

John D. Henderson, P.E.

From: Nancy Nemeth <go8thgrade@aol.com>
Sent: Friday, May 8, 2026 12:07 PM
To: John D. Henderson, P.E.
Subject: Mando ditch improvement project

Sent from my iPhone

Dear Mr. Henderson:

My husband and I are opposed to the Mando ditch project.
At the meeting last night, I learned that the pipe going along Morris Road is a closed pipe.

We were told on Tuesday evening that we were included because our water would be the first in the pipe. That is obviously not true since it is a closed pipe coming from the opposite side of Morris Road. Our water will not be going through that pipe. Instead, it will continue to flow as it does now.

We do not have a drainage problem. We see no reason for us to be assessed a fee for a pipe that won't help with our drainage.

Sincerely,
Nancy Nemeth





John D. Henderson, P.E.

From: John D. Henderson, P.E.
Sent: Wednesday, August 26, 2026 1:37 PM
To: Jennifer Bevington
Cc: Jason Bevington
Subject: RE: Mando Ditch Project/ Morris Rd Residence

Jen,
Thanks for your email. I am sorry to hear about all this.
I have added this email to the other comment forms to go to the Commissioners prior to the Final Hearing.

Based on feedback from the residents in the area the County is only recommending we move forward with Area 2. Which you are in.

You should be getting a notice of the Final Hearing in the next week or so.

Thanks.



John D. Henderson, P.E.

Assistant Riparian & Environmental Engineer

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From: Jennifer Bevington <jenbevington@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, August 11, 2026 7:34 PM
To: John D. Henderson, P.E. <jhenderson@franklincountyengineer.org>; Abigail Obert, P.E. <aobert@franklincountyengineer.org>
Cc: Jason Bevington <jason@libertyoutdoorcare.com>
Subject: Mando Ditch Project/ Morris Rd Residence

Franklin County Engineers,

We are signers of the Mando Ditch Petition, encompassing Morris Rd and Patterson Rd in western Franklin County. We signed the petition due to the issues we have where water does not drain from our property but does drain onto our property.

We have had serious issues starting in 2018. I know images supporting this were submitted through the last few years of processing this petition. However, starting in 2018, the water started coming into the house, up through the cracks in the floor in the basement. In 2020, my husband created a swale along the edge of our property, where the water flows from the field north east of us, until it reaches Morris Rd. We appear to be the lowest point however, and the drainage from our property to the creek across the

road is insufficient allowing the water to continue to build up on our property. When the water has nowhere to go, it starts to not only flood the area at the edge of our property but spread out onto our property, toward the house.

We started this spring, again with lots of rain and lots of water in our basement. We get inches building up through the floor, not just a little spot of water here or there. It hasn't run down our walls, just up through the floor. Like clockwork - if we saw water spreading onto our driveway (near the road), it was working its way underground, saturating our yard and into the house. We had one sump pit and it works just fine - emptying at the road. However, the opposite side of the house is where the issue starts, slowly working over to the side of the house with the existing sump pit.

Naturally, we realized that we could not wait for the ditch petition to fully become an active construction project so we brought in a company to do a perimeter drain in the house and a second sump pit. The second pit, on the opposite side of the house, was not able to utilize the same drainage as the first and we needed to push it out the back of the house and into the backyard, as far from the house as possible.

We are into these remediation efforts by tens of thousands of dollars at this point, just trying to keep our house as dry as it was when we bought it 16 years ago. I feel like we are fighting a losing battle though. We have had incredible downpours this summer and we keep watching the water gather onto our property and checking our basement every hour for signs of water. I, at first, felt relief that our efforts have been a success. The fact is, the water is not gathering in the house at the moment, a wonderful situation. Then I walked outside and took note that the water where our original sump pit empties had so much water gathering, waiting to get into the pipe under the street that the outlet for the sump was barely above the waterline. The pipe emptying into the creek on the other side of the road was barely emptying as the water was nearly above it as well. I am not an engineer but I am sure that once the water is above either the outlet in the creek or the sump pit outlet, the water we are trying to get out of our house is going to start becoming impossible to remove.

The new outlet for the new sump pump, dumps into a swale at the edge of our "backyard". This swale becomes overloaded with water as well because as the water drains off the field, and it can't get off the property at the road, so it travels west through our property and into our neighbors.

We have to be able to get the water away from our house and off of our property. These are two means to do so and keeping it far from the house so as to not just keep battling the removal of the same water. I can't drill another outlet across the road. I can't dig a deeper swale at my neighbor's and then the next property and next until we make it to the creek again. We need help. This is why we signed the petition.

The reason I am reiterating what has already been stated is that we have been informed that the township is going to recommend we not utilize the county for remediation of the water issues on the road. Multiple residents have struggled with the cost that was presented to them, many stating that they would not feel any benefit. My fellow homeowners do not see what I see, in that overtime, they will start to have issues, just as we have. When the infrastructure around them continues to break down, the problem will work its way to them, eventually. However, at current they are not experiencing any issues and thus, there is a "ground swell" of homeowners going to push back on the petition.

I am submitting this request to state that there is still a very real problem here that needs addressed, even if selfishly, just at my residence. I am unsure what we will or even can do if the decision by the county engineers is not to move forward with completing the work that has been presented to the

residents. I am not sure I can do much else within my home and I fear that as the infrastructure continues to breakdown more in the future, I will be unable to get the water out of my house.

I have taken pictures from the rains 8/9 and 8/10 and the outlets mentioned above.

Thank you for reading this and considering the support you can give this long-time resident in a home and property that has been here for more than half a century.

Jen Bevington
8166 Morris Rd
614-371-3111

John D. Henderson, P.E.

From: John D. Henderson, P.E.
Sent: Wednesday, September 2, 2026 9:12 AM
To: Susan Marie
Subject: RE: Mando Ditch Petition assessment
Attachments: Mando Schedule of Assessments.pdf

Susan,

Yes, we are only recommending Area 2 to be approved. The notice you will receive shows an assessment if all areas get approved. It will be much lower if they go with our recommendation. See Area 2 column in the attached pdf.

The Final Hearing will be on September 22nd at 10am.

The pond might be holding some water but still discharges the runoff. Ponds are also considered impervious and do not infiltrate any water. So, any changes would be minimal and not affect your assessment.

Thanks.



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From: Susan Marie <susmar999@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 1, 2026 10:50 AM
To: John D. Henderson, P.E. <jhenderson@franklincountyengineer.org>
Subject: Re: Mando Ditch Petition assessment

Hi, John,

Checking in again: Any additional information on the pond being treated as "residential residual"? The recent storms clearly demonstrate that it is actually an asset to the watershed, not a burden.

Also, has your office decided what recommendation it will make to the Commissioners regarding each area of the Mando Ditch petition? Any update on when the final hearing will be?

Thank you.

Susan Olson

On Wed, Aug 26, 2026 at 11:13 AM Susan Marie <susmar999@gmail.com> wrote:

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Also, has your office decided what recommendation it will make to the Commissioners regarding each area of the Mando Ditch petition?

Thank you.

Susan Olson

On Thu, Aug 13, 2026 at 1:11 PM John D. Henderson, P.E. <jhenderson@franklincountyengineer.org> wrote:

Susan,

I apologize for my delayed response. I was out of town.

The final hearing is tentatively scheduled for September 22.

The notices (which will have the final assessments) will be mailed 21 days prior to the final hearing.

As far as your question regarding the pond, I did not do the assessments and will have to look into this. Thanks.



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From: Susan Marie <susmar999@gmail.com>

Sent: Wednesday, August 5, 2026 10:25 AM

To: Maria E. Claypool <mclaypool@franklincountyengineer.org>

Cc: John D. Henderson, P.E. <jhenderson@franklincountyengineer.org>

Subject: Re: Mando Ditch Petition assessment

Maria, thank you very much for the quick response. Is there any update on the Mando ditch petition schedule? When should we expect to see the final assessments and final hearing?

Thanks,

Susan

On Tue, Aug 4, 2026, 2:33 PM Maria E. Claypool <mclaypool@franklincountyengineer.org> wrote:

Hello Ms. Olson,

I apologize for the delay in our delay in responding to your inquiry sent 07/28/26. John Henderson will be returning to the office Thursday of next week. Unfortunately, he is the only one I can find who can attempt at addressing your concerns, since Abby Obert has left our office and Jim will be out on an extended leave.

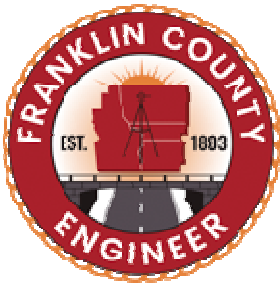
I will ask John to contact you as soon as possible following his return.

If I can be of any further assistance, please feel free to contact me by email or by phone [614-525-4336](tel:614-525-4336).

Thank you for your patience.

Sincerely,

Maria Claypool



Maria E. Claypool

Bridge & Drainage Administrative Specialist

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Sent: Tuesday, August 4, 2026 1:17 PM
To: Maria E. Claypool <mclaypool@franklincountyengineer.org>
Subject: Fwd: Mando Ditch Petition assessment

Maria, I got an autoreply from Jim that he is out of the office from Aug 1 (no end date) and lists you as a backup contact.

Can you help with my question below?

Thanks,

Susan Olson

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From: Susan Marie <susmar999@gmail.com>
Date: Tue, Aug 4, 2026 at 1:02 PM
Subject: Fwd: Mando Ditch Petition assessment
To: <jramsey@franklincountyengineer.org>
Cc: Abigail Obert, E.I. <aobert@franklincountyengineer.org>

Jim, I have not received a response to my email below. I'm hoping you can help.

Thanks,

Susan Olson

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From: Susan Marie <susmar999@gmail.com>
Date: Tue, Jul 28, 2026 at 11:51 AM
Subject: Mando Ditch Petition assessment
To: John D. Henderson, P.E. <jhenderson@franklincountyengineer.org>

John,

We are landowners in the Mando Ditch Petition area (7900 Morris Rd, Parcel ID 120-001041).

We have spoken to you and others from your office multiple times throughout the petition process about our 3/4 acre pond. From the beginning, we were assured that ponds would be treated differently from lawn, which was different from roadway, because ponds provide an actual benefit in drainage instead of a cost.

Indeed, our pond can normally absorb nearly a foot of rainfall without overflowing, and its sole discharge is a pipe that runs to our own farmed field. This discharges the water slowly, mitigating the impact just as a constructed retention pond would.

Yet our pond was classified as R1 - Residential Residual, just like lawns and driveways.

Can you please explain why? If you plan to carry that classification into the final assessment, please provide any specific engineering reports, SCS runoff calculations, hydrological evidence, or other basis justifying that decision.

Thank you.

Susan & Andy Olson

John D. Henderson, P.E.

From: John D. Henderson, P.E.
Sent: Thursday, September 3, 2026 7:59 AM
To: Kathy Bowsher; Maria E. Claypool
Cc: Robert Bowsher
Subject: RE: Mondo Ditch Project
Attachments: Mando Schedule of Assessments.pdf

Kathy,

We had to put the total possible assessments in the certified letter. Technically the Commissioners could approve all areas. That is why we had to list the total amount. If they follow our recommendations and only approve area 2, you will only be assessed the \$4007.71. See attached. Thanks.



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From: Kathy Bowsher <kbowsher@usa.net>
Sent: Wednesday, September 2, 2026 6:37 PM
To: Maria E. Claypool <mclaypool@franklincountyengineer.org>; John D. Henderson, P.E. <jhenderson@franklincountyengineer.org>
Cc: Robert Bowsher <robert.bowsher@gmail.com>
Subject: Re: Mondo Ditch Project
Importance: Low

Seems as though Mr. Ramsey is out. I received an out of office for him stating he would be gone August 1. He said to contact you. Please see my questions/concerns below.

----- Original Message -----

Received: 05:23 PM EDT, 09/02/2026
From: "Kathy Bowsher" <kbowsher@usa.net>
To: <jramsey@franklincountyengineer.org>
Cc: "Robert Bowsher" <robert.bowsher@gmail.com>
Subject: Mondo Ditch Project

Dear Mr. Ramsey,

We received a certified letter today from the Franklin County Board of Commissioners regarding the Mondo Ditch Project. It said to contact you if we have questions.

It says based on feedback from residents and based on the high cost of construction in Sections 1, 3, & 4, those section improvements will be dismissed. However, it says Section 2 will be

recommended. My biggest concern at the moment is cost. Now that sections 1, 3, 4 are off the table, we will only be assessed for Section 2. But why is the assessment \$22,000+?

Our yard is across the street from the flooding area. From what I can tell that proposed ditch is across the street. Although I've asked, no one has answered my question on how our yard, or the two wet fields on each side of us for that matter, will be draining into that ditch. Can you please explain this - how is the water from my side of the street getting over to that ditch? If the water on my side of the street isn't draining, why in the world am I paying for this? Can you explain to me how the water situation on my side of the street will benefit from this ditch? - I really want to understand it. I've asked that on the feedback form and never got any answers.

Back to the costs - also in past communications there was an assessment calculation. Our property is partially farmed, and the assessment was supposed to be based on a percentage of farm use. I asked to see my calculation, but again, no answer. Also, during this process we were given a list of cost estimates for all the landowners. Our estimate for Section 2 was \$4,380 on that document. I know it was an estimate at the time, but are you kidding me, the estimate was off by **455%**? I am at a loss. How could an estimate be off by that much? We want to see the updated list of what the other landowners are being assessed. Please provide the list. The same landowners that were given an estimate for Section 2 on the estimated list would still be the same, correct? The land boundaries for Section 2 as shown before are still the same, correct?

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Sent: Friday, September 4, 2026 12:35 PM
To: Susan Marie
Cc: Nick A. Soulas, Jr.; James R. Ramsey, P.E.; W. Fritz Crosier, P.E.
Subject: RE: PUBLIC RECORDS REQUEST: Mando Ditch Petition Master File

Susan,

Here is a link to the files you have requested: [Mando](#)

An explanation of how Area 2 was defined is included in the "Final Report" which is included in the link.

The boundaries were determined by tributary areas based on survey and Linder data.



