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NEWS LETTER

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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S

REPORT: By: Robert J. Berner

The weather is beginning to break and warm days are almost upon us. Spring brings the feeling of starting new and fresh. At LORCO we have been looking at our role in Lorain County and the influence we might have moving forward. We reflect on our Mission Statement, "To logically and economically provide central wastewater collection and treatment to the unsewered areas of Lorain County and achieve perpetual independence for townships and villages participating in the LORCO concept." Beyond our mission statement the LORCO board has established four goals: 1) to serve a need, through a non-profit organization governed by those it serves, thereby maintaining the integrity of unsewered political subdivisions and guarding against municipal annexation. 2) To provide wastewater collection and treatment to townships and villages within Lorain County that has a population which supports such a system. 3) To replace existing on site treatment that may be detrimental to the ecology of our natural waterways now and in the future. 4) To assist in the planning and logical development and growth areas, for our future generations, by promoting the best usage of the land.

LORCO's mission and goals have not changed over the years as the economic conditions have changed. But, our focus has shifted. The lack of development initiatives over the last few years has reduced the pressing need for Goal #4 and Goal #1 because many townships have seen little to no demand for growth.

The economy has shifted our attention to focus on Goals #2 and #3. To accomplish these goals LORCO has developed literature to help people understand the importance of maintaining their on-site systems. The failure

of on-site systems has an impact on all of Lorain County. When LORCO develops collections systems to eliminate on-site treatment systems the benefit to the community as a whole is significant. By preventing sanitary discharges into our roadside ditches, creeks, streams and rivers the resulting environmental improvement benefits everyone.

Finally, we have been actively working to assist our member communities. Recently LORCO headed a grant application to study the feasibility of installing sanitary sewers in; Kipton Village, South Amherst Village and New Russia and Amherst Townships. We are also concluding a feasibility study to determine the economic viability of connect Pheasant Run Village to our Phase I Project. This connection will help them address the challenges they face from the Ohio EPA.

LORCO's focus throughout 2013 will be on addressing the environmental concerns which can be solved with sanitary sewers. In today's difficult economy the best use of resources is imperative.

PRESIDENT'S CORNER:

By: James McConnell

LORCO has experienced many changes over the past few years. We completed our Phase I Project in 2011 and have been looking at new opportunities for other communities. We have faced many challenges and rumors concerning LORCO's financial viability. Through all of this LORCO has triumphed. We are very much aware our mission and goals. I am proud of the LORCO Board of Trustees who constantly keep the interest of their constituents first and foremost in their decision making. We all should be proud of where we are and where we are going.

