



January 3, 2020

Re: The Newtonsville Collection System Assessment (Project No. 6402-60116) and the Newtonsville Wastewater Treatment Plant (6402-60117) Projects – Resolution Determining to Proceed

Dear Property Owner:

During the second Public Hearing for the above referenced projects, held on December 3, 2019 and the five (5) days following, property owners had the opportunity to express support or opposition to the project and convey any other questions or concerns they may have. At the Public Hearing, three property owners spoke directly to the County Commissioners.

The following is a summary of the questions and comments made by the three residents, the information provided at the Public Hearing and additional comments following county review:

Property owner at 812 Wright St. - How will the grants and loans be affected by the Village dissolving?

The grants and loan agreements are with the Board of County Commissioners, Clermont County. They are not affected by the dissolving of the village.

Property owner at 793 Wright St. – my property is a cemetery and I am requesting the county review the footage for this property and its available benefitted footage. The property owner provided copies of the property survey and cemetery layout.

The county confirmed the property's front footage and adjusted its length from 244 feet to 219 feet. The benefitted frontage was adjusted to the minimum 100 feet assessment for the unusable area of the cemetery. The balance of the previous assessment amount for this property is included in the county's contribution. There will be no change to the other assessment amounts.

Property owner at 2828 Cedarville Road – has any future expansion along Cedarville Road been considered.

Due to the strict special funding period and the Ohio EPA's Findings and Orders, we will be unable to add any additional properties to the project at this time. However, The Water Resources Department will contact this owner directly to discuss providing sanitary sewer service to a portion of Cedarville Road as a separate project through the petition process.

The following is a summary of the Comment Sheets and emails received at the Public Hearing and the next five (5) days after the Public Hearing:

The seven (7) lots associated with 104 S. Cross St. and 837 Wright St. have been combined and/or had their boundaries modified into two (2) properties.

The modifications were noted on the revised Assessment Roll. There is no change to the overall assessment amounts for these properties and no change to the other property assessment amounts.

I am against the system going in. I have a working mound system and I cannot afford this new system. I'm low income and cannot afford extra taxes, extra monthly fees ..."

The project has received three million dollars in grant funds. It has also received up to a \$4.218 million dollar loan at 2.25%. There are additional available funding options for low-income residents. A copy of that information was included in the previous mailings and is available on our web site at the following link:

<https://wr.d.clermontcountyohio.gov/2018/03/19/village-of-newtonsville-information/>

As property owners, we are happy that a solution does not involve the holding tanks. We are grateful that the county has devoted so much time working on a solution for the village and thankful for the grant money and low interest loan to lower the cost.

Other Adjustment to the revised Assessment Roll - The total assessment amount of \$4,261,750.00 decreased to equal the USDA/RD loan amount of \$4,218,000.00. This lowers the cost per front footage from \$201.45 to \$200.75. The difference has been included in the county's contribution.

Due to the failing private septic systems, public support, Clermont County General Health District support and the issuance of Finding and Orders by the Ohio EPA, this office will recommend to the Board of County Commissioners to proceed with the construction, operation and maintenance of the Newtonsville Collection System Assessment and Newtonsville Wastewater Treatment Plant Projects. The Resolution, determining to proceed, will be considered by the Board of County Commissioners on or about January 15, 2020. Please check the Boards Agenda on the county's web site for the exact day and time:

<https://bcc.clermontcountyohio.gov/agenda/>

Once approved, this office will commence the easement and land purchase acquisition.

Pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 6117.07:

Any person, firm, or corporation desiring to appeal from the final order or judgment of the board upon any of the questions mentioned in section 6117.09 of the Revised Code shall, on or before the date of the passage of the improvement resolution, give notice in writing of an intention to appeal, specifying therein the matters to be appealed from.

If you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact me at (513) 732-8098 or crowland@clermontcountyohio.gov.

Sincerely,

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