



## Understanding Regional Water: The Northwestern Water & Sewer District (The District)

The District has been involved in regional water discussions with the City of Toledo and the other entities that purchase Toledo water including the cities of Maumee, Sylvania, Perrysburg, Fulton County, Lucas County, Monroe County, Michigan, and the Village of Whitehouse.

The District and these entities signed [Toledo Area Water Authority \(TAWA\) Memorandum of Understanding](#) on January 31, 2018.

Similar to council presentations by TAWA partners, The District is presenting information for its 6,500 customers with who receive Toledo water including Rossford, portions of Northwood, Walbridge, Lake Township, Perrysburg Township, and Troy Township.



- **Governance Structure – Board of Trustees**  
**7 Members**  
2 members: City of Toledo | 1 Member: Lucas Co. | 1 Member: Sylvania, Maumee & Whitehouse | 1 Member: Fulton Co. & The District | 1 Member: Monroe Co., Michigan
- **Supermajority Voting: (5/7)**  
Board to appoint Executive Director | Approve acquisition or lease of water utility facility | Approve rates, fees and set rate setting protocol | Approve annual operating budget,
- **Financial Terms & Practices**  
Rate Setting | Lead Mitigation | Water Assistance | Labor Agreement
- **Human Resources** - TAWA successor to represented member staff | Negotiate to establish collective bargaining agreements
- **Utility Best Management Practices**
- The TAWA Agreement continues to develop positively, if all entities agree and are supported by their respective legislative entities.



- The District, Perrysburg, and Maumee have a potential cost effective option to Toledo water if developed jointly with a City of Bowling Green water treatment plant expansion.
- The City of Bowling Green would still own, operate and maintain the facility. Bowling Green is has been pro-regional in its wholesale agreements
- With the Bowling Green Alternative, there could be limitations on large volume for future prospective water users and water treatment plant capacity when compared to Toledo.
- The economic benefits of the Bowling Green connection would need to be recalculated if The District – Perrysburg – Maumee cooperative purchase is modified by one or more of the entities determining reduced interest.

**NEXT STEP: The TAWA group has set March 15, 2018 as the date to proceed with the MOU and petition the court to form the new district/authority.**