

#### **City of Cincinnati**

801 Plum Street Cincinnati, OH 45202

#### Agenda - Final

#### **Neighborhoods Committee**

Chairperson Jan-Michele Lemon Kearney Vice Chair Betsy Sundermann Councilmember Wendell Young Vice-Mayor Christopher Smitherman

Monday, May 24, 2021

11:00 AM

Council Chambers, Room 300

#### **PRESENTATIONS**

#### **GCWW Enhanced Lead Program Update**

Cathy Bailey-Executive Director, Greater Cincinnati Water Works

**Groundwork Ohio River Valley** 

Tanner Yess-Co-Executive Director

**The Queen City Tour of Neighborhoods** 

#### **Madisonville**

Kate Botos, President - Madisonville Community Council

Elishia Chamberlain, Exec. Director- Madisonville Community Urban Redevelopment

**Terry Henry- Madisonville Business Association** 

#### **AGENDA**

1. 202101704 MOTION, submitted by Councilmember Kearney, WE MOVE for the City

Administration to prepare a report on recommendations, including costs, for reducing traffic speed on North Fred Shuttlesworth Circle in North Avondale, in order to protect pedestrians and decrease traffic accidents, especially in the

vicinity of 760 N. Fred Shuttlesworth Cir.

<u>Sponsors:</u> Kearney
<u>Attachments:</u> Motion

2. 202101937 PRESENTATION submitted by Paula Boggs Muething, City Manager, dated

5/24/2021, regarding Attached is the presentation for the GCWW Enhanced

Lead Program Update.

<u>Sponsors:</u> City Manager

**Attachments:** Transmittal

Presentation

**3.** 202001454 ORDINANCE, submitted by Vice Mayor Smitherman, from Andrew Garth,

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Attachments: TRANSMITTAL 202001455

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**5.** 202101709 **REPORT**, dated 5/19/2021, submitted by Paula Boggs Muething, City

Manager, regarding Livingston Street Residential Parking Permit Area. (SEE

REFERENCE DOC #202100950)

**Sponsors:** City Manager

Attachments: Report

**6.** 202102029 MOTION Submitted by Councilmember Kearney, WE MOVE for the City

Administration to work with all pertinent departments to endure the cleaning and removal of dumped litter in the North and South Fairmont neighborhoods,

as well as South Cumminsville.

<u>Sponsors:</u> Kearney

<u>Attachments:</u> <u>Motion</u>

ADJOURNMENT

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Jan-Michele Lemon Kearney
Councilmember

May 6, 2021

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Councilmember Jan-Michele Lemon Kearney



May 24, 2021

202101937

TO: Councilmember Kearney, Neighborhoods Committee Chair

FROM: Paula Boggs Muething, City Manager

SUBJECT: Presentation – GCWW Enhanced Lead Program Update

Attached is the presentation for the GCWW Enhanced Lead Program Update.

cc: Cathy B. Bailey, Executive Director Greater Cincinnati Water Works

### Greater Cincinnati Water Works

Update on Enhanced Lead Program

# Presentation to the Neighborhoods Committee

Cathy Bernardino Bailey, Director May 24, 2021

# Update provided today



- Customer Outreach
- Schools and Child Care Assistance
- Lead Service Line Removal Update
- Lead and Copper Rule Update
- Future Plans

# Safety of Drinking Water remains GCWW's Highest Priority



- World-class treatment facilities
- History of proactive municipal utility
- Always meet or surpass all state and federal standards
  - including Lead and Copper Rule

# **GCWW Compliance Data**

- GCWW has always been below the Action Level
- Some individual homes can still have levels above 15ppb





# Tier 1: Outreach Program

# Tier 1–Outreach Awareness & Education

Website - new and improved!

Social media

651-LEAD - 12,000 calls

Letters - now we also call

Quarterly newsletter

Community council meetings – and targeted small group conversations

Pitcher/faucet lead filter kits

Service line lookup map





# Tier 1: Analyzing Samples for Customers

# **Customer Sampling Stats**

- # Sample kits shipped = 13,595
- # Returned and analyzed = 9321
- % Returned = 69%
- # > 15 ppb = 501
- % > 15 ppb = 5.4%



# Tier 1: Schools and Child Care Assistance

# School Sampling

- School Districts Participating
  - Cincinnati Public Schools = 59 schools
  - Archdiocese of Cincinnati = 30 schools
  - Forest Hills School District = 9 schools
  - Princeton School District = 4 schools
  - Others/ Independent = 7 schools
- Over 14,000 samples analyzed
- 524 (3.6%) > 15 ppb
- Published results, recommendations, and follow-up

