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.

Current Status

The next important step is the income survey.

Carroll County Environmental Services staff will begin visiting homes in the Stony Lake and Vo Ash neighborhoods to conduct an income survey. The information collected will determine whether the project qualifies for Community Development Block Grant funding.

The survey is expected to begin **in October**, taking approximately three weeks to complete.

The survey will be available on the Carroll County Environmental Services website at http://carrollcountyohiosewer.us . If not filled out online, County staff will make three attempts to reach each household in person. If they are unable to reach you, a paper survey will be mailed to your home with a prepaid return envelope.

If you would prefer to complete the survey by mail from the beginning, please call Carroll County Environmental Services at (330) 863-1515 to request one.

Your participation is very important! The results of the survey could help the community qualify for funding that may assist with both construction costs and connection costs for eligible homeowners.

How Can I Help?

The most important thing residents can do right now is **complete the income survey**.

Please take the time to participate, whether you complete the survey online, in person, or by mail. A strong response rate will help the County determine eligibility for potential grant funding.

Thank you for your patience and cooperation as we work through this important step!

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.

How Are We Financing This Project?

The County will pursue grants and loans from state and federal agencies. Some funding programs require the community to complete income surveys and participate in public meetings before funding can be awarded. This is why your participation in the upcoming survey is so important.

RCAP (Rural Community Assistance Program) continues to assist the County with identifying funding opportunities, preparing grant applications, and developing the project at no cost to the community.

Closing Remarks

We hope this newsletter provides clarity on the progress and challenges of this project. Regular updates will continue as the project advances. Thank you for your patience, participation, and cooperation.

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