

CORINNA TOWNSHIP

County of Wright

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Dear Residents and Property Owners of Corinna Township,

On Monday, August 11, 2008, Corinna Township will begin issuing building permits, sewage treatment system permits and land use permits and enforcing the related zoning and subdivision ordinances. As such, residents of Corinna Township will no longer need to make their permit applications to Wright County in Buffalo, but will apply at the Corinna Town Hall. We are very excited about being able to finally offer this service to you.

To administer the ordinances and the state building code, the Township has contracted with two experienced and professional companies - the Community Growth Institute and Metro West Inspection Services. We will, of course, expect these companies to assist us in upholding the ordinances we have enacted. Just as importantly, we will insist that the services they provide to township residents are conducted in a respectful, helpful and professional way. The residents of Corinna should expect no less.

In order to provide clarity regarding how the Permit application process will change, we will be holding a Special Public meeting on August 14, 2008 at the Town Hall beginning at 6:00pm. If you are unable to attend this meeting, we will be providing information on the permit application process on our website at: www.corinnaplanning.info.

As you know, we have been working on this for over three years. Our goal was to create a local zoning program in partnership with Wright County, free from any double permitting charges and excessive process requirements instituted by the county. Our negotiations have been slow and difficult. The County has not wanted to relinquish much, if any, authority in Corinna as they have in other parts of the county.

After many hours of discussion and thousands of dollars spent on lawyers and other professionals trying to work with County officials, we felt the County Commissioners owed the residents of Corinna Township a final decision. We asked for and received that answer last month.

We were happy that the County decided to relinquish zoning authority throughout much of the township, but we were profoundly disappointed that they chose to retain a double permitting process within the town's shoreland areas (land within 1,000 feet of a public waters lake, 300 feet of a public waters stream and any floodplain areas).

Given the County's decision, we are asking all Township residents to file their applications at the Town Hall.

- o If you are not in a shoreland area (see attached map), the Township will process your permit applications quickly and professionally in accordance with the Township zoning and subdivision ordinances and state law. No county review of your permit will be necessary.
- o If you are in a shoreland area (see attached map), along with the Township permit, Wright County will unfortunately be requiring that you obtain a duplicate permit from them. We are asking that you submit your application to the Township so that we may handle the County's permitting process on your behalf. Our goal is to simplify the process so that you do not need to make an unnecessary trip to Buffalo.

We thank you for supporting your town throughout this process.

Sincerely,

CORINNA TOWNSHIP

John Dearing
Town Board Chair



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Township Supervisor



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Township Supervisor

