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ANNUAL REPORT TO THE TOWNSHIPS AND VILLAGES 2010

The Board and Staff of LORCO continued the progress made in 2009 and moved forward with construction of the Eaton and Carlisle Township project in 2010. LORCO's construction manager, Avon Lake Municipal Utilities, worked with five different contractors on the ten separate construction contracts to build the collection system in Eaton and Carlisle Townships and install a thirteen mile forced main to the pollution control center in Avon Lake. Approximately eighty-five percent of the project was completed in 2010.

LORCO began 2010 with two important concerns addressed in January. First, a substantial amount of LORCO's deferred debt was paid down with the OWDA construction loan. This allowed LORCO to move much of the accumulated debt associated with the planning and development of the Phase I project to be transferred to project expenses. The importance of removing the deferred debt to LORCO is significant. First, it allows LORCO to be a stronger organization financially and second, it frees up the organization to pursue new projects in other areas of the county.

January also saw LORCO renew their efforts with developers in the Voluntary Participation Plan (VPP). The policy committee recommended some changes to the VPP program which were adopted by the board of trustees. These changes allowed the VPP program to be more attractive to developers.

In February the executive director was busy working on two areas for the board. First, he met with representatives from South Amherst, The International Real Estate Group (IRG) and the county administrator. The purpose was to renew the efforts of LORCO in the western portion of the county. Improving relationships with the county commissioners was a major goal for LORCO in 2010. The development of a collection system in the western portion of the county continues to be an important issue for LORCO as the organization evolves.

Also, in February the executive director began the process of developing a long term strategic plan for LORCO. Having a road map for progress has allowed LORCO to focus on the importance of developing projects, financial stability and diversity in services. Sound strategic planning will be the key to our long term success.

March began the process of meeting with our member communities. The executive director and I scheduled meetings in all sixteen (16) of our member communities in 2010. The purpose was to first introduce our new executive director, Rob Berner, and second to update our communities on our current efforts. In March we visited; the Village of South Amherst, Grafton Township, Henrietta Township, Huntington Township, Camden Township, Pittsfield Township and Eaton Township.

