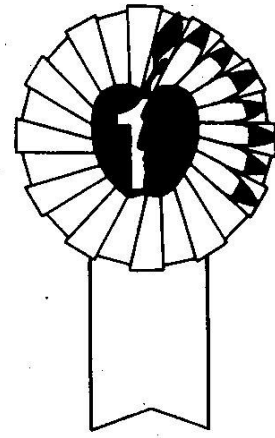


# Oronoko Charter Township

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## TO PROPERTY OWNERS IN THE TOWNSHIP

The Oronoko Charter Township Board is evaluating a plan to extend sewer and water services. The limits of the water system will include M-139 from George Street to the Bypass, excluding side streets and Lemon Creek. The limits of the sewer system will include M-139 from George Street to the Bypass, Lemon Creek Road from M-139 to the west side of the Bypass, north along the Bypass to Highview, west on Highview to Red Bud Trail, north on Red Bud Trail and Edgewood Court and northwest on M-139 approximately 1,200', excluding side streets. The Board has scheduled an informational meeting to present more detailed information about the project, answer questions from the public and obtain input on the scope and funding of the project. The meeting is planned for May 10, 2010, at 7:30pm in the meeting room at the Public Safety Building. If you cannot attend, please send any written comments or questions before or within 15 days after the meeting to the Township.

This project is being considered for several reasons:

- Encourage Development for Job Creation and Increased Tax Base
- Preserve Farmland and Natural Features in the Township
- Implement the Goals Identified in the Township's Recently Completed Master Plan
- Improve and Extend Fire Protection Service
- Requests from Land Owners Within the Proposed District

The Township will seek a loan through USDA Rural Development using Build America Bonds. This combination provides the lowest interest rate, longest amortization period, and the lowest annual cost available for this type of project. It will be necessary to complete all application steps and close the loan before December 31, 2010 to qualify for a 35% rebate on interest associated with the Build America Bonds.

A preliminary analysis has been completed to identify one potential funding scenario for the project. Project costs would be paid by a combination of connection fees, usage fees and assessments within the district served by the water and sewer system, as well as contributions from the general fund and millage on all parcels in the Township. The millage would be voted on by everyone in the Township, including the Village. This millage would be \$38 per year for every \$100,000 of taxable value. The detailed funding analysis and district maps are available at the Township and <http://oronokotownship.org>. Your input and participation is important to the Board.

Oronoko Charter Township Water and Sewer Committee