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YOUR VIEW

What is being done at Buckeye Lake?

To The Editor:

Here it is, Aug. 12, and to date nothing has been done to correct the design-flaw of the Phase II dam project at Sellers Point.

We are sitting on a time bomb here.

Why is ODNR permitted to delay this essential repair?

Why are the Licking and Fairfield county commissioners and Walnut Township Trustees permitting this delay in repair?

The flood damage the residents of North Bank Road and Sellers Drive at Millersport in-

curred May 9 is just incredible.

These residents still are cleaning up and repairing their homes, and yet, ODNR does nothing to correct its error.

Our only consolation last May 9 was there was no loss of life. The next time, we may not be so lucky.

The tragedy that occurred on Sellers Drive and North Bank Road May 9 proves that ODNR clearly needs to reevaluate all of its future dam projects at Buckeye Lake.

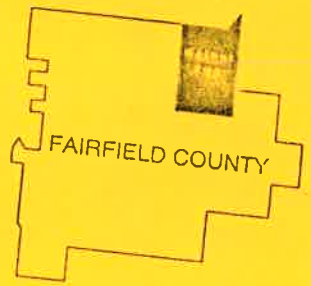
**Joyce A. Lane
Millersport**

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August 19, 1996

Lancaster Eagle Gazette
138 West Chestnut Street
Lancaster, Ohio 43130

To The Editor:

In reference to the "Letter to the Editor" that was in the *Lancaster Eagle Gazette* on August 17, by Joyce A. Lane, Millersport on "What is being done at Buckeye Lake?", the Walnut Township Trustees would like to make the following statement regarding that article. The repair that is needed needs to be done by the Ohio Department of Natural Resources. It is not the responsibility of the Walnut Township Trustees.

The reason we were there then is the inaction on the part of State and other local level government agencies. We would be more than willing to cooperate and work with the residents in that area, and also with ODNR. The responsibility and the decisions need to be made on a higher level. It is not in the hands of township government to make these decisions.

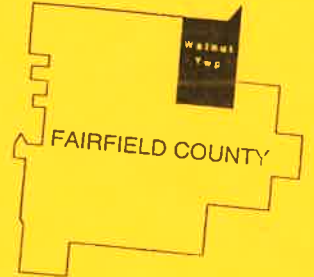
Respectfully yours,
Paul T. Whitaker
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Walnut Township Trustees

PTW:pe
ENC: 1 - article
CC: Joyce A. Lane
Dan Bolger - FEMA ✓
Ed Frank - ODNR
Fairfield County Commissioners
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May 15, 1996

Emergency Management Agency
c/o Mr. Dan Bolger
P.O. Box 626
Lancaster, Ohio 43130-0626

Dear Mr. Bolger:

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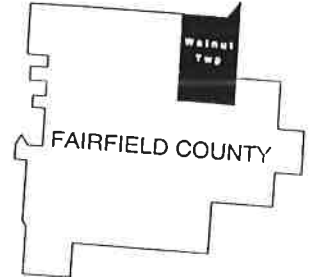
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*We really appreciate someone not
being afraid to make a major decision.
Thank you for all your assistance.*

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1 North Broad Street
Lancaster, Ohio 43130

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Thanks you for the efficient job with the potential hazard we had during the water emergency. also for the assistance of the Fairfield County Hay mat Team.

we will welcome you to move to Walnut Township anytime!

You went that extra mile in helping and we really appreciate it

Date: 5/10-96 State: OHIO County: FAIRFIELD City: MOOREHEAD Street Name: SELTERS DRIVE NE

BUCKEYE LAKE ON-SITE DETAILED DAMAGE ASSESSMENT WORKSHEET

Unit No.	Type of Building	Water Depth (Inches)	No of Floor Levels	Contents Damage			Description of Damage	Type of Unit
				1	2	3		
3489	A	0	2					A
3489	A	24	2					A
3497	S	12	2					S
3503	S	18	2					S
3507	S	18	2					S
3506	S	24	2					S
3514	S	0	1					S
3519	S	6						S
3523	S	9						S
3524	S	36						S
3527	S	24	2					S
3531	S	18						S
3535	A	24						A
3537	S	12						S

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You had
Bologna

Area Comments (Type of construction, age of homes, utility outages, accessibility unique characteristics, health problems, etc.):

CONTENTS TOTAL

Use appropriate letter in Bldg Damage box to indicate type of unit and degree of damage

Check (✓) appropriate Contents Damage box to indicate degree of damage in contents

S SINGLE-FAMILY DWELLING
M MOBILE HOME
A APARTMENT
B BUSINESS
P PUBLIC BUILDING

DESTROYED - Not Repairable
MAJOR REPAIR REPAIR
MINOR REPAIR

Other than PRIMARY use
Secondary: A Two-level
B TT (trailer) etc.

ON-SITE DETAILED DAMAGE ASSESSMENT WORKSHEET

Flood
 Fire
 Hurricane
 Earthquake
 Other

Date: 5/10/96
 State: OH
 County: Fairfield
 City: Buckeye Lake
 Street Name: SELLER DR NE

UNIT NO.	TYPE OF DAMAGE	WATER DEPTH (INCHES)	NO. OF FLOOR LEVELS	CONTENTS DAMAGE		DESCRIPTION OF DAMAGE
				3	2	
3539	S	20	2			WEATHERED WOOD
3541	S	20	2			FRAME / GREEN SLANT
3547	S	20	2			
3557	S	20	2			
3558	S	18	2			
3559	S	12	2			BURSE E
3563	S	12	2			WHITE
3567	S	12	2			Beige
3571	S	12	2			
3573	S	12	2			grey
						WHITE - NO UTILITY'S
						LT-BROWN
						YELLOW
						BRICK L BROWN

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Type of use other than PRIMARY unit
 S: Seasonal W: weekend
 P: Primary T: Trailer etc

Charner Code: FAIRFIELD CO
 Charner Name: JOE LEFFER
 Worker's Name (Print): JOE LEFFER
 Signature: [Signature]