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Sent: Wednesday, September 2, 2026 1:27 PM
To: John D. Henderson, P.E. <jhenderson@franklincountyengineer.org>
Subject: PUBLIC RECORDS REQUEST: Mando Ditch Petition Master File

Pursuant to the Ohio Public Records Act (Ohio Revised Code Section 149.43) and the drainage petition record mandates under ORC Section 6131.08, I respectfully request the following:

1. Copies of all comment forms, feedback surveys, and other public-record correspondence received by the Engineer's Office regarding the Mando Ditch petition.
2. The complete spreadsheet showing all calculations used to create the proposed final assessments, in Excel format (not a PDF).
3. An explanation of how Area 2 was defined, including why its eastern boundary is the property line for 7900 Morris Rd.

Thank you.
Susan Olson

John D. Henderson, P.E.

From: John D. Henderson, P.E.
Sent: Tuesday, September 8, 2026 11:56 AM
To: Charles and Cindi Hackney; Maria E. Claypool
Cc: James R. Ramsey, P.E.
Subject: RE: Mando Ditch Project

Cindi,

Here is a link with all the information: https://fceo2-my.sharepoint.com/:f:/g/personal/jhenderson_franklincountyengineer_org/IgAYFR1-wpozQ7TbDXoQqlzNAT-gaOs64rAcSaYNr9YMtVM?e=bdpVGo

Thanks.



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To: Maria E. Claypool <mclaypool@franklincountyengineer.org>; John D. Henderson, P.E. <jhenderson@franklincountyengineer.org>
Cc: James R. Ramsey, P.E. <jramsey@franklincountyengineer.org>
Subject: Fwd: Mando Ditch Project

Please see the email sent to Mr. Ramsey and respond. I received an out of office return email when I originally sent it.

Thanks you.

----- Forwarded message -----

From: Charles and Cindi Hackney <chackney511@gmail.com>
Date: Sat, Sep 5, 2026 at 12:40 PM
Subject: Mando Ditch Project
To: jramsey@franklincountyengineer.org <jramsey@franklincountyengineer.org>

Mr. Ramsey,

We received a certified letter regarding the petition for the Mando Ditch project. It stated that a copy of the Final Report, the assessment schedule and other pertinent information could be found on your website although I couldn't locate any of those items. Can you please either forward them to me or provide me with a link to look them up on the website and be fully informed before I reply to the correspondence received?

Thank you, in advance, for your prompt response.

Cindi Hackney

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Subject: RE: PUBLIC RECORDS REQUEST: Mando Ditch Petition Master File
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Susan,

The excel file showing the calculations was included in the link. I have attached it to this email as well.



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1. Copies of all comment forms, feedback surveys, and other public-record correspondence received by the Engineer's Office regarding the Mando Ditch petition.
2. The complete spreadsheet showing all calculations used to create the proposed final assessments, in Excel format (not a PDF).
3. An explanation of how Area 2 was defined, including why its eastern boundary is the property line for 7900 Morris Rd.

Thank you.

Susan Olson

John D. Henderson, P.E.

From: John D. Henderson, P.E.
Sent: Wednesday, September 9, 2026 7:16 AM
To: Lance Randolph; Maria E. Claypool
Subject: RE: Mando Ditch Assessment Costs

Not at all. Please do. Thanks.



John D. Henderson, P.E.

Assistant Riparian & Environmental Engineer

Phone: (614) 525-3081 | **Email:** jhenderson@franklincountyengineer.org

Location: 970 Dublin Road, Columbus, Ohio 43215

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From: Lance Randolph <lance_randolph@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 8, 2026 3:26 PM
To: Maria E. Claypool <mclaypool@franklincountyengineer.org>; John D. Henderson, P.E. <jhenderson@franklincountyengineer.org>
Subject: Re: Mando Ditch Assessment Costs

Thank you. Any objection to me sharing with my neighbors?

Lance Randolph
(216) 548-3298

On Tuesday, September 8, 2026 at 02:28:12 PM EDT, John D. Henderson, P.E.
<jhenderson@franklincountyengineer.org> wrote:

Lance,
Please see attached. Thanks.



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To: John D. Henderson, P.E. <jhenderson@franklincountyengineer.org>
Subject: FW: Mando Ditch Assessment Costs

Hi John,

Should I forward him a copy of the Assessment Spreadsheet? Or can you?



Maria E. Claypool

Bridge & Drainage Administrative Specialist

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Throughout this process, there have been two spreadsheets that have been used at various meetings, and I was wondering if I could get a copy of both (or if extra copies could be brought to the meeting next Tuesday the 15th).

One is the assessment by parcel/address. It has parcels as the left column, and lists the assessment by area, and in total, to the right.

The second is the cost breakdown by area - so, the column on the left are the various costs (i.e. corrugated pipe, excavating, etc), and there is a column for each area.

Do those sound familiar, or could you forward this on to someone that may have them?

Thank you,
Lance

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From: K Gill <musigill@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, September 7, 2026 12:36 PM
To: Maria E. Claypool <mclaypool@franklincountyengineer.org>; John D. Henderson, P.E. <jhenderson@franklincountyengineer.org>
Subject: Mando Ditch Project and our property issues

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From: John D. Henderson, P.E.
Sent: Monday, September 14, 2026 10:14 AM
To: Renner, Stephen A.; James R. Ramsey, P.E.
Subject: RE: Mando Discussion
Attachments: Mando Plan Set 8-6-26.pdf; Mando Schedule of Assessments.xlsx

Stephen,

It was nice to meet you on Friday.

Attached are the plans and estimates.

The location of the basin alternates can be seen on sheets 4 & 5, and the details on sheets 26 & 42.

The estimate is a tab on the attached excel file.

One thing I forgot to mention, we are having a Public Meeting tomorrow evening at the Brown Township Hall from 5:30-7pm if you would like to attend.

Let us know if you have any questions. Thanks.



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-----Original Appointment-----

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Sent: Friday, September 11, 2026 7:46 AM

To: John D. Henderson, P.E.; Renner, Stephen A.; James R. Ramsey, P.E.

Subject: Mando Discussion

When: Friday, September 11, 2026 2:00 PM-3:00 PM (UTC-05:00) Eastern Time (US & Canada).

Where: Microsoft Teams Meeting

Microsoft Teams meeting

Join:

<https://teams.microsoft.com/meet/268828262723002?p=LudQKHgyaAiZBFWepd>

Meeting ID: 268 828 262 723 002

Passcode: YK7W9qx3

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John D. Henderson, P.E.

From: John D. Henderson, P.E.
Sent: Thursday, August 13, 2026 8:34 AM
To: Nichole McMullen
Subject: RE: Mando Drainage Improvement Petition

Nichole,

I apologize. I have been out of the office and just returned this morning. Yes, we received your email.

Thank you,



John D. Henderson, P.E.

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Location: 970 Dublin Road, Columbus, Ohio 43215

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From: Nichole McMullen <nichole8705@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, August 10, 2026 1:11 PM
To: John D. Henderson, P.E. <jhenderson@franklincountyengineer.org>
Subject: Fw: Mando Drainage Improvement Petition

Hello John,

I never got confirmation from you that my email was received. Please confirm.

Warm regards,
Nichole Mulvane

----- Forwarded Message -----

From: Nichole McMullen <nichole8705@yahoo.com>
To: jhenderson@franklincountyengineer.org <jhenderson@franklincountyengineer.org>
Cc: My Matthew <mulvane08@gmail.com>; Nichole Mulvane <nichole8705@yahoo.com>
Sent: Thursday, August 6, 2026 at 07:33:04 PM EDT
Subject: Mando Drainage Improvement Petition

Hello John Henderson,

Please find our family's attached letter petitioning the Mando Drainage Improvement project. Please confirm receipt. I will also be mailing a copy directly to your office and the Franklin County Board of Commissioners office.

Warm regards,
Nichole Mulvane

John D. Henderson, P.E.

From: John D. Henderson, P.E.
Sent: Thursday, September 3, 2026 7:59 AM
To: Kathy Bowsher; Maria E. Claypool
Cc: Robert Bowsher
Subject: RE: Mondo Ditch Project
Attachments: Mando Schedule of Assessments.pdf

Kathy,

We had to put the total possible assessments in the certified letter. Technically the Commissioners could approve all areas. That is why we had to list the total amount. If they follow our recommendations and only approve area 2, you will only be assessed the \$4007.71. See attached. Thanks.



John D. Henderson, P.E.

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From: Kathy Bowsher <kbowsher@usa.net>
Sent: Wednesday, September 2, 2026 6:37 PM
To: Maria E. Claypool <mclaypool@franklincountyengineer.org>; John D. Henderson, P.E. <jhenderson@franklincountyengineer.org>
Cc: Robert Bowsher <robert.bowsher@gmail.com>
Subject: Re: Mondo Ditch Project
Importance: Low

Seems as though Mr. Ramsey is out. I received an out of office for him stating he would be gone August 1. He said to contact you. Please see my questions/concerns below.

----- Original Message -----

Received: 05:23 PM EDT, 09/02/2026
From: "Kathy Bowsher" <kbowsher@usa.net>
To: <jramsey@franklincountyengineer.org>
Cc: "Robert Bowsher" <robert.bowsher@gmail.com>
Subject: Mondo Ditch Project

Dear Mr. Ramsey,

We received a certified letter today from the Franklin County Board of Commissioners regarding the Mondo Ditch Project. It said to contact you if we have questions.

It says based on feedback from residents and based on the high cost of construction in Sections 1, 3, & 4, those section improvements will be dismissed. However, it says Section 2 will be

recommended. My biggest concern at the moment is cost. Now that sections 1, 3, 4 are off the table, we will only be assessed for Section 2. But why is the assessment \$22,000+?

Our yard is across the street from the flooding area. From what I can tell that proposed ditch is across the street. Although I've asked, no one has answered my question on how our yard, or the two wet fields on each side of us for that matter, will be draining into that ditch. Can you please explain this - how is the water from my side of the street getting over to that ditch? If the water on my side of the street isn't draining, why in the world am I paying for this? Can you explain to me how the water situation on my side of the street will benefit from this ditch? - I really want to understand it. I've asked that on the feedback form and never got any answers.

Back to the costs - also in past communications there was an assessment calculation. Our property is partially farmed, and the assessment was supposed to be based on a percentage of farm use. I asked to see my calculation, but again, no answer. Also, during this process we were given a list of cost estimates for all the landowners. Our estimate for Section 2 was \$4,380 on that document. I know it was an estimate at the time, but are you kidding me, the estimate was off by **455%**? I am at a loss. How could an estimate be off by that much? We want to see the updated list of what the other landowners are being assessed. Please provide the list. The same landowners that were given an estimate for Section 2 on the estimated list would still be the same, correct? The land boundaries for Section 2 as shown before are still the same, correct?

I'm not sure if anyone else pays attention to the details, but according to another document from back in May (Project Info Sheet), it says the cost of the construction project for Area 2 is \$409,367.26. Now assuming that we were all now paying 455% more than the estimated rate, that means this project is now going to cost \$187,490,086? How could this be possible? What is the actual cost of this project? I have the original list of people provided with their estimates, so their individual assessments should be going up by 455% like ours?

Why wasn't this project put on the Brown Township voting ballot? I mean we have to vote on other taxes, why not this one? If the state or local government was paying for this, I wouldn't have a problem one with it, but I'm being told to pay \$22,000 more in taxes to help my neighbors out, essentially.

I'm just so frustrated. It's hard to swallow when someone is making you pay for something you don't want, can't really afford, and it doesn't seem like it will be a benefit to you personally (still waiting on that explanation). Am I wrong to feel so robbed? Here's another funny thing, in case you didn't know, the guy who started this whole petition (Frank Mondo) is selling his house to avoid his assessment fee in part, I bet. That also is annoying. I'm guessing there has been others exiting to avoid yet more taxes because of this project.

It's not like we don't have any standing water issues, we do, but not as bad as some. We had a mound septic system put in a few years ago (\$18,000) because of it. We paid for our main water issue ourselves. We didn't ask our neighbors for any help. Here is a picture on your website for the project. <https://franklincountyengineer.org/project/mando-petition/> Our house is mid-way up in the photo on the left.

Please provide details as to why we are being assessed \$22,000. It doesn't seem proportionally correct.

Thanks for your attention to this email.

Kathy Bowsher
7951 Morris Rd
Hilliard, OH 43026
614.440.5025

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John D. Henderson, P.E.

From: Cindy Moore <cindymoore715@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, May 24, 2026 7:58 AM
To: John D. Henderson, P.E.
Subject: Revised comments 5/24/26

Some additional information has come to me since I originally shared my thoughts on the Mando drainage project. I am an emphatic NO to the project. The original paperwork that was shared at our area meeting did not include any mention of an annual maintenance fee! This is ridiculous and makes the project absolutely does not provide for good value for my property. The costs significantly outweigh any benefits I might see from the project. I believe they would make my property harder to sell in the future when I have close neighbors who do not even share in the cost of the project since we are on the far edge of the impacted area.

The fact that homes where there is no current under the road access to the new tile and drainage not seeing benefits from the project yet still having to pay these exorbitant fees is absolutely criminal!

I also feel strongly that detailed information related to estimated costs of each household should have been mailed to each household. Not everyone is in a situation where they are free to attend a public meeting to pick up papers detailing that information, and there are households with no idea what is potentially coming their way. This is totally irresponsible on the part of the powers conducting this process.

Please list 8280 Patterson Rd as an emphatic No to the project. This project will not take away our ground water issues, and is way too costly!

Thank you,
Cindy and Tim Moore



Adam W. Fowler, P.E., P.S. | Franklin County Drainage Engineer

MANDO DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENT PETITION
OHIO REVISED CODE CHAPTER 6131

Name: Cindy Moore
Address: 8280 Patterson Rd.
Hilliard, OH 43026

Email: cindymoore715@gmail.com
Phone: 614-506-7407

Do you believe the proposed project provides good value for your property?

No - there is no guarantee this will address the specific water issues
on my property and therefore the cost makes it not a good value.
Too pricy for no guarantee!

Do you believe the benefits your property will see from this improvement will outweigh the costs?

Only if my results include no more standing water over my driveway.
(3-6" at times of heavy rain) and reducing the ground water that causes
my sump pumps (yes 2 of them) to run multiple times a day year round.
- Up to every 2 minutes or less at really wet times!

Additional Comments / Concerns:

The cost is far too great with no assurance that my property
will benefit. My property is one where only the front 2/3 is
drawn into the area of benefit. This leaves me very skeptical
that I will see any ^{potential} improvement.

Please return comments by Monday, June 1, 2026.

