Dept. of Environmental Mgmt.
Commissioner's Office
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STATE OF INDIANA)
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COUNTY OF BLACKFORD)

In Re: PETITION FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A REGIONAL SEWAGE DISTRICT FOR JACKSON TOWNSHIP, BLACKFORD COUNTY, INDIANA

The Blackford County Commissioners and the Blackford County Council petition the Department of Environmental Management pursuant to I.C. 13-3-2-3 for the establishment of a regional sewage district as follows:

1. The proposed name of such district would be: JACKSON TOWNSHIP REGIONAL SEWAGE DISTRICT.

2. The principal office for such proposed district is Linda D. Briles, Sanitarian, Blackford County Health Department, 503 East Van Cleve Street, Hartford City, Indiana.

3. The sanitary sewage needs of those residents and businesses now residing or located within such proposed district are currently being met with individual and private septic systems.

4. The unincorporated town of Millgrove has failing septic tanks and in many cases no septic tanks at all. Due to small lot sizes, there is not enough room on-site for property sized finger systems.

5. Upon formation of such district, it would further be proposed to construct and operate a sanitary sewage system that would collect and treat the sanitary sewage of the residents and businesses of Millgrove.

6. Such district is needed to permit the construction of a system to collect and dispose of the sanitary sewage of the residents and businesses. The current method of sewage collection

and disposal through individual and private septic systems which have deteriorated and which can not be adequately repaired, and which have created current and will create future health problems for the residents and businesses of such proposed district and for others who might utilize the area for enjoyment or any other purpose, is no longer adequate.

7. The current method of collection and disposal of the sanitary sewage of the residents and businesses of such proposed district is affecting and can affect detrimentally the water quality of the ground water in the Millgrove area.

8. The proposed sewage service district is intended at this time to encompass all property within the Town of Millgrove as is more particularly described in the Preliminary Engineering Report which is attached hereto and made a part hereof.

9. There is no outstanding indebtedness currently in the proposed district for the purpose of the construction of a sanitary sewer system.

10. Petitioners recommend that the Board of Trustees of such proposed sewage district, if formed, be selected by the users of the sanitary sewer system and appointed by the County Commissioners of Blackford County, Indiana, for ultimately staggered three (3) year terms, and shall consist of seven (7) members with the following initial terms:

Three (3) Members - Initial three (3) year terms

Two (2) Members - Initial two (2) year terms

Two (2) Members - Initial one (1) year terms.

11. Initial estimates for the cost of the proposed system are set forth in the Preliminary Engineering Report, in an Addendum No. 1 to said report, and a letter dated June 11, 1997, to William R. Henry from Commonwealth Engineers, Inc., all of which are attached hereto and made a part hereof.

12. Initial estimates for the cost of operations, maintenance, and reserves required of such system once constructed are set forth in the attachments.

13. Anticipated federal and/or state grants and loans and local contributions will finance the project as follows:

Indiana Department of Commerce (Community Focus Fund)	$500,000.00 grant
Rural Economic and Community Development	222,000.00 loan
TOTAL FUNDING	$722,000.00

It is anticipated that a connection fee will need to be charged for the initial users. User fees will be used to secure the repayment of the Rural Economic and Community Development loan and to operate and maintain the system as is more fully set forth in the attachments.

14. User fees will be charged to the residents and/or property owners of the district in order to repay the amount of the loan and to operate and maintain such system.

WHEREFORE, petitioners would request that the Department of Environmental Management determine this petition to be sufficient and, pursuant to I.C. 13-3-2-4, that said agency appoint a hearing

officer who shall then proceed to act upon this petition as required by law.

DATED this 7 day of July, 1997.

BLACKFORD COUNTY COUNCIL

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ATTEST:

Rollin Brown, Auditor
Blackford County