



WAYNE COUNTY  
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**BATDORF WASTEWATER PROJECT**



**IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR  
RESIDENTS AND PROPERTY OWNERS**



June 3, 2011

The Board of Wayne County Commissioners would like to update the residents and property owners of the Batdorf Road/Scenic Heights area regarding the new sanitary sewer system.

Please read the following information so that you can learn more about the sanitary sewer system, its cost, financing, construction timeline and the responsibilities of the property owners. During active construction, a full-time inspector, Dave Whiting, is on-site and may be able to answer additional questions.

Under orders by the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (OEPA) through the Director's Final Findings and Orders, the Wayne County Commissioners are constructing the centralized wastewater system in the Scenic Heights and Batdorf Road area. The Wayne County Health Department will require residents in the Batdorf Service Area to tie on to the new sewer system once construction is complete.

**CONSTRUCTION SCHEDULE**

February, 2011 ..... Began Construction  
September, 2011 ..... Estimated Completion Date  
October, 2011 ..... Estimated Date to Begin Hook-Ups

*Please see attached timeline from G.E. Baker for the detailed construction process*

Notices will be issued to this effect; homeowners will be required to tie on within six (6) months of notification.

**GENERAL INFORMATION**

**WHAT TYPE OF SYSTEM IS BEING BUILT?**

The proposed system is a conventional gravity sewer system. This type of system has been constructed throughout the world for hundreds of years. It consists of pipes which allow sewage to flow downhill to the City of Wooster's treatment plant. A mechanical pump station will be constructed where necessary, to lift the sewage to make up for lack of downhill terrain or to minimize the depth of buried pipe.

**WHAT ABOUT MY EXISTING SEPTIC SYSTEM?**

All contents of the existing septic tank or aerator must be pumped out and disposed according to Ohio EPA/Wayne County Health Department requirements. Only County Health Department licensed septage haulers may be used. A list of these haulers is available from the Wayne County Health Department Environmental Division at (330) 264-2426. The septic tank lid must be crushed and the structure filled with #67 or #8 gravel, sand or ODOT 304. An aerator system must be demolished or removed and disposed of in an acceptable manner. The area must then be graded to restore to original condition. All homeowners or their contractors are responsible for this work.

**WHAT ABOUT SEPARATE SYSTEMS OF TOILETS AND LAUNDRIES (GRAY WATER)?**

The sewer system will collect the same wastewater as the original septic tank. If laundries and showers are not serviced by the septic, they need to be connected to the new sewer system. Any re-plumbing to connect any separate lines will be the responsibility of the homeowner and must be inspected by the City.

**WILL MY BASEMENT BE SERVICED?**

Yes, in most cases. In some situations, it will not be cost effective to construct the main line sewer deep enough to service a basement. In this case, a small grinder pump, supplied by the County, can be used to pump into the system, or the plumbing in the basement can be re-routed.

**CAN SUMP PUMPS OR DOWNSPOUTS BE CONNECTED TO THE SYSTEM?**

No. All existing sources of clean water such as foundation drains, sump pumps or downspouts cannot be connected to the system. These sources must be re-routed or removed from the system at the homeowner's expense.

**WHO WILL MAINTAIN THE SEWER SYSTEM?**

All system components from the connection point at the main line to the treatment plant will be owned and maintained by the City. Maintenance of the lateral line, from the house to the connection point at the main line, is the responsibility of the homeowner.

**COSTS TO PROPERTY OWNERS**

**WHAT IS THE TOTAL ANTICIPATED COST FOR EACH PROPERTY OWNER?**

As a property owner, you will be responsible for four (4) types of cost: (1) on-lot, (2) assessment, (3) city sewer inspection permit and (4) monthly user charge.

**1) ON-LOT COSTS**

Your on-lot costs include emptying and demolishing the existing septic system and installing an on-lot sewer service lateral that connects you to the new sewer lateral at the property line.

The County will be installing your sewer lateral from the sewer main to the edge of the right-of-way in front of your property. Each property owner will need to determine the location of where the sewer lateral will run from the residence or business to the road right-of-way and will be responsible for installing the sewer lateral on their own property.

The City of Wooster's Building and Plumbing Code must be followed on all connections. The new lateral must extend to within three feet of the house foundation unless otherwise approved by the City. The new lateral shall have a minimum pipe diameter of six (6) inches, PVC SDR35, ASTM D3034.

