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**WILLIAMS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS ANNOUNCES SIMULUS GRANT
FUNDING FOR WILLIAM CENTER SEWER**

BRYAN, OH, MAY 1, 2009: The Williams County Commissioners announced this morning, William Center has been added to Ohio EPA's Clean Water Stimulus Project list. Though it is in draft form, it appears that William Center is inline for a \$900,000 stimulus grant. The Ohio Water Pollution Control Loan Fund has been designated to deliver approximately \$220.6 million of the stimulus funds for water pollution control projects. Ohio EPA has received over 2100 proposals requesting \$5.4 billion.

Commissioner Brian Davis stated, "The board is extremely excited as we have been lobbying for funding for this project for the past two years. Trips to Washington DC, Columbus, and Bowling Green appear to have yielded fruit. This has been a team effort. We have received vital assistance from County Engineer Denny Bell and staff, Williams County Health Director Jim

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Watkins and staff, and the persistence of Commissioner's Lew Hilkert and Al Word.

Denny Bell Williams County Engineer has estimated the overall project cost to be \$2.8 million. This grant combined with the \$737,000 USDA grant and the \$500,000 CDBG will give us a total of \$2,137,000 to apply towards this project. Final confirmation should be received in late June or early July.

Please direct any questions to Anne Retcher, Clerk for the Williams County Commissioners.

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