

Citizens Advocating Responsible Energy

CARE

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Warning to Land Owners:

APO's - Do not sign !

FirstEnergy is at it again. Reports of affected property owners (APO's) receiving form letters from FE are in from landowners across the length of the overland route.

Warnings from both our attorney and CARE president to not sign any FE contract make good sense for the following reasons:

1.) FE contracts will likely favor FE not you, the land owner. Rejecting low ball offers that are poorly written and/or putting FE in the position of having to file an eminent domain case to acquire rights to your property will provide you and all other APO's the best negotiating position.

2.) FE's first monetary offer will likely not be the best offer - similar to negotiating the price of a new car with the dealer. See the next section for ideas to maximize your benefits and minimize you loss.

3.) Do your homework first. Understand what rights you give up before signing any Option or Easement contract. Make sure you exhaust all possibilities to maximize your position in this one-sided process. Force the contract to specifically define the location and boundaries of the easement. Demand top dollar for the land you are giving up. Require FE to compensate you for the loss in value your remaining property will suffer with such a poorly placed easement.

Remember, it's not over until FE has obtained the legal rights from all APO's along the route as defined in the PUCO certificate. You have legal rights. Use your legal rights to Force FE to do you and your neighbor's right. Come to CARE's next meeting to hear more.

IT'S A DATE

2010

AUGUST

5 - CARE Regular Meeting

SEPTEMBER

2-6 - Great Geauga County Fair

9 - CARE Regular Meeting *

25 - Clam Bake

OCTOBER

2-3 - Huntsburg Pumpkin Festival

7 - CARE Regular Meeting *

23 - Wine Tasting

NOVEMBER

4 - CARE Regular Meeting

20 - Ethnic Dinner Fundraiser

DECEMBER

2 - CARE Regular Meeting

* NOTE - NOT OUR USUAL DAY

2011

JANUARY 2011

6 - CARE Regular Meeting

FEBRUARY 2011

3 - CARE Regular Meeting

MARCH 2011

3 - CARE Regular Meeting

APRIL 2011

7 - CARE Regular Meeting

MAY 2011

5 - CARE Regular Meeting

JUNE 2011

2 - CARE Regular Meeting

JULY 2011

7 - CARE Regular Meeting

AUGUST 2011

4 - CARE Regular Meeting

SEPTEMBER 2011

8 - CARE Regular Meeting

WIN a '10 Honda Rancher 4x4

WIN A BRAND NEW 2010 HONDA FOURTRAX RANCHER ES ATV!



You heard it right! CARE is raffling a HONDA RANCHER ATV to a lucky winner! This is the most incredible raffle prize that CARE has ever offered. Drawing date TBA. Tickets are \$10 each or 6 tickets for \$50.

DRIVE THIS BABY HOME.

TICKETS ON SALE NOW:

AT CARE MEETINGS, FUNDRAISERS, FROM ARE MEMBERS CARE needs volunteers to help sell tickets. To help CARE reach its fundraising goal by selling tickets to your friends and neighbors, please call Jim Galm at (216) 346-0782 or Brian Ross at (440) 715-3670. CARE is an all volunteer, 501(c)(3) public charity; 100% of the proceeds from CARE'S 2010 HONDA FOURTRAX RANCHER ES ATV DRAWING further CARE's mission of preservation and conservation of natural beauty and rural traditions. info.

CARE's Clambake Sept. 25

Join us for our Citizens Advocating Responsible Energy (CARE) clambake. We'll be serving from 6 to 8:30 p.m. at the Montville Community Center located at 9755 Madison Road (Rt. 528), Montville, Ohio 44064, just south of US-6

The menu includes doz. clams, 1/2 chicken & chowder OR grilled steak & tossed salad all served with ear of corn, white or sweet potato, beverage, roll & dessert, and is priced at \$25.00 per person. Carry-out service will be available for stay-at-homes.

Tickets available now by calling Rocco and Mary DiFranco at 440-968-3917

CARE meets at 7:30 p.m. on the first Thursday of every month at the Montville Community Center, next to the Fire Station on Rt. 528, just south of US Rt. 6, Montville. Everyone welcome.

The next CARE meeting will be Thursday, August 5, 2010.

