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October 22, 2025

Dear Property Owner: OTTAWA COUNTY ENGINEER

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

On October 2, 2025, the Ottawa County Commissioners held and continued the final hearing regarding the proposed drainage improvement known as the **Mehlow Ditch Project**. At this meeting it was determined that the Soil and Water Conservation District needed to evaluate and modify information presented to the board. They were directed to conduct a review and submit updated information to the Board of Commissioners by October 21, 2025.

SWCD has completed their examination, made corrections and updated the information. The new information will be reviewed and discussed on November 18, 2025 at 3:00 p.m., the date set by the Board of Ottawa County Commissioners for the continuation of the final hearing for this project. This meeting will be held in the Ottawa County Commissioners' Assembly Room, 315 Madison Street, Room 103, Port Clinton, Ohio 43452.

The information in the box below represents the updated data regarding your parcel; including a new parcel base amount. (Please disregard information provided in the letter dated September 9, 2025.) As shared previously, H2Ohio Grant Funds secured by the Ottawa SWCD will be used to help offset the cost of constructing this project, reducing the amount property owners will have to pay toward construction.

Future maintenance will be the responsibility of the benefitting property owners. In response to property owner concerns regarding the initial maintenance assessment amount, the proposed percentage of this collection is being reduced to 2.5%. However, this reduction will result in more frequent collections. When to collect, and at what percent, will be determined on an annual basis.

ESTIMATED ASSESSMENT INFORMATION FOR YOUR PARCEL

Parcel with ID #: 026-19116-25842-000

Description of Easement on Your Property: NO EASEMENT

Estimated Assessment Percentage: 0.715%

Estimated Assessment Base for the cost of the project: \$ 3,704.75

Estimated Grant amount for the cost of the project: \$ - 3,704.75

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

2.5% Maintenance Assessment (property owner responsibility) \$ 92.62

The updated information provided to the Board of 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.

After careful consideration of the information presented at both hearings, input from property owners, and testimony from the staff of the Soil and Water Conservation District and County Engineer's Office, the Board of County Commissioners will make a decision to approve or reject this petition. Property Owners who disagree with the decision have 30 days from the date of the decision to file an appeal with the Courts.

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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