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TO: Hamilton County Drainage Board

RE: Elwood Wilson Drain

The Elwood Wilson Drain was placed on maintenance on January 17, 1981. At that time the City of Noblesville agreed to pay the drainage assessment for those landowners within the city limits as allowed under IC 36-9-27-98. Since that time as the city expanded into the drainage shed the city's assessment increased due to the annexations. The assessment as set in 1981 is \$1.50 per acre on the current area of 1,849.01 acres of the drainage shed within the city limits. The current assessment for the city is \$2,773.52 annually.

The original 1981 assessment was \$1.50 per acre with a \$3.00 minimum. The minimum rate was increased on February 17, 1993 from \$3.00 to \$5.00. On January 26, 2009 the rates increased for the township areas to the following:

1. Roads and streets \$10.00 per acre.
2. Agricultural & non-platted residential tracts \$3.00 per acre, \$15.00 minimum.
3. Commercial & multi-family \$10.00 per acre with \$75.00 minimum.
4. Platted non-regulated subdivisions \$5.00 per acre with \$35.00 minimum.
5. Platted regulated subdivisions \$65.00 per lot & common areas \$10.00 per acre with \$65.00 minimum.

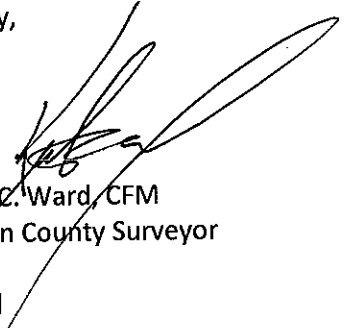
The above rates did not include land areas within the city. The city rate remains at the level established by the Board in 1981.

I recommend the rates for the City of Noblesville be adjusted. Instead of paying a flat rate per acre the rates should be the same as the above 2009 township rates as assessed per parcel by land use. This would produce an annual assessment of \$35,277.58 for city parcels and \$3,303.00 for roads, streets and alleys. The total annual assessment for the city would be \$38,580.58 effective for the pay 2017 billing cycle. Future annexations within the shed boundary will add an additional assessment amount to the lump sum based on the established 2009 township rates.

While calculating the current road acreage for the City of Noblesville the road acreage for the Hamilton County Highway Department and for INDOT was also updated. The Hamilton County Highway Department should have its assessment reduced from 62.22 acres at \$622.20 per year to 50.34 acres at \$503.40 per year. Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT) should have its assessment increased from 166.54 acres at \$1,665.40 per year to 214.02 acres at \$2,140.20 per year. These corrections will be effective for the pay 2017 billing cycle.

I recommend the Board set a hearing for the above rate/assessment changes for September 26, 2016.

Sincerely,



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**Elwood Wilson #126**

City of Noblesville - Increase rates to match the rates the township parcels are paying.

Revised assessment reflects the new rates.

County & State roads were re-calculated using GIS at the time the City of Noblesville road acreage was re-calculated.  
Hearing: 09/26/16