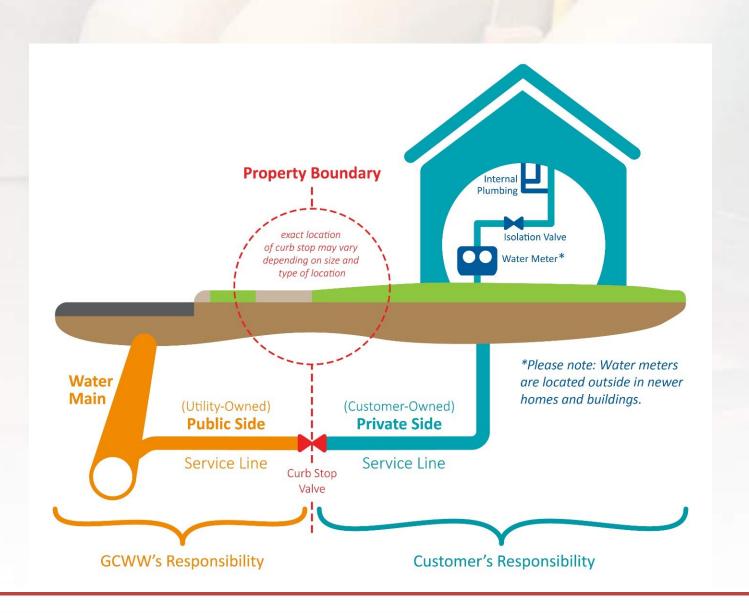
### **Childcare Grant**

- 184 licensed childcare providers with LSLs
- Tier 1 outreach has not been effective
- In 2020, GCWW applied for and received a \$725,000 grant from H2Ohio to replace LSLs at childcare providers
- 84 childcare providers to date have opted in
  - 16 LSL have been replaced
  - 36 are pending replacement date
  - Remainder are in the contract execution process
- Actively working to contact remaining providers



Tier 2 – Lead Service Line Removal

## Review of Public/Private Service Line



# GCWW's Lead Service Line Replacement Program (LSLRP)

- GCWW pays for replacement costs of public side
- GCWW shares private side cost with owner
  - 40% cost share (up to \$1,500)
  - 5 or 10 year interest free special assessment for financing available for balance
- Additional assistance for low-income owners
  - Help Eliminate Lead Pipes (HELP) program
  - Provides additional 30% to qualified owners
  - Funded through donations, cell tower revenue

## GCWW's LSLRP

- 3 ways to participate in program
  - Watermain replacement project property owners provided a cost, contract, and the option to replace
  - Property owner request (one-off)
  - Leak in service line

### GCWW's LSLRP

- Plumbers/Contractors
  - 11 companies pre-qualified for one-off/leak work
  - 12 companies participate through watermain work
- Private side cost Average cost has declined



# LSLRP By the Numbers

Cost to replace line (current avg): \$2400

GCWW Cost sharing (40%): - \$960 (max \$1500)

New balance: \$1440

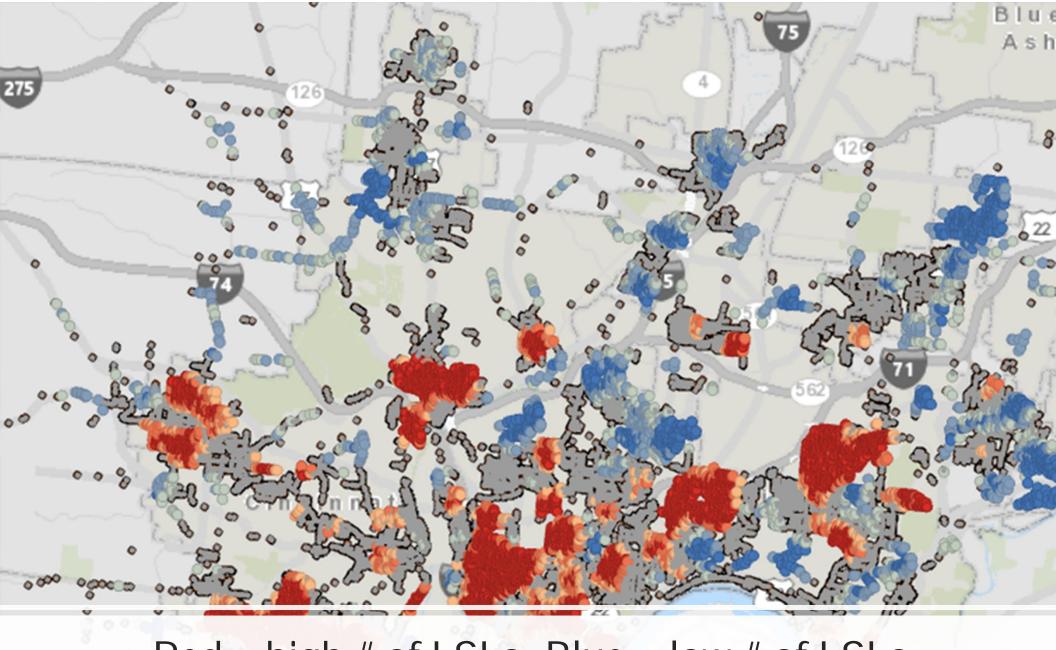
HELP, if qualified (30%): - \$432

New balance: \$1008

- Payback over 10 years: \$100.80/year or \$50.40/6 months or \$8.40/month
- Payback through special assessment on property tax bill
  - Assessment Areas-
    - Cincinnati, Cheviot, Blue Ash, Fairfax, Golf Manor, Silverton, Mt. Healthy, and Deer Park

