

STATEMENT OF PROPOSED MODIFICATION

SUBMITTED BY THE FRANKLIN COUNTY ENGINEERS OFFICE

Parcels 185-001075 and 185-001095 (4871 Hendron Rd.) consisted of 81.8 acres owned by Ms. Patricia Lewis and bounded by Columbus Southern Power on the North, the Franklin County Engineer's Office East Outpost and S.R. 317 on the East, a City of Groveport Parcel on the South and Groveport Madison Christian Church on the West. The property is divided by an Indiana & Ohio Railroad rail line, traversed by the City of Groveport's main sanitary sewer trunk line and Hendron (Holton) Ditch which serves as a significant stormwater outlet for the City. On the 48.4 acres west of the railroad tracks, Ms. Lewis operated the Southeast Landfill. A public fishing pay pond continues to operate on the 33.4 acres located east of the railroad tracks.

Franklin County has purchased 48.4 acres containing the Southeast Landfill. The County Engineer's Office purchased 5.4 acres (now parcel 185-002948) to serve as overflow storage for its East Outpost and purchased the remaining 43.0 acres through a Clean Ohio Grant for the purpose of closing the landfill and preserving a natural green space and conservation area in its place. In addition, the City of Groveport has donated a 22 acre conservation easement on its adjoining parcel and 6.5 additional acres was purchased from Groveport Madison Christian Church.

The Clean Ohio Conservation Grant awarded to the County for this project provides \$979,246.00 in addition to local contributions for the purpose of purchasing, restoring and preserving in perpetuity the riparian corridor along Hendron (Holton) Ditch. In addition to the 43 acres purchased from Ms. Lewis for this purpose, the City donated a 22 acre conservation easement on its adjoining parcel and an additional 6.5 acre parcel was acquired from Groveport Madison Christian Church. Restoration work will be done on the entire 71.5 acre conserved area.

The existing Development Plan for the Southeast Landfill allowed for the filling of approximately 22 acres between the railroad tracks and Hendron (Holton) Ditch with fill depths reaching as high as 20 ft.

The modified development plan submitted by Franklin County addresses the 5.4 acre portion purchased by the Engineer's Office for overflow storage and the 43.0 acre portion purchased for habitat restoration and conservation through the Clean Ohio Grant. The County's development plan will:

- Close the landfill, grading and stabilizing the steep face to create a stable surface
- Remove invasive species on 18.7 acres of this site, the conservation area donated by the City and the parcel acquired from Groveport Madison Christian Church.
- Plant native grasses on approximately 33 acres of the Southeast Landfill site and the parcel acquired from Groveport Madison Christian Church.
- Reforest with native species on 55 acres of this site, the adjoining City of Groveport Parcel and parcel purchased from Groveport Madison Christian Church.
- Utilize conservation deed restrictions preserving 71.5 acres of green space but allowing for maintenance of existing infrastructure.

- Properly demolish and remove existing dilapidated buildings. The Engineer is considering repairing the existing barn; all other buildings will be removed.
- Add an improved aggregate surface for a storage laydown area on the 5.4 acre overflow storage parcel to be utilized by the County Engineer's East Outpost. The Engineer may or may not pave the area at some time; he requests approval of the laydown area as an aggregate surface. Storage at the site will generally include any materials used for the construction and maintenance of county facilities, roads and related infrastructure. The balance/majority of the site will be planted with native grasses to match what is planted in the conservation area.