As a property owner, you can either perform the on-lot work yourself or hire a contractor to perform the construction. However, if you qualify for the HUD Community Development Block Grant (CBDG) through the County (see "Financing"), you will be required to have a contractor perform the on-lot construction. Property owners are not required to pay prevailing wage rates. All on-lot work will be inspected by the City of Wooster and must meet all City of Wooster standards.

**2) ASSESSMENT COST**

All lots will be charged an assessment, even if the land is vacant. Per lot assessment costs will be determined once construction costs are totaled. You may pay all of the assessment up front or you may put the assessment on your real estate taxes. You will receive information regarding this process once the project is complete.

**3) INSPECTION PERMIT COST**

A sewer inspection permit must be purchased prior to construction on your property. When you are ready for your connection to be inspected, you must contact the City's Engineering Department or the City Plumbing Inspector at (330) 263-5253. The inspection needs to occur after the line is installed but before the trench is backfilled or the final connection is made. The City needs at least 24 hours notice to schedule the inspection.

**4) MONTHLY USER CHARGE**

The City of Wooster will operate and maintain the system. On the first day of the month following your connection to the main sewer lateral, you will be required to pay a monthly sewer bill to the City of Wooster. Even if you do not reside at the property full-time, bills will be due on a monthly basis, as sewer rates are based on the availability of the sewer service, whether or not that sewer is utilized daily. The rates are established by the City of Wooster.

**FINANCING**

**WHO IS FINANCING THIS PROJECT and HOW WILL THE LOAN BE REPAID?**

Grants have been received by the County from the Ohio Public Works Commission (OPWC) and a grant/loan was approved by USDA Rural Development. Per lot assessments will cover the debt retirement on the loan.

**IS FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE TO PROPERTY OWNERS?**

Homeowners may be eligible for assistance through the USDA Rural Development 504 grants and/or low interest loans (phone number listed below). These programs are by eligibility and do not guarantee assistance.

**CONSTRUCTION**

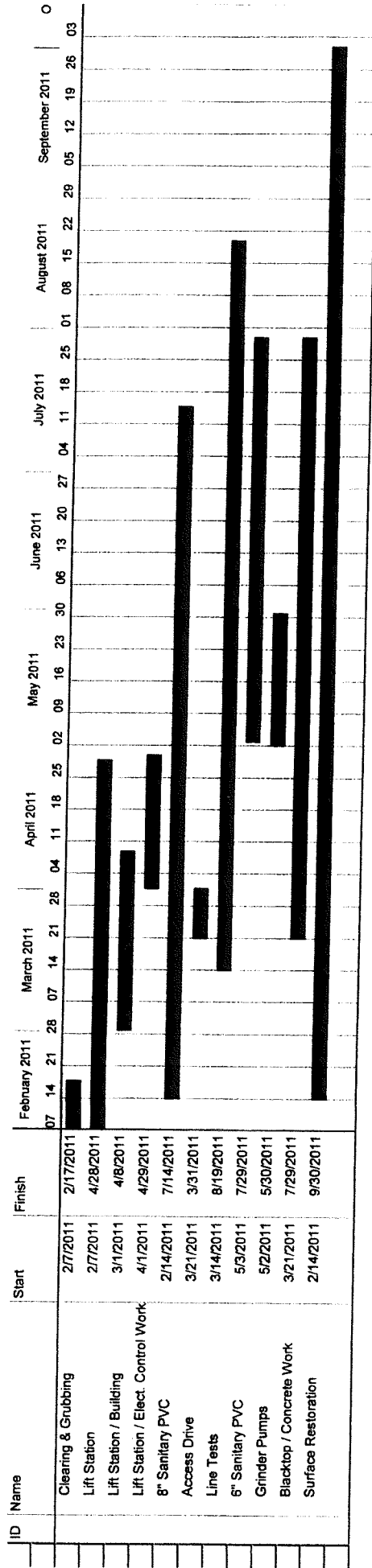
**WILL THE CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTOR REPAIR SITE AND ROAD RESTORATION?**

