

# Stony Lake – Vo Ash Wastewater System Newsletter

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## **Opening Comments**

The purpose of this newsletter is to provide a method of communication with residents of Stony Lake and Vo Ash regarding the development of a public wastewater system.

## **Why Do We Need a Sewer System?**

The Carroll County Health District has records of permits for drywell or leach well septic systems and gravel bed systems. These systems are no longer permitted to be installed due to the risk they can impose on groundwater. In addition, small lot sizes and lack of required setbacks prohibit replacement of existing septic systems, resulting in the need for a public wastewater system.

In 2022, the County Commissioners solicited engineering firms to prepare a feasibility study. In June 2023, a feasibility study recommended constructing a package treatment plant with gravity and pressure sewers. On October 27, 2025, the Ohio EPA issued Findings and Orders to the County for development of a public wastewater system.

The Carroll County Commissioners are responsible for the health and safety of its residents and are the legal entity responsible for the planning, design, financing, construction, ownership and operations of the proposed utility.

## **Current Status**

The County has entered into an engineering agreement with The Thrasher Group to begin design work, including surveying and evaluating potential treatment plant sites.

RCAP (Rural Community Assistance Program) is assisting the County with funding strategies, grant applications, and project development at no cost to the community.

## **How Are We Financing This Project?**

The County will pursue grants and loans from state and federal agencies. During this process, income surveys and public meetings may be required to meet eligibility criteria for certain funding programs.

## **How Can I Help?**

Residents can support the project by participating in surveys, providing access for engineering crews, and cooperating with funding requirements. Your patience is greatly appreciated.

Carroll County Environmental Services, the sewer district county employees will soon be visiting the VoAsh neighborhood to begin an income survey process to determine eligibility for a Community Development Block Grant. Participation by residents is very important as this grant will aid with both construction and connection assistance for eligible homeowners.

## **Closing Remarks**

We hope this newsletter provides clarity on the progress and challenges of the wastewater project. Quarterly updates will continue as the project advances. Thank you for your support and cooperation.

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