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RE: Gomer Sewer Improvement Area - Project Update

Dear Property Owner:

This letter is to serve as an update to the subject project area. The following is a historical accounting of the project:

July 10, 2012 - The Board of County Commissioners received notification from the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (OEPA) that while OEPA was conducting sampling and testing of Pike Run they discovered a health nuisance issue in Gomer. OEPA requested the commissioners submit a letter to OEPA informing the agency how the water quality issues were going to be remediated.

October 9, 2012 - The County responded to OEPA outlining the results of follow-up sampling and testing performed by the County on Pike Run and storm sewer catch basins in the project area to determine if OEPA's findings from their July 10, 2012 letter was valid. The letter also notified OEPA the County plans to conduct additional sampling and testing to obtain a better representation of what is taking place in the area.

August 4, 2014 - The County followed up with OEPA outlining the results of additional sampling and testing mentioned in the October 9, 2012 letter by the County. The letter confirmed that a water quality issue did exist in Gomer. Finally, the letter informed OEPA a study would be completed by a professional engineering firm detailing alternatives and cost to remediate the water quality issues.

April 2015 - The County sent to OEPA a study detailing the alternatives to remediate the water quality issues. The study examined alternatives ranging from constructing a sanitary sewer collection system discharging to a centralized wastewater treatment plant located in Gomer to constructing a collection system that would discharge to the County's American No. 2 Wastewater Treatment Plant located on Diller Road.

Since the completion of the study the County has been researching funding agencies to assist with the cost of the project. We anticipate finishing the funding assistance work by the end of 2016 at which time we will follow-up with an Informational Meeting to the property owners for an update of the project progress.

If you have any questions or are a new property owner to the area feel free to contact our office.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Stephen M. Kayatin".

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