Buckeye Lake ON-SITE DETAILED DAMAGE ASSESSMENT WORKSHEET

County: Fairfield City: _____ Street Name: North Bank

Date: 5/10/96 State: OH

Hurricane: _____ Other: _____

Address	Type of Building	Type of Use	Water Depth (Inches)	No. of Floor Levels	Contents Damage			Description of Damage
					1	2	3	
NE Corner of ...	S	?	6"				Standing water underneath windows currently at 6" Was over 3'	
314 S	S	?	8"				Back half of house in water Garage in middle of standing water Main house - (...)	
353	S	?					Can see no damage	
366	S	?					No damage to main part of house	
369	S	?					Can see no damage to main part of house	
385	S	?					Water & condensation in utility room	
395	S	?					Utility room probably flooded	
399	S	?					quantity of 10" submergence	
400	S	?					Standing water in back 4 ft x 12'	
401	S	?					8' standing water Garage underneath	
402	S	?					No damage to house garage underneath	

Area Comments (Type of construction, age of homes, utility outages, accessibility, unique characteristics, health problems, etc.):
Various construction, 10' deep water in back yard

Chaper Code: _____ Chapter: _____ Workers Name: _____ Supervisor: _____

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Suckeye Lake

ON-SITE DETAILED DAMAGE ASSESSMENT WORKSHEET

Event Category	Event Type	Date	State	County	City	Street Name	NAME OF FAMILY	Water Depth (Inches)	No. of Floor Levels	Contents Damage			DESCRIPTION OF DAMAGE
										3	2	1	
S	3733	8/10/07	OH	Franklin		10000 Sand				3	2	1	Garage surounded by water
M	3733						7						Water at rear of house
A	3733						7						Water at rear of house
A	3733						7						Water at rear of house
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<p>CONTENTS TOTAL Use appropriate letter in Bldg Damage box to indicate type of unit and degree of damage: Check (✓) appropriate Contents Damage box to indicate degree of damage to contents</p>													
<p>1. Single-Family Dwelling 2. Mobile Home 3. Apartment 4. Business 5. Public Building 6. Unoccupied - Not Repairable 7. Major Repairable 8. Minor Repairable 9. No Damage</p>													
<p>1. If type of use other than PRIMARY unit 2. Sub-Seasonal W (weekend) 3. Seasonal TT (trailer/trailer) etc</p>													
<p>Chapter Code: Franklin County Worker's Name (Print): Richard C. ...</p>													

American Red Cross

Buckeye Lake ON-SITE DETAILED DAMAGE ASSESSMENT WORKSHEET

Type of Disaster: Flood Fire Tornado
 Earthquake

Date: 5/10/96
 State: OH
 County: FAIRFIELD
 City: FAIRFIELD
 Street Name: FAIRFIELD

Unit No.	Type of Unit	Name of Family	Water Depth (Inches)	No of Floor Levels	Contents Damage			Description of Damage
					1	2	3	
1	Mobile Home	Smith						Water out with contents
2	Mobile Home	Smith						
3	Mobile Home	Smith						
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Chapter Code:
 Chapter Name:
 Worker's Name (Print):
 Signature:
 Date:

Area Comments (Type of construction, age of homes, utility outages, accessibility unique characteristics, health problems, etc.):
 20

CONTENTS TOTAL
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Type of use other than PRIMARY unit
 (Seasonal, Weekend, etc.)
 (Trailer, etc.)

1 - SINGLE FAMILY DWELLING
 2 - MOBILE HOME
 3 - APARTMENT
 4 - BUSINESS
 P - PUBLIC BUILDING
 5 - DESTROYED (Not Repairable)
 6 - MAJOR (Needs Repair)
 7 - MINOR (Habitable)
 8 - NO DAMAGE

TOTAL 3
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ON-SITE DETAILED DAMAGE ASSESSMENT WORKSHEET

Address: *Millersboro* Buckeye Lake

Date: *5/0/96* State: *OH*

Hurricane
Other

County: *Fairfield* City: Street Name: *Secord*

Unit No.	Unit Damage	NAME OF FAMILY	Water Depth (Inches)	No. of Floor Levels	Contents Damage			DESCRIPTION OF DAMAGE
					3	2	1	
3495	S		18"	1				Water in shed. Property destroyed. <i>8' water in shed</i>
3495	S		24"	1				2 FT in garage
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Area Comments (Type of construction, age of homes, utility outages, accessibility unique characteristics, health problems, etc.):								
<i>Cottages: 20-30 yrs old 2 units. Rest of</i>								
S	S SINGLE-FAMILY DWELLING CONTENTS TOTAL							
M	M MOBILE HOME Use appropriate letter in Bldg Damage box to indicate type of unit and degree of damage:							
A	A APARTMENT Check (✓) appropriate Contents Damage box to indicate degree of damage to contents							
TOTAL								
B	B Other (See other than PRIMARY unit)							
P	P Public (e.g., school, library, etc.)							

Chapter Code: Chapter Name: *Fairfield County* Volunteer's Name (Print): *Richard* Date: *5/0/96*

1235 - Haz-vert Trailer on scene

Brobst
Baker
S. Sells
L. Moore
Hoffman

Brobst on scene of Brown Building
Took Monitor to survey scene for Combustible gases

1250 - Waiting for results

Members on scene:

Bill Brobst	Larry Moore	Dave Corner
John Kroner	Scott Baker	
Kirk Hoffman	Steve Sells	

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May 17, 1996

WALNUT TOWNSHIP RESIDENTS:

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The Walnut Township Trustees would like to express their appreciation for your co-operation and assistance in the recent water emergency and flooding of Buckeye Lake in the State Route 360 - Sellers Drive area, Walnut Township.

The township is providing Trash Dumpsters at no expense to the residents to dispose of **FLOOD DAMAGE MATERIAL ONLY.**

The trash dumpsters will be at your disposal from **May 17th to June 3rd** at the following locations:

1. HOLLYWOOD & AVALON
2. IN THE AREA OF ST RT 360 & SELLERS DRIVE

We hope this will be of a service to you and appreciate your co-operation in this matter.

