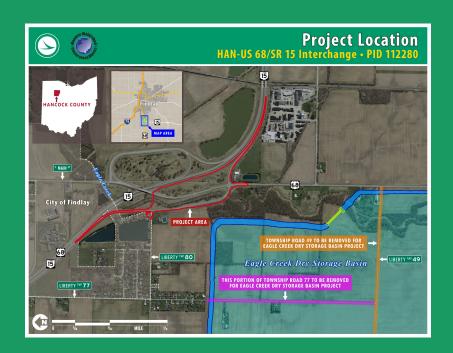
## **PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT PLAN**

HAN-US 68/SR 15 Interchange Improvements PID 112280

Hancock County



### Prepared for ODOT District 1





### TABLE OF CONTENTS

I.	INTRODUCTION	3
II.	PROJECT OVERVIEW	3
•	Project Description and Background Summary	
•	Eagle Creek Dry Storage Basin	
•	Purpose and Need Summary	
•	Public Involvement Team: Management and Staffing	
•	Timeline/Project Schedule	
•	Project Issues, Potential Controversy, and/or Risks	
III.	PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT PLAN ACTIVITIES	6
•		
•	Key Stakeholders	
•		
IV.	IMPLEMENTATION STRATEGY	9
٧.	PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT COMMENTS, RESPONSES, FOLLOW-UP	
	chment A	•
	Attachment A-1: Figure 1 Project Location Map Attachment A-2: Project Stakeholder Notification Letter Attachment A-3: Press Release Attachment A-4: Publication of Press Release Attachment A-5: Alternative 1 Board Attachment A-6: Alternative 2 Board Attachment A-7: Project Location Board Attachment A-8: Comparison Matrix	
Atta	chment B	

- Attachment B-1: Response to Public Comments
- Attachment B-2: Public Comments
- Attachment B-3: Sign-In Sheets from Public Open House

#### I. INTRODUCTION

The Maumee Watershed Conservancy District (MWCD), in cooperation with the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) District 1, proposes improvements to the US 68/SR 15 interchange just south of the City of Findlay in Hancock County, Ohio. The project location is shown in **Figure 1**. As part of this project, a Level D1 Categorical Exclusion (CE) is being prepared for this project in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). As part of the environmental process, MWCD is undertaking a public involvement process to inform the public and stakeholders about the project. The purpose of this PEP is to serve as a guide for the project team, stakeholders, and the public as to when and how the public will be engaged throughout this project. This Public Engagement Plan (PEP) was developed in accordance with the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) Public Involvement Manual dated January 6, 2020.

### II. PROJECT OVERVIEW

### Project Description and Background Summary

The MWCD, in cooperation with ODOT, is undertaking this project to address changes to the local transportation system which will occur due to the construction of the Eagle Creek Dry Storage Basin, one of the projects included in the Flood-Risk Reduction Program currently underway by Hancock County and the MWCD. These changes include the removal of portions of Township Road (TR) 49 and Township Road (TR) 77, that are within the area proposed for the Dry Storage Basin project. As a result of the removal of these local roads, access to US 68 from the residential area west of US 68 (Spring Lake subdivision) will be impacted.

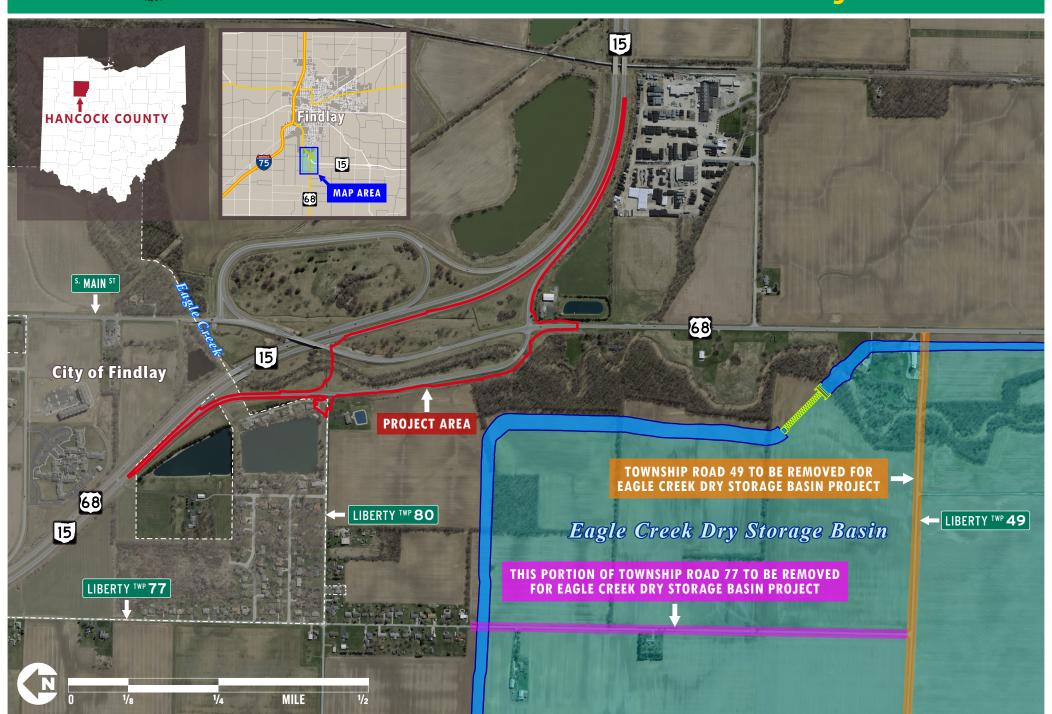
### **Eagle Creek Dry Storage Basin**

In 2007, the City of Findlay and the Hancock County Commissioners engaged the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to develop a plan for reducing damages caused by the frequent flooding on the Blanchard River and its tributaries. The urgency to pursue flood risk reduction for the Blanchard River and its tributaries has been amplified by the occurrence of six (6) flood events in the past twelve (12) years that rank in the top ten highest recorded floods in Ohio since the 1913 flood, which was the worst flood on record and completely inundated the downtown business district in the City of Findlay. In addition to extensive structural property and environmental damage, flood events along the Blanchard River and its tributaries have resulted in the closure of US 68 and SR 15 due to standing water on the roadways. From this study, a series of projects were recommended to reduce flood risk, including the construction of a Dry Storage Basin on Eagle Creek just south of the US 68/SR 15 interchange. The storage basin would be constructed of earthen embankments to impound floodwater during rain events and release the floodwaters slowly, thus reducing the water surface elevations downstream of the basin. In 2019, funding was provided to MWCD to begin preliminary engineering of the Eagle Creek Dry Storage Basin concept. Property acquisition for this project has been ongoing and project construction is anticipated to be completed Spring, 2025. Figure 1 identifies the location of the Eagle Creek Dry Storage Basin.

As a result of the construction of the Eagle Creek Dry Storage Basin, two local roads will be terminated during construction: Township Road (TR) 49 will be fully decommissioned between US 68 and TR 76 and TR 77 will be partially removed from TR 49 to just north of the dam embankment near a row of residential structures. A 42-foot radius cul-de-sac is planned at the site of the termination of TR 77 to allow for residents, school buses, and other vehicles to turn around. As a result of these road closures, mobility through the area west of US 68 would be affected, as well as access to US 68 from the residential areas west of the US 68/SR 15 Interchange. Due to these impacts, MWCD, in



## Project Location HAN-US 68/SR 15 Interchange • PID 112280



cooperation with the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) District 1, proposes to improve access to US 68 from the west side of the interchange to improve mobility through the area.

### **Purpose and Need Summary**

The purpose of the proposed HAN-US 68/SR 15 Interchange project (PID 112280) is to improve access to US 68 for the local residential areas located west of US 68 that will be impacted as a result of the removal of TR 49 between US 68 and TR 76 and the partial removal of TR 77 from TR 49 to just north of the dam embankment as a result of the construction of the Eagle Creek Dry Storage Basin, part of the Flood-Risk Reduction Program currently underway by Hancock County and the MWCD. The Primary Need of the HAN-US 68/SR 15 Interchange project is to improve access to the US 68/SR 15 Interchange area for residences west of US 68.

### Public Involvement Team: Management and Staffing

Stantec Consulting Services Inc. (Stantec), in partnership with the MWCD, the Project Sponsor, and Ohio Department of Transportation District 1, will be responsible for managing the PEP as the project progresses through the ODOT Project Development Process (PDP).

### **Project Team**

The Project Managers (PMs) for this project are:

MWCD PM: Steve Wilson, PE, PS | scwilson@fbfalls.com | (419) 957-6844 ODOT PM: Robert Hissong, P.E. | Robert.Hissong@dot.ohio.gov | (419) 999-6896 Consultant Team PM: Angie Boyce, P.E. | Angie.Boyce@stantec.com | (614) 486-4383

**Table 1: Supporting District and Consultant Staff** 

Staff	Phone	Email	Role	
Adam Hoff, P.E.	(419) 466- 3343	adam@hoffcslc.com	Consultant to MWCD	
Nate Tessler	(419) 999- 6886	Nate.Tessler@dot.state.oh.us	Environmental Task Manager	
Adam Francis, P.E.	(419) 999- 6879	Adam.Francis@dot.state.oh.us	District Planning Engineer	
Rob White, P.E.	(419) 999- 6901	Robert.White@dot.state.oh.us	Capital Programs Administrator	
Eric Scheckelhoff, P.E.	(419) 999- 6879	Eric.Scheckelhoff@dot.state.oh.us	District Design Engineer	
Cheri Newton	(419) 999- 6803	Cheri.Newton@dot.ohio.gov	Public Information Officer	
Angie Boyce, PE.	(614) 643- 4350	Angie.Boyce@stantec.com	Roadways Task Manager	
Tom Morman, P.E.	(614) 486- 4383 x 7000	Tom.Morman@stantec.com	QA/QC	
Christine Rahtz	(513) 619- 6460	Christine.Rahtz@stantec.com	Environmental Task Manager	

### Timeline/Project Schedule

Below are the major project milestones for the HAN-US 68/SR 15 Interchange project:

**Table 2: Timeline/Project Schedule** 

Task/Milestone/Event	Submittal Date
Public Open House	11/29/2022
End of Public Comment Period	12/29/2022
Purpose and Need Submitted	02/16/2023
Stage 1 Plans – Submitted	06/09/2023
Stage 1 Plans - Complete	06/23/2023
Preliminary R/W Plans - Submitted	08/04/2023
Stage 2 Plans –Submitted	08/18/2023
Final R/W Plans - Submitted	09/08/2023
R/W Authorized	09/22/2023
Final R/W Plans - Approved	09/22/2023
Stage 3 Plans - Submitted	10/13/2023
Environmental Document Approved	10/27/2023
Stage 3 Plans - Complete	10/27/2023
Tracings Complete	10/30/2023
R/W Acquisition Complete	11/17/2023
Final Tracings - Approved	11/17/2023
Sale	03/21/2024
Award	04/01/2024
Estimated Begin Construction	05/01/2024
Estimated End Construction	11/01/2024

### Project Issues, Potential Controversy, and/or Risks

Project issues which will be considered include:

- Concerns that connecting TR 80 to US 68 will increase truck traffic in the residential area west of US 68.
- Desire of residents to include improvements to the Western Avenue access to SR 15.

