



Knox County Board of Commissioners

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Ditch Petition Process

(Ohio Revised Code (ORC) Section 6131.00)

Prior to filing a petition, the petitioner shall consult with the Knox County Engineer's Office at 422 Columbus Road, Mount Vernon, Ohio 43050, to discuss the proposed drainage improvement and to determine the proper forms, procedures and course description for filing the petition.

All petitioners that will be a part of the ditch filing will sign the petition. The petition will be sent to the Commissioners' Office by the Ditch Engineer (Knox County Engineer) for further processing. A \$1,500.00 bond shall accompany the petition in accordance with ORC Section 6131.09, plus the sum of \$5.00 for each parcel of land in excess of two hundred parcels that are listed in the petition as lands that will benefit from the improvement.

The bond will be used to pay the costs of public notices, plus any other incidental expenses, except the costs incurred by the Knox County Engineer in making his preliminary reports, if the petition is not granted or if the petition is for any cause dismissed, unless the Board of County Commissioners decide to pay the Knox County Engineer's costs from the petitioner's bond, in accordance with ORC Section 6131.09. The balance of the bond, if any, will be released to the petitioner after the expiration of the 30-day appeal period provided for in Section 6131.25, of the Ohio Revised Code, after their order at the first hearing or at the termination of an appeal.

Please review the Ohio Drainage Laws Petition Procedure in full to better understand the process.

Comments or questions can be forwarded to the office of the Knox County Board of Commissioners at 740-393-6703.