



John R. Kasich, Governor
Mary Taylor, Lt. Governor
Scott J. Nally, Director

Re: **Notice of Violation**
Putnam County
Catalpa Grove Subdivision
Construction Storm Water
Facility ID No. 2GC02869*AG

July 31, 2013

Mr. Greg Bockrath
Jordan Pingle
201-1/2 Eakin Street
Columbus Grove, Ohio 45830

Dear Mr. Bockrath:

On July 23, 2013, Zachary Titkemeier and Tom Wilkins inspected the Catalpa Grove Subdivision, Columbus Grove (photos taken). The purpose of the visit was to evaluate compliance of the site with the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit for storm water discharges associated with construction activity. The inspection was conducted under the provisions of Ohio's water pollution control statutes, Ohio Revised Code (ORC) Chapter 6111. No one was available to provide information on the project and we have no record of any co-permittees. Additionally, we have not received any lot Notice of Intent (NOIs) for the project.

As a result of the inspection, we have the following comments:

1. At the time of inspection, a drive and cul-de-sac had been paved and curbs had been poured. It appeared that some utilities had been installed, including water and sanitary sewer lines. The sign at the entrance to the subdivision displayed that Lots 1 and 4 had been sold. There was one home under construction within the subdivision, which appeared to be on Lot 4. This home had a fully installed roof and had been wrapped. It also had a gravel drive and large soil stockpiles west, south, and east of it. The remainder of the lots remained undeveloped.
2. The right of way appeared to have been seeded and had grass growing. A few bare patches need to be repaired. However, it did not appear that stabilization had been implemented in all areas as required by the permit. The soil stockpiles surrounding the home were bare and unstabilized. Long term erosion was evident by the rills present. Additionally, there appeared to be unstabilized soil at the eastern edge of Lot 1.

Permit Requires: Portions of the construction site that will be inactive for more than 21 days must have temporary stabilization initiated within the first seven. Temporary stabilization is required prior to the onset of winter weather for ground that will be idle over winter. Permanent stabilization is required within seven days on any portion of the site that has reached final grade or will be idle for longer than one year. Soil stabilization practices shall be initiated within two days on inactive, barren areas within 50 feet of a stream. In addition, disturbed areas in residential subdivisions must be stabilized at least seven days prior to transfer of permit

coverage for the individual lot(s). Permanent seeding and mulching is required before construction activity is completed throughout the entire site. If seasonal conditions prohibit the establishment of vegetative cover, other means, such as mulching and matting, must still be used and maintained until more permanent methods can be implemented. *Failure to do so is a violation of Part III.G.2.b.i. of the permit.*

3. No sediment controls were in use. *Permit Requires:* Structural practices shall be used on all sites remaining disturbed for more than 14 days. They shall be implemented prior to grading and within seven days from the start of grubbing. They must remain functional until the upslope area is restabilized. *This is a violation of Part III.G.2.d. of the permit.*

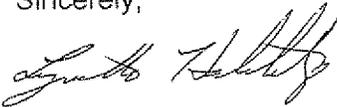
Please note that had sediment controls been installed before final grade, they should have remained in place until the upslope area was stabilized.

4. It was not evident what post construction storm water management controls had been installed to meet the permit requirements. Your SWP3 must contain a description of the post-construction storm water management controls that will be installed during construction, including detail drawings, and the rationale for their selection. Such practices include bioretention areas, pervious pavement, detention/retention ponds with extended detention, and infiltration practices. Please see Part III.G.2.e. of the permit.
5. The home's gravel construction entrance needs to be redressed. At the time of inspection, very light tracking was observed.

Within 10 days of the date on this letter, please submit to this office written notification as to the reasons for the above mentioned comments as well as the actions taken or proposed to prevent any future violations. Your response should include the dates, either actual or proposed, for the completion of the actions.

If there are any questions, please contact me at 419-373-3009.

Sincerely,



Lynette Hablitzel, P.E.
Division of Surface Water
Storm Water Program

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cc: Jeff Vance, Columbus Grove, Village Administrator
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