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RECORDER OF BROWN COUNTY  
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**PETITION FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A REGIONAL  
SEWAGE DISTRICT FOR UNINCORPORATED AREAS IN  
BROWN COUNTY, INDIANA, PURSUANT TO I.C. 13-26-2-3**

The Board of Commissioners of Brown County, Indiana, having been authorized by the County Council of Brown County, Indiana, on January 13, 1997, hereby petition the Commissioner of the Indiana Department of Environmental Management of the State of Indiana, pursuant to I.C. 13-26-2-3, for the establishment of a regional sewage district, and in support thereof alleges and says as follows:

1. The proposed name of such District would be the Gnaw Bone Regional Sewage District.

2. The principal office for the District would be c/o MSP, Inc., 4510 E. SR 46, P.O. Box 916, Nashville, IN 47448.

3. The sanitary sewage needs of those residents and businesses now residing or located within such proposed District are currently being met with individual and private septic tank systems.

4. Throughout the area to be included within the District are numerous residents who have failing septic tank systems and, in some instances, no finger systems at all. Septic tank/finger system failures are primarily due to poor soil conditions and small lot sizes. The failing on-lot systems pose serious health hazards by contaminating area ditches and streams. The area has

a public water supply provided by Brown County Water and also has a large number of private wells.

5. Upon formation of the District, it is proposed to construct a wastewater collection system and a wastewater treatment plant.

6. The existing on-lot treatment systems cannot be adequately repaired and will cause health problems for the residents and businesses of the proposed District.

7. The current method of individual on-lot disposal of sanitary sewage is affecting and can affect detrimentally the water quality of the groundwater in the Gnaw Bone area and the surface water run-off quality in the Gnaw Bone drainage area.

8. The proposed Regional Sewage District is intended at this time to encompass the area described in Exhibit "A". The approximate boundary of the proposed District is shown in red on the attached Exhibit "A".

9. There is no outstanding indebtedness currently in the proposed District for the purpose of the construction of sanitary sewers.

10. The Petitioners recommend that the District's Board of Trustees, if formed, be selected by appointment by the Board of Commissioners of Brown County, Indiana, for ultimately staggered four (4) year terms, and shall consist of three (3) members with the following initial terms:

- One (1) Member - Initial Term of Two (2) Years
- One (1) Member - Initial Term of Three (3) Years
- One (1) Member - Initial Term of Four (4) Years

11. Initial estimates for the cost of the proposed project are projected at One Million Three Hundred Seventy-Seven Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$1,377,500.00) and can be broken down as follows:

Treatment Plant	\$390,000.00
Sewer Lines and Force Mains	\$760,000.00
Administrative Costs including engineering, legal and accounting	\$227,500.00

12. Initial estimates for the cost of operations and maintenance and reserves required of such system once constructed, are projected to be Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$20,000.00) annually, with an additional estimate of debt service and/or debt reserve of Twenty-One Thousand Dollars (\$21,000.00) annually.

13. Anticipated funding of the project is as follows:

Brown County Matching Funds	\$ 5,700.00
Planning Grant from IDOC	\$ 50,000.00
Community Focus Fund Grant from IDOC	\$500,000.00
State Revolving Loan Fund	\$701,800.00
Accumulated County EDIT Tax	\$120,000.00

It is anticipated that a connection fee of approximately Nine Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$950.00) per connection will be required for initial users. The SRF loan will be paid by the monthly sewer bills.

14. User fees will be charged to the residents and businesses of the District in order to repay the amount of the

loans and to operate and maintain the system. The estimated monthly sewer bill per equivalent dwelling unit is approximately Twenty-Nine Dollars (\$29.00). However, high volume users will pay according to water usage.

WHEREFORE, the Petitioners request that the Indiana Department of Environmental Management determine this petition to be sufficient pursuant to I.C. 13-26-2-4 and pursuant to I.C. 13-26-2-5 that said agency appoint a hearing officer, who shall then proceed to act upon this petition as required by law.

DATED THIS 3rd DAY OF March, 1997.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF  
BROWN COUNTY, INDIANA

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