### III. PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT PLAN ACTIVITIES

### Community Demographics and Background

Hancock County is in northwestern Ohio. Based on U.S. Census population estimates, Hancock County's 2020 population was 74,920, a 0.2% increase from its 2010 population of 74,782. Table 3 identifies the percentages of the population that are underserved populations in the general area of the project. As shown in **Table 3**, underserved populations make up a low percentage of the community. No public comments have been received to date specific to underserved communities. The Project Team will continue to engage these groups throughout project development and address issues relevant to underserved populations should they arise.

Table 3: HAN-US 68/SR 15 Interchange Project Underserved Populations

Census Block Group	Low Income %	Limited English Proficiency %	Older Adults %	Minority %
390630012001	35.0%	0.0%	22.0%	0.0%
390630013002	14.0%	0.0%	22.0%	14.0%
390630011004	14.0%	3.0%	12.0%	9.0%

Source: U.S. Census 2014-2018 American Community Survey, provided on TIMS.

### **Key Stakeholders**

The project stakeholders include local elected and appointed officials, emergency service providers, schools, as well as all property owners or occupants within the project limits. The key stakeholders for this project are identified in **Attachment A-1**, in **Attachment A**.

### **Public Engagement Plan Activities**

This section describes the public activities which occurred during the early development of the project alternatives, as well as those which are planned to occur during the preparation of the Level D1 Categorical Exclusion for this project.

### **Public Engagement Activities Completed to Date**

**Project Stakeholder Notification Letters:** Letters were sent to the project stakeholders listed in **A-1** on November 9, 2022 notifying them of the public open house to be held on November 29, 2022 and the opportunity to view the project materials on the project website. A copy of this letter is provided as **Attachment A-2**, in **Attachment A**.

**Press Release:** A Press Release was published in the Findlay Courier on November 15, 2022 which announced the Public Open House and posting of the public materials to the project website at <a href="https://www.hancockcountyflooding.com/projects/US68interchange">www.hancockcountyflooding.com/projects/US68interchange</a>. The Press Release and proof of its publication is provided as **Attachments A-3 and A-4** in **Attachment A.** 

**Public Open House:** This meeting was held on Tuesday, November 29, 2022 between 4:30 and 6:40 at the Hancock County Engineer's Office located at 1900 Lima Avenue, Findlay, Ohio. The purpose of this meeting was to explain the overall project, share plans of the preliminary alternatives, and provide an update of the project with the community. It was held in an Open House format so that property owners and other stakeholders could stop by the meeting at their convenience and talk directly with project team members, ask question, and complete comment forms. Materials prepared for the open house were also posted to the project website. The public meeting materials are provided in **Attachment A** and include: display boards showing Alternatives 1 and 2 (**Attachments A-5** and **A-6**) and a Project Location Map (**Attachment A-7**), a Comparison Matrix (**Attachment A-8**), Fact Sheet (**Attachment A-9**), comment sheets (**Attachment A-10**), a sign-in sheet (**Attachment A-11**).

**Public Open House Summary:** There were a total of 59 public meeting attendees, of which four were public officials. A total of ten comment forms were submitted at the Public Meeting, of which six provided comments on the project. In addition, one comment form was submitted by mail after the meeting and four emails were received. In total, fifteen comment forms or emails were received. Of the comments submitted, two were opposed to the project, five were supportive, and eight were uncommitted. The major concerns identified in the comments included: cost of the project, impacts

of trucks using TR 80, and that the scope of the project should address the safety of Western Avenue access to SR 15.

### **Proposed Additional Public Engagement Activities**

**Property Owner Notification Letters:** Property Owner Notification Letters will be sent to the property owners prior to the beginning of field investigations and will state that access to private property may be required. A project contact will be provided in the letters if property owners have questions related to the project. Additional Property Owner Notification Letters will be sent throughout the project as necessary.

**Project Stakeholder Notification Letters:** As a follow-up to the public open house, letters will be sent to the project stakeholders listed in **Table A-1**, as well as property owners located within the Notification Area identified on the figure included as **Attachment A-12**. This letter will provide the project stakeholders and area residents with a project update including the preferred alternative, anticipated floodplain impacts, and anticipated road closures/detours.

**Press Release:** A press release will be prepared which includes the same information as the project stakeholder notification letters discussed above. The press release will be published in the *Findlay Courier* and the project website.

**Correspondence:** Emails, phone calls, and letters are anticipated throughout the duration of the project. MWCD and ODOT District 1 will maintain a log of this correspondence which will be included in the project file on EnviroNet.

**Update MWCD Website and ODOT Project Website:** Both the MWCD and ODOT project websites will be updated throughout project development. The addresses of these websites are:

- www.hancockcountyflooding.com/projects/US68interchange
- https://www.transportation.ohio.gov/projects/projects/112280

The estimated timing of the proposed public engagement activities are identified on **Table 4**.

**Table 4: Schedule of Proposed Public Engagement Activities** 

Activity	Responsibility	Start Date	Completion Date
Property Owner Notification Letters	Stantec to Prepare Letter and MWCD to Mail	30 days prior to field work	TBD
Project Stakeholder Notification Letter	Stantec to Prepare Letter and MWCD to Mail	April 3, 2023	April 10, 2023
Press Release	Stantec to Prepare Press Release	April 3, 2023	April 17, 2023
Correspondence	MWCD and ODOT District 1	November 2022	November 2024
Update MWCD Website and ODOT Project Website	Stantec to Update MWCD Website ODOT District 1 to Update ODOT Project Website	November 2022	November 2024

### IV. IMPLEMENTATION STRATEGY

The PEP will be implemented throughout the HAN-US 68/SR 15 Interchange project. Consideration to the resources needed for the PEP have been allocated by the project team. The PEP will be modified, as needed, throughout the project and is a living document. The project team will coordinate with MWCD and ODOT District 1 regularly with any coordination and PEP modifications.

### IV. Public Involvement Comments, Response, Follow-Up

Responses to public comments received from the public open house were prepared by Stantec for review by MWCD and ODOT District 1. Responses were provided to the public comments, which were posted on the project website. These are provided as **Attachment B-1**. The sign-in sheets from the Public Open House are included as **Attachment B-2** and the completed comment forms and emails are included as **Attachment B-3**. Any additional public or stakeholder comments received by ODOT District 1 and/or MWCD throughout the project will be included on a comment log and responses provided to these comments by ODOT District 1 and/or MWCD, as appropriate.

### **ATTACHMENT A**

- Attachment A-1: Figure 1 Project Location Map
- Attachment A-2: Project Stakeholder Notification Letter
- Attachment A-3: Press Release
- Attachment A-4: Publication of Press Release
- Attachment A-5: Alternative 1 Board
- Attachment A-6: Alternative 2 Board
- Attachment A-7: Project Location Board
- Attachment A-8: Comparison Matrix
- Attachment A-9: Project Fact Sheet
- Attachment A-10: Comment Sheet
- Attachment A-11: Sign-In Sheet
- Attachment 12: Notification Area for Second Stakeholder Notification Letter



