



## **PUBLIC COMMENT INVITATION**

### **KROPP ROAD DRAINAGE OUTLET IMPROVEMENT PART 2** **PROJECT NUMBER 9319 (PID 4585)**

#### **History:**

Peter Krebs, J.W. Boucher, J.F. Cummins and Any Kreiger initially petitioned the Franklin County Commissioners for a drainage improvement on December 13, 1913, but that petition was ultimately dismissed on Nov. 17, 1914. The group petitioned again on Nov. 17, 1914, for a main line and 6 branches. After the viewing, hearings and 5 continuances, the petition was ultimately approved and constructed for an estimated cost of \$31,000.90 which included surveying and superintending. All the property owners in the watershed paid special tax assessment from December 1915 through December 1924 to pay back the bonds and interest used to fund the project. The existing system is all clay tiles except for areas where we have already replaced the original clay tile with modern plastic storm sewer pipe. It is called Krebs "Ditch" because it was constructed using a law that used to be called the Ohio Petition "Ditch" Law, and using the last name of the first petitioner listed.

#### **Project Highlights:**

The existing system is the deepest we know of in unincorporated Franklin County with a maximum depth of 23'. Structures in the deepest area were laid up by hand with bricks.

#### **Project Description:**

Replace approximately 3,710 feet of existing storm sewer with new 42" storm sewer lines and structures parallel to the existing Krebs Ditch Tile Outlet. Project begins at Hellbranch Run just east of Norton Road and extends to an existing catch basin just south of Kropp Road. At crossings or public roads, traffic will either be maintained, or detours will be established.

#### **Project Partners/Property Owners:**

Gary and Judith Mayle  
James E Braskett Trust  
Keil Family Limited Partnership

#### **Project Estimated Cost:**

\$2,083,300.00

#### **Potential Impacts:**

Drainage Easements across private property.  
Road closure on Norton Road.  
Disruption to farming.

#### **Project Schedule (Funding Dependent):**

Fall 2025 Funding Application  
Spring 2026 Bid and Award  
Summer 2026 Begin Construction Window  
April 2027 End Construction Window

#### **Maintenance of Traffic:**

Road Closure and detour for Norton Road Crossing