Franklin County Engineer
Attn: John Henderson, PE
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OR

Email:
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Sent from my iPhone

John D. Henderson, P.E.

From: Richard Baylor <rcbaylor@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, May 23, 2026 11:40 AM
To: John D. Henderson, P.E.
Subject: Today's rain collection 8501 Patterson rd
Attachments: PXL_20260523_144636225.jpg; PXL_20260523_144628305.jpg

Hello Mr Henderson,

Pictures from today on our Patterson road property. I was wondering,since the Mando ditch project won't help this situation, if things like installing breather vents in the tile that runs northwest from this location would help the tile work better. It usually takes 5 days or more for this much water to clear . If there are other things we can do to help this situation please let me know.

Best Regards,
Richard Baylor
614.581.6946

John D. Henderson, P.E.

From: asasson@aol.com
Sent: Friday, May 15, 2026 1:59 PM
To: John D. Henderson, P.E.
Subject: Re: Mando Ditch Petition meetings

Thank you.

I spoke to Mark and Cheryl Lorson on Patterson Road. They said they also did not receive a letter about the Mando Petition meetings. However, Cheryl said she spoke to an FCE representative. They contend their property's surface drainage is not within Area 4 or and part of the Mando Petition. Being familiar with their property and drainage, I agree.

We intend to provide comments in opposition to the Mando Petition.

Anthony Sasson

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To: John D. Henderson, P.E. <jhenderson@franklincountyengineer.org>; Maria E. Claypool <mclaypool@franklincountyengineer.org>
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Anthony Sasson

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Sincerely,
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Maria E. Claypool

Bridge & Drainage Administrative Specialist

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From: asasson@aol.com <asasson@aol.com>

Sent: Tuesday, April 28, 2026 12:15 PM

To: John D. Henderson, P.E. <jhenderson@franklincountyengineer.org>

Cc: Abigail Obert, E.I. <aobert@franklincountyengineer.org>; James R. Ramsey, P.E.

<jramsey@franklincountyengineer.org>; Maria E. Claypool <mclaypool@franklincountyengineer.org>

Subject: Re: Mando Ditch Petition meetings

Thank you for the response.

Neither my wife or I recall receiving anything recently on this project or these meetings. Please send me an electronic copy of the letter you referred to.

The only mention of this proposed project I have been able to find on a website is at: <https://franklincountyengineer.org/project/Mando-Petition/>
This says "In Design."

Was the project approved by the Franklin County Commissioners?

When are the meetings for the other areas for this proposed project?

Thanks,

AS

On Tuesday, April 28, 2026 at 12:00:42 PM EDT, John D. Henderson, P.E. <jhenderson@franklincountyengineer.org> wrote:

Hello,

You should have received a letter from our office in the mail a few weeks ago.

8351 Patterson is in Area #4. We are having an open house style meeting to discuss area #4 on May 7th, 5:30pm-7:30pm at 2491 Walker Rd, Hilliard, Ohio 43026.

Please let us know if you have any questions or need any more information. Thanks.



John D. Henderson, P.E.

Assistant Riparian & Environmental Engineer

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From: Main Office <FRACOENG@franklincountyengineer.org>

Sent: Tuesday, April 28, 2026 11:25 AM

To: James R. Ramsey, P.E. <jramsey@franklincountyengineer.org>; John D. Henderson, P.E.

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Subject: FW: Mando Ditch Petition meetings



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From: asasson@aol.com <asasson@aol.com>
Sent: Tuesday, April 28, 2026 11:20 AM
To: Main Office <FRACOENG@franklincountyengineer.org>
Subject: Mando Ditch Petition meetings

I heard that Mando Ditch petition meetings in Brown Township might be scheduled, but I have not been able to find any information. Can you provide any details?

Thanks,
Anthony Sasson
8351 Patterson Rd
Hilliard 43026

John D. Henderson, P.E.

From: Cindy Moore <cindymoore715@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 20, 2026 10:07 AM
To: John D. Henderson, P.E.
Subject: Mando Drainage Improvement Petition

These are my comments regarding the Mandi Drainage project. I am a resident on Patterson Rd.



Overall I believe this project puts too much financial burden on the residents in the area. Yes, I would like to see the drainage improve before more development and housing makes it worse, but there needs to be more evidence that this will address my specific issues before I can back the project wholeheartedly.

Thank you,
Cindy Moore

Sent from my iPhone

John D. Henderson, P.E.

From: Mark Lorson <marklorson74@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 25, 2026 9:22 AM
To: John D. Henderson, P.E.
Subject: Comments concerning Mando Drainage Petition in Brown Township.
Attachments: Mando ditch.docx

This email concerns the upcoming decision on the Mando Drainage Petition in Brown Township.. I have also included the information as an attachment. Thank you.

**MANDO DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENT PETITION
OHIO REVISED CODE CHAPTER 6131**

Mark and Cheryl Lorson
8322 Patterson Road
Hilliard, Oh 43026
Brown Township

lorsonma@yahoo.com
614-638-5136

Do you believe the proposed project provides good value for your property?

No, we don't think the project provides good value for our property. Much of our water drains northwest towards the Alder tile, yet our entire property is being considered as draining towards the Mando tile. This would lower our resale value for the next 15 years and more due to the cost of building the project and the maintenance costs which continue on for perpetuity. The value of the property would drop due to the added costs that the new homeowner would know they need to pay if we were to sell our home.

Do you believe the benefits your property will see from this improvement will outweigh the costs?

No, the improvement benefits will not outweigh the cost for us. Prior to our lot purchase in 1992 and building on our property (at 8322 Patterson Road) our south neighbors put in a berm that kept the water from our property and the drainage from their property from reaching the corner where the tile went under the road. We took it upon ourselves to pay to have a new drainage tile installed between the houses and connected to an older clay tile that begins just on the north side of our driveway near the house and runs northwest through our front yard towards the Alder ditch. The tile we had installed clears the water that results between our two houses. The north side of our yard does collect water in the front yard during a heavy rain event, but again, the same older clay tile mentioned above runs under this area and drains it towards the Alder ditch usually in a day or two. This flow direction was confirmed by older Patterson Road farmers (Ben Sayre and Mr. Schultz) when we originally moved to the area in 1993. We originally found the location of the tile when the utility company cut through the clay tile when installing our utilities and we had to fix the broken tile piece. The cost suggested by this project is extremely high since we already took care of our problem ourselves. We paid years ago to have the problem remedied. It was also not well explained until I asked that there will also be an

ongoing yearly maintenance charge which adds a very large surcharge onto each year's proposed payments which in the case of area #4 would be an additional 37.7% added to our yearly cost.

Additional comments / Concerns:

We are not in favor of this project. We are concerned that we are being assessed for our entire property. When our house was built the county had us put a culvert under our driveway by the road. But because our driveway is the high point of our front yard, water has never reached within 20 feet of the culvert. Water on the south side of the driveway is collected in the tile we had installed (and mentioned in question 2) and therefore drains northwest towards the Alder tile. As mentioned in the prior question, water does collect in the northwest corner of our yard but the same tile takes that water northwest towards the Alder tile. In our back yard the north side can be mushy after a long rain spell but the south side (towards the Mando ditch) is not. Our entire yard does not drain towards the Mando ditch project. The same is true about the house gutters. Little of our gutter runoff goes into the Mando ditch project area. Another concern we have is that we have a curtain drain around our leach field and a lift station that pumps to the corner. We had to run a drainage pipe through the road easement from our lift station to the corner where the tile goes under the road. We are concerned that this Mando improvement project will interfere with the outflow of this drain line and cause us problems with our lift station that we didn't have before. Over 30 years ago, we had been instructed to do this by the county as the best way to take care of the water. Due to the fact that at least half and probably more of our total drainage goes to the north towards the Alder tile, we would like to have someone come out to our yard while we are available and re-evaluate the suggested cost basis of our property for this project. Thank you.

Mark and Cheryl Lorson
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John D. Henderson, P.E.

From: Elijah Bowers <elijahjbowers@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 27, 2026 11:10 AM
To: John D. Henderson, P.E.; commissioners@franklincountyohio.gov
Cc: Andrea Bowers; pete_marshall@browntwp.org; joe_martin@browntwp.org; pam_sayre@browntwp.org
Subject: Mando Drainage Improvement Petition - Bowers Comments - 8028 Morris Road

Good morning,

Please see the comments below regarding the Mando Drainage Improvement project.

Do you believe the proposed project provides good value for your property?

The Mando Project addresses the need for improved drainage, and for many properties could provide some relief, however our property at 8028 Morris Road experiences relatively little flooding even during periods of excess rainfall. These minor areas that flood usually dry up within a couple days and do not leave lasting negative impacts to our property or our neighbors' properties. We could easily improve drainage in these areas through private and much less expensive means than what is required through the Mando Drainage Project. While we understand persistent drainage issues exist in portions of the watershed, we do not believe the proposed solution represents a reasonable value for many homeowners who will bear the financial burden for the next 15 years.

Do you believe the benefits your property will see from this improvement will outweigh the costs?

No. We do not believe the benefits outweigh the costs associated with this project. An assessment of approximately \$29,000 over 15 years would create a significant financial burden for our family, especially in combination with already rising property taxes, insurance premiums, utility costs, and overall cost-of-living increases. For young families in particular, like ours, this type of long-term assessment creates a substantial financial burden for years to come. We are also concerned this assessment could negatively affect our ability to competitively sell our home during the payback period, as future buyers may view this additional cost as a deterrent.

Additional Comments/Concerns

We believe property owners should take personal responsibility for maintaining and improving drainage conditions on their own properties whenever possible. In many cases, neighbors in our area have addressed drainage concerns through grading improvements, landscaping adjustments, or other private solutions without requiring a large-scale public project that imposes significant costs across an entire neighborhood.

If the county wants to improve the drainage in this area through a large-scale effort like the Mando Project, they should pay for a significant portion of the bill, if not all of it. The rapid increase in housing development upstream has displaced massive amounts of water into our neighborhood and in large part has caused much of the flooding issues we see today. Our neighbors did not create that problem. It is the county and city's financial responsibility to improve the drainage issue caused by their development. We should not be held financially responsible to improve this issue. Given the

scale and long-term cost of this proposal, we respectfully ask the Commissioners to carefully reconsider whether this project is truly necessary in its current form and whether the financial burden being placed on homeowners is reasonable and proportionate to the benefits received.

Elijah & Andrea Bowers

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8028 Morris Road Hilliard Ohio 43026

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John D. Henderson, P.E.

From: Susan Olson <trekophiles@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 27, 2026 9:03 AM
To: John D. Henderson, P.E.
Subject: Mando Ditch petition response
Attachments: 2026-05 Mando Ditch response to Engineer.pdf

John,

Good morning. Attached please find our response to the Mando Ditch petition. We will be submitting a more detailed letter directly to the Board regarding our concerns.

I have a couple of questions:

1. When can we expect the final assessment numbers?
2. When will the date of the final hearing be set?
3. Will you be advising residents before the final hearing about what recommendation your office plans to make the Board regarding the proposal?

Thank you.

Susan Olson
7900 Morris Rd.

John D. Henderson, P.E.

From: Jeramy May <jeramymay@ymail.com>
Sent: Friday, May 29, 2026 3:56 PM
To: John D. Henderson, P.E.
Subject: Mando Ditch Petition

Adam W. Fowler, P.E., P.S. Franklin County Drainage Engineer

Mando Drainage Improvement Petition

Ohio Revised Code Chapter 6131

Jeramy May

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614-562-4455

Subject: Formal Objection to the Proposed Mando Ditch Petition Project and Request for Independent Environmental and Procedural Review

Dear Franklin County Commissioners and Franklin County Engineer's Office,

My name is Jeramy May, and I am a resident and property owner on Morris Rd in Brown Township in Hilliard, Ohio. I am writing to formally object to the proposed Mando Ditch petition project and to request that the project be suspended pending comprehensive independent environmental, hydrologic, financial, and procedural review.

After reviewing public records, county resolutions, engineering materials, public hearing information, and comments submitted by residents and environmental organizations, I believe this project raises substantial concerns regarding environmental degradation, altered watershed hydrology, financial fairness, lack of transparency, and insufficient representation of the broader community affected by this project.

The Big Darby Creek watershed is one of the most environmentally important and biologically sensitive regions in Ohio and the United States. It contains nationally recognized aquatic ecosystems, protected waterways, wetlands, environmentally significant habitats, and federally endangered mussel species. For decades, federal, state, county, township, and conservation organizations have invested enormous public resources into preserving the watershed through stream restoration, wetland protection, conservation easements, parkland acquisition, and implementation of the Big Darby Accord.

The Big Darby Accord was created specifically to preserve natural drainage patterns, reduce erosion, protect water quality, minimize accelerated stormwater runoff, and protect streams and aquatic

ecosystems from environmental degradation caused by unmanaged development and stormwater impacts.

This proposed drainage project appears fundamentally inconsistent with those goals.

Rather than preserving natural hydrology and encouraging water retention within the landscape, the proposed project appears designed to accelerate stormwater movement through the watershed system. Increasing the speed and concentration of runoff can contribute to flashy stream flows, erosion, sediment transport, downstream flooding impacts, streambank instability, wetland degradation, and long-term damage to the ecological integrity of the watershed.

These are precisely the types of impacts the Big Darby Accord was intended to prevent.

One of the most troubling aspects of this project is the apparent absence of any independent environmental impact study or watershed review. Residents have reportedly been informed by project engineers that no environmental study was required because the project is considered “**private**” and funded through assessments charged to property owners rather than through direct public funding.

However, environmental impacts **do not disappear** simply because a project is privately funded.

A drainage project that alters water movement, increases runoff velocity, affects downstream waterways, and changes watershed hydrology can still create substantial public environmental consequences regardless of the project’s funding source. If county authority, approvals, assessments, engineering oversight, or drainage administration are involved, then residents deserve a transparent and accountable review process.

Moreover, Franklin County Resolution No. 0332-25 formally includes the Mando Petition within the County’s official Capital Improvement Program for Drainage Systems. This demonstrates that the project is being treated as part of a broader county-recognized drainage infrastructure program rather than merely a private matter between neighboring landowners.

The County’s inclusion of the Mando Petition within its official Capital Improvement Program further demonstrates that the project carries broader public infrastructure implications deserving of heightened environmental and public scrutiny.

There are also serious concerns regarding fairness and representation within the current ditch petition process.

