



Thank you

A special thanks to participating tax payers on your continued support and contributions towards providing essential drainage to Seneca County.

Putting a Ditch on Maintenance

To get a ditch or tile put on maintenance, landowners must submit a cooperative group application and a deposit of \$500 (+ an additional \$1 per parcel for groups with more than 100 parcels). A group meeting is then held to discuss how the project will proceed. If the group agrees to move forward, the application will be approved or denied by the SCD Board of Supervisors. Landowners then have 18 months to sign a group agreement and deposit the construction cost for the project into an account managed by the group elected president and treasurer.



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DITCH MAINTENANCE PROGRAM

Ditches are constructed to drain water from the land, especially during or immediately after times of heavy rain or melting snow. This is not only to benefit farmers and crops but also to protect homeowners and the value of properties from flooding damages.

The Seneca County ditch maintenance program manages the spraying, tree/brush removal and dip out of 250 miles of ditch and 61 miles of subsurface drainage annually.

Contact us

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8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday

Ditch Maintenance

SPECIAL TAX ASSESSMENTS

- Ditches and subsurface tiles that are in the maintenance program receive an annual inspection in accordance with O.R.C. (Ohio Revised Code) 6137.12.
- These inspections generate work orders with an **estimated cost**.

To calculate the cost per acre:

$$\frac{\text{Estimated cost}}{\div \text{\# of acres in watershed}} = \text{Cost per acre}$$

To calculate the cost to each individual landowner:

$$\text{Cost per acre} \times \text{\# of acres a landowner has benefitting that watershed} = \text{Cost to landowner (Special Tax Assessment)}$$

- The cost for the individual landowner is then reflected on their property tax statement as a special tax assessment.
- Each individual ditch or tile has its own account, where the collected special assessments remain until it's time to pay for the completed contracted work.

Reference Chapters 940., 1515., 6131., 6133., 6135., and 6137. of the Ohio Revised Code.



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Maintenance SERVICES PROVIDED

- Inspections
- Spraying
- Tree and brush removal
- Log jam removal
- Dip out
- Erosion control
- Tile repair
- Grass reseeding
- Spoil leveling
- Easement clearance

The Team



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