Find us on Twitter, FaceBook, the Web at www.caregeauga.org

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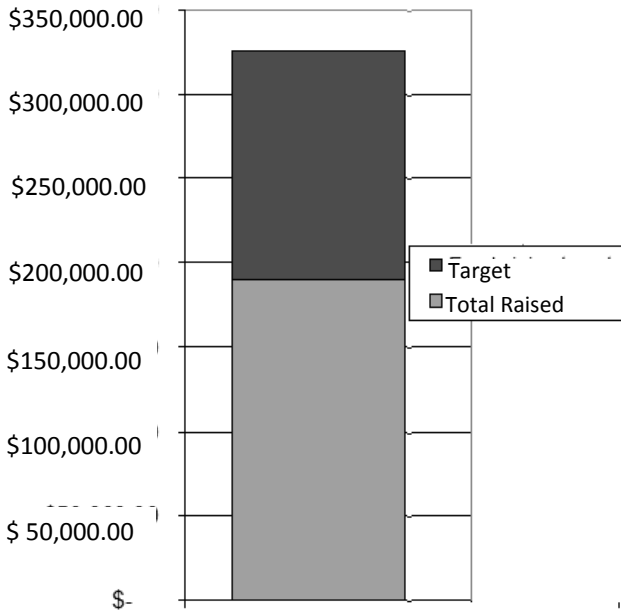
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Defense Fund Campaign

Your dollars will fuel the fight to preserve our countryside

CARE FUNDRAISING GOAL:

\$325,000



RESULTS TO DATE

Funding source	Amount	Qty	Funds raised
Diamond	\$ 20,000.00	1	\$ 20,000.00
Platinum	\$ 10,000.00	2	\$ 20,000.00
Gold	\$ 5,000.00	1	\$ 5,000.00
Silver	\$ 2,000.00	11	\$ 22,000.00
Bronze	\$ 1,000.00	8	\$ 8,000.00
Total Benefactors			
& Cash Donations			\$ 90,783.62
Events & Items			\$ 63,373.46
Membership Dues			\$ 24,110.00
Total funds raised			\$ 178,267.08
Surplus (deficit)			\$(146,732.92)

DONOR RECOGNITION

DONOR LEVEL	MIN. DONATION	BENEFACTOR GOAL
<i>DIAMOND</i>	\$20,000	3
<i>PLATINUM</i>	\$10,000	6
<i>GOLD</i>	\$ 5,000	10
<i>SILVER</i>	\$ 2,000	16
<i>BRONZE</i>	\$ 1,000	20

CARE DONOR HONOR ROLL

DONOR LEVEL	NAME
<i>DIAMOND</i>	Anonymous (1)
<i>PLATINUM</i>	Layer Zero Power Systems, Inc. Jim Galm
<i>GOLD</i>	Pat Jonath
<i>SILVER</i>	Don Hibler Randy Bennett Brian Ross Cyrene Zion Rocco & Mary DiFranco Ed & Sharon Blankenship Anonymous (5)
<i>BRONZE</i>	Dan & Diane Worthington Garey C. Britt Townsend Harry L. Davis III Chal & Mary Bennett Janis Galm Anonymous (3)

Confirming the Rumor...



CARE is accepting donations for sale through eBay Giving Works. Items may be dropped off or call for pickup at (440) 479-3392 - Randy Bennett or (216) 346-0782 - Jim Galm.

Maximize Benefits and Minimize Losses

...when dealing with FE, keep the following in mind:

- Their certificate to build expires on 11/4/2013 so feel free to slow the process down as much as you can.
- Their first offer to will not be their highest so hold out for the very end, which could mean an eminent domain case. There are 70 APO's; 70 jury trial court cases will take a long time to hear.
- Get it in writing. If you must agree on an easement, make sure boundaries, overhead, underground, access, and care rights are clearly defined and that you are fairly compensated for what you give up.
- You do not have to sign and easement unless FE takes you to court and they win the eminent domain case against you.
- With an easement, FE gets to use the land, you still own it, pay taxes on it, and are still liable.
- You can represent yourself in an eminent domain case. It's not that difficult. But, it's not that easy, particularly with a jury trial. There are websites that can help you. If you do, have a good appraiser. You can talk, question, and cross examine and call your own witnesses.
- You can appeal eminent domain cases.
- Know what the certificates says and does not say. Read it. It is available on line.
- Ohio Revised Code is available on line.
- Since 2008, the economy has changed in Geauga County. Middlefield businesses are operating at lower levels
- FE borrowed \$3.9M to buy Allegheny Energy. Their revenue and profits are down considerably.

To all our volunteers... Thank YOU !!

A great big thank you is in order for each one of you who have volunteered your time to CARE.

Everyone in our tri-township community have benefited from your selfless giving to cook, clean, sell, call, buy, drive, print, advertise, promote, and invite, to our many activities.

Truly, without your efforts, we would be unable to continue. CARE's officers and committee members and the citizens or our community thank you!