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TO: Joint Board of Fulton and Lucas County Commissioners
Attn: Judy Balogh, Clerk

FROM: Mike Pniewski, P.E., P.S., Lucas County Engineer

SUBJECT: **2022 ANNUAL DITCH CONDITION REPORT AND ASSESSMENT
RECOMMENDATIONS**

Honorable Commissioners,

In accordance with Section 6137.06 of the Ohio Revised Code (ORC), the annual report is hereby submitted on ditches which were improved under Sections 6131.01 to 6131.64 of the ORC. Our recommendations for maintenance and required assessments are given below.

Schmitz Ditch #424 – (Recommend assessment of \$47,000 to be collected in 2022 and 2023) Based on field inspection performed in 2022, ditch is required to be brushed along portions by spraying and/or mechanical means.

Ballard Petition #888 – (Recommend assessment of \$2,000 to be collected in 2022) Based on field inspection in 2022, ditch needs to be sprayed on an annual basis.

Beecher Ditch #1866 - (Recommend assessment of \$2,000 to be collected in 2022) Based on field inspection in 2022, ditch needs to be sprayed on an annual basis.

Bench-Haggerman Ditch #1917 – (Recommend assessment of \$55,000 for 2022)

Soil and Water plans to continue contracting for brush along the ditch in 2023. Lower 10,000 feet of ditch has severe bank erosion. Lucas County Engineer's Office and Lucas Soil and Water intend to apply for a H2Ohio two-stage ditch grant for this portion of ditch in 2022 to subsidize costs. In addition, poisonous hemlock was encountered in brushed portions which will required annual mowing and spraying and need to reestablish grass filter strip.

Total recommended assessments for 2022 is \$106,000

Very respectfully,

Mike Pniewski, P.E., P.S.
Lucas County Engineer