### **Lead Status**

- First LSL replaced in GCWW program on 2/8/18
- To date:
  - Public LSLs remaining: ~14,000
  - Private LSLs remaining: ~40,000
- Over 2000 private LSLs have been replaced
  - Through GCWW's LSLRP
  - By owner
- 716 properties have assessments
- 448 paid in full

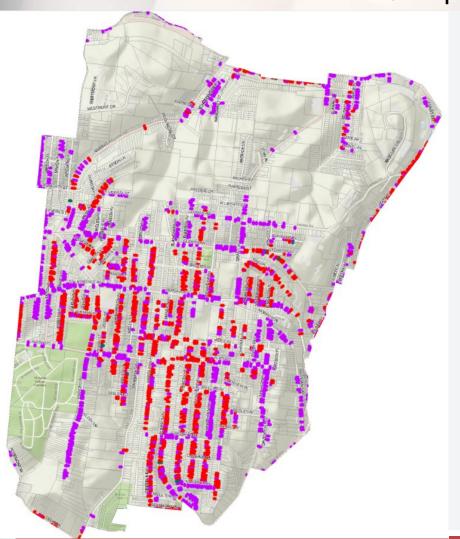


Red = high # of LSLs; Blue = low # of LSLs

# **East Price Hill**

Since 1/1/2016

Public Lead Lines 1680, Replaced 87, Remaining 1593 Private Lead Lines 3204, Replaced 52, Remaining 3152



Demographics: \*Source: De

\*Source: Department of City Planning Statistical Database

- Total Population: 15,340
- Population Under 5: 1,478
- White %: 52
- Black or African American %: 38
- Total Hispanic or Latino Population %: 7
- Owner Occupied Percentage: 35
- Renter Occupied Percentage: 65
- Median Household Income \$: 28,425.00
- Poverty %: 35

# Hyde Park

Since 1/1/2016

Public Lead Lines 992, Replaced 33, Remaining 959 Private Lead Lines 2702, Replaced 43, Remaining 2659



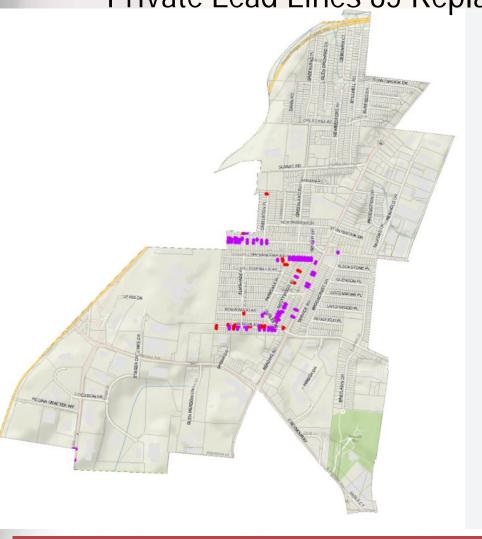
Demographics: \*Source: Department of City Planning Statistical Database

- Total Population: 13,356
- Population Under 5: 769
- White %: 91
- Black or African American %: 3
- Total Hispanic or Latino Population %: 2
- Owner Occupied Percentage: 53
- Renter Occupied Percentage: 47
- Median Household Income \$: 74,053.00
- Poverty %: 3

# Roselawn

Since 1/1/2016

Public Lead Lines 20, Replaced 0, Remaining 20 Private Lead Lines 85 Replaced 0, Remaining 85



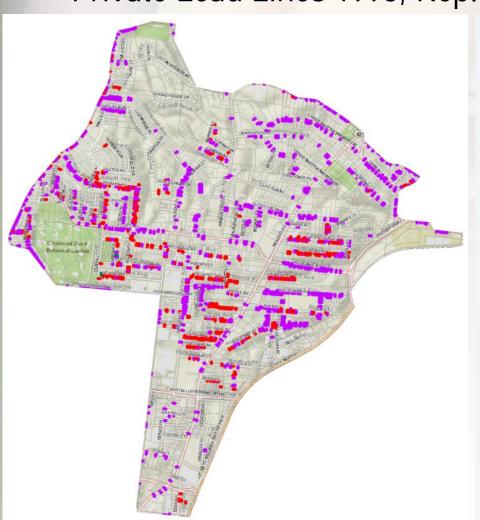
Demographics: \*Source: Department of City Planning Statistical Database

- Total Population: 6,440
- Population Under 5: 392
- White %: 11
- Black or African American %: 86
- Total Hispanic or Latino Population %: 1
- Owner Occupied Percentage: 33
- Renter Occupied Percentage: 67
- Median Household Income \$: 28,535.00
- Poverty %: 21

# Avondale

Since 1/1/2016

Public Lead Lines 826, Replaced 80, Remaining 746 Private Lead Lines 1993, Replaced 75, Remaining 1918



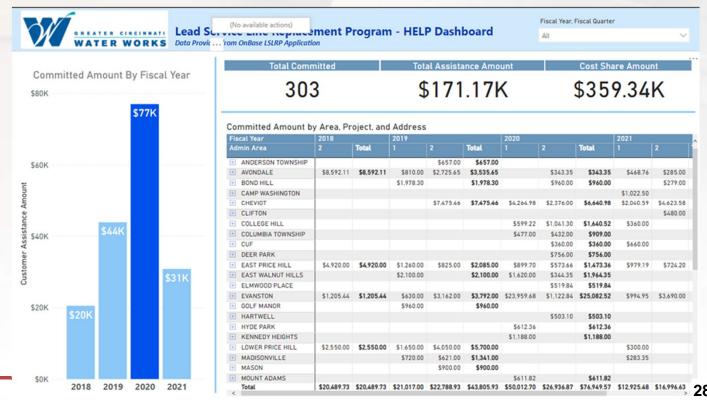
Demographics:

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- Total Population: 12,466
- Population Under 5: 948
- White %: 7
- Black or African American %: 89
- Total Hispanic or Latino Population %: 1
- Owner Occupied Percentage: 24
- Renter Occupied Percentage: 76
- Median Household Income \$: 18,120.00
- Poverty %: 36

# **HELP Program**

- Over 300 customers have been approved for HELP
- Over \$170,000 has been committed
- Average award/customer = \$565





Lead & Copper Rule (LCR) Update

# Lead and Copper Rule

- Originally promulgated in 1991
- Control of lead in customer drinking water through corrosion control treatment
- Sampling at customer taps to ensure treatment is working
- Little incentive to replace lead lines

## Need for Change

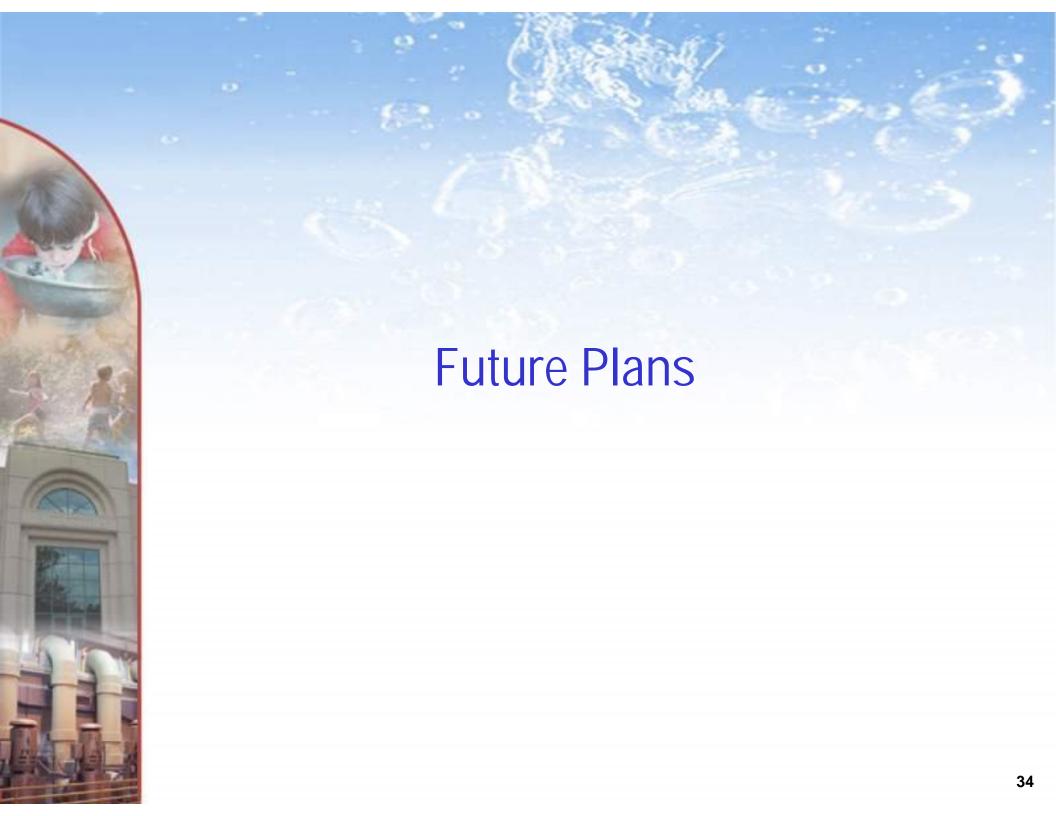
- Realization of lead impacts at extremely low levels
- As long as the sources of lead exist, real chance of lead getting into water
- Lead lines are the primary source of lead in water
- Very significant number of lead lines still in use

### Revised LCR

- Published November 2020
- Focuses on removing lead while maintaining treatment
- Stricter sampling requirements will trigger replacements
- Develop inventory of where lines are
- Increase public outreach
- Required sampling of schools and childcares
- LSL removal plan must be developed
- Rule is currently under review

## LSL Removal Plan

- Due by 2024
- Must identify where lines are
- Identify how a utility will replace LSLs
- Develop prioritization programs
- Identify how to pay for replacement
- Identify a "funding strategy for conducting lead service line replacements which considers ways to accommodate customers that are unable to pay to replace the portion they own"



# Low Income Principal Forgiveness Loan

- GCWW applied for \$1,000,000 principal forgiveness loan from Ohio EPA
- Funds will be used as a grant for LSL replacement for low-income property owners
- Could assist several hundred homeowners
- GCWW posting a Request for Qualifications for qualified plumbers to be certified to the list to work on this program

