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Summit County to Construct Sanitary Sewers in Village of Clinton

On April 16, 2018, Summit County Executive Shapiro signed legislation passed by Summit County Council to enter into an intergovernmental agreement with the Village of Clinton that will authorize the construction of sanitary sewers to address environmental issues resulting from failing septic systems. The improvement projects will encompass substantial portions of the Village.

Wells and septic systems currently serve the infrastructure needs of the developed portions of the Village of Clinton. However, concerns about failing septic systems have been noted by the Summit County Health Department and the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency. Portions of Clinton are considered high priority “Hot Spots” by the Health Department because of this issue. Mitigating this potential serious health issue by abandoning the septic systems and replacing them with a central sewer system is one of the critical objectives of the proposed sanitary sewer project.

The potential for future residential, commercial, and industrial development will depend heavily on the availability of central sewer service. Clinton’s Comprehensive Plan outlines the need for utilities, particular sanitary sewer, which has been proposed numerous times in the past but has not been considered viable due to the cost of constructing the improvements. Currently the Executive’s Department of Sanitary Sewer Services expects to finance this sanitary sewer

improvement through low interest loans and assess the costs of construction to the properties that benefit from the improvement. The current proposed sanitary sewer improvement will serve approximately 475 residents.

“This sanitary sewer project is essential for not only mitigating environmental health issues, but will also allow for opportunities to plan for wastewater infrastructure, and economic development,” said County Executive Ilene Shapiro. “This collaboration with the Village of Clinton is integrative and will support smart growth development principles and policies of the communities in this area.”

Among the benefits of this plan will be the elimination of 71 existing septic systems in the Luna Lake community, a “Hot Spot” area ranked as a number one priority by the Health Department. An additional 254 septic systems will also be eliminated in areas of Clinton ranked as second priority by the Health Department. A total of approximately 475 parcels in Clinton will ultimately be served by sanitary sewers.

“The Village of Clinton sewer improvement project will benefit residents in multiple ways,” said County Council President John Schmidt. “Construction of sanitary sewer will create an environment that will not only support business development that will enhance land values, it will also enhance local government tax revenues.”

Detailed design for the low pressure sanitary sewer system in Clinton is beginning. Recently, the Village of Clinton Council has signed and approved an Intergovernmental Agreement supporting the project. Summit county Council has also approved the project. Construction is anticipated to begin during 2019.

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