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Summit County to Build New Sanitary Sewer System in the Turkeyfoot Lake Area of New Franklin

On August 20, 2018 Summit County Executive Ilene Shapiro approved and Summit County Council passed legislation that will authorize the County Executive to execute a professional service contract for the Turkeyfoot Lake Sanitary Sewer System Improvements Project, located in the City of New Franklin, District 7.

The Summit County Department of Sanitary Sewer Services (DSSS) has completed a Master Plan and Wastewater Action Plan for a large portion of southwestern Summit County, comprised of the City of New Franklin, the Village of Clinton, and a Southwest portion of the City of Green. The Turkeyfoot Lake Sanitary Sewer System Improvements Project is part of the New Franklin program. There are a number of areas throughout this region that have a high number of failing septic systems, and the lack of a public sanitary sewer system is adversely affecting the development of property within the District 7 area. In building a new sanitary sewer system, DSSS will provide the means to abandon aging and failing septic systems while expanding the service area for future development.

“This sewer system project is essential to the neighborhoods bordering Turkeyfoot Lake,” said Summit County Executive Ilene Shapiro. “By replacing aging septic systems in the area, the new sewer infrastructure will promote future residential, industrial, and commercial growth, as well as enhancing the lake by reducing/eliminating pollution.”

This project consists of designing approximately 44,000 linear feet of sanitary sewers and pump stations to serve approximately 500 sanitary sewer service connections in the neighborhoods bordering Turkeyfoot Lake. DSSS also worked with the City of Barberton to secure the necessary capacity for the treatment of the wastewater flow from this area in the Barberton Wastewater Treatment Facility. This effort eliminated the need to build a new wastewater treatment facility in the City of New Franklin.

“The Turkeyfoot Lake sewer project will be transformational for District 7 residents and businesses,” said District 7 County Council Member Michael Soyars, “This particular project is part of a larger scope of projects within District 7 included in the Summit County Department of Sewer Services Wastewater Action Plan that will promote economic expansion for our future.”

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