A relatively small number of petitioners appear capable of initiating a project that may financially impact nearly a hundred surrounding property owners and permanently alter drainage conditions throughout an environmentally sensitive watershed area. Property owners who may receive little or no measurable benefit from the project could nevertheless be subjected to long-term assessments, maintenance obligations, altered runoff conditions, and downstream environmental impacts.

I specifically dispute the assertion that all assessed properties receive a measurable or proportional “benefit” from the proposed improvement.

The statutory concept of “benefit” under Ohio ditch petition law historically arose in the context of agricultural drainage improvements intended to make poorly drained farmland more productive during a much earlier era of Ohio’s history. Those laws were created long before modern watershed science,

endangered species protections, stormwater management standards, suburban development pressures, and modern understanding of cumulative environmental impacts.

Today, however, projects such as this appear to function less as traditional agricultural drainage improvements and more as regional stormwater conveyance infrastructure capable of accelerating runoff and increasing development pressure within the watershed.

In particular, the apparent scale and capacity of portions of the proposed drainage infrastructure — including the proposed use of 30-inch drainage piping — raise legitimate concerns among residents regarding whether the project is being designed solely to address existing drainage conditions or whether it may also accommodate future development and increased stormwater conveyance within the Big Darby watershed.

Given the environmental sensitivity of the watershed and the long-standing conservation goals underlying the Big Darby Accord, residents deserve transparency regarding the engineering basis, projected capacity requirements, long-term planning assumptions, and potential future land-use implications associated with infrastructure of this scale.

What may once have been considered a universal “benefit” under historic agricultural drainage law may now impose substantial burdens upon residents who value watershed preservation, natural drainage, environmental protection, and rural character.

To many residents, the project may create burdens rather than benefits, including:

- Long-term financial assessments and maintenance obligations
- Increased runoff and altered drainage conditions
- Increased erosion and downstream flow impacts
- Potential impacts to wetlands, tributaries, and environmentally sensitive areas
- Degradation of natural water retention and watershed stability
- Increased future development pressure within the Big Darby watershed
- Reduced environmental protections and long-term ecological impacts

In addition, many residents remain concerned about the lack of transparency associated with the project. Important questions remain unanswered, including:

- Was any hydrology, stormwater runoff, or downstream flow modeling completed?
- Was erosion or sediment transport analysis performed?
- Was the project reviewed for consistency with the Big Darby Accord?
- Were environmental agencies consulted regarding wetlands, streams, or endangered species concerns?
- What downstream impacts are anticipated from increased water velocity and concentrated runoff?
- Were alternatives considered that would preserve more natural drainage and water retention patterns?
- How were property “benefits” determined and assessments calculated?
- What long-term maintenance obligations will be imposed upon affected property owners?

These are not minor procedural concerns. They go directly to whether this project has been properly evaluated for its long-term impacts on residents, neighboring properties, downstream waterways, and the broader Big Darby watershed ecosystem.

Residents are not opposed to responsible drainage maintenance or necessary infrastructure improvements. However, projects with the potential to permanently alter watershed hydrology, increase stormwater conveyance, and impose long-term financial obligations upon surrounding landowners should not proceed without comprehensive environmental review, transparent engineering analysis, meaningful public participation, and independent evaluation of long-term consequences.

Accordingly, I respectfully request that the Franklin County Commissioners and Franklin County Engineer's Office take the following actions before proceeding further with the Mando Ditch petition project:

- Immediately pause or suspend further advancement of the project pending additional review
- Require a comprehensive independent environmental impact evaluation
- Conduct hydrology, erosion, stormwater runoff, and downstream impact studies
- Provide full public disclosure of engineering reports, assessments, routing decisions, and project assumptions
- Expand opportunities for public hearings and meaningful resident participation
- Reevaluate whether affected properties receive actual measurable benefits under Ohio Revised Code Chapter 6131
- Review cumulative watershed impacts associated with expanding drainage infrastructure within the Big Darby watershed
- Consult with appropriate environmental and wildlife agencies regarding wetlands, tributaries, protected waterways, and endangered species concerns

The Big Darby watershed is a unique public trust resource of statewide and national importance. Decisions affecting its long-term environmental health, hydrology, and ecological stability should not be rushed or minimized through narrow procedural classifications or limited public review.

The current petition process appears to permit a relatively small number of petitioners to initiate projects capable of imposing long-term financial and environmental consequences upon a much broader population of affected property owners.

I respectfully request that this letter and objection be entered into the official public record concerning the Mando Ditch petition for all phases and areas of the project and any related proceedings. These concerns may also justify broader county reviews of how petition ditch projects are evaluated, approved, and environmentally reviewed within sensitive watershed areas throughout Franklin County

Thank you for your time and consideration of these concerns.

Respectfully,

Jeramy May

John D. Henderson, P.E.

From: Amy Yahoo (rocketmail) <hopsonamy@rocketmail.com>
Sent: Monday, June 1, 2026 11:51 AM
To: John D. Henderson, P.E.
Subject: Fwd: Mando drainage input

John,

Please see comments for consideration. We are on Jerman Lane. Unless all properties can benefit it is too much of a cost to see it outweigh the value.

In general we are opposed to 2 and 3 improvements. Due to how calculations are performed, we will see very little improvement due to the fact we are on the East side of the road. Costs may be detrimental to folks selling their houses for the subsequent 15 years on the assessed.

If area 2 has full support we may be ok with that if we know it will make a significant difference for majority of families, but area 3 is too expensive unless the bulk of the cost can be taken by state / county funds. Further comment in the attached form.



Thanks.

Amy Hopson

hopsonamy@rocketmail.com

John D. Henderson, P.E.

From: Gregg Tuller <gtuller@hopkinsprinting.com>
Sent: Friday, June 12, 2026 1:41 PM
To: John D. Henderson, P.E.
Subject: Re: Mando question

Hello John,

That is not necessary; I am extremely frustrated with this entire project. It adds no value to my property, regardless of the cost. Again, I have zero water issues in the back of my property.

I do not understand why I would be expected to pay a significant assessment for a project that does not benefit my property.

The assessed cost would make my own home unaffordable for me and my family for absolutely no justifiable reason. In addition, because of the large assessment burden, it will make my home extremely difficult or impossible to sell. Bottom line it puts my Family in a terrible financial position for no reason.

I am asking the Franklin County Engineer's Office to reconsider this entire project; it is not in the best interest of the property owners. The financial impact it will have on residents like myself will be devastating.

Gregg Tuller

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Isaiah 41:10 NKJV

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From: John D. Henderson, P.E. <jhenderson@franklincountyengineer.org>
Sent: Friday, June 12, 2026 10:52 AM
To: Gregg Tuller <gtuller@hopkinsprinting.com>
Subject: RE: Mando question

Hi Gregg,

As of now we are just sending out the pdf. I can give you more information on how everything was calculated if that would help.



John D. Henderson, P.E.

Assistant Riparian & Environmental Engineer

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From: Gregg Tuller <gtuller@hopkinsprinting.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 11, 2026 9:01 AM
To: John D. Henderson, P.E. <jhenderson@franklincountyengineer.org>
Subject: Fw: Mando question

Good Morning john,

Would it be possible to get the excel file with the listings of all of the costs to each address that was passed out in the meeting.

Thank you,

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From: John D. Henderson, P.E. <jhenderson@franklincountyengineer.org>
Sent: Thursday, May 21, 2026 3:49 PM
To: Gregg Tuller <gtuller@hopkinsprinting.com>
Subject: Automatic reply: Mando Comment Form - Gregg Tuller - 8085 Patterson Road - 5.21.26

Hello! I am currently out of the office and will return May 26th.
Thank you!

John D. Henderson, P.E.

From: Thomas Schulte <tomschulte60@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, June 23, 2026 11:34 AM
To: John D. Henderson, P.E.
Subject: Mando drainage ditch project

Thank you John for all your work, helping to improve Franklin county. I can see why the Mando ditch project could improve water control but it puts my property at huge risk and I am completely against this construction.

I own the 21 acres at 8570 Morris Road. We recently built our house on this Christian farm ministry and our house is close to the drainage ditch that eventually discharges into the Darby.

I too am an engineer and dumping all the water “upstream” of my property would be a ticking time bombshell. There is a lot of debris in the drainage ditch and when it rains, even .5-1 inch, that ditch fills to the “rim”. Adding all that additional water will overwhelm that existing ditch, flood my basement, and destroy my investment and life’s work.

I am a pilot and usually work early in the morning which makes most of my afternoons available if you would like to come “visit”...

Tom

Thomas. D. Schulte, Jr.
Lt. Colonel, USAF, (retired)
(614) 202-0973

John D. Henderson, P.E.

From: John D. Henderson, P.E.
Sent: Thursday, May 7, 2026 9:14 AM
To: Richard Baylor
Cc: James R. Ramsey, P.E.; Abigail Obert, E.I.
Subject: RE: Mando Petition project

Richard,

Only a portion of one of Staines parcels is draining to the improvements. The other parcel drains to an existing field tile that outlets downstream of the proposed improvements.

Therefore, only one of their parcels is included in the assessments. It is highlighted below.

Let me know if you have any other questions. Thank you,

Parcel Assessment Summary

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PARCELID	Site Address	Owner Name 1	Owner Name 2	Area 1 Assessment	Area 2 Assessment
120-000009	PATTERSON RD	PATTERSON WALKER APTULU LLC			
120-000020	7822 MORRIS RD	MOJICA WILLIAM E	MOJICA HILARY		\$ 2,440.88
120-000032	8444 MORRIS RD	BRADY LARRY K TTEE	BRADY MARY H TTEE		\$ 2,440.88
120-000041	7818 MORRIS RD	MOJICA WILLIAM E	MOJICA HILARY		\$ 2,440.88
120-000062	8142 MORRIS RD	JERMAN FARM LLC			\$ 2,440.88
120-000066	8411 MORRIS RD	QUALLS SABRA L	QUALLS CHRISTOPHER A		\$ 1,220.44
120-000068	7975 PATTERSON RD	HAYNES JEFFREY A			\$ 2,440.88
120-000069	8115 PATTERSON RD	DEREE CHARLES R	MEYER STACY L		
120-000073	7662 ROBERTS RD	TRAPP FARM LLC			\$ 2,440.88
120-000080	7800 ROBERTS RD	MARIENTHAL LLC			\$ 2,440.88
120-000081	ROBERTS RD REAR	MARIENTHAL LLC			\$ 2,440.88
120-000132	8351 PATTERSON RD	SASSON ANTHONY M	SASSON COLLEEN C		
120-000172	8501 PATTERSON RD	BAYLOR RICHARD C	BAYLOR MAURA L	\$ 15,440.88	
120-000440	8361 PATTERSON RD	MCADAMS LINDA	MCADAMS DAVE		
120-000463	PATTERSON RD	BAYLOR RICHARD C	BAYLOR MAURA L	\$ 845.06	
120-000464	8455 PATTERSON RD	STAINES BETHANY		\$ 530.64	
120-000509	8178 MORRIS RD	SHADE TIMOTHY E	SHADE MARY A		\$ 2,440.88
120-000531	7790 MORRIS RD	MOUSSA TAREK M	SIBAII BAYAN		\$ 2,440.88
120-000547	8480 MORRIS RD	BATTLES LAWRENCE E	BATTLES CAROLYN E		\$ 2,440.88
120-000548	8360 MORRIS RD	SHULL KELLI			\$ 2,440.88
120-000550	8460 MORRIS RD	DAILY GEORGE D	DAILY BRENDA L		\$ 2,440.88
120-000552	8166 MORRIS RD	MCFARLAND JENNIFER M	BEVINGTON JASON D		\$ 1,220.44
120-000554	8400 MORRIS RD	FELDHEIM JASON E	FELDHEIM MINDY		\$ 2,440.88



John D. Henderson, P.E.

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From: Richard Baylor <rcbaylor@gmail.com>

Sent: Tuesday, May 5, 2026 3:53 PM

To: John D. Henderson, P.E. <jhenderson@franklincountyengineer.org>

Subject: Re: Mando Petition project

Thanks . Possibly I misread the spreadsheet , but I'm curious why if both our lots on Patterson were assessed why not my neighbor , Staines, with two lots?

Again , unless there is a plan to add drain tile on around the S curve in Patterson Rd to drain the county catch basin that sits just east of our lots, I still fail to understand how we benefit at all from this project.

Best Regards,
Richard Baylor

On Tue, May 5, 2026, 2:54 PM John D. Henderson, P.E. <jhenderson@franklincountyengineer.org> wrote:

Richard,

Please see attached. They are organized by address.

Thanks.



John D. Henderson, P.E.

Assistant Riparian & Environmental Engineer

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From: Richard Baylor <rcbaylor@gmail.com>

Sent: Tuesday, May 5, 2026 2:48 PM

To: John D. Henderson, P.E. <jhenderson@franklincountyengineer.org>

Cc: James R. Ramsey, P.E. <jramsey@franklincountyengineer.org>; Maria E. Claypool

<mclaypool@franklincountyengineer.org>

Subject: Re: Mando Petition project

Could you tell me what our assessment is? Thank you . I believe I previously submitted the comment form to your office

Best Regards,
Richard Baylor

On Tue, May 5, 2026, 1:32 PM John D. Henderson, P.E. <jhenderson@franklincountyengineer.org> wrote:

Richard,

Please see attached. Let me know if you have any questions or need anything else. Thanks.



John D. Henderson, P.E.

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From: Main Office <FRACOENG@franklincountyengineer.org>

Sent: Wednesday, April 29, 2026 11:02 AM

To: James R. Ramsey, P.E. <jramsey@franklincountyengineer.org>; John D. Henderson, P.E.

<jhenderson@franklincountyengineer.org>; Maria E. Claypool <mclaypool@franklincountyengineer.org>

Subject: FW: Mando Petition project



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-----Original Message-----

From: Richard Baylor <rcbaylor@gmail.com>

Sent: Wednesday, April 29, 2026 10:58 AM

To: Main Office <FRACOENG@franklincountyengineer.org>

Subject: Mando Petition project

Hello,

I was unable to attend the meeting last night about the Mando Ditch project. Would there be information available online or can the materials emailed to me ? Thank you for help.

Regards,

Richard Baylor

John D. Henderson, P.E.

