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## **Aqua Ohio Announces Plans for New Ashtabula Headquarters**

Project represents the first tenant in the Ashtabula City Industrial Park

**ASHTABULA**—Aqua Ohio today announced plans to relocate their Ashtabula operations center to the Ashtabula City Industrial Park at the intersection of State Routes 11 and 531. The footprint of the facility that includes offices meeting space, outdoor storage and both interior and exterior parking will occupy nearly three acres of the roughly 40 acre park.

The 14,000 square foot, building was designed with an eye toward efficiency. It offers features like large windows to take advantage of natural sunlight. When staff does need more light, flipping the switch will activate energy efficient T-5 fixtures.

“We’re glad to be the first tenant in the city’s office park, and look at the move as a recommitment to the community,” said Tony Mancari, Area Manager for Aqua’s Lake Division. “What I’m most excited about is that the move will take us from the edge of our service area to the geographic center of our customers. It will improve our efficiency and shorten our response times for customer service and emergency calls.”

Ashtabula City Manager Jim Timonere said, “We’re absolutely delighted to announce Aqua is our first tenant at the City Industrial Park. With the long history of collaboration between the City and Aqua, they’re a perfect cornerstone-tenant for the park and we’re enthusiastic about others following their lead.”

The bulk of the building is comprised of a pre-engineered steel building with masonry frontage. The design will allow the company to expedite construction allowing for occupancy in the spring of 2015. This is a design-build project by JCI Contractors, Inc., a leading commercial & industrial construction firm headquartered in Ashtabula.

“This is an exciting project to be part of,” said Charlie Borsukoff, a construction manager for JCI Contractors. “We look forward to working with the developers, Aqua and the City of Ashtabula.”

Another advantage of the move includes expanding garage space to nearly double current space. This will allow equipment like excavators to be stored indoors reducing their wear and associated maintenance costs.

Aqua Ohio is the Buckeye State’s largest investor-owned drinking water and wastewater utility and serves about 500,000 Ohioans in 17 counties. Visit [AquaAmerica.com](http://AquaAmerica.com) for more information, or follow Aqua on Facebook at [facebook.com/MyAquaAmerica](https://facebook.com/MyAquaAmerica) and on Twitter at [@MyAquaAmerica](https://twitter.com/MyAquaAmerica).

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