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## **Ohio EPA Schedules Meeting to Discuss Water Quality Certification For Liberty Health Care Site**

Liberty Health Care's (Liberty) request to place 1,520 linear feet of unnamed tributaries to Briarly Creek into a culvert will be the subject of an Ohio EPA information session and hearing. The meeting will take place at 6:30 p.m. on September 15, 2011, at the Colerain Township Senior and Community Center, 4300 Springdale Road, Colerain Township.

A water quality certification for enclosing the stream would make it possible for Liberty to construct a senior assisted care facility at a 19.3 acre parcel of land just east of Livingston Road and south of south of Ronald Reagan Highway in Colerain Township, Hamilton County. Ohio EPA will also consider other alternatives resulting in lesser or no impacts to water quality, including relocating the stream to the outer perimeter of the property.

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.

Discharges from the pipe may result in a change from the current water quality conditions of the Great Miami River, 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 the certification.

Comments on the request for a certification may be presented at the meeting or submitted in writing to: Ohio EPA, Division of Surface Water, Permits Processing Unit, P.O. Box 1049, Columbus, Ohio 43216-1049. The public comment period ends September 26, 2011.

The application may be viewed at Ohio EPA's Central Office, 50 W. Town St., Columbus, Ohio, by first calling (614) 644-2001, or on the web at <http://www.epa.ohio.gov/dsw/401/applications.aspx>.

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