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Glenwood, Un-Sewered Area Fact Sheet February 9, 2015

On January 29, 2015 the Board of County Commissioners received a letter from the Director of the OEPA with Findings and Orders attached. This document has been expected since the March 2014 letter from the agency declaring a Public Nuisance in the area due to high levels of E-coli bacteria in the streams from improperly treated wastewater.

The Findings and Orders require the County to submit to Ohio EPA for approval a General Plan for sewage improvements or other methods of abating pollution and correcting the unsanitary conditions, that are creating the Public Nuisance within eighteen (18) months from the effective date of the Orders.

The General Plan must contain:

- Alternatives for addressing the unsanitary conditions.
- Proposed locations of collection and treatment facilities.
- Cost estimates for the required improvements with cost effectiveness analysis of the alternatives including operation, maintenance, and replacement costs.
- How the required improvements, including the operation, maintenance, and replacement costs will be funded.
- An implementation schedule that will result in completion of construction and the correction of the unsanitary conditions.

In October of 2014 the Miami Valley Regional Planning Commission (MVRPC) hired the IBI Group under a grant program with the OEPA to develop a feasibility studies for providing sewers for five un-sewered areas within their 5 county planning area. Fortunately, the County was able to have the Glenwood area included in this process. This has resulted in the County receiving in excess of \$30,000 in engineering services at no direct cost to the residents of Preble County.

In November of 2014, a steering committee consisting of OEPA officials, County officials, Lanier Township Trustees, Twin Township Trustees, and business leaders began working with the MVRPC and their consultant IBI Group to look at the options available to resolve the Public Nuisance declaration.

This feasibility study will be complete by the end of April 2015. MVRPC and IBI Group are currently anticipating a public meeting to report on the alternatives during the second week of May. The date, time, and location of this meeting will be announced as soon as the details are finalized.