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September 9, 2025

Dear Property Owner:

**NOTICE OF FINAL HEARING ON THE MEHLOW SINGLE COUNTY DITCH,
FILED UNDER OHIO REVISED CODE SECTION 940**

The Ottawa County Commissioners, acting upon the recommendation of the Ottawa County Soil & Water Conservation District as required by the Ohio Revised Code sections 940, will hold a final hearing regarding the proposed drainage improvement **Mehlow Ditch Project**. You are receiving this letter as official notification that your property has been identified as benefitting from this project.

The Board of Ottawa County Commissioners has set October 2, 2025 at 11:00 a.m. at the Ottawa County Commissioners' Assembly Room, 315 Madison Street, Room 103, Port Clinton, Ohio 43452, as the date for the final hearing.

Property owners may file comments on the proposed improvement, exceptions to the estimated assessment, and information on their drainage system in writing before September 25, 2025, or in person at the final hearing. Those who wish to file written comments may send them to the Ottawa County Commissioners, 315 Madison Street, Room 103, Port Clinton, Ohio 43452.

The Ottawa Soil and Water Conservation District applied for an H2Ohio Conservation Ditch Grant to assist with the cost of this project. The Ohio Department of Agriculture reviewed the application and awarded a grant to the Ottawa SWCD. The grant funds will be used to help offset the cost of the project, thereby reducing the amount benefitting property owners will be required to pay. The estimated amount of grant funds to be contributed toward your parcel is provided below.

ESTIMATED ASSESSMENT INFORMATION FOR YOUR PARCEL

Parcel with ID #:

Description of Easement on Your Property:

Estimated Assessment Percentage:

Estimated Assessment Base for the cost of the project: \$

Estimated Grant amount for the cost of the project: \$ -

Estimated net assessment for the cost of the project: \$ - 0 -

10% Maintenance Assessment (property owner responsibility) \$

THIS IS NOT AN INVOICE AND FEES ARE NOT BEING ASSESSED AT THIS TIME.

After careful consideration of all the information received and testimony from property owners, the Board of County Commissioners will make a decision on whether or not to approve the ditch project. Should information provided require additional consideration, the board will adjourn and continue the hearing to consider additional information and make changes. The continued hearing will be held on November 18, 2025, at 3:00 p.m., at the Ottawa County Commissioners' Assembly Room (same address as above).

If follow up is NOT necessary, the petition will be approved at the final hearing and the continued hearing will be cancelled.

Detailed information regarding this ditch improvement is on file in the Ottawa County Soil & Water Conservation Office and online at <https://ottawaswcd.com>; click on Services, then click on Drainage and Ditch Maintenance. Information and the status of hearings will be available and updated within 5 business days of the hearing.

As a reminder, this notice is not an invoice and fees are not being assessed at this time. Questions regarding this ditch petition shall be directed to the Ottawa County Soil & Water Conservation Office via email at jarred.molesky@ottawaswcd.com or Jason.laubacher@ottawaswcd.com, or by calling (419) 898-1595.

Sincerely,

Theresa Elder

Theresa Elder, Clerk

Board of County Commissioners
Ottawa County Ohio

c: Engineer
Soil & Water Conservation

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