#### HAN-US 68/SR 15 Interchange (PID 112280) Stakeholder Mailing List

Organization/Agency	Contact	Street Address	City, State ZIP	Phone	Email
Advanced Drainage Systems Inc		4640 Trueman Boulevard	Hilliard Oh 43026	N/A	<u>`</u>
Curtis Brent Mason		12361 US Route 68	Findlay Oh 45840	N/A	
TKO Land Llc		13193 County Road 26	Findlay Oh 45840	N/A	
Charles A Lammers Properties Llc		1284 First Street	Findlay Oh 45840	N/A	
Mary E Wanamaker Rev Trust		12474 US Route 68	Findlay Oh 45840	N/A	
D & M Alexander Inc		2100 Kings Highway	Punta Gorda Fl 33980	N/A	
Rankey Investment Trust		11851 Township Road 80	Findlay Oh 45840	N/A	
Michael E. Dillon		3525 Spring Lake Drive	Findlay Oh 45840	N/A	
Tamara Butler		3515 Spring Lake Drive	Findlay Oh 45840	N/A	
Kimberly Butler		3509 Spring Lake Drive	Findlay Oh 45840	N/A	
Rebecca A Bozell Rev Trust		11750 US Route 68	Findlay Oh 45840	N/A	
City Of Findlay	Jeremy Kalb, City Engineer	318 Dorney Plz	Findlay Oh 45840	N/A	
Kenneth D & Diana L Lugibihl		9222 Rockport Road	Bluffton Oh 45817	N/A	
Mark E & Glenda R Waaland		529 Hull Avenue	Findlay Oh 45840	N/A	
Carl D Ingalls		2801 Western Avenue	Findlay Oh 45840	N/A	
Hancock County Engineer	Douglas E. Cade, P.E., P.S., Hancock County Engineer	1900 Lima Avenue	Findlay Oh 45840		decade@co.hancock.oh.us
Hancock County Emergency Management Agency	Lee Swisher, Director	1900 Lima Avenue, P.O. Box 964	Findlay Oh 45840		hcema@bright.net
Eagle Township Board Of Trustees	Lyle Harvitt, Trustee	15700 Township Road 72	Findlay Oh 45840	419-788-1967	
Eagle Township Board Of Trustees	Matt Rader, Tustee	9056 Township Road 45	Findlay Oh 45840	419-326-8311	
Eagle Township Board Of Trustees	Dean Von Stein, Trustee	15932 County Road 60	Jenera Oh 45841	419-963-3902	
Hancock County Commissioners		300 S. Main Street	Findlay Oh 45840		commissioners@co.hancock.oh.us
Blanchard River Watershed Partnership	Lauren Sandhu, Watershed Coordinator	P.O. Box 1237	Findlay Oh 45840		coordinator@blanchardriver.org
Findlay Fire Department Station 1	Josh Eberle, Chief	720 South Main Street	Findlay Oh 45840		fireadmin@findlayohio.com
Arlington Volunteer Fire Department	Terry Huffman	204 North Main Street	Arlington Oh 45814	419-365-5253	
Hancock County Sheriff'S Office	Michael E Heldman, Sheriff	200 West Crawford Street, Room 116	Findlay Oh 45840	419-424-7232	
Findlay Police Department	Robert Ring, Police Chief	318 Dorney Plz	Findlay Oh 45840	419-423-7194	
Hanco EMS		417 6Th Street	Findlay Oh 45840	419-422-3838	*prefers fax: 419-423-7254
Appleseed Joint Ambulance District Ohio State Highway Patrol- Findlay Patrol Post District	1	516 North Main Street	Arlington Oh 45814	419-365-5853	
Headquarters	1	3201 North Main Street	Findlay, Oh 45840	419-423-3438	
Arlington Local School District	Kevin Haught, Superintendent	336 South Main Street	Arlington, Oh 45814		durlitac@arlingtonlocal.org
Findlay City School District	Krista Miller, Interim Superintendent	1100 Broad Avenue	Findlay, Oh 45840		kristamiller@fcs.org
Springlake Homeowner'S Association	Tina Kelsey, President	3521 Springlake Drive	Findlay, On 45840	N/A	wings@woh.rr.com
Blanchard Valley Health System	Myron Lewis, President	1900 South Main Street	Findlay, On 45840	N/A 419-423-4500	
University Of Findlay	Elizabeth B. Ditto, Ex. Asst. To The President	1000 N. Main Street	Findlay, Oh 45840	419-434-4510	
Dr. C. Beckett Animal Science Center	Erin K. Best, Administrative Asst.	1000 N. Main Street	Findlay, Oh 45840		best@findlav.edu
Ohio Department Of Transportation	Robert Hissong, Project Manager	1885 N. McCullough Street	Lima, Oh 45841	419-999-6896	
Store Ease	Robert Hissoriy, Froject Hanagel	13505 US 68	Findlay, Oh 45840		findlav01@storeease.com
Store Lase		13303 03 00	i ilidiay, 0/1 43040	419 300-4031	midiayo ngosorcoase.com



November 9, 2022

[Property Owner/Tenant Name]
[Address]
[City, State, Zip]

Re: Open House

HAN-U.S. 68/State Route 15 Interchange, PID No. 112280

### Dear Neighbor:

We are writing to invite you to a public open house for the proposed improvements to the U.S. 68/S.R. 15 interchange just south of the city of Findlay in Hancock County shown on the attached Project Location Map. The Maumee Watershed Conservancy District (MWCD), in cooperation with the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) District 1, is currently evaluating alternatives to connect Township Road 80 to U.S. 68 in order to provide direct access from residential areas west of U.S. 68 to the U.S. 68/State Route 15 interchange. This project is needed because Township Road 49 and Township Road 77, which currently provide access to U.S. 68, will be removed as part of the proposed Eagle Creek Dry Storage Basin project, one of the project's included in the Flood-Risk Reduction Program currently underway by Hancock County and the MWCD.

We hope you can join us at the following time and location:

### **Public Open House**

Tuesday, November 29, 2022, 4:30-6:30 p.m. Hancock County Engineer's Office 1900 Lima Avenue Findlay, OH 45840

The purpose of the meeting is to explain the overall project, share plans of the preliminary alternatives, and provide an update of the project with the community. You are welcome to stop by any time between 4:30 and 6:30 p.m. to learn more about the project, chat with project team members, ask questions, and submit your feedback. Your attendance would be greatly appreciated.

If you are unable to attend the meeting, all materials available during the open house will be provided on the project website. The website is <a href="https://www.hancockcountyflooding.com/projects/US68interchange.">www.hancockcountyflooding.com/projects/US68interchange.</a>



To view the project materials, please visit the website between November 29, 2022 and December 29, 2022. Comment forms will also be available to download, which can be emailed to Steve Wilson, Project Manager, MWCD at <a href="mailto:maumee43512@embarqmail.com">maumee43512@embarqmail.com</a>. We welcome your comments and questions regarding the project at any time but to be considered during this phase of project development, please submit them no later than December 29, 2022.

We sincerely appreciate your participation. Respectfully,

Steve Wilson, PE, PS, Project Manager Maumee Watershed Conservancy District 1464 Pinehurst Dr. Defiance, OH 43512

cc: File

### **Ways to Submit Comments/Questions:**

Contact: Steve Wilson, Project Manager

Phone: 419-424-5050

Email: maumee43512@embarqmail.com

**Address to submit Comments:** 

Maumee Watershed Conservancy District

1464 Pinehurst Dr. Defiance, OH 43512

Comments Due: December 29, 2022

### **PUBLIC MEETING**

HAN-U.S. 68/State Route 15 Interchange (PID 112280)

Public Open House November 29, 2022 — 4:30 - 6:30 p.m.

Hancock County Engineer's Office 1900 Lima Avenue Findlay, OH 45840

View Materials Online: November 29, 2022 - December 29, 2022

www.hancockcountyflooding.com/projects/US68interchange

The Maumee Watershed Conservancy District (MWCD), in cooperation with the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) District 1, is proposing improvements to the U.S. 68/State Route 15 interchange, just south of the city of Findlay in Hancock County.

MWCD will be hosting a public open house to share preliminary design plans and provide a project status update with the community. Project information will also be posted on the website above by November 29, 2022.

Questions and comments can be submitted on the project website, by mail, email, or phone. Comments must be received by December 29, 2022. Comments and responses will be compiled and posted on the project website.

#### **PROJECT AREA**



#### CONTACT

Steve Wilson, PE, PS, Project Manager, MWCD 1464 Pinehurst Dr., Defiance, OH 43512 Tele: 419-424-5050 or Email: maumee43512@embargmail.com



Mediterranean ecosystem is surging back to life.

Giant groupers flourish among the rocks, a psychedelic purple nudibranch sea slug clings to an outcrop, and a pair of rays skate along the undisturbed sandy bottom.

Israel is blazing forward with a plan to protect sections of its 118-mile coast-line, a measure experts say is crucial to maintain biodiversity and shield ecosystems from humanity. Rosh Hanikra, just south of the Lebanese border, is the centerpiece of this effort, providing what scientists believe can be a blueprint for rescuing seas ravaged by pollution, overfishing and climate change.

Climate change, invasive species and explosive human activity are threatening what remains of the eastern Mediterranean's severely impacted ecosystems. Scientists warn that without protection, remaining marine ecosystems will be devastated.

But there is a glimmer of hope. In recent years Israel has taken steps to better protect critical habitats along its Mediterranean coast, like the Rosh Hanikra Marine Reserve, and researchers say key species have bounced back even after just a few years of protection.

"If we won't maintain

creating zones where human impact is reduced.

Last month, an Associated Press team joined park rangers diving beneath the waves off Rosh Hanikra, which Yahel calls "the jewel in the crown" of Israel's marine protected areas, where commercial fishing, drilling and sewage runoff are prohibited. An underwater canyon and sloping hills — vestiges of the Mediterranean coastline submerged by rising seas at the end of the last Ice Age — provide oases for underwater life to gain a foothold.

Since 2019, Israel has increased these protected areas from roughly 0.3% of its coastal waters to around 4%. Another roughly 4.5% are earmarked for protection.

While those measures fall short of the international target of 10% by 2020, and broader global efforts to protect sea-life have faltered, it shows Israel has started taking the issue more seriously.

Last year, Israel signed on to U.S. President Joe Biden's 30 by 30 initiative of "conserving 30 percent of our lands and waters by 2030." Around 24% of Israel's land area is now designated as nature reserves, along with just over 2% of its total maritime territory, including its Exclusive Economic Zone stretching some 200

several dozen miles off the coast of Tel Aviv outside its territorial waters.

These protected areas are not just lines on a map. Marine rangers patrol them along Israel's Mediterranean coastline and "protect an ecosystem that is supposed to be less disturbed by humanity," said Eyal Miller, one of the rangers.

But that ambitious target faces major obstacles due to Israel's fast-growing population, limited available land, offshore gas exploitation, commercial fishing and shipping, and military use.

Tamar Zandberg, the country's outgoing environmental protection minister, said a main challenge is Israel's lack of an overarching government strategy concerning the Mediterranean.

"This is a very sensitive ecosystem that can very easily change from a solution to a problem if we don't conserve it," she said, expressing worry that environmental issues have become politicized and that Israel's incoming government may abandon them.

The Israeli government has faced criticism for its climate inaction. Dov Khenin, head of the Israel Climate Forum, recently summed up a 2021 state watchdog report on Israel's climate policies as "setting low targets and not meeting them." Just 8.2% of Israel's energy was



ARIEL SCHALIT / The Associated Press

A BOAT, WITH MARINE protected areas officials, moves in Mediterranean Sea marine natural reserve of Rosh Hanikra in northern Israel, on Oct. 26.

