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## **Ohio EPA Meeting to Focus on Wetlands Impacts From Geauga County Infrastructure Project**

Potential wetlands and stream impacts from a proposed road and bridge improvement project in Munson Township will be the focus of a May 5, 2011, Ohio EPA public meeting. The information session and public hearing will begin at 6:30 p.m. in the Munson Township Hall Community Room, 12210 Auburn Road, Chardon.

The meeting will be an opportunity for citizens to ask questions and submit comments concerning an application submitted by the Geauga County Engineer to replace the Auburn Road Bridge and realign Sherman Road. The work would take place where Auburn and Sherman roads intersect.

To complete the project, the county engineer is requesting to impact up to 0.27 acre of wetlands and 214 feet of the Chagrin River. The county would be required to preserve, restore or replace wetland resources to mitigate any approved impacts. Ohio EPA also will consider other alternatives resulting in lesser or no impacts to water quality.

Anyone wanting to discharge dredged or fill material to waters of the State must first obtain a water quality certification from Ohio EPA and a permit from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. Ohio EPA's review is to ensure the project will comply with Ohio's water quality standards.

The proposed project may result in a change from the current water quality conditions in the Chagrin River watershed, but cannot violate Ohio's water quality standards that protect human health and the environment. Ohio EPA will consider the technical, economic, social and environmental aspects of the project before deciding to issue or deny a water quality certification.

Comments on the application may be presented at the hearing or submitted in writing to: Ohio EPA, Division of Surface Water, attn: Permits Processing Unit, P.O. Box 1049, Columbus, Ohio 43216-1049. The public comment period ends May 12, 2011.

The application (Ohio EPA ID #103709) and related materials are available for review by calling (614) 644-2001.