Respectfully yours,

Ted Keller
Ralph Zollinger
Pauline Ety, Clerk

Walnut Township Trustees & Clerk

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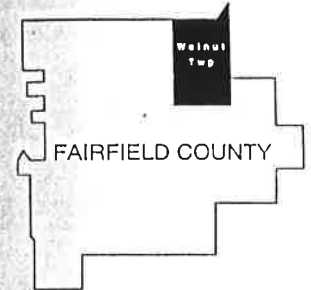
BLOOM TOWNSHIP FIRE DEPARTMENT - PUMP
BUCKEYE LAKE VILLAGE FIRE DEPT. - MAN POWER & PUMP
MILLERSPORT FIRE DEPARTMENT - MAN POWER
RICHLAND TOWNSHIP FIRE DEPT. - MAN POWER & PUMP
THURSTON-WALNUT TWP FIRE DEPT. - MAN POWER & PUMP
VIOLET TWP FIRE DEPT. - PUMP
VILLAGE OF MILLERSPORT - SEWER DEPT. - PUMP
TRI-COUNTY DIVE RESCUE TEAM - AIR BOAT & PUMP - MAN POWER
BUCKEYE LAKE TRUCK STOP - FOOD
CARDINAL FOOD GALLERY - (PHIL) - POTATO CHIPS
MCDONALD'S - (MINDI) - FOOD
MR. WILLIAM E. BROBST, JR. - F.C. HAZ MAT TEAM
F.C. SHERIFF'S DEPT. - MJR. GRIMM, DPT. BRADLEY, DPT STEWART
F.C. COMMISSIONERS - DECLARING AN EMERGENCY
WASTE MGMT OF OHIO - NEWARK - PICKING UP FLOOD DAMAGE ITEMS
F.C. ENVIROMENTAL AFFAIRS - ROBYN JACOBS - GETTING DUMPSTERS
EMERGENCY MGMT AGENCY -DAN BOLGER -COORDINATING - ASSISTING
AMERICAN RED CROSS - PAM DAVIS - ASSISTANCE
ODOT - JIM VALENTINE & ASSISTANT - HELPING
ODNR - ED FRANK - ASSISTING
HEBRON LIONS CLUB - \$10,000 DONATION TO HELP VICTIMS
VFW - POST 1388 - EMERGENCY SHELTER FOR VICTIMS
MR. STEVE TREINISH - HELPING
WAYNE & LINDA RADCLIFF - VIDEO COPYING, FOOD, ASSISTANCE
TABITHA RICE - ASSISTING
MRS. KATHY RIEDER - ASSISTING

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May 16, 1996

Ms. Norma J. Lewis
5515 York Lane North
Columbus, Ohio 43232

Dear Ms Lewis:

The situation regarding your property now or never has been the responsibility of the Walnut Township Trustees, irregardless of who they were.

The flooding of your property from Murphy's Run is the responsibility of either ODNR or the State of Ohio.

The flooding from the down spout of your neighbor is covered under Ohio Revised Code, see sheets enclosed.

The road on which your property is situated, being Sunset View Drive, is a private drive not a township road, and is the responsibility of the property owners to maintain, irregardless of what any other source said. The township is not responsible for anything in that area.

Any further questions, please contact us if we can be of any assistance. But, this is not in our jurisdiction or our responsibility

Respectfully yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Paul T. Whitaker".

Walnut Township Trustees

PTW:pe
ENC: 13 pages
cc Paul Morehart
County Commissioners

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May 20, 1996

Walnut Township Trustees
11420 Millersport Road P.O.
Millersport, Ohio 43046

Re: Flooding in Walnut Township, Fairfield County
(Flooding of property on Sunsetview Dr., Millersport, due to Murphy's Run)

Thank you for your prompt reply to my letter of May 15 regarding the above.
I noted your statement that flooding from Murphy's Run is the responsibility of either ODNR or the State of Ohio, but not yours.

You are correct in that Sunsetview Drive is a private drive and is the responsibility of the property owners. This road, however, presents no problem to the flooding condition which exists. Township Road 473 (South Bank Road), however, is in your jurisdiction and is your responsibility. The recent flooding in this area could possibly have been lessened if the ditch along this township road had been clear of growth and if the culvert by the bridge over Murphy's Run had previously been cleared of debris. I understand the township has now cleared both the ditch and culvert. Hopefully, you will continue to see that this is kept clear in the future.

Thank you for your time and consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,

Norma J. Lewis

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Columbus, Ohio 43232

CC: Fairfield Co. Commissioner
ODNR

May 15, 1996

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Fairfield County Commissioner
Court House
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RE: Flooding in Walnut Township, Fairfield County
(Specifically flooding to private property adjacent
to Brooks State Park caused by Murphy's Run onto Sunsetview Drive, Millersport, OH)

FAIRFIELD CO.
COMMISSIONER

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In recent years the property owners on Sunsetview Drive got permission from the farm owner to go onto his farm property to put in a swale to divert the stream back on course when it floods. This was done at our own expense to hire a bulldozer. It has helped, but recent floods have eroded it and something else needs to be done to properly correct it.

This is a situation that should be corrected by either the State, County or Township, or collectively all of you, since not only are the private property owners affected, but Brooks State Park is flooded, the Township road is under water and property homes and yards are flooded.

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Sincerely,



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(I have a cottage at 12169 Sunsetview Drive, Millersport, Ohio)

Other area property owners who are knowledgeable of this condition:

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cc: Walnut Twp.
ODNR
Buckeye Lake State Park Mgr.

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cc: Walnut Twp.
ODMR
Buckeye Lake State Park Mgr.

