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FRIENDS OF MEADOWBROOK A CALL FOR ACTION

Meadowbrook Park urgently needs your active participation in helping make members of Congress aware of the crisis facing the park as a result of EPA's unfunded mandate which is forcing Meadowbrook and the hamlet of Bascom to construct a waste water treatment plant. This mandate has an estimated price tag of 4.2 million dollars of which Meadowbrook Park would be expected to pay 29.3% of the total project.

Once the plant is built and in operation Meadowbrook is projected to pay a monthly treatment plant bill based on 97 Equivalent Dwelling Units (EDU). One EDU is the amount of waste water for one normal household. The campground is rated as three fourths of the 97 EDU's and the Ballroom and park account for other quarter. This would be a bill of \$104,000 per year or \$8,667 every month. Currently, Meadowbrook operates two wastewater treatment plants for \$12,000 a year. This would amount to an 883% increase in mandated government fees to a non-profit township park.

Senator George S. Voinovich has introduced Senate Bill 3443 (SB3443), which calls for the amendment of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to include a program to provide assistance for the planning, design, and construction of treatment projects. This Bill was read into the record and referred to the Senate Committee on the Environment and Public Works on August 1, 2008. A similar bill (HR 569) was passed by the House of Representatives and sent to the Senate on March 8, 2007. It also was referred to committee and has not been acted on by the Environment and Public Works Committee. It is hoped that this new initiative (SB 3443) will provide the stimulus to get the Senate to move the bill out of committee and take some positive action to providing monetary relief for communities who are mandated by the EPA to take on such huge projects with no support.

We are asking you to write as many of the senators and representatives on the attached list as you can and explain that the burden of the EPA mandated sewer should be paid for by the federal government as the amount of money needed is just too much for a small unincorporated hamlet to endure. Encourage them to help sponsor and pass SB 3443.

I have been informed by Senator Voinovich's office that in order to move the bill forward, he needs to generate as many co-sponsors as he can during the next few months. We need to contact as many legislators as possible who could help move this bill along. A list of names and addresses are enclosed.

We have developed an easy way for you to make your concerns known to the members of the Senate and House of Representatives on our Web site. Log on to mbpark.org and open the tab marked Water Quality Act. Here you will find a sample letter that will show your support and you can automatically send your letter to the people listed on the site. We have also included a sample letter for your use in sending to your congressional representatives if you prefer regular mail.

Our goal is to have Congress pass the Water Quality Investment Act which has as its purpose to supply assistance to communities, such as ours, who are forced to build water treatment plants that far exceed the local community's ability to pay. SB3443 is the next bill that needs to be passed in order to get the program funded.

Thank you for your help with this letter writing campaign.

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