Ohio Environmental Protection Agency

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Ohio EPA Awards Bainbridge Township $75,000.00 in Grant Funding

from H2Ohio Rivers Chloride Reduction Grant Program

COLUMBUS, OH September 15, 2026 – Bainbridge Township was recently awarded $75,000.00 in the fourth round of grant funding by Ohio EPA's H2Ohio Rivers Chloride Reduction Grant Program. This funding will be used for the purchase and installation of a replacement brine-making system.

More than $1 million is being invested to help Ohio communities reduce chloride pollution caused by road salt entering waterways, while maintaining public safety on the roads during harsh winter weather.

The H2Ohio Rivers Program, an expansion of Governor Mike DeWine's 2019 H2Ohio initiative, supports efforts to decrease excessive salt use and encourages communities responsible for winter road maintenance to adopt best management practices. Through this grant program, applicants could request funding for new salt equipment or the construction of salt storage facilities to ease costs for local governments.

"*Safe roads and safe water are equally important, and through this program, we can protect both*," said Governor DeWine. "*By investing in better salt storage and more efficient equipment, we are reducing unnecessary salt use, protecting water quality, and helping taxpayer dollars go further*."

"*These grants are a win for communities, drivers, and Ohio's waterways*," said Ohio EPA Director John Logue. "*Across Ohio, communities continue to invest in the longevity of neighborhoods, and by using this H2Ohio funding and seeing the importance and the difference of using less salt, we collectively are working together to keep our roads and our waterways healthier*."

Ohio EPA is excited about Bainbridge Township's commitment to reducing salt in their community and protecting Ohio's waterways.