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**BRANCH HILL-GUINEA ROAD WILL REOPEN SATURDAY, DECEMBER 12 –
ONE WEEK AHEAD OF SCHEDULE**

Partial lane closures will continue for several weeks while additional safety work continues

Batavia, OH – The Clermont County Engineer's Office today announced that traffic on Branch Hill-Guinea Road from Branch Hill-Miamiville to Branch Hill-Loveland will reopen at the end of the day on Saturday, December 12, 2015 – one week ahead of schedule. Crews are working on the replacement of an underground stormwater pipe, which necessitated a full closure of the road in the project area for three weeks.

Weather permitting, work will continue during the day, beginning at 8:00 a.m., and traffic on Branch Hill-Guinea Road will be reduced to one lane through the end of this year. Flaggers will be used to maintain traffic. The road will be fully opened in both directions during non-construction hours.

Clermont County Engineer Pat Manger said that the Branch Hill-Guinea Drainage Improvements are a significant safety improvement and an important component of upgrading the infrastructure in this area. He also expressed his appreciation for the cooperation of surrounding communities during the previous road closure and related detour. "This was a critical repair that warranted immediate attention," said Manger. "Our crews worked as quickly and efficiently as possible so as to reopen the road to traffic as soon as possible. We were not willing to risk the safety of the residents of this area by delaying this repair, but we appreciate the patience and cooperation of everyone who was affected by the detour."

The Branch Hill-Guinea Drainage Improvements will provide an updated drainage system that will not only serve to move water more efficiently away from the roadway but will also eliminate the sharp drops and deep ditches along the roadside. In addition, Branch Hill-Guinea will be widened between Branch Hill-Miamiville and Branch Hill-Loveland Road, and paved shoulders will be installed that will improve safety for all traffic traveling through this portion of Branch Hill-Guinea Road.

About the Clermont County Transportation Improvement District

The Clermont County Transportation Improvement District (CCTID) works across geographic and political lines to improve the quality of life for Clermont County residents by stimulating economic development through regional transportation improvements. The five-member board is made up of representatives from the Clermont County Engineer's Office, the Clermont County Chamber of Commerce, the City of Milford, and Miami and Union Townships.

The CCTID is currently working on nearly two dozen roadway improvements that will increase safety, support better traffic flow through the area, and provide the infrastructure for continued economic development throughout the county. More information about the CCTID and their project work can be found on-line at GoClermont.org.

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