Save the Lake Committee News Letter



The Latest Up Dates on The O.D.N.R. Phase III Plans for Buckeye Lake

O.D.N.R. Phase III Will Not Stop Flooding Down Stream

The Save the Lake Committee will be asking O.D.N.R. to modify the Sellers Point Spillway to a gated spillway. This will help control the discharge from the lake in times of flooding and will also prevent over topping the dam.

Michelle Willis, director of the O.D.N.R. division of water has said the Phase III project to raise the top of the Buckeye Lake dam would not have alleviated the flooding in the Sellers Point area and down stream.

The Save the Lake Committee after evaluating the various spillway systems studied has listed several relative advantages and disadvantages of each system and summarized them.

MODIFY SELLERS POINT **Save Lakes Committee Recommendation** **(Advantages)**

1. Will not over top dam
2. Reduce uncontrolled discharge from Sellers Point Spillway in time of flooding
3. Give the ability to store flood water
4. Will not flood South Shore
5. No need to raise top of the dam
6. Will not have to remove docks
7. Will not have to remove trees

(Disadvantages)

1. Cannot completely control down stream flooding

RAISE THE TOP OF THE DAM **O.D.N.R. Recommendation**

(Advantages)

1. Will not over top dam

(Disadvantages)

1. Cannot control down stream flooding
2. Can possible cause a blow out of the dam
3. Project Will cost almost 7 million dollars
4. Will store flood water less than 24 hr.
5. Will only help after 12" of rain has fallen
6. Property owners down stream will already be under as much as 8.6" of water.
7. Will flood South Shore
8. Surface water from dam may run off into homes
9. Will have to remove docks from dam
10. Will disturb top of the dam by removing the trees

O.D.N.R. It's time to stop talking and start listening to the people. You can help control the discharge of water from Buckeye Lake with a gated spillway at Sellers Point.

Voice your opinion call or write

Governor George V Voinovich
30th Floor 77 South High Street
Columbus Ohio 43215

OR PHONE (614) 466-3555

Director Donald C Anderson
Department of Natural Resources

Fountain Square Columbus Ohio 43224-1387

OR PHONE (614) 265-6875

**EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY
OF
FAIRFIELD COUNTY**

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Operations Center: 221 East Main St., Lancaster, OH 43130**

County Commissioners

*Allan Reid
Lisa M. Kessler
Judith K. Shupe*

Emergency 614/653-5223

Director

*Daniel Bolger, P.E.
614/654-4357 (Off.)
614/681-4357 (Res.)*

June 11, 1996

Doug Zehner
District Conservationist
Soil & Water Conservation Dist.
831 College Avenue
Lancaster, OH 43130

Dear Doug:

We talked a couple weeks ago about the flooding at South Bank at Buckeye Lake and you said you'd dig out a study that was done some years ago for my review.

In addition we discussed whether cleaning the creek would help. If you could have someone walk the creek before I return from vacation on July 8th, it would be appreciated.

Please call with any questions or comments by June 20th.

Very truly yours,

Daniel C. Bolger, P.E.

7/9/96

MARK SCARPITTI

Per conversation.
This is different issue
To the Sellers Point
Flooding by emergency
overflow spillway on
North side of the
LAKE.
DCB

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April 26, 1996

Doug Zehner
District Conservationist
Natural Resources Conservation Service
831 College Avenue
Lancaster, OH 43130

Dear Doug:

The information being developed during the Sycamore Creek Flood Hazard Study can be of significant value to short term and long term objectives. With FEMA's redirection to mitigation, a major risk reduction may be possible with a basic cleanup of the stream... removing debris such as trees that currently reduce the capacity.

As soon as appropriate, a meeting to discuss the initial findings with Violet Township and Pickerington officials is an excellent idea. Who else should be attending? Would a site visit to key points along Sycamore Creek be helpful?

A short term effort to clear the stream using labor from SCI and/or CCC and ODNR plus equipment support from the communities could result. We have obtained a satisfactory simple access form to get approved to enter private property and offer our assistance to help achieve the desired results. Our counterparts in Licking County have gotten EPA permits to burn the natural debris, apparently without difficulty.

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Very truly yours,

LICKING COUNTY

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May 13, 1996

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Now you can help the Save Lake Committee by attending the fund raising brunch. Tickets will be on sale in advance for \$45.00 Per person or at the door for \$50.00 per person. A video will be shown of the recent flooding in the Sellers Point Area. For information or the location that advance tickets can be purchased call. (614) 928-0644

We need support to continue.

The Save the Lake Committee has been successful to date in convincing legislators to ask O.D.N.R. to reconsider its plans for the dam at Buckeye Lake. This projects expenses are continuing to add up. If you cannot join us and would like to make a donation to help in solving the problem please stop at National City Bank in Buckeye Lake and make a donation. Any amount is greatly appreciated and will help.

Editorial From Save The Lake Committee Chairperson Linda Radcliff

Gary Jones, Assistant Manager at Buckeye Lake State Park stated in an interview with the Columbus Dispatch that "Leaks in the dam that impounds the lake's north side increased but did not appear to be serious". Also Mr. Jones states "Seepages have increased but that an indication of higher lake level an pressure on the dam. It's not a concern unless the water leaking through the dam is muddy."

Could the Save the Lake Committee's engineer be right? Will the extra pressure on the dam cause a dam failure or blowout? If a rain fall of 2.7 in. of water can cause seepage from pressure what will 23.6 inches do to it? And How long after you see muddy water seepage dose it take before it is a concern?

ODNR Division of Water Chief Ms. Willis said the Save the Lake Committee is overly concerned about the dam stability just because one of only 3 original test sites does not meet the safety factors set by the Army Corp. Of Engineers

but to make the Save Lake Committee feel better ODNR will do more stability testing.

Ms. Willis how can the results of these tests be anything but bad if just 2.7 inches of rain can cause seepage because of pressure?

On a closing thought, in the time of the flooding ODNR said that the spillway was doing just what it was supposed to do.

Think about that statement.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

CALL

**Martha Sandagata
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October 8, 1996

ODNR
P.O. Box 488
Liebs Island Park
Millersport, Ohio 43046

Dear Mr. Frank:

The Walnut Township Trustees are concerned that nothing has been done since the flooding occurred last spring in the Sellers Drive - State Route 360 area.

