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COMMISSIONERS**

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***BATDORF ROAD / SCENIC HEIGHTS UPDATE***  
***May 27, 2008***

Dear Wooster Township Residents:

As you are aware, the Wayne County Combined General Health District Board of Health requested the Ohio EPA conduct an Unsafe Water Supply Investigation of the Scenic Heights/ Batdorf Road area in 2006. Ohio EPA's investigation results indicated that the geological setting within the study area is sensitive to ground water contamination from household sewage treatment systems.

In February of 2007, the Ohio EPA issued Findings and Orders to the local political jurisdiction, the Board of Wayne County Commissioners. The Ohio EPA orders mandated the Commissioners to submit a plan that would rectify the environmental concerns of the study area.

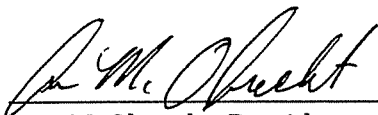
In April of 2007, the Commissioners met with the residents of the affected area to discuss possible solutions and responses to the Ohio EPA's Findings and Orders. The best and lowest cost solution was to install a centralized sewer system that would connect the area to the City of Wooster's sewer system.

This solution was accepted by the Ohio EPA. Currently, the project design portion of the project is being completed. The Commissioners have concurrently sought after Federal and State funding in order to lower the costs to the affected residents.

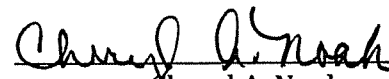
Enclosed with this letter is a Project Information Sheet. This sheet will provide you with the details of the project including estimated costs, grant assistance and the project schedule.

We are pleased with the project progress and we hope that this information keeps you updated about the project's development. Up-to-date information will be posted at the following web site:  
[http://www.wayneohio.org/current\\_projects.php](http://www.wayneohio.org/current_projects.php). You may also call Environmental Services Director Terry West at 330-287-5476 if you have further questions.

Sincerely,

  
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# WAYNE COUNTY, OHIO

## BATDORF ROAD AREA WASTEWATER SYSTEM



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### PROJECT INFORMATION SHEET

MAY 22, 2008

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#### **PROJECT DESCRIPTION**

The project will consist of installing conventional gravity sanitary sewers and a pumping station to transport wastewater to the City of Wooster wastewater system.

#### **AGREEMENT WITH WOOSTER**

- The agreement between Wayne County and the City of Wooster for the City to provide wastewater treatment is still being finalized.
- The City of Wooster will operate and maintain the system after it is installed.

#### **ESTIMATED MONTHLY SEWER RATES**

- \$36.00 per month for residential users

#### **ESTIMATED ASSESSMENT**

- \$7,098.00 per assessment over the 20 year life of the loan to be placed on property tax bill (a low interest rate will be added).
- Homeowner has the option to pay this cost up front.
- This estimate could change based on final project costs and the final number of lots.

#### **ESTIMATED USER COSTS**

- \$3,500 per user
  - Average estimated cost to install a sewer lateral from a house to the road right-of-way and abandon septic tank.
  - Homeowner is responsible for coordinating and paying the independent contractor for the sewer lateral connection.

#### **WHO IS REQUIRED TO CONNECT**

The Ohio EPA has mandated that everyone in the study area must connect, since there is a documented health problem. Furthermore, since the City will operate and maintain the system, everyone must comply with City of Wooster regulations. The City also requires that anyone whose property line is within 100 feet of the sanitary sewer line must connect.

**PROJECT GRANT ASSISTANCE**

The Wayne County Commissioners have prioritized this project with the Ohio Public Works Commission in order to receive a \$500,000 grant. The Commissioners have also applied to The United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) for grant and loan money and the USDA has committed to a grant of \$643,600. The estimated assessment listed above is based on receiving these two grants. The remainder of the project costs will be covered by a USDA loan. The assessments will be used to retire the loan.

**INDIVIDUAL FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE**

- Users with low income may be eligible for individual financial assistance from the USDA funding agency. Meetings will be scheduled in the future with a USDA representative to provide more information.
- The County Commissioners have applied for a \$40,000, fiscal year 2008 Community Development Block Formula Grant to assist qualifying, low to moderate income (LMI) residents to have their septic tanks abandoned and their laterals installed. Once the federal funding has been approved by the State, additional information on this program will be disseminated to the residents.

**ESTIMATED PROJECT SCHEDULE**

Start Project Design.....	November, 2007
Complete Project Design.....	August, 2008
Ohio EPA Approval of Design.....	September, 2008
Environmental Review.....	September – December, 2008
Bid the Project.....	January – February, 2009
Begin Construction.....	March, 2009
Complete Construction.....	December, 2009

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

- Field Crews have most of the existing underground utilities and property pins located and most of the basement elevations taken. Existing flags in your yards can be removed. However, the gas company has not marked their facilities to date. If any new flags appear, please leave them in place for two or three weeks so our crews can locate their facilities.
- Several property owners have been contacted for the purpose of obtaining easements for sewer lines and for the pump station.
- Soil borings will be completed along the proposed sewer lines to determine the type of soils and groundwater conditions present. This information will be provided to contractors for their use in determining construction costs.