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TO: Hamilton County Drainage Board

RE: Thorpe Creek Drainage Area, Barrington Estates Drain Arm

Upon Review of the drainage sheds I believe that the Barrington Estates Drain should be made an arm to the Thorpe Creek Drainage Area. I recommend this action as the Barrington Estates Drain is a tributary to the Thorpe Creek Drainage Area. This would also avoid a double assessment on the tracts currently assessed for the Barrington Estates Drain when the remainder of the Thorpe Creek Drainage Area is assessed for maintenance.

On July 28, 1997 the Board held a hearing to establish the drain maintenance assessment for the Barrington Estates Drain. (Drainage Board Minutes Book 4, Pages 381-383). At present the Barrington Estates Drain maintenance assessment affects 22.13 acres and 28 lots. The rate of assessment for the drain was set at \$5.00 per acre with a \$50.00 minimum. This rate collects \$1,706.80 annually and the balance within the fund is \$7,857.64.

The current maintenance assessment would increase as per the rates set for the Thorpe Creek Drainage Area which are as follows:

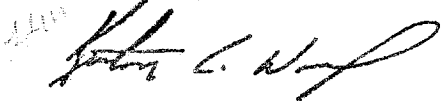
1. Maintenance assessment for roads and streets be set at \$10.00 per acre.
2. Maintenance assessment for agricultural tracts be set at \$5.00 per acre and \$15.00 minimum.
3. Maintenance assessment for non-platted residential tracts be set at \$5.00 per acre and \$15.00 minimum.
4. Maintenance assessment for platted lots within subdivisions whose drainage system will be part of the regulated drain shall be set at \$75.00 per lot/minimum. Common areas within the regulated drain subdivisions shall be set at \$10.00 per acre with a \$75.00 minimum.

The Board has two choices as to how the current balance for the Barrington Estates Drain is handled.

- A. Combining the current balances by:
 - 1. Transferring the balance of the Barrington Estates Drain fund into the Thorpe Creek fund.
 - 2. All future maintenance work on the Barrington Estates Drain should be paid from the Thorpe Creek fund.
- B. Keep the fund separate by:
 - 1. Keep funds separate and expend funds needed for maintenance in the length of Thorpe Creek covered by the current Barrington Estates Drain.
 - 2. Future assessments for the drainage area of the Barrington Estates Drain be made into the Thorpe Creek fund. No further collections for the Barrington Estates fund.

I recommend that the Board set a hearing for this consolidation for October 23, 2006.

Sincerely,



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FINDINGS AND ORDER

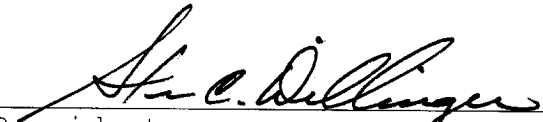
CONCERNING THE MAINTENANCE OF THE

Thorpe Creek Drainage Area, Barrington Estates Arm


On this **23rd day of October 2006**, the Hamilton County Drainage Board has held a hearing on the Maintenance Report and Schedule of Assessments of the **Thorpe Creek Drainage Area, Barrington Estates 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



President



Member



Member

Attest: 