

Section 1 – Executive Summary

Winchester Municipal Utilities (WMU) and the City of Winchester (City) finalized the Consent Decree with the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) in April 2007 for violations of the Clean Water Act that included 27 documented recurring Sanitary Sewer Overflow (SSO) locations. In accordance with Section VI, Remedial Measures, Item B, cMOM Programs, paragraph 28b, Acquisition Consideration Program, the Consent Decree requires the City and WMU to develop, submit, finalize, and implement plans for the continued improvement of the wastewater collection and transmission system and the wastewater treatment plant.

WMU, through the WMU Commission, has set its mission to:

- Improve water, wastewater, and solid waste services provided by WMU to its customers through a continual program of infrastructure renewal and upgrade
- Provide such services in a cost-effective manner
- Accommodate growth as approved by the Winchester/Clark County Planning Commission
- Comply with all regulations as promulgated by regulatory agencies
- Comply with all requirements of the Consent Decree

WMU may accept wastewater from satellite collection systems, either through the connection or direct acquisition of existing systems. The Acquisition Consideration Program will document WMU's procedures for the extension of new collection lines, or acquisition of existing wastewater systems, and provide projections for acquisitions in the foreseeable future.

This document will be reviewed annually by WMU management to ensure all elements are up-to-date and are being implemented as outlined. A review and update log is provided in Appendix A.

WMU is committed to efficiently maintaining and operating its sanitary sewer system to provide the best service possible to its customers in Winchester and Clark County in a cost-effective manner, while complying with requirements set forth in federal and state regulations, and the Consent Decree.