

Bottom, Angela

From: Linda Young <nandlyoung@hotmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, November 3, 2022 9:59 AM
To: Bottom, Angela
Subject: Marshall Co Lakes sewer DistrictMarshall

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My name is Neal Young. I'm a retired farmer, have lived in Marshall county for 75 years. As a land owner, I understand why people object to a county wide sewer district .

Three years ago, my wife and I bought a property on Holem Lake. At the time I thought that a sewer system was going to happen on all seven lakes.

Last spring, letters were sent out to property owners. To my thinking a sewer project was approved and going to happen.

After attending your meeting in October, I found out your approval I is still needed .My guess is that 90%-95% of the residences on the lakes are year round home owners. I'm sure that because the lot sizes are so small that the sewer system at each home does not qualify for current requirements.

Because of that I think a sewer system for the lake properties should happen Immediately. The water quality of the lakes would surely improve.

Thank You,
Neal Young
574-342-8781

Bottom, Angela

From: Margaret Bonen <restvillelake@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, October 25, 2022 11:48 AM
To: Bottom, Angela
Subject: Marshall County District Sewer

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I write in favor of a regional sewer district for Marshall County; I reside and pay real estate taxes at Cook Lake, which is included with Latonka, Lawrence Lake and Mill Pond areas, PSA 1.

I am a member of the Four Lakes Association (Cook, Holem, Mill Pond and Kreighbaum Lakes). I am active with the Cook and Holem Lakes Committee, which is a sub-group of the Four Lakes Association.

The Four Lakes Association along with Cook and Holem Lakes Committee members are educated in watershed issues. We understand that failed and/or non-existent septic systems contribute to increased phosphorus, nitrates and sewage waste contaminates for lakes and household well systems. Harmful algae, invasive lake weeds, decreased and/or less than healthy fish populations and increased silting of the lakes from saturated septic beds are the outward signs of the need for creating a public sanitary sewer system.

As a retired RN and an eight year volunteer for lake water sampling through the Indiana Clean Lakes Program, I both understand contamination and its consequences and have scientific analysis through the INCLP data. Surely, the upfront and continued costs of a sewer hook-up can be difficult for some home owners but a failed septic system cost without a guarantee of being sustainable-if even allowed per the one acre statute, is a far bigger budget buster. Failed and/or substandard septic systems continuing to contribute to the aquifer will have consequences beyond any homeowner's nightmares.

To do the right thing, regardless of burden, is the right way.

Thank you,
Margaret Bonen
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Plymouth, IN 46563-8118
219-393-8413

Bottom, Angela

From: Jim Ferger <alliance.ferger1@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, October 24, 2022 9:24 AM
To: Bottom, Angela
Subject: Support

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Hello Angela Bottom

My name is Jim Ferger A resident of Cook Lake since 1979 and we are in support of the proposed sewer project. When we first moved out here it seemed like the majority of homes were part time residence and now the majority are full-time residence in most cases still operating on septic systems not designed for that use. And with the new laws and guidelines in place a lot of these systems cannot be upgraded or replaced because of lack of space, totally understandable.

This is a beautiful and relaxing area to live and I'm very happy to see that the county and state are looking at improving and maintaining this natural resource for future generations. This is why my wife and I both support the proposed program.

Thank you very much for your time and have a pleasant day

Sent from my iPhone

Bottom, Angela

From: Linda Young <nandlyoung@hotmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, October 23, 2022 6:44 PM
To: Bottom, Angela
Subject: Plymouth lakes sewer system

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As a property owner at this lake,
I'm in favor of the plan to install a sewer system around Holem Lake near Plymouth Indiana. So many of the septic systems are fragile and need pumping frequently.
I feel if the sewer isn't installed the lakes will suffer from pollution.
Sincerely,
Linda Young

Bottom, Angela

From: Diann Parsons <diann.parsons@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, October 23, 2022 12:11 PM
To: Bottom, Angela
Subject: Marshall County Sewer District

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I am a homeowner on Cook Lake in Marshall County, Indiana. I want to give my support to creating the Marshall County Sewer District to include the Twin Lakes area southwest of Plymouth.

Because of the steep banks around most of the lakes, there is little room for proper septic systems. Even if there is room, so much of the ground is clay and doesn't provide the proper drainage for a leach field. In 2017, I wanted to make some improvements to my home and needed a building permit, but it required a documented septic system. I hired a soil scientist and a septic contractor, and we met with the Marshall County Health Department to locate a suitable site for the system. Even though I owned an acre of ground, there was no place that met the requirements for an adequate system. Fortunately, I was able to buy additional land from a neighbor for the leach field. It was expensive and time consuming, but was a necessary home improvement. However, many lots around the lakes do not have that option.