From: John D. Henderson, P.E.
Sent: Monday, February 23, 2026 8:30 AM
To: Susan Olson
Cc: Abigail Obert, E.I.
Subject: RE: Mando Ditch Petition

Hi Susan,

Sorry for the delay, we are currently finalizing the plans and will schedule the final public meetings in the next couple months. You will get a notification in the mail.

Please let us know if you need anything else.

Thanks.



John D. Henderson, P.E.
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From: Susan Olson <trekophiles@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, February 22, 2026 4:48 PM
To: John D. Henderson, P.E. <jhenderson@franklincountyengineer.org>
Subject: Mando Ditch Petition

What is the current status of the Mando Ditch petition? I can't find anything online. The last update I have is from June 2025, when comments were requested from affected homeowners.

Thanks,

Susan

John D. Henderson, P.E.

From: John D. Henderson, P.E.
Sent: Tuesday, April 28, 2026 11:59 AM
To: asasson@aol.com
Cc: Abigail Obert, E.I.; James R. Ramsey, P.E.; Maria E. Claypool
Subject: FW: Mando Ditch Petition meetings

Hello,

You should have received a letter from our office in the mail a few weeks ago.

8351 Patterson is in Area #4. We are having an open house style meeting to discuss area #4 on May 7th, 5:30pm-7:30pm at 2491 Walker Rd, Hilliard, Ohio 43026.

Please let us know if you have any questions or need any more information. Thanks.



John D. Henderson, P.E.

Assistant Riparian & Environmental Engineer

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From: Main Office <FRACOENG@franklincountyengineer.org>
Sent: Tuesday, April 28, 2026 11:25 AM
To: James R. Ramsey, P.E. <jramsey@franklincountyengineer.org>; John D. Henderson, P.E. <jhenderson@franklincountyengineer.org>; Maria E. Claypool <mclaypool@franklincountyengineer.org>
Subject: FW: Mando Ditch Petition meetings



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From: asasson@aol.com <asasson@aol.com>
Sent: Tuesday, April 28, 2026 11:20 AM
To: Main Office <FRACOENG@franklincountyengineer.org>
Subject: Mando Ditch Petition meetings

I heard that Mando Ditch petition meetings in Brown Township might be scheduled, but I have not been able to find any information. Can you provide any details?

Thanks,
Anthony Sasson
8351 Patterson Rd
Hilliard 43026

John D. Henderson, P.E.

From: Joe_Martin@BrownTWP.org
Sent: Tuesday, April 28, 2026 3:10 PM
To: Abigail Obert, E.I.
Cc: James R. Ramsey, P.E.; John D. Henderson, P.E.
Subject: RE: Brown Township - Mando Petition Direct Assessments

Abby,

Thanks for this. One question...

If you accept to be directly assessed for \$658,720, the total amount assessed to Brown Township would be \$967,475.52.

Where is the \$308.855.52 coming from and why would we need to pay it?

In the meantime, let me know if you have any issues getting into the Dever building.

Door Lock / Unlock = 2495

Alarm Code = 7258 (or text me and I can turn it off/on from my phone)

I'll be at the Zoning meeting in the Firehouse but will try to make my way to the Dever building sometime while you guys are there.

Thanks,
-Joe

Joe Martin, Trustee
Brown Township, Franklin County, Ohio
614-309-8879 cell
Joe_Martin@BrownTWP.org

From: Abigail Obert, E.I. <aobert@franklincountyengineer.org>
Sent: Monday, April 27, 2026 8:35 AM
To: Joe_Martin@BrownTWP.org
Cc: James R. Ramsey, P.E. <jramsey@franklincountyengineer.org>; John D. Henderson, P.E. <jhenderson@franklincountyengineer.org>
Subject: RE: Brown Township - Mando Petition Direct Assessments

My answers to your questions below are in blue.

There is a third option that has not been discussed yet, and that is having Brown Township pay for the cost of the work in the right of way only for area 3. Using a direct assessment, I

tried to make the assessment to Brown Township as close as possible to the cost of work within right of way for Area 3.

	Direct Assessment	Calculated Assessment	Total Assessment
Area 2	\$0	\$114,166.17	\$114,166.17
Area 3	\$326,113.00	\$295,686.97	\$621,799.97

Total: \$735,966.14, annual assessment of \$49,064.41 per year.

This solution has Brown Township covering for the construction within the Morris Road ROW, which could look better publicly, while also being more palatable to the township.

I do not know when you plan to talk to the Board about this, but we will need an answer soon, since our public meetings start tomorrow.



Abigail Obert, E.I.

Drainage Project Engineer I

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Location: 970 Dublin Road, Columbus, Ohio 43215

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From: Joe_Martin@BrownTWP.org <Joe_Martin@BrownTWP.org>

Sent: Sunday, April 26, 2026 3:18 PM

To: Abigail Obert, E.I. <aobert@franklincountyengineer.org>

Cc: James R. Ramsey, P.E. <jramsey@franklincountyengineer.org>; John D. Henderson, P.E. <jhenderson@franklincountyengineer.org>

Subject: Brown Township - Mando Petition Direct Assessments

Abby,

I believe I understand the assessment options being proposed for the Mando Ditch Petition project as it effect Brown Township, but I would appreciate your confirmation before presenting this information to the Brown Township Board of Trustees.

As I understand Ohio Revised Code Chapter 6131, the County Engineer prepares a schedule of assessments identifying the benefited parcels, political subdivisions, and other public entities, with the assessments allocated according to the benefit received. I also understand that ORC 6131.15 allows the County Engineer to assess a political subdivision for benefits related to public health, safety,

convenience, the environment, wildlife, recreation, and welfare, or as a means of improving a street, road, or highway under that political subdivision's control or ownership.

With that framework in mind, my understanding is that Franklin County has elected to be directly assessed for the work within the Patterson Road right-of-way. For the work within the Morris Road right-of-way, however, Brown Township is being given a choice as to whether the cost of that right-of-way work will be directly assessed to Brown Township or instead be included in the overall assessment calculation and distributed among the benefited properties according to a benefits formula.

Specifically, I would like to confirm the following:

1. If Brown Township accepts the direct assessment of **\$658,720** for the Morris Road right-of-way work as detailed in Table 1 below:
 - A. The overall total for the benefit-based calculation used for the private property owners will be reduced by \$658,720 *Correct, The \$658,720 will be taken from the top of the project cost. Private property owners will not see this amount in their assessment calculation.*
 - B. Assuming a 15-year collection period, Brown Township would be assess **\$44k per year for 15 years.** *If you accept to be directly assessed for \$658,720, the total amount assessed to Brown Township would be \$967,475.52. Over a 15-year collection period, that is \$64,498.37 per year*
 - C. While not included in this discussion, an ongoing drainage maintenance assessment may apply after the project is completed. *Yes, see below.*
 - D. There would be no other additional assessments **associated** with this project charged to Brown Township. *Correct, there would not be any surprise costs.*
2. If Brown Township accepts the calculated assessment for the Morris Road right-of-way work:
 - A. The estimated **\$658,720** in Morris Road right-of-way work, shown in Table 1 below, would remain part of the overall project cost and allocated among the benefited properties (including Brown Township) through a benefit-based assessment calculation. *Correct, it will be distributed amongst the properties in Area 2 and 3.*
 - B. Brown Township's assessment would be based on the benefit-based calculation shown in Table 2 below of **\$509,948.** *Correct, this would be for both Area 2 and 3. This is less than the cost of the improvements that would be seen in the Morris Road right of way.*
 - C. Assuming a 15-year collection period, Brown Township would pay **\$34k per year for 15 years.** *Correct, the annual assessment for a 15-year collection period would be about \$34k per year.*
 - D. While not part of these assessments, an ongoing drainage maintenance assessment may apply after the project is completed. *Yes, see below.*
 - E. There would be no other additional assessment associated with this project charged to Brown Township. *Correct, there would not be any surprise costs.*
3. Based on this comparison, it is my understanding is that declining the direct assessment would reduce Brown Township's estimated annual cost by approximately **\$10k per year** for 15 years, or **\$150,000 in total.** *Closer to \$20k per year.*

Could you please confirm whether each of the above understanding is accurate?

In addition, do you have an estimated annual maintenance assessment for Brown Township once the improvement is completed? If that number is not yet available, can you provide an estimated range or explain how the maintenance assessment would likely be calculated for the Township? *Typically, for private property owners, this is about 2% of the construction assessment. So for Brown Township, this would be about \$1289.97. However, this can be worked out later. I am imagining a conversation can take place about if Brown maintains that section of roadway, there wouldn't be a need for a maintenance assessment, but again, to be discussed later.*

I want to make sure that I accurately understand both the statutory assessment process and the practical financial impact before presenting this to my fellow trustees.

Thank you for your help.

-Joe

Joe Martin, Trustee
Brown Township, Franklin County, Ohio
614-309-8879
Joe_Martin@BrownTWP.org

TABLE 1: Direct Assessment for actual cost of work within Brown Township's right of way:

Work in ROW				
Within Morris Road ROW Section 2				
Item	Quantity	Unit	Unit Cost	Total Cost
Guardrail Rebuilt, Type 5	12.5	FT	\$ 100.00	\$ 1,250.00
Pavement Repair (Roadway)	14	SY	\$ 150.00	\$ 2,100.00
Ditch Maintenance	1011	FT	\$ 20.00	\$ 20,220.00
Sign Removed and Reinstalled	2	EA	\$ 75.00	\$ 150.00
RCP, Tye C	2	CY	\$ 200.00	\$ 400.00
24" Conduit, Type B, 706.02	62	FT	\$ 150.00	\$ 9,300.00
CB 2-3	1	EA	\$3,500.00	\$ 3,500.00
			Total	\$ 36,920.00
Within Morris Road ROW Section 3				
Item	Quantity	Unit	Unit Cost	Total Cost
CB 2-4	9	EA	\$4,000.00	\$ 36,000.00
30" Conduit, Type B PE-HP Dual Wall)	2519	FT	\$ 210.00	\$ 528,990.00
30" Conduit, Type C, 706.02	34	FT	\$ 185.00	\$ 6,290.00
Pipe Removed, 24" and under	2341	FT	\$ 20.00	\$ 46,820.00
CB Removed	2	EA	\$ 800.00	\$ 1,600.00
Mailbox Removed and Reset	10	EA	\$ 210.00	\$ 2,100.00
			Total	\$ 621,800.00
Within Brown Township ROW				\$ 658,720.00

TABLE 2: Estimated Assessment using a benefit-based calculation for Brown Township:

	Direct Assessment	Calculated Assessment	Total Assessment
Area 2	\$0	\$114,116.17	\$114,116.17
Area 3	\$0	\$395,831.56	\$395,831.56

John D. Henderson, P.E.

From: Becky Kent <becky_kent@browntwp.org>
Sent: Thursday, April 30, 2026 4:20 PM
To: Abigail Obert, E.I.
Cc: John D. Henderson, P.E.; James R. Ramsey, P.E.; Pam Sayre; Joe Martin
Subject: Re: Mando Public Info Meetings

We do plan to attend one. If you prefer to discuss there that's fine.

Becky
Sent from my iPhone

On Apr 30, 2026, at 8:25 AM, Abigail Obert, E.I. <aobert@franklincountyengineer.org> wrote:

Will you be any of the public meetings? We can discuss this further in person.

Abigail Obert, E.I.

Drainage Project Engineer I

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Location: 970 Dublin Road, Columbus, Ohio 43215

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From: Becky Kent <becky_kent@browntwp.org>
Sent: Thursday, April 30, 2026 9:16 AM
To: Abigail Obert, E.I. <aobert@franklincountyengineer.org>
Cc: John D. Henderson, P.E. <jhenderson@franklincountyengineer.org>; James R. Ramsey, P.E. <jramsey@franklincountyengineer.org>; Pam Sayre <pam_sayre@browntwp.org>; Joe Martin <joe_martin@browntwp.org>
Subject: Re: Mando Public Info Meetings

My entire yard does not drain to area 2. The majority of my yard drains to the Morris ditch to the south of us. Did you use my entire yard to calculate my assessment or just the part that "benefits"? I would like to see the formula you used to arrive at the figures for 7881 and 7871 Morris.

Thanks,
Becky

Sent from my iPhone

On Apr 30, 2026, at 7:32 AM, Abigail Obert, E.I.
<aobert@franklincountyengineer.org> wrote:

Ms. Kent,

As you can see from the attached exhibit, addresses 7871 and 7881 Morris Road are both within the green dashed area, which indicated Area 3. Area 3 drains to the improvements made in Area 2, therefore parcels within Area 3 benefit from the improvements made in Area 2 and should be assessed as such.

The appeal process is outlined in [Section 6131.25 of](#) the Ohio Revised Code. I cannot provide you with legal advice, but I will let you know that this is not the appropriate time to start an appeal.

Abby

Abigail Obert, E.I.

Drainage Project Engineer I

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Location: 970 Dublin Road, Columbus, Ohio 43215

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From: becky_kent@browntwp.org <becky_kent@browntwp.org>

Sent: Wednesday, April 29, 2026 3:39 PM

To: Abigail Obert, E.I. <aobert@franklincountyengineer.org>

Cc: John D. Henderson, P.E. <jhenderson@franklincountyengineer.org>; James R. Ramsey, P.E. <jramsey@franklincountyengineer.org>; Pam Sayre

<pam_sayre@BrownTwp.org>; Joe Martin <joe_martin@BrownTwp.org>

Subject: RE: Mando Public Info Meetings

Abigail,

I wasn't at the meeting yesterday but got the handouts. Why is my address and my mom's (7881 Morris) assessed in both area 2 and 3? When I look at the map we are both clearly only in area 2. Neither of us have flooding issues. This is an obscene amount of money to expect us to pay.

This is going to affect some people's ability to afford to stay in their homes, and will certainly affect people's ability to sell their home since these assessments will need to be disclosed. Not to mention the extra pressure on the Big Darby which already overflows with big rains.

Please explain the appeals process to me. I would like to pursue that.

