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To: LAND OWNER in ABC  
REGIONAL SEWER DISTRICT

The Indiana Department of Environmental Management (IDEM) hosted a public hearing on Tuesday, May 11, 2021, to receive citizen input on the creation of a proposed Regional Sewer District in northeastern Tippecanoe County. The meeting was scheduled as part of a process initiated by the Tippecanoe County Board of Commissioners.

Based on citizen input during the meeting and a follow up petition, it became very clear that there were many unanswered questions about the process and the need for the creation of the district. As a result of citizen input from the meeting, on June 16, 2021, the Board of Commissioners, through Attorney Eric Burns, requested that IDEM place a temporary hold on the petition to create the Regional Sewer District.

In the months since the pause of the petition, the Commissioners have scheduled meetings and frequently communicated with the citizen advocates who organized the presentation and petition at the public hearing in May. The purpose of those interactions was to further discuss the proposed Regional Sewer District and share ideas with the goal of improving the project and making the collaborative process more transparent.

The Commissioners, their staff, and engineers from the Lochmueller Group, have worked to answer many questions about the scope and scale of the project. Water testing has been conducted upstream and downstream in Americus, Buck Creek and Colburn, and staff members are now working to collect more detailed information related to existing septic systems and discharges into the area.

There is still much work to do as we collectively explore alternative technologies, costs, and financing for the project. We appreciate the efforts of the citizen advocates from the community and want to share what we have learned as we have worked together to better identify the problem and potential solutions. It is critical that we continue to accept input from those who live in the area.

***With this in mind, we have scheduled a meeting to be held at East Tipp Middle School, located at 7501 East 300 North, Lafayette, Indiana. The meeting will be held in the Gymnasium at 7:00 PM on Thursday, October 28, 2021. Considering the spread of COVID-19, we will make every effort to provide adequate distancing to promote a safe environment for everyone in attendance.***

We will arrange for the meeting to be broadcast on one or more social media platforms. Please check our website [www.tippecanoe.in.gov/1123/ABC-Regional-District-Info](http://www.tippecanoe.in.gov/1123/ABC-Regional-District-Info) for additional updates in the week prior to the meeting.

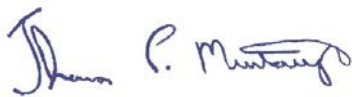
In the event that an electronic/telephonic meeting is required due to the health emergency, the access information for such an electronic meeting may be found on the Tippecanoe County's website at [www.tippecanoe.in.gov/1123/ABC-Regional-District-Info](http://www.tippecanoe.in.gov/1123/ABC-Regional-District-Info)

Written comments will also be accepted for a period commencing immediately and ending on October 22, 2021, at the following address: Tippecanoe County Commissioners Office, 20 North 3<sup>rd</sup> Street, Lafayette, IN 47901. For those wishing to comment by email, please direct those messages to Sharon Hutchison at [shutchison@tippecanoe.in.gov](mailto:shutchison@tippecanoe.in.gov). Place **ABC Regional Sewer District** in the subject line. All public comments must include the name and address of the party to be heard.

For more information regarding the formation of regional water and sewer districts, see Indiana Code 13-26 (formerly 13-3-2). A copy of the Petition to form the Americus, Buck Creek, and Colburn Regional Sewer District is on file at the office of the Tippecanoe County Commissioners located at 20 North 3<sup>rd</sup> Street, Lafayette, IN 47901. Documents have also been posted online at the above listed website.

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If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Sharon Hutchison, Grant Facilitator for Tippecanoe County Government. Sharon may be reached by phone, Monday – Friday, from 8:00 AM – 4:30 PM at (765) 423-9215.



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ENCLOSED: Public Meeting Flyer and TENTATIVE agenda for meeting 10/28/2021