They are inquiring if any decisions have been made to prevent this from happening again, especially when the rains start next spring. They feel that the bank needs to be filled up to the present level of the bank in that area to help prevent this from happening again for the residents in that area.

The Walnut Township Trustees realize they are a side party in this, but have a real concern over the situation there.

Please let us know the status of this.

Respectfully yours,

Pauline Ety, Clerk

PTW: pe

CC: ODNR - Columbus

Dan Bolger

Licking County Disaster Services

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October 30, 1996

Dan Bolger
P.O. Box 626
Lancaster, Ohio 43130

Dear Mr. Bolger:

The trustees asked that I send you a copy of our correspondence with ODNR regarding last May's flooding at SR 360 & Sellers Drive. Enclosed you will find 2 of our letters and the letter received from ODNR, Buckeye Lake State Park.

Also last May, the trustees stated that the township needed a portable generator and a trash pump. At that time, you stated that there were grants available for this and that possible you could work with us on this to get Walnut Township these items. We would really appreciate it if you could check into this and get back with us.

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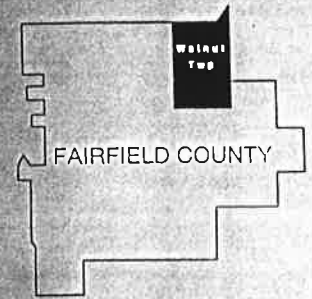
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October 21, 1996

ODNR
c/o Mark Ogden
Division of Water
1939 Fountain Square Court E-3
Columbus, Ohio 43224-1336

Dear Mr. Ogden:

RE: MAY FLOODING AT SR 360 & SELLERS DRIVE

In regards to the letter received dated October 15, 1996, from Mr. Ed Frank, Park Manager at Buckeye Lake State Park, he talked about the Phase 3 Project. We would like to have more information regarding this project; and also what sort of a time table you are looking at for it.

We receive numerous calls regarding what is being done about the situation that occurred last May. It would be very helpful if we had some information to pass on to them.

The Walnut Township Trustees realize they are a side party in this, but they have a real concern over the situation and it reoccurring again.

Respectfully yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Pauline Ety".

Pauline Ety, Clerk

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BUCKEYE LAKE State Park



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October 15, 1996

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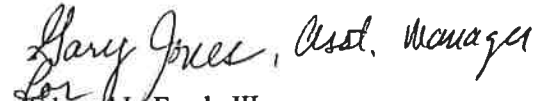
In response to your October 8, 1996 letter, the Ohio Department of Natural Resources is well aware of the flooding which occurred in the Sellers Point and State Route 360 area this past spring. Engineers from ODNR were on site during the flooding, and concur that additional fill is needed along the east bank of the downstream channel below the Sellers Point Spillway.

During the Phase 3 Project, ODNR proposes to raise the low area to match the highest natural ground elevation downstream. While this will give some additional protection to nearby residents, it will not prevent all future flooding events from impacting structures built in the floodplain. We would encourage insurance through the National Flood Insurance Program. Local insurance agencies can provide the coverage.

The ODNR contact for the Phase 3 Project is Mark Ogden. If you have further questions or need additional information concerning the Phase 3 Project or insurance, please contact Mr. Ogden at ODNR, Division of Water, 1939 Fountain Square Court E-3, Columbus, Ohio 43224-1336.

We share your concern over the issue, and hope to proceed with the project as soon as local issues are resolved.

Respectfully yours,


for Edward L. Frank, III
Park Manager

ELF/CMH

- c: Michele Willis, Chief, Division of Water
- Dave Stites, Division of Parks & Recreation
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Officials clash over flooding at Buckeye Lake

By **BRIAN MILLER**
Thomson News Service

NEWARK — An official from the South Licking Conservancy District says he believes a spillway at the east end of Buckeye Lake did not operate correctly and could have contributed to recent flooding at Sellers Point in the Millersport area.

Two Ohio Department of Natural Resources officials disagree.

Both parties say a plan for improvements in the South Fork of the Licking watershed are needed to stop future flooding, both at the lake and north of it.

Gordon Postle, director of the watershed district, said water was not passing through the spillway May 9 at the east end of the lake, which has a gate, because of an accumulation of debris in front of it. Water did not enter a channel leading to the river at a fast enough rate.

Postle said debris kept water from entering a chamber with a float that opens the gate and regulates how much water flows out of the lake.

But Buckeye Lake Park Manager Ed Frank said water passed through the gate properly, a fact he says is confirmed by his observation that water in the channel — into which water flows once it passes through the spillway — was at capacity.

The east-end spillway can absorb any increase in lake level up to what's called a 10-year storm — the biggest storm that can be predicted over a 10-year period. After that, the emergency spillway on the west end of the lake is activated.

All agreed the May 9 storm was not that size. Postle said the emergency spillway should not have been activated.

But Mark Ogden, program manager for the Division of Water of the Ohio Department of Natural Resources, said so much rain fell over a 20-day period the gated spillway did not keep pace.

"So many rains came through day after day there was no chance for the lake level to recede in between," he said.

Ogden said his agency is trying to determine whether the amount of water from the emergency spillway or the fact that the river was so swollen from rains caused flooding at Sellers Point.

Frank said in 1991 a storm similar to the May 9 storm fell over a shorter period and the Sellers Point area didn't flood. He said that suggests the swollen river may be the cause.

The watershed plan includes:

- building a retention basin upstream to collect water from tributaries to the South Fork of the Licking during rains and gradually let water into the river.
- building a 3.3-mile channel just

north of Interstate 70 to prevent flooding in the Hebron-Luray areas.

■ clearing obstructions from the river north of the lake.

■ building a dike south of Hebron. The plan is at an apparent standstill because, according to Postle, the district has no money to revise assessments sent to 38,000 people in the watershed.

