

Noblesville, Indiana 46060-2230

January 14, 2005

Hamilton County Drain Board

Re: Cool Creek Drain, Bridlewood Arm

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Upon review of the drainage sheds, I believe that the Bridlewood Drain should be made an arm to the Cool Creek Drain. Portions of the Cool Creek were included in the drainage facilities in Sections 1, 3 and 4 when these section s were placed on maintenance. The portion of the Cool Creek Open Drain from 151st Street to the southwest corner of Lot 23, Bridlewood Section 4, has been maintained as part of the Bridlewood Drain.

The Bridlewood Drain in Washington Township was placed on a maintenance program as each section was developed. The dates of the Surveyor's reports and hearings are as follows:

Bridlewood Section 1

Surveyor's report dated June 3, 1988, approved by Board at hearing on September 12, 1988, Hamilton County Drainage Board Minutes Book 2, Pages 284 and 296.

Bridlewood Section 2

Surveyor's report dated December 6, 1988, approved by Board at hearing on February • 12, 1989, Hamilton County Drainage Board Minutes Book 2, Pages 312 and 324.

Bridlewood Section 3

Surveyor's report dated August 31, 1990, approved by Board at hearing on November 19, 1990, Hamilton County Drainage Board Minutes Book 2, Page 476.

Bridlewood Section 4

Surveyor's report dated October 16, 1992, approved by Board at hearing on December 21, 1992, Hamilton County Drainage Board Minutes Book 3, Pages 59 and 67.

The current rate for the Bridlewood Drain is \$5.00 per acre, \$50.00 minimum and \$50.00 per platted lot. There are 43.03 acres and 137 lots assessed and brings in \$7,082.86 per year. The current maintenance balance in the fund is \$40,652.13. There are no outstanding work orders for this drain at this time.

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The rates for the Cool Creek Drain should be set as follows:

- 1. Maintenance assessment for roads and streets be set at \$10.00 per acre with a \$25.00 minimum.
- 2. Maintenance assessment for agricultural tracts be set at \$2.00 per acres with a \$15.00 minimum.
- 3. Maintenance assessment for non-platted residential tracts be set at \$2.00 per acre with a \$15.00 minimum.
- 4. Maintenance assessment for commercial, institutional and multi-family residential tracts be set at \$35.00 per acre with a \$75.00 minimum.
- 5. Maintenance assessment for platted lots in subdivisions whose drainage systems will not be part of the regulated drain (those systems maintained by the City of Westfield) shall be set at \$25.00 per lot/minimum. Common areas within non-regulated drain subdivisions shall be assessed at \$10.00 per acre with a \$25.00 minimum.
- 6. Maintenance assessment for platted lots within subdivisions whose drainage system will be part of the regulated drain shall be set at \$50.00 per lot/minimum. Common areas within the regulated drain subdivisions shall be set at \$15.00 per acre with a \$50.00 minimum.

The following tracts now assessed for the Bridlewood Drain should be assessed as platted lots within subdivisions whose drainage system is regulated drain, as set out in paragraph number 6 above and the roads as set out in paragraph number 1 above.

The total annual assessment for this arm will be \$7,310.30.

I recommend that the Board combine these drains for maintenance purposes under IC 36-9-27-41. The current balance in the Bridlewood Drain be addressed by:

- 1. Transferring the balance of the Bridlewood fund to the Cool Creek Drain maintenance fund.
- 2. All future maintenance work on the Bridlewood Drain should be paid from the Cool Creek Drain Maintenance fund.

I recommend that a hearing be held for this matter on April 25, 2005.

Sincerely.

Kenton C. Ward Hamilton County Surveyor

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FINDINGS AND ORDER

CONCERNING THE MAINTENANCE OF THE

Cool Creek Drain, Bridlewood Arm

On this **25th day of September 2006**, the Hamilton County Drainage Board has held a hearing on the Maintenance Report and Schedule of Assessments of the **Cool Creek Drain**, **Bridlewood Arm**

Evidence has been heard. Objections were presented and considered. The Board then adopted the original/amended Schedule of Assessments. The Board now finds that the annual maintenance assessment will be less than the benefits to the landowners and issues this order declaring that this Maintenance Fund be established.

HAMILTON COUNTY DRAINAGE BOARD

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