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Leonard Park Water Project Kicks Off Today

After decades of undrinkable tap water or wells that have run dry, Leonard Park residents in Mifflin Township will finally see ground broken today. Leonard Park is a neighborhood in Mifflin Township in Franklin County bordered by Agler and Stelzer Roads. Residents have seen a diminishing source of well water throughout the years primarily because of the construction of I-270 and I-670 beginning in the 1970s. Over those years, residents have relied on the township's service building, making frequent trips to the outdoor spigot they have been able to utilize.

The final project will include about three miles of 6 and 8-inch water main being laid about six feet deep; 34 fire hydrants; and a looped system, which provides for a better water quality, and firefighting ability.

Project engineers estimate that all residential service taps will be installed by the end of February, with the connection phase, the time when residents may connect to the new water main, beginning in early May. Final completion, including demobilization and reseeding is expected to be completed in July.

What: Representatives from Franklin County, Mifflin Township and other key partners and residents, will come together to celebrate the kickoff to construction which begins this week on the long-awaited Leonard Park project to connect 120 homes to the city of Columbus' water distribution system.

When: Friday, November 14 at 2 p.m.

Where: Construction lot at the corner of Stelzer Road and Minnesota Avenue.

**Who: Franklin County Commissioner John O'Grady
Mifflin Township Trustees Lynn Stewart and Richard Angelou
Director of Franklin County's Department of Sanitary Engineering Stephen Renner
Residents of Leonard Park in Mifflin Township**

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