A judge returned the appraisals to the district in 1993 after receiving 6,000 objections.

The federal government has pledged to pay the \$8 million cost of building the improvements if the local community pays the cost of rights to the land on which they will be built, Postle said.

ODNR's controversial proposal to raise the walls of the dam on the lake is meant to avoid a catastrophic breach of the dam during high water and does not address the Sellers Point flooding, Ogden said.

FRONT PAGE

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To: Mark Ogden -
From: Dan Bolger -

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FAX COVER SHEET

DATE 9-27-96

TO Daniel Bolger P. E.

FROM Ralph Zollinger

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NOTES Don There has
been no action taken on
the problem at Sellers Point
Spring is coming again with
the floods. Ralph Zollinger

Letter

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environmental damage will take place if the floods occurred?

*Note: This area is part of the 335 acres that will be flooded by the proposed Phase III Project (See map - exhibit D).

9. ODNR's plan to increase the height of the seawall includes adding fill to an increased height around the wall which would then be graded back toward the existing homes. This area is currently either level or slopes slightly toward the lake. This change in drainage would lead to increased erosion on the backside of the earthen dam and will also cause structural damage upon private property owners' homes. This plan is an encroachment upon private property owners' rights!

10. According to Am. Sub. H.B. 904 (the capital appropriations bill) from the 119th General Assembly, \$250,000 was earmarked for Buckeye lake improvements at Picnic Point. Why did ODNR's Division of Engineering spend \$187,224 of this earmarked money for the proposed Phase III project? Was this expenditure a misappropriation of funds, or otherwise illegal? (See Exhibits E & F).

11. ODNR has needlessly wasted tax payer dollars on Phase I and II by building spillways that can handle only 50% of their FMR when Administrative Rules require 100%.

12. ODNR received from the Controlling Board additional funds on March 25, 1996 in the amount of \$148,218.00. Dodson-Lindblom (DLA) received \$60,115.00 above their contract bid for work that was included in the original contract. ODNR then spent the remaining \$88,103.00 for another engineering company, Paul C. Rizzo & Associates, to evaluate the DLA study and stability analysis. If the State of Ohio has problem with the DLA study or if DLA did not do their job properly, DLA should have to pay for this new study. Why did the Ohio taxpayers have to pay twice for work originally included in the 1994 DLA contract?

13. It has been brought to our attention that there may be a conflict of interest in that Michelle Willis' (Division of Water Chief) husband is now employed by Dodson-Stilson (successor to Dodson-Lindblom). If this is not improper, it certainly has the appearance of impropriety.

These issues are just a few of many we have been asking ODNR about for over a year and never seem to get answers. Please help us assure that all future projects are not a waste or illegal expenditure of tax dollars and are safe for all of our neighbors around the lake, upstream and downstream. We also seek your assistance to insure that the flooding problems created by ODNR's Phase I be immediately remedied.

Joyce A. Lane

Jack Loudermilk

Jerry Oldham

Sally Oldham

Linda Radcliff

Save the Lake Committee seeks Attorney General investigation

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Dear Attorney General Mont-
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The Save the Lake Commit-
tee, at Buckeye Lake, opposes the
proposed Phase III dam project as
designed. We therefore, hereby
request that you, as Attorney Gen-
eral of the State of Ohio, conduct
and independent investigation of
the Ohio Department of Natural
Resources' Division of Water and
Dam Engineering's spending and
engineering practices in regard to
Phases I, II, and III Projects at
Buckeye Lake. We also request
that all contracts be held and all
contractual payments be withheld
until the investigation is complete.
We are requesting this independent
investigation because rights of
property owners are being violated,
state and federal laws are being
ignored, and taxpayer dollars are
being waste and misdirected. The
following questions need to be an-
swered:

1. In the law suit of Cash and
Browa vs. Donald Anderson, in
July 1996, (Case #95-CV-00091,
Licking County Common Pleas
Court), it was determined that
ODNR violated the deeds of Mr.
Cash and Mr. Brown. Now
ODNR's Phase III will violate over
200 Governor's Deeds on the
Southbank by raising the storage
level without an easement. (Copy
enclosed).

2. ODNR is violating State
and Federal Regulations! An Army
Corps of Engineers' 404 permit
requires notice to all affected prop-
erty owners upstream from a
project to be notified of any change
in elevation of water, whether for
storage or permanent elevation.
This has not been done. The prop-

erty owners in these areas were told
in June 1995, at ODNR's meeting
on the Phase III project that in-
creasing the storage capacity will
not affect them. This is not true.
Has ODNR appropriated any funds
for the property owners of the 335
acres that will be flooded by in-
creasing the storage capacity pro-
posed by Phase III project?

3. The Phase III plan cannot
be safe or in the state's best inter-
est. According to ODNR's own
consulting engineers report and our
engineer's report, 33% of the origi-
nal test holes are below the Army
Corps of Engineers' safety factor.
Phase III, as designed by ODNR
raises the top of the dam to accom-
modate ODNR's improbable Prob-
able Maximum Flood (PMF).
Phase III is unsafe. The temporary
rise in the pool elevation to 896.5
can induce an embankment failure
or a BLOW OUT. ODNR cannot
be permitted to proceed with Phase
III, as designed, because there is a
high probability of failure. (See
summary of William S. Gardener,
engineer's report - Exhibit A).

4. ODNR did not follow the
Code of Federal Regulations on
Phase I or II by using a nationwide
permit when a 404 permit from the
Army Corps of Engineers should
have been obtained. (See CFR 40
Section 232.1 - Exhibit B).

5. Why didn't ODNR com-
plete environmental, historic, eco-
nomic and flood plain studies be-
fore starting on Phase I and II
projects?

6. ODNR altered the existing
flood plain by creating a spillway
at Sellers Point. This resulted in
many area residents being flooded
on May 9, 1996. Did ODNR get

the required permit(s) from
FEMA? Has ODNR compensated
the property owners for the dam-
age it caused?