## **PUBLIC MEETING**

HAN-U.S. 68/State Route 15 Interchange (PID 112280)

Public Open House November 29, 2022 • 4:30 - 6:30 p.m.

Hancock County Engineer's Office 1900 Lima Avenue Findlay, OH 45840

### **View Materials Online:**

November 29, 2022 – December 29, 2022

www.hancockcountyflooding.com/projects/US68interchange

The Maumee Watershed Conservancy District (MWCD), in cooperation with the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) District 1, is proposing improvements to the U.S. 68/State Route 15 interchange, just south of the city of Findlay in Hancock County.

MWCD will be hosting a public open house to share preliminary design plans and provide a project status update with the community. Project information will also be posted on the website above by November 29, 2022.

Questions and comments can be submitted on the project website, by mail, email, or phone. Comments must be received by December 29, 2022. Comments and responses will be compiled and posted on the project website.

### **PROJECT AREA**



#### CONTACT

Steve Wilson, PE, PS, Project Manager, MWCD 1464 Pinehurst Dr., Defiance, OH 43512 Tele: 419-424-5050 or Email:

maumee43512@embarqmail.com



**Attachment A-4** 



# Attachment A-5 Alternative 1 HAN-US 68/SR 15 Interchange • PID 112280



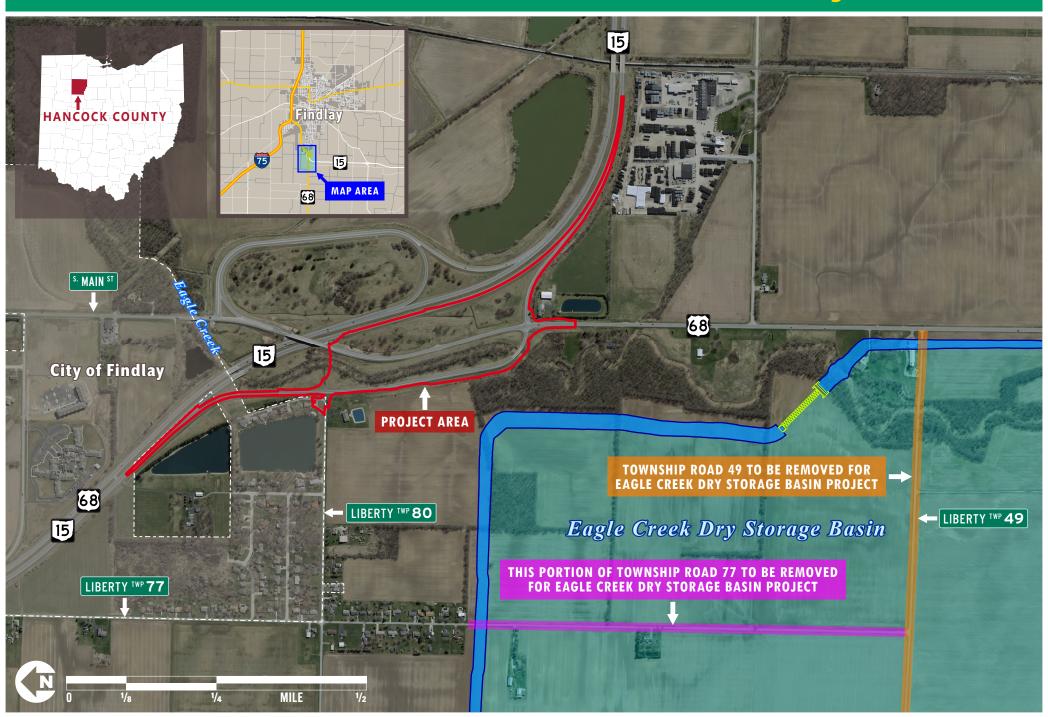


# Attachment A-6 Alternative 2 HAN-US 68/SR 15 Interchange • PID 112280





# Project Location HAN-US 68/SR 15 Interchange • PID 112280





## Comparison of Alternatives HAN-U.S. 68/State Route 15 Interchange Improvements (PID 112280)

	,			
		Preliminary Alternatives		
	No Build Alternative	Alternative 1	Alternative 2	
	Purpose	and Need		
Improve U.S. 68/State Route 15 Interchange; provide direct access from Township Road 80 to	No	Yes	Yes	
U.S. 68	Foological	Pagauraga		
	Ecological	Resources	Formated Inspect to 227 linear ft of	
Streams	No Impact	Expected impact to 84 linear ft of streams	Expected Impact to 227 linear ft of streams	
Wetlands	No Impact	Expected encroachment on 0.06 acres of wetlands	Expected encroachment on 0.06 acres of wetlands	
Threatened and Endangered Species	No Impact	Known Bald Eagle nest located in proximity to project, coordination with USFWS will be required.	Known Bald Eagle nest located in proximity to project, coordination with USFWS will be required.	
Suitable Wooded Habitat (SWH)	No Impact	No Impact	Expected encroachment on 0.3 acres of potential SWH	
Mussel Survey Stream	No Impact	Expected impact to 84 linear ft of Group 1 Mussel Streams	Expected Impact to 227 linear ft of Group 1 Mussel Streams	
	Hazardou	s Materials		
Regulated Materials Review	No Impact	1 historic spill identifed	No Impact	
	100 Year	Floodplain		
100-Year Floodplain Encroachment (including Floodway)	No Impact	Expected encroachment of 1.54 acres of 100-year floodplain and floodway	Expected encroachment of 1.46 acres of 100-year floodplain and floodway	
100-Year Floodplain Encroachment post Dry Basin Project (including Floodway)	No Impact	100-year floodplain and floodway	Expected encroachment of 0.89 acres of 100-year floodplain and floodway	
	Cultural F	Resources		
NHRP-Listed Sites	No Impact	No Impact	No Impact	
	Section 4(f)/6	6(f) Properties		
Section 4(f) Properties	No Impact	No Impact	No Impact	
Section 6(f) Properties	No Impact	No Impact	No Impact	
	Drinkin	g Water		
Sole Source Aquifer	No Impact	No Impact	No Impact	
Water Wells	No Impact	Impacts to one water well	Impacts to one water well	



## Comparison of Alternatives HAN-U.S. 68/State Route 15 Interchange Improvements (PID 112280)

	<b>,</b>			
		Preliminary Alternatives		
	No Build Alternative	Alternative 1	Alternative 2	
	Air Quality	and Noise		
Air Quality	No Impact	The project is located in Hancock County which is in attainment for the criteria air pollutants. Therefore, no futher air quality analysis would be required for this project.	The project is located in Hancock County which is in attainment for the criteria air pollutants. Therefore, no futher air quality analysis would be required for this project.	
Noise	No Impact	Overall, noise impacts resulting from this alternative are not expected to be significant due to the low traffic volumes anticipated on the TR 80 connection to US 68.	Overall, noise impacts resulting from this alternative are not expected to b significant due to the low traffic volum anticipated on the TR 80 connection t US 68.	
	Communit	y/Land Use		
Relocations	None	None	None	
Right-of-Way	No Impact	< 1 ac (may be reduced or eliminated as design is refined)	No additional R/W Required	
Traditionally Underserved Populations (TUP)	No Impact	No Impact	No impact	
Emergency Service Response	Emergency response time for Spring Lakes subdivision and residential areas west of U.S. 68 will be longer without a direct connection to U.S. 68	Emergency response time for the Spring Lakes subdivision and residential areas west of U.S. 68 will be improved as a result of the direct conection to U.S. 68.	Emergency response time for the Spring Lakes subdivision and residential areas west of U.S. 68 will be improved as a result of the direct connection to U.S. 68	
	Engineering C	onsiderations		
Roadway Design Issues	None	None	There is a site distance issue at the planned ramp intersection due to the geometrics of the alignment.	
Structural Design Issues	None	None	Requires a new bridge over Eagle Creek and a retaining wall along the proposed entrance ramp.	
Utility Relocations/Issues	None	No major utility impacts; may require relocation of a few utility poles	No major utility impacts; may require relocation of a few utility poles	
	Preliminary C	ost Estimates		
Estimated Project Costs	\$0.00	\$3.8 M	\$5.0 M	
	Conc	lusion		
Recommended as Preferred Alternative	No	Yes	No	



## HAN-U.S. 68/STATE ROUTE 15 INTERCHANGE IMPROVEMENTS (PID 112280)

### **Project Description**

The Maumee Watershed Conservancy District (MWCD), in cooperation with the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) District 1, propose improvements to the U.S. 68/State Route 15 interchange just south of the city of Findlay in Hancock County. The purpose of this project is to connect Township Road 80 to U.S. 68 in order to provide direct access from the residential areas to U.S 68.

This project is needed because Township Road 49 and Township Road 77, which currently provide access to U.S. 68, will be removed as part of the proposed Eagle Creek Dry Storage Basin project, one of the projects included in the Flood-Risk Reduction Program currently underway by Hancock County and the MWCD. Additional information on this project and the Hancock County Flood-Risk Reduction Program is provided at:

Home | Hancock County Flood-Risk Reduction Program (hancockcountyflooding.com)

### Improvement Alternatives

MWCD is currently working in cooperation with ODOT to explore proposed alternatives for the interchange. Two concepts under consideration include:



Alternative 1: Includes a dedicated connection from Township Road 80 to U.S. 68 with a single lane roundabout. The relocated east bound exit ramp will also connect to the new roundabout.



Alternative 2: Provides a dedicated connection of Township Road 80 to U.S. 68. A new bridge would be constructed over Eagle Creek and a new retaining wall for the new entry ramp to State Route 15.

### Schedule/Next Steps

Using the results of current study efforts and public input to be gathered this winter, MWCD's goal is to identify a preferred alternative by the beginning of 2023. Detailed design and construction phases will follow. Pending funding availability, construction could possibly begin as early as 2025.