A regional sewer system is the only option for many homes on the lakes. I believe that when the sewer system is functioning, many homeowners will be able to make necessary repairs and improvements to their property they are currently prevented from making because they can't get a building permit. The new sewer will likely increase the value of each property due to these improvements.

A regional sewer district will also keep the lakes cleaner by not having untreated sewage flowing into them. If we want to preserve the recreational lake activities for future generations, it is necessary to improve the water quality now.

It is my hope that the Marshall County Sewer District project will move forward.

Thank you.
Diann Parsons
12410 Queen Rd.
Plymouth, IN 46563

Bottom, Angela

From: Tom Stokes <trtomdotcom@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, October 22, 2022 8:04 AM
To: Bottom, Angela
Subject: Marshall county sewer

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I'm from the lakes region. And in favor.

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Bottom, Angela

From: Wolff, Brian
Sent: Friday, October 21, 2022 10:49 AM
To: Bottom, Angela
Subject: Fwd: Marshall County Regional Sewer District

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Begin forwarded message:

From: Sandy Wallace <skwallace51@outlook.com>
Date: October 20, 2022 at 7:32:16 PM EDT
To: "Wolff, Brian" <BWOLFF@idem.in.gov>
Subject: Marshall County Regional Sewer District

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Brian:

I was able to attend the public hearing on the Marshall County Regional Sewer District on October 19th. I feel there was a lot of misinformation by some of the audience participants but I understand this format did not allow for correction of that information.

I am a property owner at Lawrence Lake and want to state my support of the forming of the district. It is becoming more evident that we need to protect our watershed. We have not experienced any problems with our septic system but I am aware of several of my neighbors starting to have problems with their septic systems and there really isn't a way to fix the issue due to space constraints and financial costs. I am aware of some water districts that have been formed in the past few years around us and have noted how the quality of the lake water has improved since they have sewer systems.

In order to protect our watershed now and for future generations, I encourage you to move ahead with approving this district at your earliest opportunity.

Thank you.

Sandy Wallace
12701 Nataka Trail
Plymouth, IN 46563
574-952-9092

Bottom, Angela

From: CLARK METTLER, MARTHA
Sent: Friday, October 21, 2022 10:47 AM
To: Bottom, Angela
Cc: Higginbotham, Paul; Wolff, Brian; Whitaker, Samantha
Subject: FW: marshall county sewer district

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-----Original Message-----

From: Sheila Gardner <sheilagardner779@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, October 21, 2022 10:04 AM
To: CLARK METTLER, MARTHA <MCLARK@idem.IN.gov>
Subject: marshall county sewer district

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I am making a formal objection to the sewer district in my area of Marshall County. We purposely moved to this area to be out of city utilities. We do not need or want a sewer district in our area.
Thank you

Sheila Gardner
10660 Nutmeg Rd
Plymouth, IN 46563

Bottom, Angela

From: Wolff, Brian
Sent: Friday, October 21, 2022 10:47 AM
To: Bottom, Angela
Subject: Fwd: Sewer district in Marshall County

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From: Sheila Gardner <sheilagardner779@gmail.com>
Date: October 21, 2022 at 9:56:25 AM EDT
To: "Wolff, Brian" <BWOLFF@idem.in.gov>
Subject: Sewer district in Marshall County

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We do not need or want a sewer district in our area. Our home was purchased deliberately out of city utilities and is functioning great. Very unfair to make us pay if lake areas want or need it.

Sheila Gardner
10660 Nutmeg Rd
Plymouth, IN 46563

Bottom, Angela

From: Tim Overmyer <tim@vanadco.com>
Sent: Thursday, October 20, 2022 2:42 PM
To: Bottom, Angela
Subject: Marshal County Sewer District

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Good Afternoon Angela,

I attended last night's meeting in Plymouth concerning the rural Marshall County Sewer District. Unfortunately I did not study the agenda prior and I thought the meeting was going to be informational not a comment only meeting. I live on Holem Lake and I presently have a mound system that has functioned flawlessly. That being said, it is obvious we need a regional sewer system. Times have changed and density along the lakes and other areas have definitely become and will continue to become a bigger issue.

I think it is far time we quit kicking the can down the road and bite the bullet. I too am near retirement and don't look forward to the added expense but it is more about the future generations and the health of not just the lakes but anyone who has a septic system that might be failing .

The higher assessment/higher taxes is minor compared to the added property value. I think it is extremely short sighted not to proceed as this project will not be any cheaper than it is today. I am a baby boomer and it is high time we take some responsibility for improving the environment instead of taking advantage of our natural resources.

If I need to send this in a written letter format please let me know as I want my voice to be heard.

Thanks!

Tim

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Have A Great Day,

Tim Overmyer
574.952.4556
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