Medina County Southern Water System Development Update 8-20-07

The Medina County Sanitary Engineers Office has completed the design of a new water treatment plant to serve existing and potential customers in Southern Medina County. The new plant will combine existing waterlines in the County's Westfield Village and Chippewa Lake water systems to create the greater Southern Medina County Water System. This system will make County water available to customers in Westfield Township and southern Lafayette Township where the County's Lake Erie water system is not permitted to extend.

Plans for the construction of the plant include sand filters, ion exchange softeners and pumps to supply a maximum of 0.5 million gallons of ground water to the district. The plans have been submitted to the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency for formal approval. Once plans have been approved by the Ohio EPA, the Sanitary Engineers Office will advertise the project for bid. Advertising is anticipated to take place in the fall of this year. Construction of the water plant is expected to be completed in one year with waterline construction initiating in the summer of 2008. The sanitary Engineer will notify all property owners along the route of the construction schedule, cost of connection, etc. prior to construction beginning.

The bidding will include waterlines necessary to connect the new plant to existing waterlines at Friendsville and Buffham Roads. The routing of the lines will be from Garman and Westfield Roads, north on Westfield to Seville Road, west on Seville Road to Friendsville Road and then north on Friendsville to Buffham Road. Residents along the water line route will be permitted to tie onto the waterline on a voluntary basis. Property owners interested in having County waterlines extended in their area can petition the Sanitary Engineer for service utilizing petitions on the Sanitary Engineers web page (www.sanitaryengineer.co.medina.oh.us) or by calling the Sanitary Engineers Office for a petition at 330-723-9585.