### **Funding**

The project is currently expected to cost around \$4 million including design, right-of-way acquisition, and construction costs. The estimate will be refined as project development continues. Funding will likely come through a variety of resources which are being evaluated.

### **Project Comments**

Comments about this project are welcomed and encouraged. Please submit comments via phone, email, or mail to:

Maumee Watershed Conservancy District <u>maumee43512@embarqmail.com</u> 419-782-8746

### Mail Address: 1464 Pinehurst Dr.

Defiance, OH 43512

Comments on the proposed alternatives should be submitted no later than December 29, 2022 to be documented in the feasibility study. MWCD/Stantec will respond to all comments received. Please reference HAN-U.S. 68/State Route 15 Interchange PID 112280 in emails and letters. For additional information, please visit the website at:

www.hancockcountyflooding.com/projects/US68interchange



### HAN-U.S. 68/State Route 15 Interchange Improvements (PID 112280)

Contact information is not required but will ensure you receive a response, should one be required.

Email address:		Phone:	
Business/Organiz	ation Name:		
Business/Organiz	ation Address:		
□ Newspaper	about this meeting? (S	or radio 🗆 Church	
□ Area Resident	erest in the proposed p	or employee   Com	nmuter
□ Daily □ A f	u travel in the project ew times a week    □ W		•

COMMENTS DUE BY December 29, 2022

### Comments may be submitted:

- Verbally or in writing after the public meeting
- By email at maumee43512@embargmail..com
- By telephone at 419-782-8746
- Online at:
  <a href="https://www.hancockcountyflooding.com/projects/US68inter">www.hancockcountyflooding.com/projects/US68inter</a>
  change
- By mail to

Maumee Watershed Conservancy District 1464 Pinehurst Dr. Defiance, OH 43512



## HAN-U.S. 68/State Route 15 Interchange Improvements

## PID 112280

Public Open House • Nov. 29, 2022 • 4:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.

	Name	Representing	Address	Phone	Email
1	•				
2	•				
	5				
	6				
	7				
- 1	8				

### Attachment A-12 HAN-US 68/SR 15 Interchange Project (PID 112280) Notification Area



### **ATTACHMENT B**

- Attachment B-1: Response to Public Comments
- Attachment B-2: Public Comments
- Attachment B-3: Sign-In Sheets from Public Open House



### **RESPONSES TO PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Project Name: HAN-U.S. 68/State Route 15 Interchange

**Improvements** 

Project ID (PID): 112280 Meeting Date: 11/29/2022

End of Comment Period: 12/29/2022

**Public Meeting Attendees: 59** 

Forms Mailed:1

Forms Submitted at Public Meeting: 10

Public Meeting Forms that Contained Comments: 6

Court Reporter Statements: N/A

### **Major Concerns:**

Cost of Project

Project Should Address Safety of Western Avenue Access to SR 15

• Trucks using TR 80

•

Public Officials in Attendance: 4

Media in Attendance: None

### Comments Submitted via:

• Project Website: N/A

Phone: N/AEmail: 4

Social Media: N/A

Opposed to Project: 2 Supportive of Project: 5

Uncommitted: 8 Conditional: 0

Tracking Number	Nature of Comment	Date Received	Name, Address, Phone, Email	Comment	Response	How Comment Was Received
1	Against project costs; Suggested alternative	11/29/2022	David Distel 12158 T.R. 77 Findlay, OH 45840 (419) 423-7699, baddad419@woh.rr.com	Seems you sure like to spend. Michigan left on 15 would be simple.	While this concept would provide simple access to US 15, it would likely not reduce emergency services response time.	Comment Form
2	No Comment	11/29/2022	David Basinger 415 Kennison Drive Findlay, OH 45840 (419) 721-7713, dbasinger@woh.rr.com	No comment	N/A	Comment Form
3	No Comment	11/29/2022	John J. Cogley 11639 T.R. 80 Findlay, OH 45840 (419) 957-6347 jjcogley@hotmail.com	No Comment	N/A	Comment Form
4	Suggested Alternative	11/29/2022	Michelle Lowery 3221 Western Ave Findlay, OH 45840 (419) 306-2146 Mmlowery2007@yahoo.com	Reopen 15. Also make a exit ramp to get onto Western/Twp RD 77.	Thank you for your comment. ODOT has a safety program where they are eliminating these at-grade access points.	Comment Form
5	No Comment	11/29/2022	No Information	No Comment	N/A	Comment Form
6	Supports Alternative 1	11/29/2022	"Tina" (Katherine) Kelsey + William Kelsey 3521 Spring Lake Drive Findlay, OH 45840 (419) 423-5643 wings@woh.rr.com	Alternative 1 looks very good. We appreciate the fact that Spring Lake Subdivision will have 2 egresses/ingresses, even if it means increased traffic on Twp Rd 80, just south of Spring Lake. Can't happen fast enough.	Thank you for your comment.	Comment Form
7	Supports Alternative 1	11/29/2022	Adam Hemmery 3320 Spring Lake Drive Findlay, OH 45840 (419) 674-8284	Alt 1 is good	Thank you for your comment.	Comment Form
8	Concerned about large trucks utilizing TR 80; Community Security	11/29/2022	Kasaundra Arellano 3407 Spring Lake Drive East Findlay, OH 45840 (419) 429-9257	I have concerns about 68/15 going into Liberty Twp 80. We have a lot of children, especially small children, and families who walk and ride bikes on Liberty Twp 80. We	We do not anticipate trucks to use TR 80, a local road, since they would likely be traveling through the area and would utilize US 68. To ensure that there would be no truck traffic	Comment Form

Tracking Number	Nature of Comment	Date Received	Name, Address, Phone, Email	Comment	Response	How Comment Was Received
				also have children who stand and wait for the bus on this road, a lot of times in the dark. My main concern is how are you going to stop all large trucks from going on this road, Liberty Twp 80? There are large trucks who sit on the exit already! Also, these large trucks are going to take this road, Liberty Twp 80, as a shortcut to Lima Ave. How are our families going to be kept safe?? Also, how is this going to affect the value of all our houses? This will hurt us all. Why hasn't anyone come to the community, our community, with better options? With all due respect, none of you know what is best for the area. Going only by 'textbook' is not always the best option. Think about how you would all like this happening in your community.	on TR 80, no thru truck traffic signs could be added to the design plans. Additionally, moving the EB exit ramp to the other side of US 68 would relocate the ramp further from the Spring Lake subdivision and away from TR 80 where children are waiting for buses. The design team will look at additional signage to alert motorists to the presence of children, as appropriate.	
9	No Comment	11/29/2022	Tim Noyes 12179 Twp Rd 77 Findlay, OH 45840 (419) 423-4341	No Comment	N/A	Comment Form
10	No Comment	11/29/2022	Gale Gault 3601 Western Ave Findlay, OH 45840 (419) 427-2402	No Comment	N/A	Comment Form
11	Supports Alternative 1	11/30/2022	Joshua S. Eberle 720 South Main Street Findlay, OH 45840 (419) 424-7129 jeberle@findlayohio.gov	Regarding the alternatives presented at the public meeting on 11/29/2022 at the Hancock County Engineer's Office, my personal opinion is that the Findlay Fire Department response to the Spring Lake Subdivision will be greatly enhanced with the	Thank you for your comment.	Comment Form

Tracking Number	Nature of Comment	Date Received	Name, Address, Phone, Email	Comment	Response	How Comment Was Received
				implementation of Alternative 1. This is due to two factors: 1. Construction of Alternative 1 will allow fire department crews to respond more safely, due to avoiding the hazards that are currently present when driving on 68/15 and accessing Spring Lake via Township Rd 77 from the north. 2. Alternative 1 will allow a faster response than is currently available when responding to Spring Lake via Township Road 49/Township Road 77 from the south. Thank you for your time and information at the public meeting. If you have any questions regarding the Findlay Fire Department opinion on the project, please don't hesitate to contact me directly.		
12	Plans do not address dangerous Western Ave to SR 15 interchange; Suggested Alternative	12/02/2022	Charles Anglemyer 606 Kirk Drive Findlay OH 45840 419-494-7049 charles.anglemyer@gmail.com	Hello, as a Spring lake resident I am pleased to know that we are finally getting a dedicated route onto US 68. However, the proposed plans do not address the dangerous Western Ave to 15 interchange. I work at Whirlpool and use I75 south to the 15 flyover, to the hard right turn at Western to go home every single day. I propose a "no re-entry" style 1 way exit with a dedicated exit lane to western ave. It would cost	The project team appreciates your positive comment. ODOT is looking at the Western Avenue access point as a separate project.	Email

Tracking Number	Nature of Comment	Date Received	Name, Address, Phone, Email	Comment	Response	How Comment Was Received
				almost nothing in the scope of the project, because there is already room for the exit lane without widening the roadway. Township road 81 could have a stop sign just after the exit. I've never seen anyone on township road 81 by the way. Please notice my crude drawing attached to this email, showing a new traffic pattern for Western Ave. It would ensure no re-entry and be one way after the township road 81 left turn only. Please take this in consideration as all other plans I've seen are very nice in my opinion, but for Spring lake residents, add a lot of back tracking, extra time and danger having to cross traffic at 68 and use a roundabout just to get back into our neighborhood."		
13	Raised Concerns About Property Access	12/03/2022	Michael Dillon 3525 E. Spring Lake Drive Findlay, Ohio 45850 teamdillon@aol.com	"To whom it may concern, My name is Michael DillonI live at 3525 E. Spring Lake Dr. Findlay, OhYour map shows removal of my driveway access to T.R.80I'm not sure how I'm supposed to get to and from my property and I raised this issue at the 11/29 meetingEither the gentleman answering questions didn't understand mine or I didn't understand his answerAfter multiple	As design details progress, we anticipate little to no impact to your driveway. Currently, we have developed a conceptual design that will be significantly refined; it will allow access to your homes as well as others abutting the project.  As a follow-up to this comment, Steve Wilson with the Maumee Watershed Conservancy District met with Mr. Dillon in early December 2022 to discuss the	Email

