

On March 31, 2009, the Board of Trustees of the Deerfield Regional Storm Water District adopted a Resolution of Necessity for the construction of storm sewer line improvements for the Greenfield Place Storm Sewer Replacement project within the District. By doing so, the Trustees determined that the project is necessary for the preservation and promotion of the public health and welfare of the residents of these areas. The resolution also approves the plans and cost estimates for the project, states that a portion of the project will be paid for by special assessment, and identifies the properties that benefit from the project. Approximately 617 properties have been identified as benefiting by the improvements and therefore will be assessed. The resolution also directs that the owners of those properties be sent a notice of this fact by certified mail in the near future.

Design of the project is now complete and plans are on file in the office of the Deerfield Regional Storm Water District, 4900 Parkway Drive, Suite 180, Mason, Ohio 45040. Estimated assessments have been determined for the properties to be benefited by the improvements and are also on file in the office of the Deerfield Regional Storm Water District, at 4900 Parkway Drive, Suite 180, Mason, Ohio 45040. The District office is not staffed and those interested in viewing plans or the assessment list should contact the District by phone or e-mail to make arrangements.

The entire cost of the storm sewer replacement project, including all engineering, legal and incidental expenses incurred since work began on this project in May 2007 plus all construction, engineering and all other incidental expenses related to the project yet to be incurred is presently estimated to be \$557,224.00. Final actual costs of the project may increase or decrease. The District has committed two hundred thousand dollars (\$200,000.00) to the project. At the conclusion of the project, final assessments will be prepared based on the final actual project costs. Property owners will then be given 30 days after passage of the final assessing resolution to pay their assessment in full. Any assessments unpaid after that time will be certified to the Warren County Auditor and collected with the property taxes over a period of ten (10) years, together with interest. The term and the interest rate will be the same as those of the loan which the District will use to finance the completion of the improvements.

The amount of the estimated assessment for each property is \$578.97. The estimated payment for those who choose to pay the assessment over the ten (10) year term is about \$38.02 twice per year for ten years, based upon the estimated costs of the project and an estimated annual interest rate of five and one half percent (5.5%). These amounts are estimates and may increase or decrease based on the final actual costs of the project and the financing interest rate.

Once property owners receive the notice, they will be given an opportunity to object to their estimated assessment. An objection must be filed in writing, within 28 days of receipt of that notice, with the Secretary of the Board of Trustees, Travis Fliehm, at P. O. Box 244, Kings Mills, Ohio 45034, or such objection will be waived. Any objection must include the address at which the objector wishes to receive notices regarding the objection. Under Ohio Revised Code Sections 6119.48 and 6119.49, the right to object is limited to *objections to the assessment*. An example of a legitimate objection is that your assessment was calculated incorrectly or that you have been improperly included in the assessment area.

An objection in opposition to the project in general or an objection to the location of the storm sewer line is not an objection to the *assessment*, and therefore is not valid under Sections 6119.48 and 6119.49. The decision to proceed with the project was made by the District Board during the public meeting process after substantial public input.

Should you have any questions, please contact the District office.

Deerfield Regional Storm Water District  
Board of Trustees