



# Anderson Twp. Park District balks at sewer line

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A planned sewer expansion on Round Bottom Road is under way in Newtown, but there are still questions about where the line will be installed as it runs through northern Anderson Township.

The Metropolitan Sewer District of Greater Cincinnati previously approached the Anderson Township Park District about an easement for the sewer line in front of Riverside Park, but negotiations stalled.

Tony Dick, who works for the sewer district, said they have agreed to look at moving the line to the other side of the road, opposite of the park.

"If it's possible, we will do it," Dick said, adding that the sewer district is investigating utility relocation.

"We don't know what is on that side of the road but we know the Riverside Park side is clear."

The sewer district approached the Park District in 2009 to discuss the 20-foot permanent easement for the sewer line.

Ken Kushner, executive director for the Park District, said they were concerned about granting a permanent easement and about construction disrupting park use.

"We were worried we would not be able to use the land as we'd like to," he said.

"They're looking to change the alignment to the other side of the road, but there is no guarantee it's going to be there."

If the sewer line was installed on the Riverside Park side of the road, the Park District would not be able to install any permanent structures, including lights or additional trees, on the easement.



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Crews work on ground preparation before installing the Dry Run sewer extension on Round Bottom Road. The first phase will be in Newtown and the second phase will run through northern Anderson Township.

Sewer project

Tony Parrott, executive director of the Metropolitan Sewer District of Greater Cincinnati, said the initial phase of the Dry Run sewer expansion project in Newtown is expected to continue until spring 2012.

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The second phase will start at Round Bottom Road and continue to a point just northeast of Broadwell Road, then continue along Broadwell to a point near its intersection with the proposed Ancor connector road.

Parrott said the main purpose of the large project is to eliminate the Dry Run pump station while also improving capacity.

He said the sewer district must eventually decide whether to upgrade or eliminate local pump stations as they reach the end of their "useful life."

Parrott said the district has decided its better to eliminate the Dry Run station than spend money on upgrades.



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