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Heights Road Reconstruction Project Ribbon Cutting

Twinsburg Township to celebrate completion of 20-year, 20-phase, multi-million dollar project

Twinsburg Township, Summit County, Ohio – October 26, 2023 – The Board of Twinsburg Township Trustees is excited to announce completion of the Heights Road Reconstruction Project. Spanning two decades and covering 20 phases, this multi-million dollar project brings to a close a longstanding Board priority to eliminate flooding conditions, provide proper drainage, widen and improve roads, and add sidewalks in a Township area with a long and storied history. Multiple, successive Boards of Trustees have leveraged more than \$8.1 million in Township funds to secure nearly \$5.3 million in grants from various sources. In addition, the Township accelerated the pace of the project using State Infrastructure Bank loans that enabled local share dollars to be front-ended to keep up with the Township's successful grant efforts. In the end nine old, narrow streets, seven having dead ends with rusty guard rails, and all flanked by deep ditches with intermittent flooding conditions have been replaced by wider streets with curb and gutter, storm sewers, and sidewalks along both sides of all streets. The project is so large and has taken so long to complete that many reconstructed street sections in earlier phases have already been resurfaced as part of the Township's successful and aggressive annual road program. This project is one of many ongoing Township efforts to improve conditions in the Twinsburg Heights neighborhood. After years of study, planning, engineering, grant-seeking, loan-applying, and construction, the project is now substantially complete. The Board of Trustees invites residents (who have tolerated years of construction and now benefit from the completed work) and stakeholders (who had some role in getting to the finish line) to a ceremonial ribbon cutting on Thursday, November 2, 2023 at 1:00 PM on Harvard Road, between Case Street and Stanford Street. Harvard Road in this area will be closed to vehicles briefly for the event. Ample parking can be found on the non-hydrant sides of Case and Stanford Streets, and brand new sidewalks can be used to walk to the event from all directions.

Township Trustee and Board Chair James C. Balogh said, "We are extremely pleased to complete this project with no new taxes across the Township and no assessments on benefitting property owners. The completion of this project mirrors the commitment that these residents have to their neighborhood and will benefit the community for many years to come."

About Twinsburg Township

Twinsburg Township was founded in 1817, had a population of 3,857 in 2020. The Township is home to an unparalleled combination of rich history, abundant natural resources, outstanding parks, well-planned neighborhoods, thriving businesses, and top-notch institutions. Whether you're looking for a great place to live or do business, or just a spot to spend a quiet afternoon, you'll find it all right here in Twinsburg Township. So, stop by and see us sometime, and if you can't make it in person, please check out <u>www.twinsburgtwp.com</u> to get a glimpse of all that Twinsburg Township has to offer. For more information, contact Robert S. Kagler, Township Manager, via telephone at (330) 425-4497 or via e-mail at <u>rkagler@twinsburgtwp.com</u>.

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