7. The Phase I spillway at
Sellers Point now releases seven
times more water than the original
spillway with no way to control the
release. Because of this lack of
control, the residents of Sellers
Drive and North Bank Road in
Millersport were needlessly
flooded on May 9, 1996. In the
enclosed copy of a letter from
Michelle Willis, chief of the Divi-
sion of Water, she states "overall
the spillway at Sellers Point per-
formed as designed." The "as de-
signed" spillway has already
proven to be a detriment and haz-
ard to local residents. ODNR has
stated that they intend to correct his
design flaw in the Phase III project.
The necessary correction of this
error should not be tied to any other
project. ODNR should be required
to immediately remedy the prob-
lems created by the faulty design
in Phase I. After those problems
have been corrected, then Phase III
should be carefully analyzed in
light of ODNR's track record with
regard to Phase I. (See enclosed
letter from Michelle Willis).

8. The proposed Phase III
project, as designed, would flood
several areas around the lake that
rely on septic tanks and shallow
water wells. The sewage treatment
plant at Thorport is located within
20 feet of the waters edge. The
seepage from the septic tanks and
treatment plant will contaminate
the lake and drinking water. Has
ODNR performed a study on what

(continued on page 18)

Fund set up to help Gorsuch family

Dear Editor:

will not be able to back to work. And, if you can help them put food
on the table for the children, we

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December 9, 1996

Michael J. Hickey, phone/fax 614-928-8197
3563 Sellers Drive
Millersport OH 43046

Dear Mike:

Linda and I certainly enjoyed the visit with you on Sunday December 1st. I do appreciate calls such as yours so I can fully understand the contributing factors to a potential disaster situation. You certainly paid a high price for the May 9th flooding and I am continuing efforts to minimize the risks of a future incident.

I trust the following letter to the Eagle Gazette in response to Joyce Lane's letter makes sense. If you can do anything to get the various constituencies pulling in the same direction, it will really help to bring this project to a successful conclusion. In addition to getting the political issues resolved, the property owners are going to share in an assessment just as we have done for my farm in the Rush Creek Conservancy in Fairfield and Perry counties. The alternative for your neighbors around Buckeye Lake is to plan for the next flood after the log jams have built up again.

My Emergency Management counterpart in Licking County assures me they are working to get the jams removed over the winter but there will be plenty of hassles before the South Licking Watershed Conservancy is an effective deterrent to flooding.

Very truly yours,



Daniel C. Bolger, P.E.

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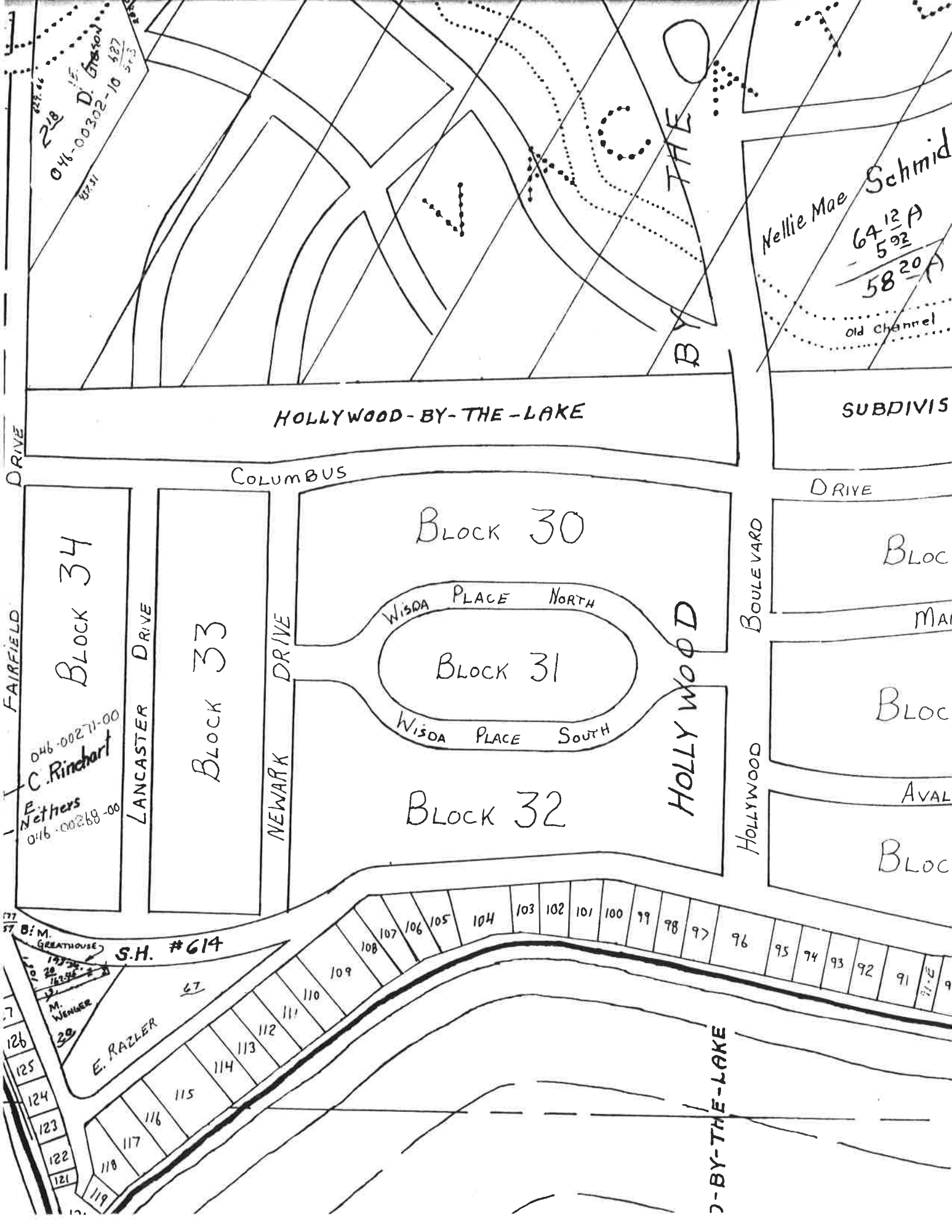
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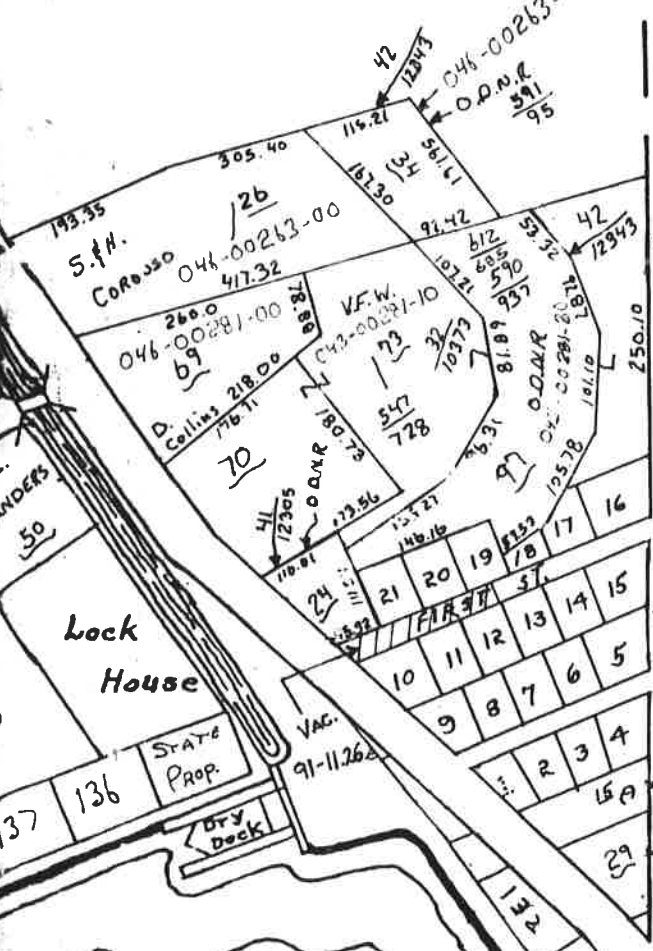
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Director