## Prepare for LCR Revisions

- Reduce # of service lines of "unknown" material
- Study impacts of new treatment (may be required)
- Evaluate current LSLRP and determine changes needed to comply with rule requirements
- GCWW likely triggered into mandatory replacement
- Cost is biggest barrier to LSL replacement
- Evaluate funding needs to support new rule
- Compliance could start as early as 2024
- Rule currently under review

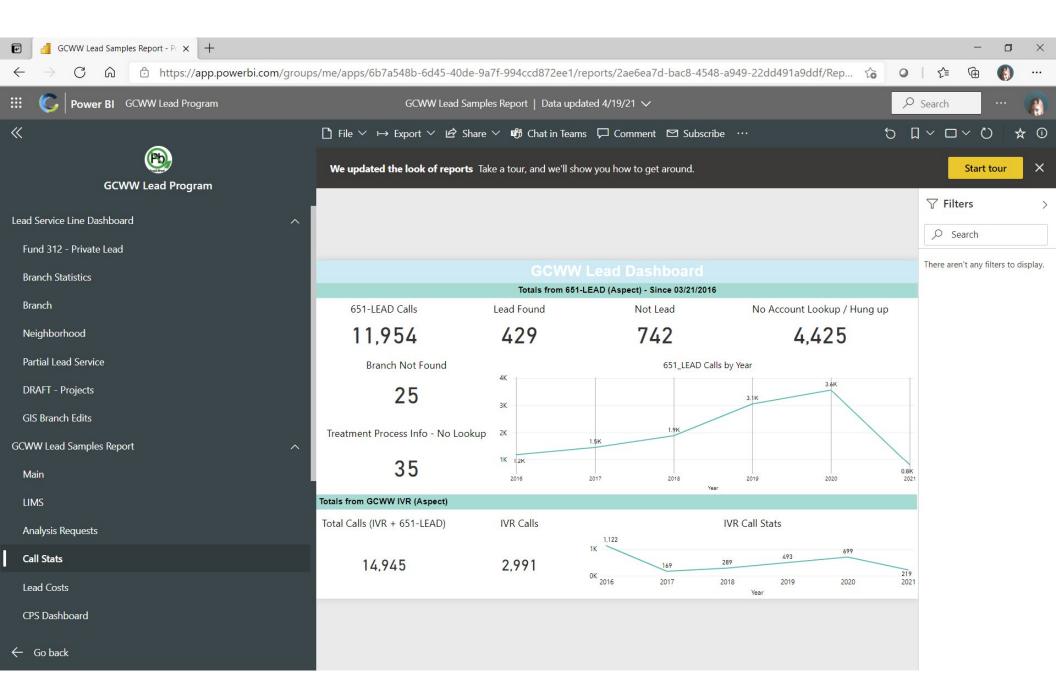
# Study Plans from Other Systems

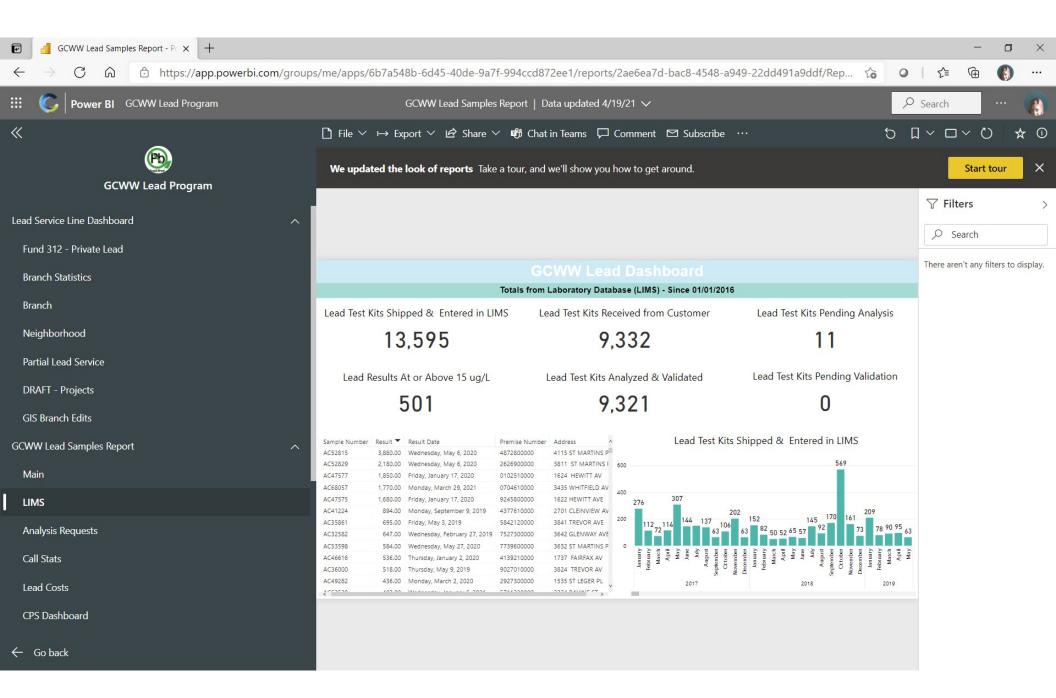
Water System	Amount of Private Side Cost Share Source of Funds		
Green Bay, WI	Utility reimburses homeowners 100%	State grants	
Louisville, KY	Utility reimburses homeowners 50%	Rates	
Cleveland, OH	Utility pays 100% on Main Replacement Projects	Rates	
Detroit	Utility pays 100%	Rates and some state grant funds	
Ann Arbor, MI	Utility pays 100%	Rates	
Pittsburgh, PA	Utility pays 100%	State loans repaid through rates	
Indiana - American Water	Litility pays 100%	Rates	
(27 systems in Indiana)	Utility pays 100%		
Indianapolis, IN	Utility pays 100%	Rates	
Denver, CO	Utility pays 100%	Rates	
Washington DC	Utility pays 100% on Main Replacement Projects	Grant from City through tax fund	
Newark, NJ	Hility pays 100%	Some grants and state loans	
	Utility pays 100%	repaid through rates	
Philadelphia, PA	Utility pays 100% on Main Replacement Projects	Rates	
Northern Kentucky	Drogram in dayalanmant	NA	
Water District	Program in development		
Boston, MA	Utility pays up to \$4000,	Rates	
	5 year interest free loan for balance		

