

**PRELIMINARY REPORT**  
OF THE  
**HANCOCK COUNTY ENGINEER**  
**FOR PROPOSED AMENDMENT**  
**TO FOREST LAKE SINGLE COUNTY DITCH**

To the Board of County Commissioners:

The undersigned County Engineer, in obedience to the order of your Board, made on the **5th** day of **May, 2022**, proceeded in the above matter, and visited the site of the proposed location of said improvement, and in my opinion based upon the actual view and under requirements of Section 6131.09 of the Ohio Revised Code, I have estimated the costs for construction of said Amended improvement with my further findings as follows:

**\$541,016.69 as shown on the attached preliminary estimate**

It is my Opinion and Finding that this proposed Amendment is located in the watershed however, it is not contiguous to the Project Area and should be Petitioned as a separate Petition.

Further, should this Petition Amendment be accepted by the Board of County Commissioners, the assessment methodology is not established until the engineering and construction plans are completed and just prior to the Final Hearing and have many factors that affect these calculations including acreage, remoteness to the project, volume of water produced by the property, benefit to the property and several other factors. Using the simplest methodology of per parcel assessment as an example to cost would be \$571.30 per parcel (947 parcels) or if the project is financed, \$77.62 per year over 10 years.

Respectfully submitted to the Board of County Commissioners of Hancock County on  
this **16<sup>th</sup>** day of **August, 2022**



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Douglas Cade, PE, PS  
Hancock County Engineer

