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TO: Hamilton County Drainage Board

January 9, 1998

RE: Mary Hodkins Drain

The Mary Hodkins Drain is located West of Cicero in Jackson Township. The drain was constructed in 1882 through the Circuit Court. In 1984 the Drainage Board placed the tile portion of the drain on a maintenance program at a rate of \$2.00 per acre with a \$6.00 minimum. The open portion of the drain, approximately 340 feet is not currently on the maintenance program nor are the lands directly draining to the open portion assessed for maintenance.

The portion of the drain from the end of the 1882 description to its intersection with Little Cicero Creek is currently a natural stream. This section consists of 3231 feet of drain. I recommend that in order to ensure continual unobstructed flow, the open portion of the Hodkins Drain be included in the maintenance of the drain and that the drain be extended to Little Cicero Creek.

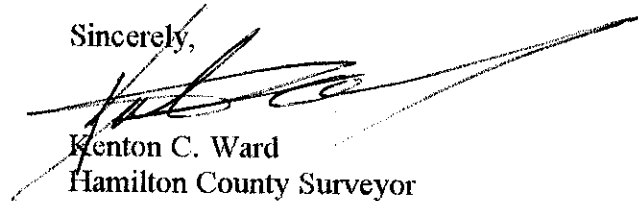
The extension of the Drain would increase or place easements on various properties along the length of the proposed drain extension. The easement would be the 75' easement as set out in I. C. 36-9-17-33. The properties affected by the additional easement are as follows:

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| Calvin and Tamara Rulon        | 03-02-26-00-00-013.001                          |
| Maurice and Gwendolyn Marshall | 03-02-26-00-00-009.00<br>03-02-26-00-00-013.000 |
| Dux North Inc.                 | 03-02-26-00-00-012.000                          |

Presently the Drain is assessed at a rate of \$4.00 per acre with a \$12.00 minimum. The current balance in the fund is \$1,890.70. I recommend that the rate of assessment remain at its current level. Further, I do not believe that any damages will result to lands due to this proposal.

I recommend that a hearing for this be held in February 1998.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Kenton C. Ward', is written over the typed name. The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Kenton C. Ward  
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