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September 5, 2012

To: Hamilton County Drainage Board

Re: Williams Creek Drainage Area, Meridian Suburban #333 Arm

Upon review of the Williams Creek Drainage Area, I believe that the Meridian Suburban Drain should be made an arm to the Williams Creek Drainage Area as the Meridian Suburban Drain is a tributary to the Williams Creek Drain. This would also avoid a double assessment on the tracts currently assessed for the Meridian Suburban Drain when the remainder of the Williams Creek Drain is assessed for maintenance.

The Meridian Suburban Drain was created per my reconstruction report dated May 8, 2002, hearing held June 24, 2002, and approved by the Board at a hearing on July 22, 2002 (See Drainage Board Minute Book #6, pages 363 to 376 and 403 to 404). At present the Meridian Suburban Drain maintenance assessment affects 155.52 acres and 57 lots. The rates of assessment for the drain are set at \$5.00 per acre with a \$15.00 minimum for agriculture tracts, \$15.00 per acre with a \$50.00 minimum for regulated subdivision tracts, \$75.00 per acre with a \$75.00 minimum for commercial tracts, and \$10.00 per acre for roads. This rate collects \$6,967.70 annually and the balance within the fund is \$49,277.78. There are no outstanding work orders for this drain at this time.

The current maintenance assessments, as per the existing rates set for the Williams Creek Drainage Area are as follows:

- 1. Maintenance assessment for roads and streets are set at \$10.00 per acre.
- 2. Maintenance assessment for agricultural tracts are set at \$3.00 per acre with a \$15.00 minimum.
- 3. Maintenance assessment for non-platted residential tracts are set at \$3.00 per

acre with a \$15.00 minimum.

- 4. Maintenance assessment for commercial, institutional and multi-family residential tracts are set at \$10.00 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 shall be set at \$35.00 per lot/minimum. Common areas within non-regulated drain subdivisions shall be assessed at \$5.00 per acre with a \$35.00 minimum.
- 6. Maintenance assessment for platted lots within subdivisions whose drainage system will be part of the regulated drain shall be set at \$65.00 per lot/minimum. Common areas within the regulated drain subdivisions shall be set at \$10.00 per acre with a \$65.00 minimum.

The total annual assessment for this arm will be \$5,627.06

The current balance of the Meridian Suburban Drain shall be kept separate and these funds expended for needed maintenance on the Meridian Suburban Drain. This shall be done until the funds are exhausted. At that time funding for repairs shall then be taken from the Williams Creek Drainage Area fund.

Future assessments for the drainage area of the Meridian Suburban Drain will be made into the Williams Creek Drainage Area fund. No further maintenance collections for the Meridian Suburban Drain shall be made after 2012 other than any delinquent assessment penalties and interest which remain unpaid.

I recommend that the Board set a hearing for this consolidation for October 22, 2012.

Sincerely

Kenton C. Ward, CFM Hamilton County Surveyor

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## FINDINGS AND ORDER

#### CONCERNING THE MAINTENANCE OF THE

Williams Creek Drainage Area, Meridian Suburban Arm

On this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of October, 2012, the Hamilton County Drainage Board has held a hearing on the Maintenance Report and Schedule of Assessments of the Williams Creek Drainage Area, Meridian Suburban 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.

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# BEFORE THE HAMILTON COUNTY DRAINAGE BOARD IN THE MATTER OF

## Williams Creek Drainage Area, Meridian Suburban Arm

#### NOTICE

To Whom It May Concern and:

Notice is hereby given of the hearing of the Hamilton County Drainage Board on the Williams Creek Drainage Area, Meridian Suburban Arm on October 22, 2012 at 9:20 A.M. in Commissioners Court, Hamilton County Historic Courthouse, 33 N. 9<sup>th</sup> Street in the Historic Courtroom, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Noblesville, Indiana, and which construction and maintenance reports of the Surveyor and the Schedule of Assessments made by the Drainage Board have been filed and are available for public inspection in the office of the Hamilton County Surveyor.

Hamilton County Drainage Board

Attest: Lynette Mosbaugh

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## BEFORE THE HAMILTON COUNTY DRAINAGE BOARD IN THE MATTER OF THE

#### Williams Creek Drainage Area, Meridian Suburban Arm

## NOTICE

Notice is hereby given pursuant to Section 405 of the 1965 Indiana Drainage Code that this Board, prior to final adjournment on **October 22, 2012** has issued an order adopting the Schedule of Assessments, filed the same and made public announcement thereof at the hearing and ordered publication. If judicial review of the findings and order of the Board is not requested pursuant to Article Eight of this code within twenty (20) days from the date of this publication, the order shall be conclusive.

Hamilton County Drainage Board

Attest: Lynette Mosbaugh

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