Tracking Number	Nature of Comment	Date Received	Name, Address, Phone, Email	Comment	Response	How Comment Was Received
				attempts to get my point across I finally gave up and tried to figure it out by looking at the map at my houseI still don't understandDo I back out of my driveway and down the road into traffic every time I come and go? I don't think that's a reasonable solutionPlease meet with me at my house at your convenience and give me a direct answer. Thank You, Mike	project. Mr. Dillon would like a "turn-around" at his driveway so that school buses would not have to go all the way to US 68 to exit the area.	
14	Supports Alternative 2	12/20/2022	Gary Junker 10551 County Road 26 Findlay, OH 45840	Provided a letter which included the following:  "I believe Alternate #1 is flawed in at least three ways:  1) It forces ALL traffic at that interchange through a SINGLE lane interchange - all north/south bound SR 68 traffic, all SR15 traffic transitioning to/from SR68, all traffic traveling south or north bound from to Findlay to/from Main St., all traffic from Liberty Twp.  80 must go through this roundabout at what I suspect will be 15 mph!  2) Since ALL above mentioned traffic must utilize this single lane	We appreciate your comment. We have conducted traffic studies that show that the roundabout will operate efficiently and will improve traffic flow. Studies have shown that a properly designed roundabout slows down traffic and therefore, would make it safer than traditional intersections. Additionally, Alternative 1 has less safety concerns, lower project costs, and fewer environmental impacts.	Email

Tracking Number	Nature of Comment	Date Received	Name, Address, Phone, Email	Comment	Response	How Comment Was Received
				roundabout one disabled semi-truck would shut down everything! Has a traffic count study been completed at this intersection?  3) Under the current configuration, and "Alternative #2" north/south bound SR68 traffic is/will be uninhibited, but under Alt #1 must go through the proposed roundabout. I suspect a large percentage of traffic at this interchange is SR 68 northbound to join SR15/I-75 or continuing into Findlay and thus is now uninhibited; but under Alt. #1 must deal with the new roundabout. Progress?? In conclusion, if a change must be		
				initiated because of the Water Basin the cost of this project should simply be paid for from the Water Basin coffers. Roundabouts have their place but this isn't one of them. Alternate #2 is the best alternative because of the above listed		

Tracking Number	Nature of Comment	Date Received	Name, Address, Phone, Email	Comment	Response	How Comment Was Received
				shortfalls of a single lane roundabout.		



### HAN-U.S. 68/State Route 15 Interchange Improvements (PID 112280)

Contact information is not required but will ensure you receive a response, should one be required.

Name: DAUIN DISTEL
Mailing address (or nearest cross streets): 12158 TR 17
Email address: BABBABHLEE WOH- RR-COTT Phone: 4119-423-7689
Business/Organization Name:
Business/Organization Address:
How did you hear about this meeting? (Select all that apply.)  □ Newspaper □ Mailed letter □ TV or radio □ Church ☑ Word-of-mouth □ ODOT website □ Social media □ Email ☑ Other:
What is your interest in the proposed project? (Select all that apply.)  Area Resident   Other:
How often do you travel in the project area?  Daily  A few times a week  Weekly  A few times a month  Monthly  Other:
Do you have any general comments on the project? (Feel free to use the back of this form):  SEFERO YOU SURE LIKE TO SPERO, MICHELLIEFT ON US

COMMENTS DUE BY December 29, 2022

### Comments may be submitted:

- · Verbally or in writing after the public meeting
- By email at <u>maumee43512@embaramail.com</u>
- By telephone at 419-782-8746
- Online at: <u>www.hancockcountyflooding.com/projects/US68inter</u> <u>change</u>
- By mail to

Maumee Watershed Conservancy District 1464 Pinehurst Dr. Defiance, OH 43512



### HAN-U.S. 68/State Route 15 Interchange Improvements (PID 112280)

Contact information is not required but will ensure you receive a response, should one be required.
Name: Name: Basinger
Name: <u>Navid Basinger</u> Mailing address (or nearest cross streets): <u>415 Renavior Dr.</u>
Email address: DBosongon @ WOH. RR. Comphone: 419-121-7713
Email address: DBoscinga @ WOH_ RR. ComPhone: 419-121-7713  Business/Organization Name:
Business/Organization Address:
How did you hear about this meeting? (Select all that apply.)  Newspaper
What is your interest in the proposed project? (Select all that apply.)
How often do you travel in the project area?  ≼ Daily □ A few times a week □ Weekly □ A few times a month □ Monthly □ Other:
Do you have any general comments on the project? (Feel free to use the back of this form):

COMMENTS DUE BY December 29, 2022

### Comments may be submitted:

- Verbally or in writing after the public meeting
- By email at maumee43512@embargmail.com
- By telephone at 419-782-8746
- Online at:
  - www.hancockcountyflooding.com/projects/US68interchange
- By mail to

Maumee Watershed Conservancy District 1464 Pinehurst Dr. Defiance, OH 43512



Contact information is not required but will ensure you receive a response, should one be required.
Name: John J Cogley
Mailing address (or nearest cross streets): 11639 TR 80
Findley Ohio
Email address: 11 Cosley @ Hotmail . Com Phone: 419-957-6347.  Business/Organization Name: Cosley Tr
Business/Organization Name:
Business/Organization Address:
How did you hear about this meeting? (Select all that apply.)  □ Newspaper □ Mailed letter □ TV or radio □ Church ☑ Word-of-mouth  □ ODOT website □ Social media □ Email □ Other:
What is your interest in the proposed project? (Select all that apply.)  Area Resident Area business owner or employee   Other:
How often do you travel in the project area?  Daily  A few times a week  Weekly  A few times a month  Monthly  Other:
Do you have any general comments on the project? (Feel free to use the back of this form):

COMMENTS DUE BY December 29, 2022

#### Comments may be submitted:

- · Verbally or in writing after the public meeting
- By email at maumee43512@embargmail.com
- By telephone at 419-782-8746
  - Online at: <a href="https://www.hancockcountyflooding.com/projects/US68inter-change">www.hancockcountyflooding.com/projects/US68inter-change</a>
- By mail to



Contact information is not required but will ensure you receive a response, should one be required.
Name: Michele Owely
Mailing address (or nearest cross streets): 321 Westein Ave
Email address: MM Owery 20079 YAMO Phone: 419-306-2146
Business/Organization Name:
Business/Organization Address:
How did you hear about this meeting? (Select all that apply.)  Newspaper
What is your interest in the proposed project? (Select all that apply.)  Area Resident   Area business owner or employee   Commuter  Other:
How often do you travel in the project area?  Daily   A few times a week   Weekly   A few times a month   Monthly  Other:
Do you have any general comments on the project? (Feel free to use the back of this form):
leopen 15. 9/50 make 9 tamp exit ramp to

COMMENTS DUE BY December 29, 2022

#### Comments may be submitted:

- Verbally or in writing after the public meeting
- By email at <u>maumee43512@embarqmail.com</u>
- By telephone at 419-782-8746
- Online at:
  - www.hancockcountyflooding.com/projects/US68inter change
- By mail to

get onto Western/Twp Rd 77.



Contact information is not required but will ensure you receive a response, should one be required.

Name:		
Mailing address (or nearest cross streets):		
Email address:Phone:		
Business/Organization Name:		
Business/Organization Address:		
How did you hear about this meeting? (Select all that apply.)  □ Newspaper		
What is your interest in the proposed project? (Select all that apply.)  Area Resident   Area business owner or employee   Other:		
How often do you travel in the project area?  Daily  A few times a week  Weekly A few times a month  Monthly  Other:		
Do you have any general comments on the project? (Feel free to use the back of this form):		

COMMENTS DUE BY December 29, 2022

#### Comments may be submitted:

- Verbally or in writing after the public meeting
- By email at <u>maumee43512@embarqmail.com</u>
- By telephone at 419-782-8746
- Online at:
  www.hancockcountyflooding.com/projects/US68inter
  change
- By mail to
   Maumer



man of the constant from the first transfer improvements (i.i.s. 1.1.2.00)
Contact information is not required but will ensure you receive a response, should one be required.  Name: Tina (Katherine) Kelsey + William Kelsey
Mailing address (or nearest cross streets): 3521 Spring Lake DR
Findlay, OH 45840
Email address: wings@woh. NV. com Phone: 419-423-5643
Business/Organization Name:
Business/Organization Address:
How did you hear about this meeting? (Select all that apply.)  □ Newspaper ★ Mailed letter □ TV or radio □ Church □ Word-of-mouth □ ODOT website □ Social media □ Email □ Other:
What is your interest in the proposed project? (Select all that apply.)  Area Resident   Other:
How often do you travel in the project area?  Daily  A few times a week  Weekly  A few times a month  Monthly  Other:
Do you have any general comments on the project? (Feel free to use the back of this form): Alternative I looks very good. We appreciate the fact that Spring lake Subdevision will have 2 egressesfingresses, even if it means increased troffic on the Two Rd 80 just South of Spring lake. Can't
Comments may be submitted:  Verbally or in writing after the public meeting  By email at <a href="mailto:mayembarqmail.com">mayembarqmail.com</a> By telephone at 419-782-8746  Online at: <a href="mailto:www.hancockcountyflooding.com/projects/US68inter-change">www.hancockcountyflooding.com/projects/US68inter-change</a>

By mail to

1464 Pinehurst Dr. Defiance, OH 43512

Maumee Watershed Conservancy District



Contact information is not required but will ensure you receive a response, should one be required.

