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**Maintenance Report on the Mary Southworth #73 Regulated Drain**

**Tippecanoe County Drainage Board**

**October 28, 2011**

The Mary Southworth Drain was originally established by the Superior Court of Tippecanoe County, Indiana in September 1890 per Circuit Court case 2927. The Drain and its watershed are located in Sections 11 and 12 of Township 23 North and Range 6 West in the political township of Shelby, Tippecanoe County, Indiana.

The Mary Southworth Drain Maintenance Fund was established by the Tippecanoe County Drainage Board on the 8<sup>th</sup> day of September, 1972.

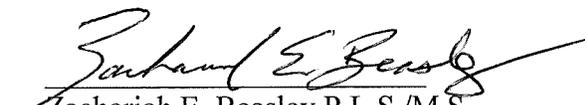
There are approximately 900 lineal feet of open ditch and 1200 lineal feet of tile under maintenance. The watershed contains 445.57 acres. It should be noted that in the 1972 maintenance report a large amount of the maintained tiled system was vacated due to landowner request. However, it was stressed by the Drainage Board and understood by those involved that this decision did not alter the drainage area and only eliminated the maintenance on the vacated portion.

It is the judgment of the Tippecanoe County Surveyor that a sum of \$18,000.00 is needed to maintain and improve the existing tile and open ditch system.

An assessment of \$5.50 per acre and a \$50.00 minimum over an eight (8) year period is recommended. This will generate \$21,572.24 over an eight (8) year period.

It is the opinion of the Tippecanoe County Surveyor this rate increase will allow for the much needed current clearing, dredging, and tile replacement project and also ensure that monies will be generated for future maintenance on this system.

Respectfully Submitted by:

  
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