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**Piketon, OH** - A Groundbreaking Ceremony for the Village of Piketon's new \$12M Water Treatment Plant is 2:00PM Wednesday July 12 at the construction site on Piketon Road. Mayor Billy Spencer signed a contract with Piketon-based WAI Construction Group to build the new facility, which will include the installation of ion exchange softeners for removal of water hardness, two 200,000-gallon above ground clearwells, three high service pumps, a new booster pump station, and two water supply wells. The new plant will treat the water using gravity filtration at a capacity of 1 million gallons per day.

"We are making big investments in our infrastructure to provide the highest quality of life possible for our residents and to prepare Piketon for a bright future," Mayor Spencer stated. "The facility's design makes it easy to increase our treatment capacity to 3-4 million gallons per day as our community grows. Piketon is a community on the rise!"

The Village was awarded \$3,994,717 in disadvantaged community principal forgiveness and a \$7,989,433 loan at a rate of zero percent interest from the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency's Water Supply Revolving Loan Account (WSRLA). The Ohio WSRLA disadvantage community program saved the Village roughly \$9,930,000 in interest over the life of the loan. Through thoughtful design and funding, the overall costs for this critical infrastructure project have been greatly reduced. The new plant will be online by July 2025.