

Le-Ax Water District will be replacing its Lowery Road water tower in the coming months. This tank has stood at this location since 1971 to serve the residents of southern Athens and northern Meigs Counties.

The proposed tank will be constructed adjacent to the existing tank and offer the same view that nearby neighbors have seen for the past 51 years. It will be a darker cobalt blue color versus the lighter blue on the existing tank. The height will be the same as the existing, but capacity will increase from 145,000 gallons to 346,000 gallons. The service area of this tank provides drinking water to 785 taps through 75 miles of waterline, which represents Le-Ax's largest service area in terms of miles of waterline. The picture below depicts something similar that will be constructed.



Aquastore Water Tower

The construction cost of the tank will be approximately \$880,000 and be financed through the Ohio EPA's Water Supply Revolving Loan. The Aquastore tank is manufactured in Dekalb, Illinois, from US steel and US materials. These towers are produced using a special process that fuses glass to the steel panels that form the tank walls. This porcelain enamel coating provides an extremely durable finish that never needs painting and provides the lowest life cycle cost of all other available tank designs.

Tank construction would begin sometime next year. The current US steel market delays the manufacturing of the panels by approximately 30 weeks.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding this tank replacement project, please feel free to contact our office at 740-594-0123.