Thanks,
Becky Kent
Brown Township Fiscal Officer
2491 Walker Road
Hilliard, Ohio 43026
Office: 614-876-2133

-----Original Message-----

From: "Abigail Obert, E.I." <aobert@franklincountyengineer.org>
Sent: Tuesday, April 7, 2026 11:12am
To: "joe_martin@browntwp.org" <joe_martin@browntwp.org>
Cc: "John D. Henderson, P.E." <jhenderson@franklincountyengineer.org>, "James R. Ramsey, P.E." <jramsey@franklincountyengineer.org>, "Pam Sayre (passayre154@gmail.com)" <pam_sayre@browntwp.org>, "Becky Kent (becky.kent@me.com)" <becky_kent@browntwp.org>, "Heidi_Feathers@BrownTwp.org" <Heidi_Feathers@BrownTwp.org>
Subject: RE: Mando Public Info Meetings

Hi Joe,
We send letters out yesterday to properties within the Mando watershed. Here is the information that was sent out if you would like to publish it on your website.

I am not sure yet if we will need the TV. I will update you closer to the meeting time.

Thanks,
Abby

Abigail Obert, E.I.

Drainage Project Engineer I

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From: Joe Martin <joe_martin@browntwp.org>
Sent: Wednesday, March 18, 2026 1:40 PM
To: Abigail Obert, E.I. <aobert@franklincountyengineer.org>
Cc: John D. Henderson, P.E. <jhenderson@franklincountyengineer.org>; James R. Ramsey, P.E. <jramsey@franklincountyengineer.org>; Pam Sayre (passayre154@gmail.com) <pam_sayre@browntwp.org>; Becky Kent

(becky.kent@me.com) <becky_kent@browntwp.org>; Heidi_Feathers@BrownTwp.org

Subject: RE: Mando Public Info Meetings

Abby,

Sounds good. I'll not make any changes.

Let me know if you need the TV for these meeting and I'll arrange to have it in the space before you arrive.

Thanks,

-Joe

Joe Martin, Trustee
Brown Township, Franklin County, Ohio
(614) 309-8879 cell
[Schedule a meeting](#)

From: Abigail Obert, E.I. <aobert@franklincountyengineer.org>

Sent: Wednesday, March 18, 2026 1:05 PM

To: joe_martin@browntwp.org

Cc: John D. Henderson, P.E. <jhenderson@franklincountyengineer.org>; James R. Ramsey, P.E. <jramsey@franklincountyengineer.org>

Subject: RE: Mando Public Info Meetings

Hi Joe,

Thanks for the heads up. Here is our rough plan:

April 28 – Section 1

April 30– Section 2

May 5 – Section 3

May 7 – Section 4

We want to keep that same date. Section 1 is fairly small, so we do not anticipate a large crowd, so parking shouldn't get too busy.

We will send out letters to the residents to know which meeting to attend ahead of time. I can also give you the address/parcel ID list as well that would say which parcels are in which sections if you want. Our intention is to focus on those specific sections during the meetings, so we want to avoid residents who have questions not related to that section.

Thanks,

Abby

Abigail Obert, E.I.

Drainage Project Engineer I

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Location: 970 Dublin Road, Columbus, Ohio 43215

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From: Joe Martin <joe_martin@browntwp.org>
Sent: Tuesday, March 17, 2026 10:50 AM
To: Abigail Obert, E.I. <aobert@franklincountyengineer.org>
Cc: John D. Henderson, P.E. <jhenderson@franklincountyengineer.org>; James R. Ramsey, P.E. <jramsey@franklincountyengineer.org>
Subject: RE: Mando Public Info Meetings

Abby,

Two things:

At last night's public meeting, I learned that our new Zoning Commission will be holding an open house on April 28 between 4pm and 7pm in the firehouse. While this does not conflict with your use of the Dever Building meeting room, it could create a parking problem. I have not changed your reservation to use the meeting room on 4/28 but wanted to make you aware of a potential issue that evening. **Let me know if you want to me look at alternate dates.**

Also at last night's meeting, residents were asking about the Mando Ditch project. After a brief discussion about the meeting dates (4/28, 4/30, 5/5, and 5/7), there were questions about will residents know which meeting to attend? We are currently preparing our spring newsletter, which will arrive in residents' mailboxes before 4/15. If you would like to have something posted there, including which meeting to attend, **please send me some information** so that I can have it included.

Thanks,
-Joe

Joe Martin, Trustee
Brown Township, Franklin County, Ohio
(614) 309-8879 cell
[Schedule a meeting](#)

From: Abigail Obert, E.I. <aobert@franklincountyengineer.org>
Sent: Wednesday, March 11, 2026 3:30 PM
To: joe_martin@browntwp.org
Cc: John D. Henderson, P.E. <jhenderson@franklincountyengineer.org>
Subject: RE: Mando Public Info Meetings

Wonderful! Thank you so much!

Abigail Obert, E.I.

Drainage Project Engineer I

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Location: 970 Dublin Road, Columbus, Ohio 43215

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From: Joe Martin <joe_martin@browntwp.org>
Sent: Wednesday, March 11, 2026 3:25 PM
To: Abigail Obert, E.I. <aobert@franklincountyengineer.org>
Cc: John D. Henderson, P.E. <jhenderson@franklincountyengineer.org>
Subject: RE: Mando Public Info Meetings

Abby,

These dates are open and I've reserved them for you.

Let me know if there is anything I can do to help,
-Joe

Joe Martin, Trustee
Brown Township, Franklin County, Ohio
(614) 309-8879 cell

[Schedule In-Person meeting](#)

[Book an On-Line session](#)

From: Abigail Obert, E.I. <aobert@franklincountyengineer.org>
Sent: Wednesday, March 11, 2026 1:29 PM
To: joe_martin@browntwp.org
Cc: John D. Henderson, P.E. <jhenderson@franklincountyengineer.org>
Subject: RE: Mando Public Info Meetings

Hi Joe,

We are ready to reschedule the Mando meetings. Please let me know if the township (or firehouse) building is available the following days from 5:30-7:30pm:

1. April 28
2. April 30
3. May 5
4. May 7

We will be sending our letters letting people know about these meetings in the following month. Typically, we like to give at least a 2-week notice.

Thank you,
Abby

Abigail Obert, E.I.

Drainage Project Engineer I

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From: Abigail Obert, E.I. <aobert@franklincountyengineer.org>
Sent: Friday, January 9, 2026 9:50 AM
To: joe_martin@browntwp.org
Cc: John D. Henderson, P.E. <jhenderson@franklincountyengineer.org>
Subject: RE: Mando Public Info Meetings

Hi Joe,
We will have to postpone the Mando meetings. The handouts we were hoping to have in for the meeting will not be finalized in time.
I will let you know when we can reschedule.
Thanks,
Abby

Abigail Obert, E.I.
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From: joe_martin@browntwp.org <joe_martin@browntwp.org>
Sent: Wednesday, December 10, 2025 9:41 AM
To: Abigail Obert, E.I. <aobert@franklincountyengineer.org>
Cc: John D. Henderson, P.E. <jhenderson@franklincountyengineer.org>
Subject: Re: Mando Public Info Meetings

Ok, those dates are booked.

I'm assuming you'll do a flyer to residents. Of you send me the details, I'll update the Twp website.

-Joe

Sent from my iPhone

On Dec 10, 2025, at 8:24 AM, Abigail Obert, E.I.
<aobert@franklincountyengineer.org> wrote:

That should work! Thanks for your flexibility.

Abigail Obert, E.I.
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From: joe_martin@browntwp.org <joe_martin@browntwp.org>
Sent: Wednesday, December 10, 2025 8:22 AM
To: Abigail Obert, E.I. <aobert@franklincountyengineer.org>
Cc: John D. Henderson, P.E. <jhenderson@franklincountyengineer.org>
Subject: Re: Mando Public Info Meetings

Abby,

We can do 2/10 and 2/12. The other evenings that week are already booked.

Will those dates work?

-Joe

Sent from my iPhone

On Dec 10, 2025, at 7:42 AM, Abigail Obert, E.I.
<aobert@franklincountyengineer.org> wrote:

Joe,
I am so sorry to change up so quickly, but can we reserve the space for February 2, 3, 9 and 10 instead? Apparently some of my coworkers don't want to see me for 60 hours in one week haha.
Thanks,
Abby

Abigail Obert, E.I.
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From: joe_martin@browntwp.org <joe_martin@browntwp.org>
Sent: Tuesday, December 9, 2025 12:45 PM

To: Abigail Obert, E.I. <aobert@franklincountyengineer.org>
Cc: John D. Henderson, P.E. <jhenderson@franklincountyengineer.org>
Subject: Re: Mando Public Info Meetings

Abby,

These dates have been reserved for you.

-Joe

Sent from my iPhone

On Dec 9, 2025, at 9:40 AM, Abigail Obert, E.I.
<aobert@franklincountyengineer.org> wrote:

Hi Joe,

We are finally wrapping up Mando plans. FCEO is wanting to host public informational meetings for the residents. However, because this is such a large watershed and a controversial topic (with a lot of comments and questions), we have decided to host 4 meetings for each of the 4 sections to help residents have their questions answers and concerns heard.

Monday – Area 1

Tuesday – Area 2

Wednesday – Area 3

Thursday – Area 4

We are currently looking at the first week of February, February 2, 3, 4, and 5 to host these meetings. Will the Township Building be available to host these meetings. I do not expect the township to be present for all the meetings, but you are welcome to be there if you want! I will let you know more information as we get closer; I just wanted to get it on the calendar first.

Thanks!

Abby

Abigail Obert, E.I.
Drainage Project Engineer in Training
970 Dublin Road
____ Columbus, Ohio 43215
(614) 525-7469
aobert@franklincountyengineer.org
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John D. Henderson, P.E.

From: Abigail Obert, E.I.
Sent: Wednesday, May 6, 2026 1:41 PM
To: pam_sayre@browntwp.org
Cc: 'Pete Marsh'; joe_martin@browntwp.org; Becky Kent; James R. Ramsey, P.E.; John D. Henderson, P.E.; Nick A. Soulas, Jr.
Subject: RE: Mando Ditch Petition

Pam,

A 404 permit is not required because a Section 404 permit is required when a project proposes to discharge dredged or fill material into waters of the US, including wetland, streams, etc. This project is a storm sewer project, where the proposed improvements include replacing undersized pipe with a bigger pipe or installing pipe in areas where there currently is no drainage system. This work does not trigger the need for a permit. The only improvements proposed as part of this project in the ditch is replacing existing undersized driveway culverts in the open ditch north of Morris Road and performing clearing and snagging of obstructions within the ditch limits. If we were piping in sections of the ditch that were previously open or realigning the ditch, we would have to consult with ACE. However, we did not consult with the Army Corps of Engineers because this project does not warrant a 404 permit.

Thanks,
Abby



Abigail Obert, E.I.

Drainage Project Engineer I

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Location: 970 Dublin Road, Columbus, Ohio 43215

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-----Original Message-----

From: pam_sayre@browntwp.org <pam_sayre@browntwp.org>
Sent: Tuesday, May 5, 2026 4:49 PM
To: Abigail Obert, E.I. <aobert@franklincountyengineer.org>
Cc: 'Pete Marsh' <pete_marshall@browntwp.org>; joe_martin@browntwp.org; Becky Kent <becky_kent@browntwp.org>; James R. Ramsey, P.E. <jramsey@franklincountyengineer.org>; John D. Henderson, P.E. <jhenderson@franklincountyengineer.org>; Nick A. Soulas, Jr. <nsoulas@franklincountyengineer.org>
Subject: RE: Mando Ditch Petition

Thank you, Abby.

I know you have a meeting this evening. Maybe tomorrow or Thursday, you can send along the documentation from the Army Corps of Engineers that states no 404 permit is required for this project.

Thanks again!

Pam

-----Original Message-----

From: "Abigail Obert, E.I." <aobert@franklincountyengineer.org>

Sent: Monday, May 4, 2026 10:26am

To: "pam_sayre@browntwp.org" <pam_sayre@browntwp.org>

Cc: "Pete Marsh" <pete_marshall@browntwp.org>, "joe_martin@browntwp.org"

<joe_martin@browntwp.org>, "Becky Kent" <becky_kent@browntwp.org>, "James R. Ramsey, P.E."

<jramsey@franklincountyengineer.org>, "John D. Henderson, P.E."

<jhenderson@franklincountyengineer.org>, "Nick A. Soulas, Jr." <nsoulas@franklincountyengineer.org>

Subject: RE: Mando Ditch Petition

Pam,

1. No federal funding for this project.
2. 404 permit is not required.
3. The estimated assessment is split amongst all benefiting landowners within the watershed and calculated using the procedure that is described in the attached document. The direct assessment is for the cost of construction within Morris Road right-of-way.

ORC 6131.15(A)(4): The benefits accruing to political subdivisions and any department, office, or institution of the state. The engineer shall determine the estimated cost of the improvement that each political subdivision and any department, office, or institution of the state shall be assessed by reason of the benefit to public health, safety, convenience, the environment, wildlife, recreation, and welfare, or as the means of improving any street, road, or highway under the control or ownership of any political subdivision or any department, office, or institution of the state, or for benefit to any land owned by any public corporation or any department, office, or institution of the state. The engineer shall prepare a schedule of assessments containing the name and address of each political subdivision and each department, office, or institution of the state so benefited, the amount of the estimated assessment, and an explanation of the assessment if the assessment is for purposes other than drainage.

The cost of construction within Morris Road right-of-way is \$658,720.

Franklin County will be directly assessed for the work within Patterson Road right-of-way.

Thanks,

Abby

Abigail Obert, E.I.

Drainage Project Engineer I

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Location: 970 Dublin Road, Columbus, Ohio 43215

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-----Original Message-----

From: pam_sayre@browntwp.org <pam_sayre@browntwp.org>

Sent: Friday, May 1, 2026 8:44 AM

To: Abigail Obert, E.I. <aobert@franklincountyengineer.org>

Cc: 'Pete Marsh' <pete_marshall@browntwp.org>; joe_martin@browntwp.org; Becky Kent
<becky_kent@browntwp.org>

Subject: Mando Ditch Petition

Hi, Abby,

Since we are being asked to make a decision on funding a portion of this project, I may have quite a few questions that need answers before we meet on the 19th.

1) Will this project receive any federal funding?

2) Will a 404 permit from the Army Corp of Engineers be required?

3) I do have concerns about setting a precedent with regard to our funding of this project. I need to fully understand the difference in assessments. What we decide to do with this project affects any future ditch petitions that may come before us.

I'm sure more questions and concerns will come up as we acquire more knowledge as to how this will work, and the effects of the changes to this area. I do look forward to your presentation on the 19th.

Best regards,

Pam

Pam Sayre

Brown Township Trustee

614-582-0191

John D. Henderson, P.E.

