



## **Drainage Maintenance District Assessment Information Sheet Greenfield Estates**

*Understanding your assessments*

### **What is the purpose of a change to the Greenfield Estates Drainage Maintenance District Assessments?**

Through annual inspection and routine maintenance of the Greenfield Estates Drainage Maintenance District's "DMD's" infrastructure, it has been determined that the current assessment schedule is insufficient to properly maintain the existing infrastructure.

### **What will be done?**

Much of the infrastructure within the DMD is starting to show its age and is failing. The County Engineer's office will continue to perform maintenance on the infrastructure. With the aging infrastructure, more attention to maintaining pipes, tiles, etc. is needed. With the additional funds, the County Engineer's office will be in a better position to keep up with the increasing demand for maintenance.

### **What does this mean for the DMD?**

The Ohio Revised Code establishes how DMD assessments are calculated. They are based on 20% of the County Engineer's estimate of drainage infrastructure construction cost, the number of lots, and the lot size. With Greenfield Estates, 20% of construction cost is \$208,612; this \$208,612 will be collected over 6 years. This means the County Engineer's office will have \$34,769 per year to maintain the current DMD system.

### **How does the new amount compare to the previous assessment?**

The former collections were about \$4,500 per year. The new amount is better suited to the maintenance needs. A single maintenance project can cost more than \$10,000 - \$15,000.

### **How much will this cost me?**

The cost per lot is reflected on an assessment spreadsheet and is itemized by lot number. For general reference, average lot assessments will increase to \$450 per year from \$70 per year.

### **Why is DMD maintenance needed?**

Failing drainage systems cause multiple issues:

- Failing septic systems
  - Leach fields have curtain drains around them to remove excess ground water. If this water is not properly drained, it will flood the leach field and introduce septic water and bacteria to the surface
- Continuous growth of cattail and willows
- Sink holes over failing storm sewers
- Flooding in areas where flooding does not usually occur