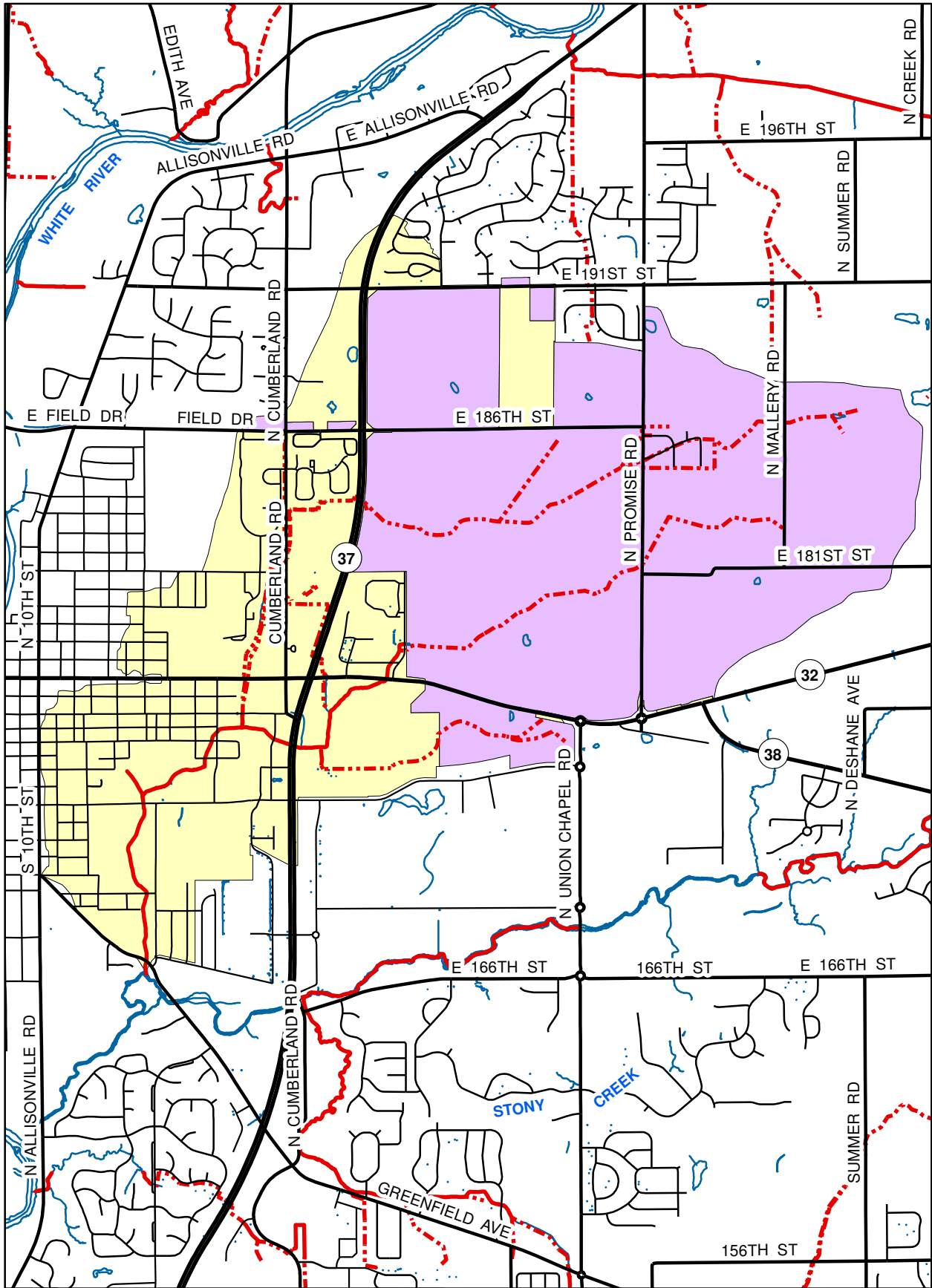
Maintenance	Rate	Minimum
Residential/Ag	3.00	15.00
Un-Reg Sub	5.00	35.00
Reg Sub	10.00	65.00
Commercial	10.00	75.00
Roads	10.00	

Parcel	Owner	Description	Current Benefit	Current Asmt	Revised Benefit	Revised Asmt	% of Total
99-99-99-99-99-999.001	Hamilton Co. Highway	191,186,181,166,Cumberland, Mallery & Promise	62.22	\$622.20	50.34	\$503.40	1.22%
99-99-99-99-99-999.002	Indiana Dept. of Trans.	S.R. 32 & S.R. 38	166.54	\$1,665.40	214.02	\$2,140.20	5.19%
99-99-99-99-99-999.008	City Of Noblesville	Roads within City Limits	*1849.01	\$2,773.52	330.30	\$3,303.00	8.01%
99-99-99-99-99-999.008	City Of Noblesville	Parcels within City Limits (926.92 Ac & 219 lots)	*	*	926.92	\$35,277.58	85.57%
City Totals:			1849.01	\$2,773.52	1257.22	\$38,580.58	
					219 lots		
Asmt Roll Total:			2077.77	\$5,061.12	1521.58	\$41,224.18	100.00%
					219 lots		

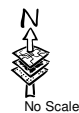
\*Current benefit was for roads, streets, alleys & parcels within City Limits.

# ELWOOD WILSON SHED #126

## Noblesville & Hamilton County Portions



- City of Noblesville's Portion of the Elwood Wilson Shed
- Hamilton County's Portion of the Elwood Wilson Shed



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