. OCT. NOV. DEC. CBOD 15 4 3 5 5 5 TSS 20 10 10 7 11 13 6 PHOS. 1.0 .66 .76 .82 .54 .49 .56 .74 .81 .54 .58

1989 Plant Performance Data (in milligrams per liter)

PARA- METERS	NPDES PERMIT LIMITS	SOUTHERLY WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT												
		JAN.	FEB.	MAR.	APR.	MAY	JUN.	JUL.	AUG.	SEP.	ост.	NOV.	DEC.	
CBOD	10 summer 16 winter	2	3	3	2	2	2	1	1	2	2	2	3	
TSS	16	3	3	3	3	2	2	2	2	2	2	3	3	
PHOS.	1.0	.65	.82	.83	.66	.60	.63	.82	.85	.86	.78	.44	.45	

WESTERLY WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT

PARA- METERS	NPDES PERMIT LIMITS	JAN.	FEB.	MAR.	APR.	MAY	JUN.	JUL.	AUG.	SEP.	ост.	NOV.	DEC.
BOD	20	16	22	39	28	28	30	31	45	49	54	57	45
TSS	20	11	13	18	16	12	12	12	12	8	9	18	17
PHOS.	1.0	.55	.67	.74	.71	.70	.63	.68	.53	.48	.60	.56	.54

STRONGSVILLE "A" WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT JAN. FEB. MAR. APR. MAY JUN. JUL. AUG. SEP. OCT. NOV. DEC. 17 14 16 16 13 14 15 13 13 21 23

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Phosphorus

BEREA WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT

.75 .60

PARA- METERS	NPDES PERMIT LIMITS	JAN.	FEB.	MAR.	APR.	MAY	JUN.	JUL.	AUG.	SEP.	ост.	NOV.	DEC
BOD	21	15	17	18	15	12	10	6	11	8	11	13	15
TSS	24	10	10	9	10	7	10	8	6	5	4	10	9
PHOS.	1.0	.67	.68	.75	.74	.75	.69	.81	.82	.68	.66	.53	.59
NPDES	Nationa	National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System							Т	otal Susp	ended S	olids	

Biochemical Oxygen Demand BOD

NPDES

PERMIT LIMITS

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1.0

.71 .76

.60

.69

PARA-

METERS

BOD

TSS

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Carbonaceous Biochemical Oxygen Demand