From: Richard Baylor <rcbaylor@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, May 7, 2026 9:46 AM
To: John D. Henderson, P.E.
Cc: James R. Ramsey, P.E.; Abigail Obert, E.I.
Subject: Re: Mando Petition project

Thanks for the explanation, I appreciate it.

You make an important point about drainage , it is exactly that point of view that I have stated all along in this process. Our lots drain north to Patterson road, and to that same tile you reference on Staine's property. We all know that tile is undersized which is why water backs up there and occasionally floods over the roadway. But our lots' topography is at its highest elevation at our southern property line so water drains towards Patterson road, not towards the south or the drainage improvements that are part of this Mando project. I'm happy to pay my part of correcting the water drainage issues in our area, I'm just not convinced that this project will take any water from our property or even from a few of our close neighbors. I hope it does, hope springs eternal!

Again, thanks for your reply and efforts.

Best Regards,
Richard Baylor

On Thu, May 7, 2026, 9:13 AM John D. Henderson, P.E. <jhenderson@franklincountyengineer.org> wrote:

Richard,

Only a portion of one of Staines parcels is draining to the improvements. The other parcel drains to an existing field tile that outlets downstream of the proposed improvements.

Therefore, only one of their parcels is included in the assessments. It is highlighted below.

Let me know if you have any other questions. Thank you,

Parcel Assessment Summary

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PARCELID	Site Address	Owner Name 1	Owner Name 2	Area 1 Assessment	Assessment
120-000009	PATTERSON RD	PATTERSON WALKER APTULU LLC			
120-000020	7822 MORRIS RD	MOJICA WILLIAM E	MOJICA HILARY		\$
120-000032	8444 MORRIS RD	BRADY LARRY K TTEE	BRADY MARY H TTEE		\$
120-000041	7818 MORRIS RD	MOJICA WILLIAM E	MOJICA HILARY		\$
120-000062	8142 MORRIS RD	JERMAN FARM LLC			\$
120-000066	8411 MORRIS RD	QUALLS SABRA L	QUALLS CHRISTOPHER A		\$
120-000068	7975 PATTERSON RD	HAYNES JEFFREY A			\$
120-000069	8115 PATTERSON RD	DEREE CHARLES R	MEYER STACY L		
120-000073	7662 ROBERTS RD	TRAPP FARM LLC			\$
120-000080	7800 ROBERTS RD	MARIENTHAL LLC			\$
120-000081	ROBERTS RD REAR	MARIENTHAL LLC			\$
120-000132	8351 PATTERSON RD	SASSON ANTHONY M	SASSON COLLEEN C		
120-000172	8501 PATTERSON RD	BAYLOR RICHARD C	BAYLOR MAURA L	\$ 15,440.88	
120-000440	8361 PATTERSON RD	MCADAMS LINDA	MCADAMS DAVE		
120-000463	PATTERSON RD	BAYLOR RICHARD C	BAYLOR MAURA L	\$ 845.06	
120-000464	8455 PATTERSON RD	STAINES BETHANY		\$ 530.64	
120-000509	8178 MORRIS RD	SHADE TIMOTHY E	SHADE MARY A		\$
120-000531	7790 MORRIS RD	MOUSSA TAREK M	SIBAI BAYAN		\$
120-000547	8480 MORRIS RD	BATTLES LAWRENCE E	BATTLES CAROLYN E		\$
120-000548	8360 MORRIS RD	SHULL KELLI			\$
120-000550	8460 MORRIS RD	DAILY GEORGE D	DAILY BRENDA L		\$
120-000552	8166 MORRIS RD	MCFARLAND JENNIFER M	BEVINGTON JASON D		\$
120-000554	8400 MORRIS RD	FELDHEIM JASON E	FELDHEIM MINDY		\$



John D. Henderson, P.E.

Assistant Riparian & Environmental Engineer

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From: Richard Baylor <rcbaylor@gmail.com>

Sent: Tuesday, May 5, 2026 3:53 PM

To: John D. Henderson, P.E. <jhenderson@franklincountyengineer.org>

Subject: Re: Mando Petition project

Thanks . Possibly I misread the spreadsheet , but I'm curious why if both our lots on Patterson were assessed why not my neighbor , Staines, with two lots?

Again , unless there is a plan to add drain tile on around the S curve in Patterson Rd to drain the county catch basin that sits just east of our lots, I still fail to understand how we benefit at all from this project.

Best Regards,
Richard Baylor

On Tue, May 5, 2026, 2:54 PM John D. Henderson, P.E. <jhenderson@franklincountyengineer.org> wrote:

Richard,

Please see attached. They are organized by address.

Thanks.



John D. Henderson, P.E.

Assistant Riparian & Environmental Engineer

Phone: (614) 525-3081 | **Email:** jhenderson@franklincountyengineer.org

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Cc: James R. Ramsey, P.E. <jramsey@franklincountyengineer.org>; Maria E. Claypool <mclaypool@franklincountyengineer.org>
Subject: Re: Mando Petition project

Could you tell me what our assessment is? Thank you . I believe I previously submitted the comment form to your office

Best Regards,
Richard Baylor

On Tue, May 5, 2026, 1:32 PM John D. Henderson, P.E. <jhenderson@franklincountyengineer.org> wrote:

Richard,

Please see attached. Let me know if you have any questions or need anything else. Thanks.



John D. Henderson, P.E.

Assistant Riparian & Environmental Engineer

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Location: [970 Dublin Road](#), [Columbus, Ohio 43215](#)

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From: Main Office <FRACOENG@franklincountyengineer.org>

Sent: Wednesday, April 29, 2026 11:02 AM

To: James R. Ramsey, P.E. <jramsey@franklincountyengineer.org>; John D. Henderson, P.E. <jhenderson@franklincountyengineer.org>; Maria E. Claypool <mclaypool@franklincountyengineer.org>

Subject: FW: Mando Petition project



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Main Office

-----Original Message-----

From: Richard Baylor <rcbaylor@gmail.com>

Sent: Wednesday, April 29, 2026 10:58 AM

To: Main Office <FRACOENG@franklincountyengineer.org>

Subject: Mando Petition project

Hello,

I was unable to attend the meeting last night about the Mando Ditch project. Would there be information available online or can the materials emailed to me ? Thank you for help.

Regards,

Richard Baylor

John D. Henderson, P.E.

From: becky_kent@browntwp.org
Sent: Saturday, May 9, 2026 10:36 AM
To: Nick A. Soulas, Jr.
Cc: James R. Ramsey, P.E.; John D. Henderson, P.E.; Abigail Obert, E.I.
Subject: RE: Public Records Request
Attachments: DCA-letter-to-FC-Commissioners-on-Mando-Ditch-project.pdf; Mando-Ditch_Franklin-Co_Scenic-Rivers-Comments-06032021.pdf; Metro-Parks-to-Franklin-Co-Comm-letter-regarding-Mando-Ditch-project-May-2021.pdf

Thank you Nick. I don't know whether you received these three attached letters, but Brown Township was copied when they were sent to the commissioners.

Thanks,
Becky Kent
Brown Township Fiscal Officer
2491 Walker Road
Hilliard, Ohio 43026
Office: 614-876-2133

-----Original Message-----

From: "Nick A. Soulas, Jr." <nsoulas@franklincountyengineer.org>
Sent: Friday, May 8, 2026 5:44pm
To: "becky_kent@browntwp.org" <becky_kent@browntwp.org>, "James R. Ramsey, P.E." <jramsey@franklincountyengineer.org>, "John D. Henderson, P.E." <jhenderson@franklincountyengineer.org>, "Abigail Obert, E.I." <aobert@franklincountyengineer.org>
Subject: RE: Public Records Request

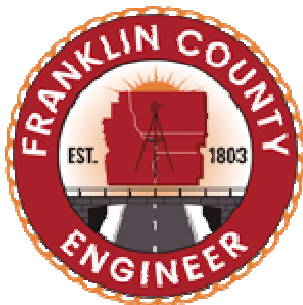
Good evening, becky.

Please use the link below to access the Mando Ditch correspondence.

 [Mando Ditch Correspondence](#)

Please let me know if you have any trouble accessing the files. They are too large to email to you.

Nick



Nick A. Soulas, Jr.

Government Affairs Liaison

Phone: (614) 525-3070 | **Email:** nsoulas@franklincountyengineer.org

Location: 970 Dublin Road,

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From: Nick A. Soulas, Jr. <nsoulas@franklincountyengineer.org>

Sent: Friday, May 8, 2026 11:27 AM

To: becky_kent@browntwp.org; James R. Ramsey, P.E. <jramsey@franklincountyengineer.org>; John D. Henderson, P.E. <jhenderson@franklincountyengineer.org>; Abigail Obert, E.I. <aobert@franklincountyengineer.org>

Subject: Public Records Request

Becky,

We have compiled the correspondence relating the Mando petition and we are reviewing the same to ensure that we provide the appropriate records.

I hope to provide those this afternoon.

Nick



Nick A. Soulas, Jr.

Government Affairs Liaison

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Location: 970 Dublin Road, Columbus, Ohio 43215

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John D. Henderson, P.E.

From: Nancy Nemeth <nancynemeth314@aol.com>
Sent: Saturday, May 9, 2026 4:36 PM
To: John D. Henderson, P.E.
Subject: Mando ditch project

I have been thinking about this project.

The 12 petitioners all live between Morris and Patterson Road.

Wouldn't it have been simpler to run the Mando Ditch between those two Roads and straight to the retaining pond for Darby Creek instead of this elaborate plan?

It makes no sense economically or financially to follow your current plan.

Sincerely,

Nancy Nemeth

Sent from my iPhone

John D. Henderson, P.E.

From: Sorina Woods <ssambo2005@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 11, 2026 3:59 PM
To: John D. Henderson, P.E.
Subject: Mando drainage

To Whom It May Concern:

No, the proposed project **does not** provide a good value for our property at 7825 Morris Rd., Hilliard Ohio 43026. Our water will not even go into the pipe. It is a closed pipe. Our water will continue to drain as it does now. We have no big issues with the standing water. Why are we paying tens of thousands of dollars for what we are not benefiting at all!

Thank you,
Sorina Sok
(614)572-4294

John D. Henderson, P.E.

From: John D. Henderson, P.E.
Sent: Thursday, May 14, 2026 8:26 AM
To: 'Gregg Tuller'
Subject: RE: Forms needed from May 7th Mando Drainage Meeting
Attachments: Mando Exhibits_Updated_Color.pdf; Assessment Calculation Procedure.pdf; MandoCommentForm.pdf; Mando Project Information Sheet.pdf

Gregg,
Please see attached. Thanks.

From: Gregg Tuller <gtuller@hopkinsprinting.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 13, 2026 11:54 AM
To: John D. Henderson, P.E. <jhenderson@franklincountyengineer.org>
Subject: Forms needed from May 7th Mando Drainage Meeting

Jim,

Could you please email me the information and forms from the May 7th Mando Drainage meeting.

Thank you,

Gregg Tuller
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Mobile: 614.496.7001
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*"Fear not, for I am with you; be not dismayed, for I am your God.
I will strengthen you, yes I will help you, I will uphold you with my righteous right hand."
Isaiah 41:10 NKJV*

 [Book time to meet with me](#)

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I respectfully request that the Commissioners consider the following points.

1. I support and welcome the Mondo ditch proposals. I can not make a testament to area 1 but areas 2, 3 and 4 all effect me. I believe all should be completed.
2. A few neighbors have tried to spread panic and have been trying to convince folks that the assessments will cause people to lose their homes because they cannot afford additional taxes. Generally this just is not true. Drive Morris and Patterson roads, look at the size and condition of the homes, look in the driveway at the cars trucks and toys such as tractors. boats and campers. Lawns are all well groomed and landscaped, many by professionals. Most homes have an outbuilding, some complete with living quarters or party rooms. On any given day there are bath, kitchen and home remodeling trucks in driveways. There is no doubt this is an affluent neighborhood. For the very few that the assessments really may cause an issue ,they will have lots of time to seek a solution
3. A Realtor living in the neighbor hood has been telling people that the assessments will make their home unsellable. I ask you which do you think will hurt me more, the property having an assessment or admitting to any potential buyer that the horse barn (56 x160) is basically unusable because it gets flooded every time we get a 3 inch rain.
4. The drainage situation has gotten worse over time. I have been a resident on Morris rd since 1982. There were no or very little drainage issues for the first 20 + years I lived here. The situation continues to slowly degrade. One night in the spring of 2020 we had a major neighborhood wide flood. I knew the ground was saturated and so I picked everything up off the floor in my woodworking shop in my barn. At about 3 am I looked out back and the water seemed higher than I had ever seen. I waded to the barn and found that my shop was deeper than ever before. I had no more space to move things up off lower shelves. I set up a sump pump and decided I needed sand bags to block the doorway. This would not keep water out but would minimize the depth. I got in my Escape and headed to Meijers (when was open 24 hrs). When I got to the area of Jerman lane water was over the road. It appeared to be maybe 3 inches but it did not seem logical to take a chance. I turned around and went the other direction only to find even deeper water near 8400 Morris. This water was deep enough that I do not believe a fire medic wagon would cross it. I have a bad heart and it is very disconcerting to me that there is potential (albeit seldom) to be not reachable by fire medics and law enforcement. To those that say this was a one off event , I say there is great likelihood it will happen again and probably on a more frequent basis
5. The water issues with my barn started when the neighbor downstream rerouted the 10 inch tile that drains the 55 acres to the east of us . The job was improperly done and the tile is now plugged with muck. I paid to have the tile videoed and showed the neighbor but he chooses not to do anything because it does not bother him. To make things worse the farmer neighbor To the east of us filled in the road side ditch. I complained to Franklin Soil and Water and he was made to put a tile in, however once again the tile is much to small and I properly installed. I am told I can not back water up on my neighbor but when my neighbors back water up on me no one has authority to make them fix the issue
6. I used to help Mr Distelhorst farm the fields in area 3 . I can attest that these fields did not used to be that wet. The issue that changed this was when multiple home owners had the road side ditch tiled and filled in. Once again the tile was undersized and job poorly done. If area 3 proposal is not implemented I think the township need to open up the roadside ditches.
7. Finally I think implementing this drainage plan may assist in another area. This neighborhood has an over abundance of mosquitoes. This is to be expected when so much of the area has standing water for weeks at a time. Hence if we lessen the number of days masses of land has standing water ,we should also make an impact on the mosquito population.
8. The recent August rains filled my horse barn and woodworking shop with water several times. The damage and material losses were approximately \$2000. In addition so much

sand washed out of the riding arena I will need to add another 2K to 3K expense. To say nothing of the lesson time and training time that was lost. The Mondo project looks like a bargain to me,

I sincerely thank you for your consideration.

