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MONTHLY NEWS LETTER

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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

By: Robert J. Berner

The New Year has arrived with much excitement and anticipation for LORCO. We have completed the construction of the Phase I project and have been working to get all the households connected to the new sewers. In 2012 we anticipate having over 1,000 homes and businesses connected to our system. With pipes in the ground and sewers flowing we are optimistic about the future growth in our area. The benefits of development and a cleaner environment are encouraging.

In 2012 we will also see the much anticipated rules and regulations implemented concerning home sewage treatment systems. We have been telling our member communities for the last two years to prepare for these new regulations. One of LORCO's stated goals are: "To replace existing on site treatment that may be detrimental to the ecology of our natural waterways now and in the future." This goal is of vital concern to LORCO as we work in partnership with the Lorain County General Health District to ensure on site systems are working properly. This would mean either working with our townships and villages to provide cost effective collection systems or to assist our communities to economically replace their existing systems with home sewage treatment systems which operate properly.

We will also be focusing on working with other communities in Lorain County to provide cost efficient wastewater treatment options. The challenges communities face from EPA regulations and compliance are often associated with expensive solutions. We believe working together through collaborative efforts will yield better solutions at lower costs to the consumers. In today's challenging economic times we all must look at evaluating all possible alternatives to wastewater treatment to ensure we are making the best long term decisions. The future costs and the future impacts on the environment will be important measures as we look to improve the state of wastewater treatment in Rural Lorain County.

PRESIDENT'S CORNER:

By: James McConnell

The Board of Trustees for the Lorain County Rural Wastewater District is happy to announce the Dedication Ceremony for our Phase 1 Project. We will be presenting a brief history of the project and have a photo display of the construction project. The ceremony will be January 28, 2012 at the East Carlisle Building located at 1959 Grafton Road, Carlisle Township. The dedication ceremony will be an open house format from 10:00 am until 2:00 pm with formal remarks beginning at 11:00 am. Beverages and snacks will be served.