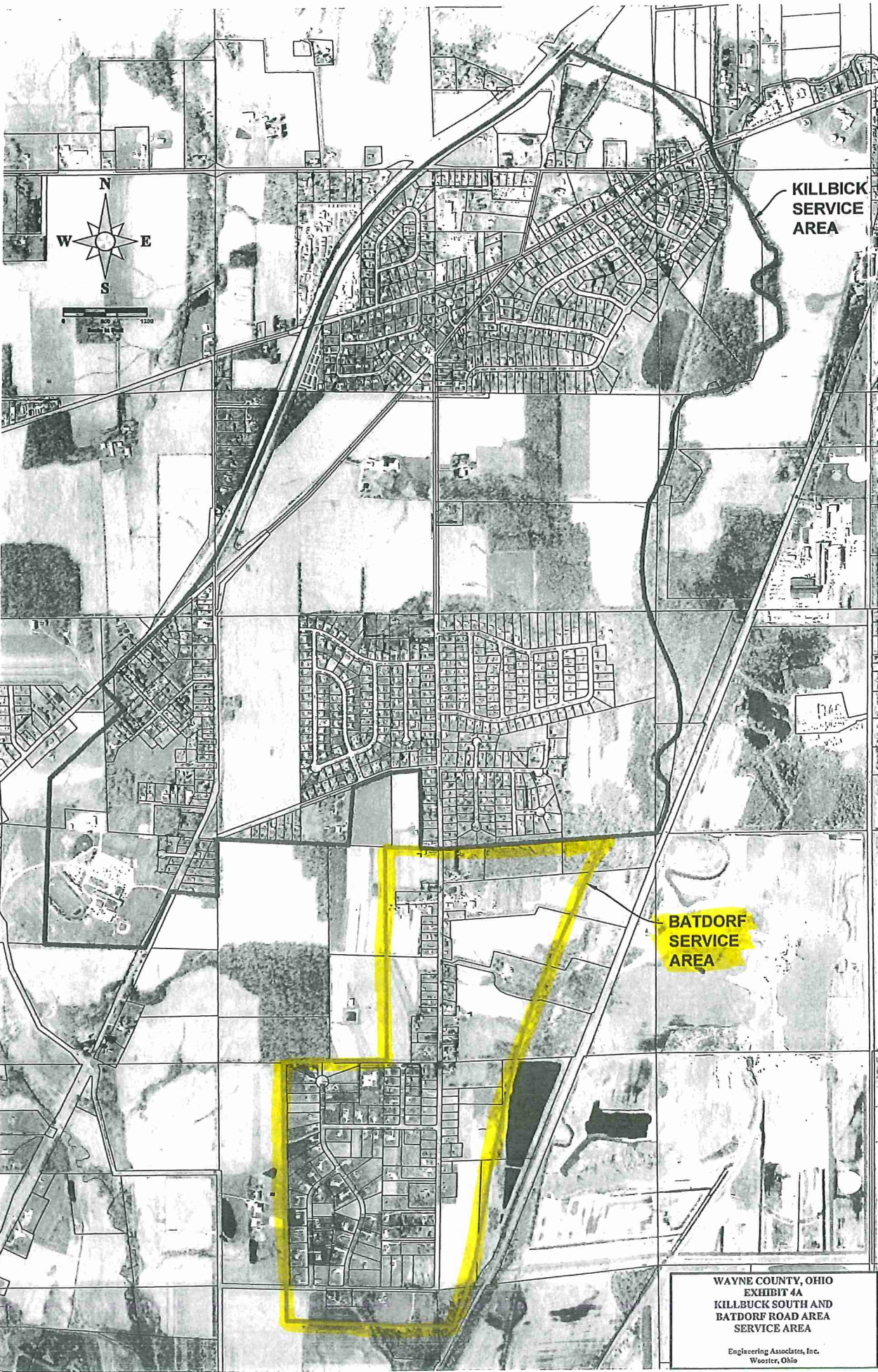
The project construction contractor will be required to restore areas (including lawns and driveways) disturbed by their work efforts on the sewer main line. Individual property owners will be required to restore their properties as a result of their own lateral connection work.

**ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS?**

Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (OEPA).....	(330) 963-1200
Wayne County Commissioners .....	(330)-287-5400
Wayne County Health Department.....	(330) 264-2426
Wayne County Environmental Services .....	(330) 287-5477
G. E. Baker Construction, Inc.....	(330) 264-6626
Engineering Associates.....	(330) 345-6556
City of Wooster.....	(330) 263-5200
USDA Rural Development .....	(330) 830-7700

# Batdorf Rd. Area Wastewater System - G.E. Baker Construction, Inc.





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**WAYNE COUNTY, OHIO  
EXHIBIT 4A  
KILLBUCK SOUTH AND  
BATDORF ROAD AREA  
SERVICE AREA**

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