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Protecting Environmentally-Sensitive Waterways through Unique Wastewater Partnership

This morning, County Commissioners will be asked to approve a unique cost-sharing effort to provide a cleaner, environmentally-responsible way to treat wastewater coming from a mobile home community in southwest Franklin County.

The County's Department of Sanitary Engineering is seeking an \$875,000 state water development loan to construct a wastewater pump station and force main for the 130 homes at the Pleasant Acres Mobile Home Park in Pleasant Township. A similar state loan was approved last year to design the station.

Making this project unique is a commitment by the owners of the mobile home park to repay the entire loan through a 20-year resident assessment. Also adding to the importance of completing this project is the proximity of this neighborhood to the Big Darby Watershed, one of the most biologically-diverse and environmentally-sensitive aquatic systems in the Midwest.

Throughout the county, the Department of Sanitary Engineering has invested in these types of projects as part of its commitment to "Keep it Clean" --promoting and ensuring clean drinking water and safe, environmentally-responsible sewer services for residents and businesses while at the same time making the necessary investments to provide the most efficient, cost-effective, and sustainable system.

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