OHIO STREET BRIDGE READINGS

FLOOD STAGE: 15 FEET

THURSDAY MAY 9, 1996

9:45 AM 9 9/10

3:00 PM 8 3/10

FRIDAY MAY 10, 1996

NEWARK POLICE TOOK A READING @ 6:45 PM. UNSURE OF
NUMBER YET WAS NOT HIGH ENOUGH TO CAUSE CONCERN.

SATURDAY MAY 11, 1996

10:30 AM 7 3/10

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May 13, 1996

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cc: Fairfield County Commissioners
Walnut Township Trustees
Dale Shipley, OEMA
Wayne Tresemer, Licking County EMA

Dear Mark:

Thank you for your assistance Thursday afternoon. Confirming our discussions at Buckeye Lake after the on-site and aerial observations, a common sense solution appears to be raising about 150' of the bank height at least to the same level as the balance of the channel bank. When the downstream channel couldn't handle the runoff, the water simply flowed over the lowest section adjacent to valued residences.

The temporary retaining wall constructed Thursday afternoon should remain in place until the permanent improvement is made to this section.

This 150' section is located immediately east of the bridge on Route 360. About 15 truckloads of dirt, a few hours grading and seeding would raise that section about two feet. Cost should be nominal. A drainage drop into the culvert along 360 should also be considered.

With the channel unable to handle the spillway volume, it probably would still have overflowed but far less water would have entered the Sellars Point residential area.

The following observations are results of time on the scene Friday and Saturday. Various people said this was the first real test of the overflow spillway and channel since construction. The Ohio Street flood gauge at Newark was several feet below flood stage while the Buckeye Lake channel was out of its banks.

With FEMA's reorientation toward mitigation, there are obvious additional things that must be considered to minimize future damages. Initial thoughts include the following:

- A. Improve the channel as needed to handle the emergency overflow. Wayne Tresemer, Director of Licking County EMA has solid information on channel restrictions.
- B. Do an annual channel cleanup to remove fallen trees and snags.
- C. ODOT to do an annual (or as needed) cleaning of culverts and drains along State Route 360. Most appear to be partially or fully blocked.
- D. An annual review with local officials, ODNR, Parks Management, ODNR and other interested parties that the channel and preparedness plans are up to date.

More observations and recommendations may result after the flood review meeting with various officials but I hope you will take immediate steps to move ahead on the points mentioned.

Very truly yours,



Daniel C. Bolger, P.E.

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cc: Fairfield County Commissioners
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Dear Mark:

Are you aware that the emergency overflow channel at Buckeye Lake also backed up on April 29th? The flooding, however, was mostly limited to Licking County. It almost overflowed at SR 360 where we erected the temporary wall. In summary, flooding on April 29th was in the Sunny Acres subdivision, the back lot of Buckeye Lake Truckstop, and farmland between Buckeye Lake and I70. The southbound exit of I70 to SR79 was closed due to high water. Licking County EMA can provide details and video of the flooding.

It is essential that emergency corrective actions be initiated that will resolve these matters in a timely manner. Will ODNR be the lead agency?

There will be a meeting scheduled to review the overall incident shortly. Your input regarding which agencies should be notified will be appreciated. Attached is a tentative list. Should the Corps of Engineers be included?

Very truly yours,



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**TENTATIVE LIST OF ATTENDEES
5/9/96 Buckeye Lake Flooding
Incident Review Meeting**

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Fairfield County Commissioners
Fairfield County Regional Planning
Fairfield County Sheriff
Walnut Township Trustees
Millersport Fire Department
Licking County Emergency Management
Licking County Commissioners
Licking County Regional Planning
ODNR Parks Management
ODNR Water Engineering
Ohio Department of Transportation
Ohio Emergency Management Agency
The Public