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Regional Sewer District One Step Closer To Offering Service

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Some residents say they've lost trust in the Brown County Regional Sewer District Board.

The board Tuesday night allocated \$270,000 for an environmental study the State of Indiana requires for all new sewer plants. Some residents are unhappy because board members said they had made their decision before hearing public comment.

The Brown County Council approved the transfer of funds for the study at its [meeting Monday](#).

The board hopes to extend service throughout Bean Blossom Township which will affect 275 homes. Homeowners would have to hook into it unless their existing sewers met state standards.

Nearly 40 people attended Tuesday night's board meeting. The sewer board's president, Judy Swift, had to quiet the crowd several times and at one point threatened to end the meeting early. A police officer arrived shortly thereafter, but public comments were allowed to continue.

Many who live in the area say the board didn't notify them about its decision until it was already made. That includes property owner Nina Leggett who says she's not against having sewers in the area. She says she even served on the board last year [before quitting](#) because of politics.

"I'm not at all [against the sewer district], no, I'm against the way it's being handled," Leggett says. "And the fact that basically people are getting a little bit of that, 'sit down and shut up and don't bother me.'"

The board made an agreement with the Town of Nashville [to ensure Maple Leaf](#)-a new 2,000-seat [concert venue](#) that's expected to break ground in July-would have access to sewers.

And they say E.coli in water sources and other environmental factors are driving the decision.

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