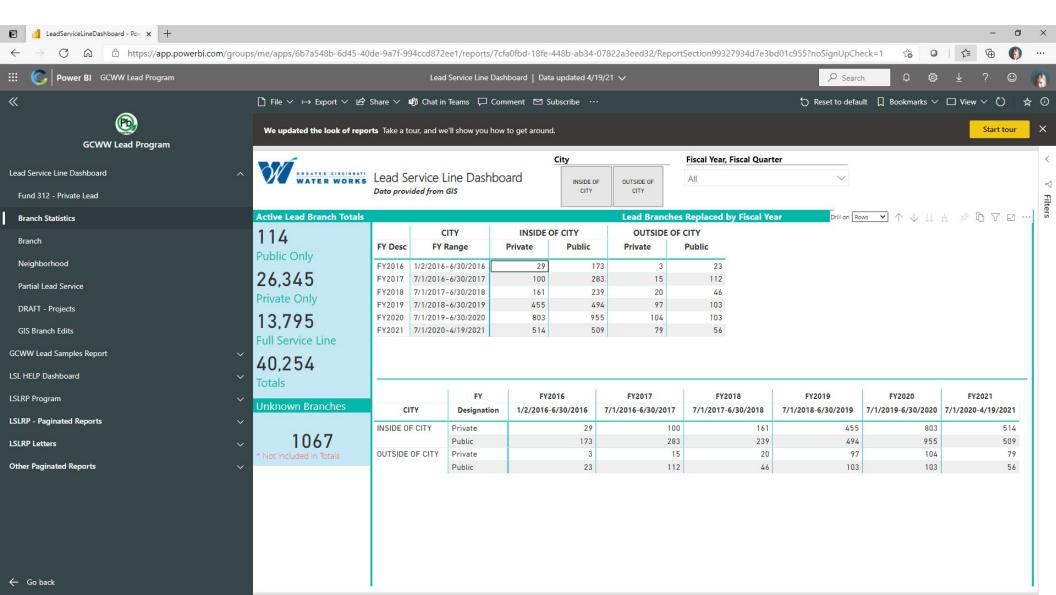
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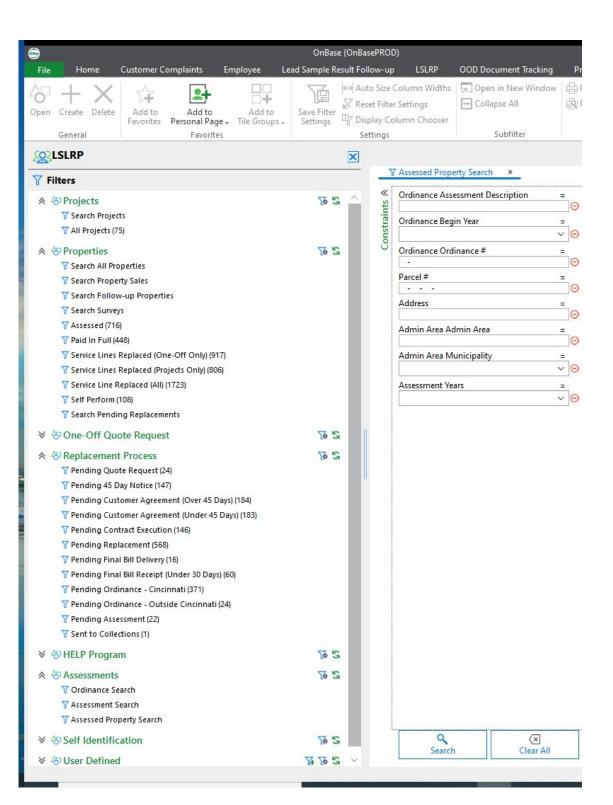
Social Media/Website	Handle/Name	
Facebook	Greater Cincinnati Water Works	
Facebook-Director	Cathy B. Bailey	
Twitter	@CincinnatiWater	
Twitter-Director	@1stLadyofWater	
Lead Website	Lead.myGCWW.org	