Name: Adam Henney	
Mailing address (or nearest cross streets): 33 2	o Spring lake Dr
Findlay 04 45840	
Email address:	Phone: 4/9 -674-8284
Business/Organization Name:	
Business/Organization Address:	
How did you hear about this meeting? (Select all that I Newspaper	□ Church □ Word-of-mouth  ©Other:  ect all that apply.)
How often do you travel in the project area?  Daily A few times a week Weekly A  Other:	few times a month
Do you have any general comments on the project?	? (Feel free to use the back of this form):

COMMENTS DUE BY December 29, 2022

#### Comments may be submitted:

- Verbally or in writing after the public meeting
- By email at maumee43512@embargmail.com
- By telephone at 419-782-8746
- Online at:

www.hancockcountyflooding.com/projects/US68interchange

By mail to



Contact information is not required but will ensure you receive a response, should one be required.
Name: Karulina Arelano
Mailing address (or nearest cross streets): 3407 Spring Lake East
• 0
Email address:Phone: 419-429-9257
Business/Organization Name:
Business/Organization Address:
How did you hear about this meeting? (Select all that apply.)  Newspaper
What is your interest in the proposed project? (Select all that apply.)  Area Resident Area business owner or employee Commuter  Other:Oncerved Area Resident
How often do you travel in the project area?  Daily  A few times a week  Weekly  A few times a month  Monthly  Other:
Do you have any general comments on the project? (Feel free to use the back of this form):
I have concerns about 68/15 going into liberty Tup8

COMMENTS DUE BY December 29, 2022

#### Comments may be submitted:

- Verbally or in writing after the public meeting
- By email at maumee43512@embargmail.com
- By telephone at 419-782-8746
- Online at:
  www.hancockcountyflooding.com/projects/US68inter
  change
- By mail to
  Maumee Watershed Conservancy District
  1464 Pinehurst Dr.
  Defiance, OH 43512

We have a lot of children, especially small children, and families who walk and note bikes on Liberty Tup 80. We also have children who stand and wait for the bus on this road, a lot of times in the dark.

My main concern is how are you going to stop all large trucks from going on this road, Liherty Twp80? There are large trucks who sit on the exit already! Also, these large trucks are going to take this road,

Tiberty Two 80, as a Short cut to Lima Ave. How are our families going to be kept Safe??

Also, how is this going to affect the value of all our houses? This will hurt us all.

Why hasn't anyone come to the community, our Community, with better options? With all die respect, none of you know what is best for the area. Going only by text book is not always the best option.

Think about how you all would like this happening in your community.



Contact information is not required but will ensure you receive a response, should one be required.
Name: Tim Noyes
Mailing address (or nearest cross streets): <u>/                                   </u>
Email address: TNOYES 4613 & ADL, com Phone: 419.723-434/
Business/Organization Name: Howe one of
Business/Organization Address:
How did you hear about this meeting? (Select all that apply.) □ Newspaper □ Mailed letter □ TV or radio □ Church → Word-of-mouth □ ODOT website □ Social media □ Email □ Other:
What is your interest in the proposed project? (Select all that apply.)  Area Resident   Area business owner or employee   Other:
How often do you travel in the project area?  ▼ Daily □ A few times a week □ Weekly □ A few times a month □ Monthly □ Other:
Do you have any general comments on the project? (Feel free to use the back of this form):

COMMENTS DUE BY December 29, 2022

#### Comments may be submitted:

- · Verbally or in writing after the public meeting
- By email at <u>maumee43512@embarqmail.com</u>
- By telephone at 419-782-8746
- Online at:
  <a href="https://www.hancockcountyflooding.com/projects/US68inter-change">www.hancockcountyflooding.com/projects/US68inter-change</a>
- By mail to



Contact information is not required but will ensure you receive a response, should one be required.
Name: GALE GAULT
Mailing address (or nearest cross streets): 3601 WESTERN AVE
Email address:Phone: 419-427-2402
Business/Organization Name:
Business/Organization Address:
How did you hear about this meeting? (Select all that apply.)  Newspaper Mailed letter TV or radio Church Word-of-mouth  ODOT website Social media Email
What is your interest in the proposed project? (Select all that apply.) Area Resident   Other:
How often do you travel in the project area?  Daily  A few times a week  Weekly  A few times a month  Monthly  Other:
Do you have any general comments on the project? (Feel free to use the back of this form):

**COMMENTS DUE BY** December 29, 2022

#### Comments may be submitted:

- Verbally or in writing after the public meeting
- By email at maumee43512@embarqmail.com
- By telephone at 419-782-8746

Defiance, OH 43512

- Online at:
  - www.hancockcountyflooding.com/projects/US68inter change
  - By mail to Maumee Watershed Conservancy District 1464 Pinehurst Dr.

From: Steve Wilson

To: <u>Morman, Tom</u>; <u>Boyce, Angie</u>

**Subject:** Fw: HAN-U.S. 68/State Route 15 Interchange PID 112280, Public Comment

**Date:** Wednesday, November 30, 2022 2:05:17 PM

#### See comment below

Steven C. Wilson, PE, PS 419/957-6844

From: Maumee Watershed <maumee43512@embarqmail.com>

Sent: Wednesday, November 30, 2022 10:00 AM

To: Steve Wilson <scwilson@fbfalls.com>

**Subject:** FW: HAN-U.S. 68/State Route 15 Interchange PID 112280, Public Comment

**From:** Joshua Eberle < jeberle@findlayohio.gov> **Sent:** Wednesday, November 30, 2022 9:54 AM

To: maumee43512@embarqmail.com

Cc: Robert Martin <rmartin@findlayohio.gov>

Subject: HAN-U.S. 68/State Route 15 Interchange PID 112280, Public Comment

Regarding the alternatives presented at the public meeting on 11/29/2022 at the Hancock County Engineer's Office, my professional opinion is that the Findlay Fire Department response to the Spring Lake subdivision will be greatly enhanced with implementation of Alternative 1. This is due to two factors:

- 1. Construction of Alternative 1 will allow fire department crews to respond more safely, due to avoiding the hazards that are currently present when driving on 68/15 and accessing Spring Lake via Township Road 77 from the north.
- 2. Alternative 1 will allow a faster response than is currently available when responding to Spring Lake via Township Road 49/Township Road 77 from the south.

Thank you for your time and information at the public meeting. If you have any questions regarding the Findlay Fire Department opinion on this project, please don't hesitate to contact me directly.

#### Joshua S. Eberle

Fire Chief

Findlay Fire Department 720 South Main Street Findlay, Ohio 45840

P: (419) 424-7129 F: (419) 424-7849

Email: <a href="mailto:jeberle@findlayohio.com">jeberle@findlayohio.com</a>
Website: <a href="mailto:http://www.findlayohio.com">http://www.findlayohio.com</a>

From: <u>Steve Wilson</u>

To: Morman, Tom; Boyce, Angie

**Subject:** Fw: HAN-U.S. 68/State Route 15 Interchange Improvements (PID 112280)

**Date:** Monday, December 5, 2022 7:28:34 AM

Steven C. Wilson, PE, PS 419/957-6844

From: Wendy Yunker < maumee 43512@embarqmail.com>

**Sent:** Friday, December 2, 2022 10:30 PM **To:** Steve Wilson <scwilson@fbfalls.com>

**Subject:** Fwd: HAN-U.S. 68/State Route 15 Interchange Improvements (PID 112280)

----- Forwarded message -----

From: Charles Anglemyer < charles.anglemyer@gmail.com>

Date: Dec 2, 2022 8:36 PM

Subject: HAN-U.S. 68/State Route 15 Interchange Improvements (PID 112280)

To: maumee43512@embarqmail.com

Cc:

Hello, as a Spring lake resident I am pleased to know that we are finally getting a dedicated route onto US 68. However, the proposed plans do not address the dangerous Western Ave to 15 interchange. I work at Whirlpool and use I75 south to the 15 flyover, to the hard right turn at Western to go home every single day. I propose a "no re-entry" style 1 way exit with a dedicated exit lane to western ave. It would cost almost nothing in the scope of the project, because there is already room for the exit lane without widening the roadway. Township road 81 could have a stop sign just after the exit. I've never seen anyone on township road 81 by the way. Please notice my crude drawing attached to this email, showing a new traffic pattern for Western Ave. It would ensure no re-entry and be one way after the township road 81 left turn only. Please take this in consideration as all other plans I've seen are very nice in my opinion, but for Spring lake residents, add a lot of back tracking, extra time and danger having to cross traffic at 68 and use a roundabout just to get back into our neighborhood.

Thanks for your time,

Charles Anglemyer 606 Kirk Drive Findlay OH 45840 419-494-7049

**Caution:** This email originated from outside of Stantec. Please take extra precaution.

Attention: Ce courriel provient de l'extérieur de Stantec. Veuillez prendre des

précautions supplémentaires.

Atención: Este correo electrónico proviene de fuera de Stantec. Por favor, tome

precauciones adicionales.

From: <u>Steve Wilson</u>

To: Morman, Tom; Boyce, Angie
Subject: Fw: 68/15 interstate improvements
Date: Monday, December 5, 2022 7:33:10 AM

I responded to the email below and assured Mr. Dillon his driveway would be connected to TR 80 or the roadway on the east side of his property. I also told him the drawing he received was meant to indicate the existing turn around at the end of TR 80 would be removed since it would no longer be necessary.

Steven C. Wilson, PE, PS 419/957-6844

From: Wendy Yunker <maumee43512@embarqmail.com>

**Sent:** Saturday, December 3, 2022 8:10 PM **To:** Steve Wilson <scwilson@fbfalls.com> **Subject:** Fwd: 68/15 interstate improvements

----- Forwarded message ------From: 10B Z <teamdillon@aol.com>

Date: Dec 3, 2022 1:34 PM

Subject: 68/15 interstate improvements To: maumee43512@embarqmail.com

Cc:

To whom it may concern,

My name is Michael Dillon...I live at 3525 E. Spring Lake Dr. Findlay, Oh...Your map shows removal of my driveway access to T.R.80...I'm not sure how I'm supposed to get to and from my property and I raised this issue at the 11/29 meeting...Either the gentleman answering questions didn't understand mine or I didn't understand his answer...After multiple attempts to get my point across I finally gave up and tried to figure it out by looking at the map at my house...I still don't understand...Do I back out of my driveway and down the road into traffic every time I come and go? I don't think that's a reasonable solution...Please meet with me at my house at your convenience and give me a direct answer.

