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## *Stimulus Funding Dreams Made a Reality For Small Ohio Communities*

Gahanna, OH – 6/11/09 – The race for the federal stimulus funds through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) is over! After months of funding preparation and submittals a list of AARA funded projects was announced on June 8th, 2009. The Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (OEPA) was given \$275 million dollars in principal forgiveness and loan money to distribute to shovel-ready projects throughout the state of Ohio. Though over 1,650 projects were submitted through the recovery.org website, only 332 projects made it to the OEPA's final approval list.

GGC Engineers worked with 13 clients to apply for 17 water and wastewater related projects for ARRA funds. In the end, six of GGC's clients were awarded over \$9 million dollars of the ARRA funding. This was especially great news as many of the communities were low income areas and the projects wouldn't have been able to be constructed without the funding.

GGC and the communities have worked long and hard in a team effort to make the projects a reality and news of the funding has made many of the municipalities' dreams a reality. These projects are not only a great benefit to the community, but also to the regions, as many of the

projects will not only bring a better quality of life to its residents through the new or improved water and wastewater serviced, but will also bring the prospect of development and job growth.

Projects such as the Village of Millersport and Buckeye Lake Waterline have been talked about for over 20 years and the funding will help to bring the two communities together to help strengthen their region. The Coshocton County Fresno Wastewater Collection and System project will affect not only help to keep the workers at a local business employed, but it will also provide sanitary sewer services to over 175 residents in the low income area.

Funding for the projects has been sought through several agencies at both the federal and state levels, as many of the projects were in low income areas and relies on the funding to enable the projects to progress to completion. For many of the projects the ARRA funding will be mixed with other funding from various agencies. GGC Engineers has not only been working with the local officials to design the projects, but has also been working with each of them to apply and obtain money for the design and construction of the projects.

“We are enthused as the funds will do outstanding things for areas that will appreciate the quality of life improvements and job creation,” said Michael S. Carder, GGC Engineers President. “It was truly a team effort,” he said.

GGC Engineers has focused their business on assisting villages, counties, and rural utility districts with funding acquisition and quality engineering, surveying, and construction services for more than twelve years. They have a strong track record with funding, as they have helped more than 90% of their clients obtain funding through various agencies.

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