

## **Brown Township**

### **Drainage Ditch Maintenance Policy\***

It is the policy of Brown Township:

To the extent incidental to and necessary in the improvement of a Township road, including to remove surface waters from a Township road, the Township may take reasonable actions necessary to repair and maintain storm water drainage facilities, whether located on public or private property.

The Township has no responsibility for and shall not otherwise maintain roadside ditches or make other alterations for aesthetic reasons or to improve private property.

The Township reserves the right to deviate from this storm water drainage facility maintenance policy in its absolute and sole discretion.

“Storm water drainage facility” shall include the pipes and other appurtenances, equipment, and furnishings of a storm sewer system designed to dissipate surface waters, including roadside ditches constructed for that purpose.

“Surface waters” are those waters which are diffused over the surface of the ground, derived from falling rains and melting snows or which rise to the surface in springs.

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*\*The ditch maintenance authority of a township has been interpreted as very limited, covering only ditch/storm water facility repair and maintenance “to the extent incidental to and necessary in the improvement of a township road.” (1958 Ohio Attorney General Opinion No. 2775).*