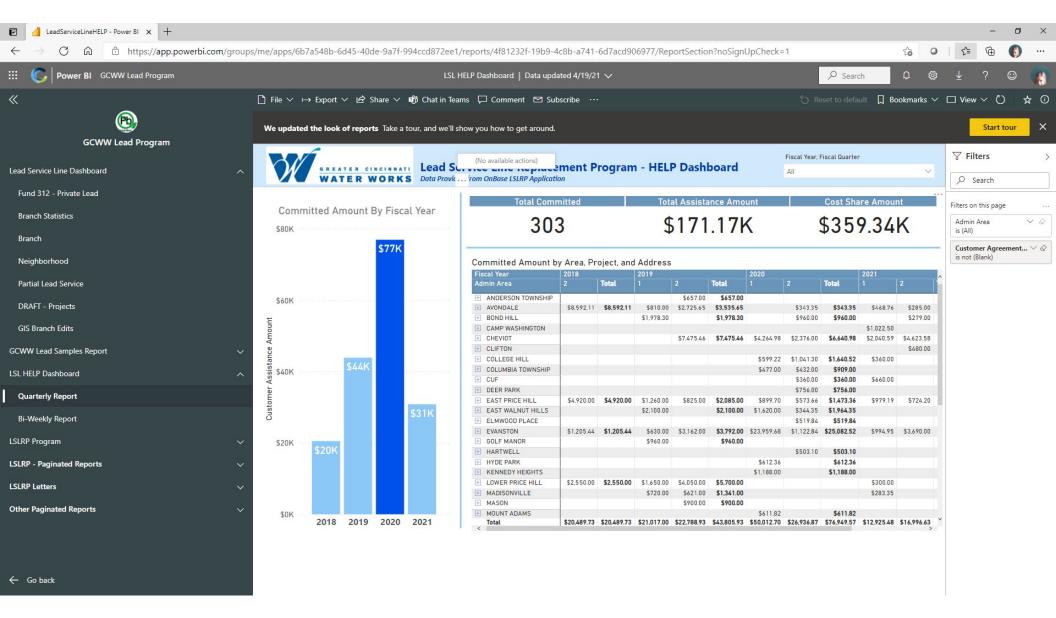
**Supporting documentation** 













Date: September 3, 2020

To:

Vice Mayor Christopher Smitherman

From:

Andrew W. Garth, Interim City Solicitor

Subject:

Ordinance - Honorary Street Name Officer Dennis Bennington

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AWG/CFG/(lnk) Attachment 318970

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### An Ordinance No.

- 2020

**DECLARING** that Oak Street at May Street shall hereby receive the honorary, secondary name of Bennington-Seiffert Memorial Way, in memory of Cincinnati Police Officer Dennis Bennington and in recognition of his service to the City of Cincinnati.

WHEREAS, Officer Dennis Bennington was born on June 18, 1951 to parents Ruth and Robert Bennington; and

WHEREAS, while attending the University of Cincinnati in 1969, Officer Bennington joined the Cincinnati Police Department as a Police Cadet, and was promoted to Police Recruit in 1972; and

WHEREAS, in 1973, Officer Bennington earned an associate degree from the University of Cincinnati, graduating 14<sup>th</sup> in his class; and

WHEREAS, Officer Bennington then was promoted to Patrolman, issued Badge 82, and assigned to District 6; and

WHEREAS, in 1978, Officer Bennington was assigned to a Robbery Task Force, a position usually reserved for the most exceptional officers, to focus on the annual increase in robbery offenses occurring between Thanksgiving and Christmas; and

WHEREAS, during Officer Bennington's 9½ years on the police force, he worked at Districts 4, 6, and 7 as well as Central Station (City Jail at City Hall), receiving six letters of appreciation and commendation and three official commendations from the Police Chief or Bureau Commander; and

WHEREAS, Police Chief Lawrence Whalen described Officer Bennington as "an excellent, all-around police officer who needs no supervision"; and

WHEREAS, Officer Bennington was dedicated to his family, marrying his high school sweetheart Linda Godfrey in 1969, and becoming the father of two children, Tina and Tim; and

WHEREAS, in 1977 Officer Bennington was featured in the Cincinnati Enquirer as an avid duck hunter and with his wife and children as a "family of campers"; he also enjoyed softball, fishing, and grilling out with his family, parents, and sister Marilyn; and

WHEREAS, Officer Bennington was kind and giving to all he met – police command staff, fellow officers, civilian staff, and the community, doing everything he could to help anyone in need and thus significantly impacting many lives, then and thereafter; and

WHEREAS, Officer Bennington lost his life in the line of duty on March 6, 1979; now, therefore,

BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the City of Cincinnati, State of Ohio:

Section 1. That Oak Street at May Street shall hereby receive the honorary, secondary name of Bennington-Seiffert Memorial Way by legislative action of the Mayor and City Council in memory of Cincinnati Police Officer Dennis Bennington and in recognition of his service to the City of Cincinnati.

Section 2. That the appropriate City officials are hereby authorized to do all things necessary and proper to implement the provisions of Section 1 herein, including the generation and installation of appropriate secondary street signage, which shall designate Oak Street at May Street as Bennington-Seiffert Memorial Way in accordance with the Department of Transportation and Engineering's procedures relating to street designation and related signage.

