BEFORE THE
OHIO ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

In the matter of:

Medina County Commissioners
144 North Broadway Street
Medina, Ohio 44256

Respondent

PREAMBLE

It is agreed by the parties hereto as follows:

I. JURISDICTION

These Director's Final Findings and Orders ("Orders") are issued to Medina County Commissioners ("Respondent") pursuant to the authority vested in the Director of the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency ("Ohio EPA") under Ohio Revised Code ("RC") §§ 6111.03, and 3745.01.

II. PARTIES BOUND

These Orders shall apply to and be binding upon Respondent and its successors in interest liable under Ohio law.

III. DEFINITIONS

Unless otherwise stated, all terms used in these Orders shall have the same meaning as defined in ORC Chapter 6111 and the rules promulgated there under.

IV. FINDINGS

The Director of Ohio EPA has determined the following findings:

1. Respondent have authorization to discharge storm water from its municipal separate storm sewer systems (MS4s) under Ohio EPA Facility Permit Number 3GQ10005*BG. This permit was issued September 8, 2009.

2. Pursuant to Ohio Administrative Code (OAC) 3745-39-03 (C)(2)(e)(ii)(b), Respondent is required to adopt an ordinance or other regulatory mechanism to address post-construction water quality runoff from new development and redevelopment projects and ensure the long term operation and maintenance of these controls.
3. To date, Respondent has failed to adopt an ordinance or other regulatory mechanism to address post-construction runoff from new development and redevelopment projects to the extent allowable under State or local law.

4. Respondent has been notified in regards to this violation on numerous occasions since 2003 via Notices of Violation letters, audits, phone calls and a letter by the Chief of the Division of Surface Water.

5. Pursuant to ORC Section 6111.07(A), no person shall violate or fail to perform any duty imposed by sections 6111.01 to 6111.08 of the Revised Code or violate any order, rule, or term or condition of a permit issued or adopted by the director of environmental protection pursuant to those sections. Each day of violation is a separate offense.

6. The Director has given consideration to and based his determination on, evidence relating to the technical feasibility and economic reasonableness of complying with these Orders and to evidence relating to conditions calculated to result from compliance with these Orders, and its relation to the benefits to the people of the State to be derived from such compliance in accomplishing the purposes of RC Chapter 6111.

V. ORDERS

The Director hereby issues the following Orders:

1. Within sixty (60) days after the effective date of these Orders, Respondent shall submit to Ohio EPA a copy of an adopted ordinance or other regulatory mechanism that addresses post-construction runoff from new development and redevelopment and ensures the long-term operation and maintenance of these controls. Submit all documents in accordance with Section X of these Orders.

2. Within thirty (30) days of the effective date of these Orders, Respondent shall pay the amount of five thousand ($5,000) dollars in settlement of Ohio EPA claim for civil penalties, which may be assessed pursuant to R.C. Chapter 6111. Payment to Ohio EPA shall be made by an official check made payable to “Treasurer, State of Ohio” for five thousand ($5,000) dollars of the total civil penalty amount. The official check shall be submitted to Brenda Case, or her successor together with a letter identifying the Respondent to:

   Office of Fiscal Administration
   Ohio Environmental Protection Agency
   P.O. Box 1049
   Columbus, Ohio 43216-1049
A copy of the check shall be sent to Mark Mann, Environmental Manager, Storm Water and Enforcement Section, or his successor, at the following address:

Ohio EPA
Division of Surface Water
P.O. Box 1049
Columbus, Ohio 43216-1049

VI. TERMINATION

Respondent’s obligations under these Orders shall terminate when Respondent certifies in writing and demonstrates to the satisfaction of Ohio EPA that Respondent has performed all obligations under these Orders and the Chief of Ohio EPA’s Division of Surface Water acknowledges, in writing, the termination of these Orders. If Ohio EPA does not agree that all obligations have been performed, then Ohio EPA will notify Respondent of the obligations that have not been performed, in which case Respondent shall have an opportunity to address any such deficiencies and seek termination as described above.

The certification shall contain the following attestation: "I certify that the information contained in or accompanying this certification is true, accurate and complete."

This certification shall be submitted by Respondent to Ohio EPA and shall be signed by a responsible official of the Respondent. For purposes of these Orders, a responsible official is defined in OAC Rule 3745-33-03(D)(1) for a corporation, OAC Rule 3745-33-03(D)(2) for a partnership, OAC Rule 3745-33-03(D)(3) for a sole proprietorship, and OAC Rule 3745-33-03(D)(4) for a municipal, state, or other public facility.

VII. OTHER CLAIMS

Nothing in these Orders shall constitute or be construed as a release from any claim, cause of action or demand in law or equity against any person, firm, partnership or corporation, not a party to these Orders, for any liability arising from, or related to activities occurring on or at the site.

VIII. OTHER APPLICABLE LAWS

All actions required to be taken pursuant to these Orders shall be undertaken in accordance with the requirements of all applicable local, state and federal laws and regulations. These Orders do not waive or compromise the applicability and enforcement of any other statutes or regulations applicable to Respondent.
IX. MODIFICATIONS

These Orders may be modified by agreement of the parties hereto. Modifications shall be in writing and shall be effective on the date entered in the journal of the Director of Ohio EPA.

X. NOTICE

All documents required to be submitted by Respondent pursuant to these Orders shall be addressed to:

Ohio EPA  
Division of Surface Water  
Attn: Storm Water Supervisor  
P.O. Box 1049  
Columbus, Ohio 43216-1049

or to such persons and addresses as may hereafter be otherwise specified in writing by Ohio EPA.

XI. RESERVATION OF RIGHTS

Ohio EPA and Respondent each reserve all rights, privileges and causes of action, except as specifically waived in Section XII of these Orders.

XII. WAIVER

In order to resolve disputed claims, without admission of fact, violation or liability, and in lieu of further enforcement action by Ohio EPA for only the violations specifically cited in these Orders, Respondent consents to the issuance of these Orders and agrees to comply with these Orders. Compliance with these Orders shall be a full accord and satisfaction for Respondent's liability for the violations specifically cited herein.

Respondent hereby waives the right to appeal the issuance, terms and conditions, and service of these Orders and Respondent hereby waives any and all rights Respondent may have to seek administrative or judicial review of these Orders either in law or equity.

Notwithstanding the preceding, Ohio EPA and Respondent agree that if these Orders are appealed by any other party to the Environmental Review Appeals Commission, or any court, Respondent retains the right to intervene and participate in such appeal. In such an event, Respondent shall continue to comply with these Orders notwithstanding such appeal and intervention unless these Orders are stayed, vacated or modified.
XIII. EFFECTIVE DATE

The effective date of these Orders is the date they are entered into the Ohio EPA Director's journal.

XIV. SIGNATORY AUTHORITY

Each undersigned representative of a party to these Orders certifies that he or she is fully authorized to enter into these Orders and to legally bind such party to these Orders.

IT IS SO ORDERED AND AGREED:

Ohio Environmental Protection Agency

[Signature]
Scott J. Nally
Director

Date

IT IS SO AGREED:

Medina County Commissioners

[Signature]
Pat Geissman

Printed or Typed Name

Date

Pat Geissman
President of The Board
Title