



Ohio Revised Code

Section 6137.06 Count and joint county drainage improvements.

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(A) With regard to a single county improvement, the county engineer has general charge and supervision of the repair and maintenance of all county drainage improvements constructed under Chapters 940., 6131., 6133., and 6135. of the Revised Code.

With regard to a joint county improvement, the lead county engineer has general charge and supervision of the repair and maintenance of all joint county drainage improvements constructed under Chapters 940., 6131., 6133., and 6135. of the Revised Code.

(B) The duties of the county engineer with respect to maintenance of any drainage improvement begin upon the substantial completion of the improvement. In preparing plans and specifications for repair and maintenance of a drainage improvement, the county engineer shall provide for necessary clearing of tree and brush growth, removal of silt bars, spreading and leveling of spoil banks, and the preservation of a sod or seeded strip as provided in the case of new construction under section 6131.14 of the Revised Code.

(C) Any person owning land along a drainage improvement may form an advisory committee for the purpose of notifying the county engineer of any repair and maintenance work that needs to be performed on the improvement. A committee formed for this purpose shall submit recommendations to the county engineer not later than the first day of May of any year in which its members desire to notify the county engineer of needed work. In determining the condition of the improvement in accordance with this section, the county engineer shall consider the committee's recommendations.

(D) Before issuing a warrant for any moneys expended by the county for repair or maintenance of any drainage improvement, the county auditor shall require of the county engineer the assignment of the expense to the improvement or the drainage maintenance district in connection with which the expense was incurred. The county auditor shall keep such records as are necessary to show clearly at the close of each year the amount of money expended from the drainage maintenance funds on each drainage improvement or each drainage maintenance district.



(E) The county auditor may establish and maintain a rotary fund for the purchase of equipment, materials, and labor related to the general maintenance of drainage improvements under this chapter. The county auditor shall establish and maintain the fund by a proportionate withdrawal from the funds of each drainage improvement or each drainage maintenance district.

(F) The county engineer shall establish a rental rate for equipment purchased with the rotary fund. This rate shall be used in charging the equipment, along with material and labor, to the drainage improvement upon which it is used in order to reimburse the rotary fund.