Section 3. That a copy of this ordinance be sent to the family of Cincinnati Police Officer Dennis Bennington via the office of Councilmember Christopher Smitherman.

Section 4. That this ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

Passed:	, 2020		
		John Cranley, Mayor	
Attest:	<u> </u>		



Date: September 3, 2020

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Vice Mayor Christopher Smitherman

From:

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WHEREAS, while attending Glassboro State College in 1967, Officer Seiffert joined the United States Army; and

WHEREAS, Officer Seiffert was shot down twice as a helicopter pilot in the Vietnam War, once being wounded, for which service he was awarded a Purple Heart and a Silver Star; and

WHEREAS, on February 28, 1971, Officer Seiffert joined the Cincinnati Police Department as a Police Recruit, and was promoted to Patrolman on June 27, 1971, issued Badge 735, and assigned to District 4; and

WHEREAS, in 1978 Officer Seiffert was assigned to the Robbery Task Force, a position usually reserved for the most exceptional officers, to focus on the annual increase in robbery offenses occurring between Thanksgiving and Christmas; and

WHEREAS, as of March 1979, Officer Seiffert had served eleven years on the police force and received five letters of appreciation and/or commendation; and

WHEREAS, Police Chief Lawrence Whalen described Officer Seiffert as "an outstanding officer in all respects, extremely knowledgeable, and looked upon by younger, less experienced officers for guidance"; and

WHEREAS, Officer Seiffert was a skilled athlete, earning a silver medal in racquetball in the Ohio Police Olympics; and

WHEREAS, Officer Seiffert coached the sixth- and seventh-grade St. Aloysius Gonzaga soccer team, and further served his church as a religious education leader and baptismal program participant; and

WHEREAS, Officer Seiffert loved his wife, Janet Margaret Schutte, whom he married in 1971, and his children, Laura, Heather, and Robby, born in their eight years of marriage; and

WHEREAS, Officer Seiffert spent much time with the neighborhood's children, who would always congregate in and near his yard; and

WHEREAS, his neighbors characterized Officer Seiffert as a good and loving father, with a strong religious faith, thereby significantly impacting many lives, then and thereafter; and

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		John Cranley, Mayor	
Attest:	Clerk		



May 19, 2021

To: Mayor and Members of City Council 202101709

From: Paula Boggs Muething, City Manager

Subject: Livingston Street Residential Parking Permit Area

#### Reference Document #202100950

On March 15, 2021, the Neighborhoods Committee referred the following item for a report.

MOTION, submitted by Councilmember Sundermann and Mann, WE MOVE the Administration prepare a report on the feasibility of creating a Residential Parking Permit Area on Livingston Street in the West End. (STATEMENT ATTACHED)

This report summarizes an assessment by the Department of Transportation and Engineering (DOTE) of the feasibility of a Residential Parking Permit (RPP) program along Livingston Street in the West End neighborhood.

A residential parking permit program application requires a written request from a recognized community group, such as the West End Community Council or sub-affiliate. Within the request, the West End Community Council should include suggested boundaries of the RPP area and a copy of a circulated petition with the desired hours and days of enforcement. Only one signature is allowed per household. Each unit in an apartment building is considered a separate household. Vacant parcels are not included in the petition process. To move forward, DOTE requires that 60% of the households within the borders are in favor of the RPP program.

After the petition has been validated by DOTE, two parking studies are conducted to determine if a minimum of 75% of the legal parking spaces are occupied. In the block between Baymiller Street and Linn Street, there are 35 legal parking spaces; 27 of those legal parking spaces will need to be occupied at the time of the study to meet the minimum requirement.

Once these requirements are satisfied, an ordinance must be passed by City Council to establish the RPP. Once established, a maximum of two resident permits and one visitor pass can be purchased per household. Enforcement of a RPP is the responsibility of the City Parking Division.

#### **SUMMARY**

DOTE has determined that a RPP program for Livingston Street is a feasible option for the residents and the West End community. Once the application from the community group is completed, the petition solicited, and the parking study completed, Council can pass an ordinance establishing the program.

It is important to note that Cincinnati Police District One and DOTE are working on a temporary closure of a portion of Livingston Street between Baymiller and the west side of Werner Street. This temporary closure is in response to criminal activity and nuisance behavior along Livingston Street and is intended to limit access to the area. Residents will continue to have access on the street and the temporary closure will not impact DOTE's ability to conduct a parking study. In the event that a RPP is implemented, the temporary barriers would be removed.

cc: John S. Brazina, Director, Transportation and Engineering

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Jan-Michele Lemon Kearney Councilmember

#### **MOTION**

WE MOVE for the City Administration to work with all pertinent departments to ensure the cleaning and removal of dumped litter and debris in the North and South Fairmount neighborhoods, as well as South Cumminsville.

We FURTHER MOVE that the Administration make recommendations for lighting, cameras and/or other remediation to stop the dumping and trash disposal on Faraday Road that stretches from the Villages at Roll Hill to South Cumminsville.

Councilmember Jan-Michele Lemon Kearney

Councilmember Betsy Sundermann

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