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Lucas County Engineer requests continuance for Ten Mile Creek Joint Petition

Lucas County Engineer Mike Pniewski announced in a letter to the Joint Board of Fulton and Lucas County Commissioners Tuesday, a recommendation to continue the Final Hearing for the Ten Mile Creek Joint Ditch Petition to March 11, 2025.

The Final Hearing is currently scheduled for August 13 where the Joint Board will reconsider their decision made at the First Hearing in 2021, based upon the Six-Year Maintenance Plan presented by the Lucas and Fulton County Engineers (Joint County Engineers), as well as any testimony provided by the benefitting land owners of the petition.

Lucas County Engineer's Office held two informational meetings in Sylvania and Toledo in the past two weeks. Hundreds of community members attended the sessions to learn more about the project and provide feedback on the petition process and the proposed work. Based on this feedback, Pniewski will ask the Joint Commissioners for a continuance at the Final Hearing.

"The meetings for Ten Mile Creek in Sylvania and Toledo went well" Pniewski said. "But it was also evident that additional time for more public education and outreach on the nature of how our drainage infrastructure works will go a long way into helping people understand the nature and scope of the project we are proposing and the benefit to the public if it is approved."

Pniewski said the additional time will also allow for more informational meetings and an educational campaign before the Final Hearing as well as a chance to work with communities and stakeholders on the issues and scope of the project.

The Joint Commissioners will decide on the Engineer's request and the petition at the Final Hearing on August 13.