Thank You, Mike

**Caution:** This email originated from outside of Stantec. Please take extra precaution.

Attention: Ce courriel provient de l'extérieur de Stantec. Veuillez prendre des

précautions supplémentaires.

Atención: Este correo electrónico proviene de fuera de Stantec. Por favor, tome

precauciones adicionales.



Contact information is not required but will ensure you receive a response, should one be required.
Name: Gary. Sunker
Mailing address (or nearest cross streets): 10551 County Rd 26
Findley, OH 45840  Email address: 9rd 60@duck, com Phone: 419/3481073
Business/Organization Name:
Business/Organization Address:
How did you hear about this meeting? (Select all that apply.)  Newspaper
What is your interest in the proposed project? (Select all that apply.)  Area Resident   Area business owner or employee   Commuter  Other:
How often do you travel in the project area?  ★ Daily □ A few times a week □ Weekly □ A few times a month □ Monthly □ Other:
Do you have any general comments on the project? (Feel free to use the back of this form):

COMMENTS DUE BY December 29, 2022

#### Comments may be submitted:

- Verbally or in writing after the public meeting
- By email at maumee43512@embarqmail.com
- By telephone at 419-782-8746
- Online at:
  <a href="https://www.hancockcountyflooding.com/projects/US68inter-change">www.hancockcountyflooding.com/projects/US68inter-change</a>
- By mail to

10551 County Road 26 Findlay ,OH 45840 419/348-1073

Maumee Watershed Conservancy District 1464 Pinehurst Dr. Defiance, OH 43512

December 20, 2022

#### To Whom it May Concern:

I am writing in response to the proposed "Han-U.S. 68/State Route 15 Interchange Improvements?". I attended the open house meeting November 29<sup>th</sup> with little success in getting information other than the information packet, which was very nicely put together. For your feedback, I felt the format of the meeting did not convey, with so many people in attendance, the overall scope/design of the project. I have one opening question concerning this project: Was the cost of this project included in the projected cost of the "Eagle Creek Water Basin Project"? I have attended multiple Basin Project meetings and I do not recall this project being covered as a mitigating cost to the total cost estimate for the Basin.

As far as the proposed improvements to the 68/15 interchange, I believe "Alternate #1" is flawed in at least three ways:

- 1) It forces ALL traffic at that interchange through a SINGLE lane interchange- all north/south bound SR68 traffic, all SR15 traffic transitioning to/from SR68, all traffic traveling south or north bound from to Findlay to/from Main St., all traffic from Liberty Twp 80 must go through this roundabout at what I suspect will be 15 mph!
- 2) Since ALL above mentioned traffic must utilize this single lane roundabout one disabled semi-truck would shut down everything! Has a traffic count study been completed at this intersection?
- 3) Under the current configuration, and "Alternative #2" north/south bound SR68 traffic is/will be uninhibited, but under "Alt #1" must go through the proposed roundabout. I suspect a large percentage of traffic at this interchange is SR68 northbound to join SR15/I-75 or continuing into Findlay and thus is now uninhibited; but under "Alt#1" must deal with the new roundabout. Progress?? In conclusion, if a change must be initiated because of the Water Basin the cost of this project should simply be paid for from the Water Basin coffers. Roundabouts have their place but this isn't one of them. Alternate #2 is the best alternative because of the above listed shortfalls of a single lane roundabout.

Sincerely.

Gary Junger

# **Attachment B-3**



# HAN-U.S. 68/State Route 15 Interchange Improvements

## PID 112280

Name -	Representing	Address	Phone	Email
A	11 1 2 2	Addiess	7 110110	
	Startec			
2. Tong Morman	Stantec			1
35/We W/30n	MMCD	:		
1 Dolla Caole	Han Co. Eng.			
5. STEVE BANKE	Y HOMEOWNER	LLESITR80, FINIDLAY	419-957-4	169 shrankeylowoher.
6.LINDA RANKEY	HOMEOWNER		419-957-47	143
7. GALE GAGILT	Hornic countr	3601 WESTERN ANE	419-427-2	to2
8. BETTE GALLT	<i>[4</i>	* '/		
9. Wendy Yunker	Muco		2	
10. ACAM HOFF	_HCS	4000 MAGNOLIA CIK, MAUMET		
11. Rob White	7000	1885 N. McCallong 4, CIM.	4 419-999 \$	Robert White (e)
12. ROBB HISSONG	ODOT	., , , ,	419-999-689	16 robert his souge dot obje go
13. Shell Mille	OPOT	h (C	419.999.6	876 Shell.milleredot. Ohio.gar
14. Bahard Krouge	Home 6 wher	330) Western	419-235-5	142 richard egahoo, com
15. DAVID DISTEL	一十つてはらるという	12158 [17]	418-423-7689	
16. Vairessa andal	11	12178 TR77	118-18-18	1414
17. Tim Noyes	- 11	12179 TR 77	419-423-424	TNOYES 4023@ AUL. (OM
18. ROBGET VANDAUE		12178 TR 77	419-348-0090	·



# HAN-U.S. 68/State Route 15 Interchange Improvements

### PID 112280

	i abtic open i	1003C 4 1104. 27, 2022 4 4.30 p.m. 0.30 p	.,,,,,
Name Represe	enting	Address	Phone Email
1. Nate Tessler 6	DOT	1885 N. McCullough, Ling	419-997-6886 Nate Fessler adot who.
2. Susan Rinebold		12039 T-77 Findlay	419-F190432 9W
3. Jun KAILLA D SPR	NYING		<u></u>
4. Dt & Rada hough		23 6 Rosemont Dr	
5. Bill Batesas Haxe	coek Cants.		419-365-7076
6. pl/ligh	40.0	11639 TE80 Findley	419-951-6342
	RING LAKE	3525 E. SPRING LAKEDR	3674298245 TEAM DILLON & AOL
8. Deanvon, Sten Engle	Two Trutu	15932 CR60 Jenera	14191722-7709
9. Lyle Harvitt		15700 TKD Findy	419-788-1967
10. Debbie Siebeneck spen	ig lake	12151 Two Rd Findlay	419-348-1466 dsiebenecke wch.rr.am
11. ACKKIDWER FIN	, ,	316 BEECHMONT DR. FINDLAY	419-424-1323 vkidwelle ad.com
12 William Jeree FIN	vdlay	3400 Spring LAKE DR	419-294-7684 edjerew @gmnil. Con
13. andrew Dichereck Han	reack Country.	12151 Downship Rd. 77	419.957-7943
14. Austyn web spring	inche /	12/09 townsnip Road 77	CH 567-699-1460
15. Michelle Lowery	Spring lake	3221 Western Aug	419.306.2146 mmlowey20078
16. Matt Rader Eagl	le Tourshy .	9056 TR 45 F.W.	914-306-8958
17. Gary Dunker E	agle Twp.	10551 CRZL Findlay	419/348-1073 GRSGO@duck.com &
18. Janiel Jansen Fi	indlay	3320 Penrose Dr. Findlay	419-722-0286 janier Jansen 02868 gmail.



# HAN-U.S. 68/State Route 15 Interchange Improvements

#### PID 112280

	Public Oper	n House • Nov. 29, 2022 • 4:30 p.m 6:3	30 p.m.
Name A	Representing	Address	Phone Email
1. Mike replie	Howevel Cor	13097 TR 37 Findly	419-732.7537 papole. Mikeledyahouron
2. Maryann Lak	Joel Hancoel Co.	10786 C.R. 45 Den	Duy 419-422-5451
3. Formana Dellana	HOUNCECK CO	3407 Spruglable Esst Fil	
4. Kevin Haught	Arling La Geal SO	3365. Main St Arly hn 45	814 414-365-512 haught Kearlington boating
5. Jane Boes		11585 TE80 Findlay OH 450	840 419-721-1253
6. JOSH EBERLE	FINDLAY FIRE DEPT.		4194247129 jeberle@findlayokio.gov
7. Terry & Hustman	Arlington Fire Por	of 204N Mainst Aslingto	1- 418 315-1310 hoffman 11016 gral, an
8. Anobligh		13193CIZZO FINDY	419-409-0214 TODERSHEYELL
9. Adan Hermery		3726 Spring lake Dr Finde	y 414-674-8284 -
10. Paged Hemmerly			
11. John Kunkel		3500 Spains Lake Dr Find	cy 419 9570183 SKUNROLD Quin. RR.com
12. Wanda j. W. Frath	Hancock Co. Const	t 309 Warrington Ave Fil	dlag 419 4225980
13. Katherine ("Tina") Kelse	ζ	354 Spring Loke Dr Findle	419-423-5643 wingsowoh. rr. com
14. Cher. Newton	0707		419.860.3655 Oher: Newton @dot. Ohio gov
15. Bill Kalsey		3581 Spring Catt Dr	
16. Jim Beelite	Commissioner	5 8145 MAINS FINDLE	my 419925-4020 + Ktecktol oco hanco
17			Ck,ok4
10			



# HAN-U.S. 68/State Route 15 Interchange Improvements

#### PID 112280

Public Open House • Nov. 29, 2022 • 4:30 p.m 6:30 p.m.								
Nan		Representing	Address	Phone	Email (CA)			
1, 🄼	anna Panjer		45 Kenneson No	451227262	10 FEENAKEL BOUTHOOK			
			415 Kenniar ar.					
	andia of Jon Bur	isede	320/ Wester ave.	419-722-380	O sandraburnside 46 Qaolie			
4.	éffWolsa-	Bodie Mechanial	POBOX390	4193481057	i. Wobsev@bodiesen.com			
5. To	im Heidlebaugh	citizen	POBOX 390 1525 Marcelle Ave, Findl:	av 419-420-150	)			
6	$\mathcal{O}^{-1}$							
7	r							
			<u></u>					
			<u></u>					
			î					
			3		:			
				-				
				<del>-</del> :				
			8	_				
					<u></u>			
17.			2		1			
18			( <del></del>					



Name	Representing	204 GREENLAWN	Phone	Email
3				
4.	c			
5			<del></del>	
18				