Tim Shade
8178 Morris rd

6144041471
Projectman@ameritech.net

OPPOSITION TO THE MANDO DRAINAGE PROJECT

Request for positive roadside drainage at 8085 Patterson Road, Hilliard, Ohio

Prepared for Franklin County Commissioners / Franklin County Engineer

Final Hearing: September 22, 2026 - 10:00 A.M.

EXHIBIT A - Existing Ponding Along Patterson Road Frontage



Photo observation: visible standing water is present along/adjacent to the roadside ditch on both sides of the driveway. The photo does not establish the exact right-of-way boundary or surveyed ditch grade.

MY POSITION

I oppose the Mando Drainage Improvement Project and the assessment of my property. My primary request is narrower: verify and, if necessary, restore continuous positive flow through the existing Patterson Road roadside drainage system in front of my home.

WHO IS RESPONSIBLE FOR WHAT?

Franklin County guidance distinguishes public road drainage from private-property drainage

WHO IS RESPONSIBLE FOR WHAT?

Franklin County's own drainage guidance draws a public-right-of-way / private-property distinction.

COUNTY ENGINEER PUBLIC RIGHT-OF-WAY

- FCEO says the County Engineer maintains roads and road drainage systems within the public right-of-way.
- Roadside drainage in the public right-of-way is therefore a County Engineer maintenance issue.
- Ohio law authorizes opening existing ditches or drains for free passage of water for highway drainage.

HOMEOWNER PRIVATE PROPERTY

- FCEO says private-property stormwater management is generally not the County Drainage Engineer's responsibility.
- Owners remain responsible for drainage features on private property unless another county-maintained system applies.
- The key question is where the public right-of-way drainage ends and private-property drainage begins.

Request: verify continuous positive grade through the Patterson Road roadside ditch to its intended outlet.

Key facts supporting my request

- Franklin County says the County Engineer maintains roads and road drainage systems within the public right-of-way.
- Franklin County separately says stormwater management on private property is generally the property owner's responsibility.
- Ohio Revised Code 5543.12 authorizes the County Engineer, when properly authorized, to open an existing ditch or drain for the free passage of water for highway drainage.
- Therefore, the key issue at my frontage is factual: which ditch/culvert/drainage facilities are in the Patterson Road public right-of-way, and do they provide positive flow to the intended outlet?
- The Mando project page lists a cost of \$3,960,000 and states that the project is pending final approval. My opposition is to being assessed for that regional project when my principal concern is proper function of the existing roadside drainage.

FORMAL WRITTEN STATEMENT

Opposition to Mando Project and Request for Positive Roadside Drainage

Dear Franklin County Commissioners and Franklin County Engineer:

I am the owner of 8085 Patterson Road. I am writing to formally state that I oppose approval of the proposed Mando Drainage Improvement Project and the assessment of my property for that project.

I have lived at this property for more than 20 years. My property has not experienced the type of significant drainage problems that, to my understanding, led other property owners to petition for the Mando project. I therefore question whether my property receives a sufficient direct and measurable benefit to justify the proposed assessment.

My principal drainage concern is much narrower: I want the existing roadside ditch along Patterson Road in front of my home to provide a continuous positive drainage path to its intended downstream outlet. A recent aerial photograph shows standing water ponding along/adjacent to the road frontage on both sides of my driveway.

Franklin County's own drainage guidance states that the Franklin County Engineer maintains roads and road drainage systems within the public right-of-way. The same guidance distinguishes this from stormwater management on private property, which is generally the property owner's responsibility.

Ohio Revised Code 5543.12 also authorizes the County Engineer, when authorized by the appropriate board, to open an existing ditch or drain, or dig a new ditch or drain, for the free passage of water for highway drainage.

For those reasons, I ask the County to distinguish between correcting an existing Patterson Road right-of-way drainage deficiency and constructing new regional drainage improvements under the Mando petition. I oppose being assessed for a multimillion-dollar regional project simply to obtain proper flow through an existing road drainage system.

I respectfully request that the County Engineer:

- Survey the existing roadside ditch along the Patterson Road frontage of 8085 Patterson Road.
- Determine whether there is continuous positive grade from my frontage to the intended downstream outlet.
- Provide the existing flow-line elevations on both sides of my driveway and through the applicable culvert.
- Identify the intended downstream outlet and the path by which water is supposed to leave my frontage.
- Identify any low spot, reverse grade, sediment buildup, vegetation, obstruction, damaged pipe, culvert elevation issue, or downstream restriction preventing proper drainage.
- Identify which portions of the ditch and drainage facilities are within the Patterson Road public right-of-way.
- Correct any existing right-of-way drainage condition that falls within the County Engineer's road-drainage maintenance responsibility.

I am not asking the County to maintain a private drainage system in my yard. I am asking the County to verify that the existing Patterson Road roadside drainage system functions properly and provides a gravity-flow path to its intended outlet.

I request that this statement and Exhibit A be entered into the official record and that the County provide a written response addressing the ditch grade, outlet, right-of-way status, and responsibility for any deficiency found.

Sincerely,

Gregg Tuller

8085 Patterson Road

Hilliard, Ohio 43026

EXHIBIT A - CURRENT AERIAL PHOTO

Visible ponding along the Patterson Road frontage

EXHIBIT A - Existing Ponding Along Patterson Road Frontage



Purpose of Exhibit: To document the existing ponding condition and support a request for a surveyed determination of whether the roadside ditch has continuous positive grade to its intended downstream outlet.

1

Does the ditch have continuous positive grade?

2

What is the intended downstream outlet?

3

If flow is blocked, who is responsible for correcting it?

Important limitation: The photograph shows ponding but does not, by itself, prove the surveyed grade, exact public right-of-way boundary, culvert condition, or legal responsibility. Those are the facts I am asking the County Engineer to determine.

HEARING SCRIPT

Short, focused statement - approximately 2 to 3 minutes

Good morning. My name is Gregg Tuller, and I own the property at 8085 Patterson Road.

I want to clearly state for the record that I oppose the Mando Drainage Improvement Project and the proposed assessment against my property.

I have lived at my property for more than 20 years, and I have not experienced the type of major drainage problems that I understand led other property owners to petition for this project.

My concern is much simpler. I want the roadside ditch in front of my home to have positive drainage to its proper outlet. I have provided an aerial photograph showing standing water along the Patterson Road frontage on both sides of my driveway.

Franklin County's own website says the County Engineer maintains roads and road drainage systems within the public right-of-way. The County also states that stormwater management on private property is generally the property owner's responsibility.

So my question is straightforward: Does the existing roadside ditch in front of 8085 Patterson Road have a continuous positive grade to its intended outlet?

If the answer is yes, I would like to see the surveyed elevations. If the answer is no, I want to know what condition is preventing flow and whether correction of that condition falls within the County's existing road-drainage responsibility.

I am not asking Franklin County to maintain a private stormwater system on my property. I am asking for proper flow through the existing Patterson Road roadside drainage system.

I do not believe I should have to participate in a roughly \$3.96 million regional drainage project simply to obtain functioning drainage in an existing road drainage system.

I respectfully ask that my opposition to the Mando project, my written statement, and my photograph be entered into the record, and that the County Engineer provide a written determination regarding the ditch grade, outlet, and responsibility for any deficiency. Thank you.

Questions I want answered on the record

1. Does the ditch in front of 8085 Patterson Road have continuous positive grade to its outlet?
2. What are the surveyed flow-line elevations upstream, downstream, and through the driveway culvert?
3. What is the intended downstream outlet?
4. Is there a low point, reverse grade, obstruction, sediment buildup, culvert issue, or downstream restriction?
5. Which drainage facilities in front of my property are within the public right-of-way?
6. If a right-of-way drainage deficiency exists, what is the County Engineer's plan to correct it?
7. What specific measurable drainage benefit does the Mando project provide to my property, separate from correcting existing road drainage?

OFFICIAL SUPPORTING SOURCES

County guidance and Ohio law cited in this packet

1. Franklin County Engineer - Drainage: Our Role

Franklin County states that the County Engineer "maintains bridges, roads, and road drainage systems within the public right-of-way." The same page distinguishes this from private-property stormwater management.<https://franklincountyengineer.org/drainage/>

2. Ohio Revised Code 5543.12 - County engineer right of entry

Authorizes the County Engineer, when properly authorized, to enter land adjacent to highways for opening an existing ditch or drain or digging a new one for the free passage of water for highway drainage.<https://codes.ohio.gov/ohio-revised-code/section-5543.12>

3. Franklin County Engineer - Mando Petition

County project page lists the Mando Petition as pending approval, with a stated project cost of \$3,960,000 and funding identified as Franklin County residents.<https://franklincountyengineer.org/project/mando-petition/>

4. Franklin County Engineer - Public Meetings

Lists the Mando final hearing for September 22, 2026 at 10:00 A.M. in the Commissioners' Hearing Room, Michael J. Dorrian Building, 369 S. High St., 1st Floor, Columbus.<https://franklincountyengineer.org/public-meetings/>

Scope note: This packet is an advocacy and hearing-preparation document, not a legal opinion. The central factual issue is whether the drainage feature in question lies within the public right-of-way and whether it is functioning as a road drainage system. A survey or County Engineer determination can establish those facts.

EXHIBIT B1 - Aerial View of Patterson Road Frontage

Additional aerial evidence of existing drainage conditions



Current aerial photograph of the Patterson Road frontage and surrounding drainage conditions.

Why this photo matters: This aerial view shows the roadside ditch running along Patterson Road and visible wet/ponded areas near the frontage. It provides context for the request that the County verify a continuous positive drainage grade to the intended downstream outlet.

Focused request supported by this exhibit

Verify whether the roadside ditch has a continuous positive flow-line grade to its intended downstream outlet. If it does not, identify the condition preventing flow and determine whether the affected ditch, culvert, or drainage feature lies within the public road right-of-way.

EXHIBIT B2 - Additional Aerial View of Roadside Ditch

Additional aerial evidence of existing drainage conditions



Current aerial photograph of the Patterson Road frontage and surrounding drainage conditions.

Why this photo matters: This view shows additional standing water/wet areas along the Patterson Road frontage and adjacent yard. The photograph documents existing conditions but does not, by itself, establish surveyed elevations, right-of-way limits, or the cause of ponding.

Focused request supported by this exhibit

Verify whether the roadside ditch has a continuous positive flow-line grade to its intended downstream outlet. If it does not, identify the condition preventing flow and determine whether the affected ditch, culvert, or drainage feature lies within the public road right-of-way.

EXHIBIT B3 - Wider Neighborhood Drainage Context

Additional aerial evidence of existing drainage conditions



Current aerial photograph of the Patterson Road frontage and surrounding drainage conditions.

Why this photo matters: This wider aerial view shows the relationship between Patterson Road, neighboring properties, the roadside drainage corridor, and visible ponded areas. It is submitted to support the request for the County Engineer to identify the intended outlet and verify positive flow through the public road drainage system.

Questions these photographs support

- What is the intended downstream outlet for the roadside ditch along this section of Patterson Road?
- Does the ditch have a continuous positive flow-line grade from these frontages to that outlet?
- Are there low points, reverse grades, culvert elevations, sediment, vegetation, or downstream restrictions preventing flow?
- Which portions of the visible roadside drainage system are within the public right-of-way and maintained by the County Engineer?
- If the existing public road drainage does not provide positive flow, what corrective maintenance is required?

CORE REQUEST

Provide a functioning, continuous positive drainage path through the Patterson Road roadside ditch so homeowners can direct their own property drainage to a ditch that carries the water away.

Mail body: Fwd: Fw: Mando Meeting Information

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From: **Gregg Tuller** <gtuller@hopkinsprinting.com>
Date: Wed, Sep 9, 2026 at 11:38AM
Subject: Fw: Mando Meeting Information
To: mcordle@ccc realestate.net <mcordle@ccc realestate.net>

Hello All,

I put together a document with some talking points for the upcoming Mando meeting.

One important note: **my focus is not on drainage in our backyards. My concern is specifically about having positive drainage flow through the roadside ditch in front of our homes.**

Having a properly graded ditch with positive flow is important because it gives each homeowner the ability to grade or install drainage on their own property so that water can be directed toward the roadside ditch. Once the water reaches the ditch, the ditch should then be able to carry that water away instead of allowing it to sit or pond.

My goal is simply to make sure the existing roadside drainage system is functioning properly and has a continuous path for water to flow downstream.

I hope the attached document is helpful as everyone prepares for the meeting.

Unfortunately I will be out of town that week and will not be able to attend 😞

Gregg Tuller

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*"Fear not, for I am with you; be not dismayed, for I am your God.
I will strengthen you, yes I will help you, I will uphold you with my righteous right hand."
Isaiah 41:10 NKJV*

 [Booktime to meet with me](#)



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Do you believe the proposed project provides good value for your property?

No

Do you believe the benefits your property will see from this improvement will outweigh the costs?

No The area we see effected by drainage issues are at the front of our property.
Our problems would not be remedied at all by going ahead with area 2 only,
yet our assessment would remain high at over 80% of that for all four areas. We
would benefit most from area 3 but remain opposed to the entire project due to
cost in an era when high property taxes are an issue for many.

Additional Comments / Concerns:

Please return comments by September 17, 2026.

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Name: Melissa Atkins
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Do you believe the proposed project provides good value for your property?

No I do not. I'm fortunate to not have flooding issues
on my property because I spent the money + time
during my build to create solutions for my water issues
(locating field tiles, adding basins, forgoing my basement for
a crawl space), etc.

Do you believe the benefits your property will see from this improvement will outweigh the costs?

No, I don't have any flooding, retaining water issues and
this additional cost of \$87K + would be a burden
on my household. Taxes in Hilliard are astronomical already
Adding an additional \$500/mo payment is not feasible.

Additional Comments / Concerns:

I sympathize with those affected but personally believe the
County should be funding this, not personal property
owners. Hilliard provides public drainage in most all other
areas, this should not be an exception. My vote would
Absolutely be Against the Mando Drainage Improvement.

Please return comments by September 17, 2026.

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