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## Boone County Surveyor

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RE: Regulated Legal Drain Easements-Edmonds Creek HOA

Dear, Meridian Management Corporation:

I am writing this letter to inform you that all homeowners should be aware of the Boone County regulated drainage easement ordinance. The Boone County Drainage Ordinance and State Law does not allow any permanent structures, trees, or fences to be installed within the regulated drainage easements (RDE).

The homeowners need to be made aware of the fact that they cannot do this since we are consistently seeing such structures being built in these easements. We are unable to come in and do necessary maintenance work to our regulated storm drains when this occurs. Structures/fences, etc. damage the integrity of such drains.

When a subdivision is planned and platted, RDEs are an important part of the development. The RDEs are crucial to health and safety of the residents of the subdivision by creating an effective means of moving large amounts of potentially damaging and dangerous water away from homes in subdivision. During developing, RDEs are clearly marked on construction plans and subsequent surveys for each lot in the subdivision. When a homeowner purchases a lot, in the subdivision they should be provided with a copy of a survey or site plan which would clearly delineate if the property were encumbered by an RDE.

The Boone County Surveyors Office is requesting your assistance in trying to avoid these dilemmas going forward. We request that you inform all property owners in your subdivision that no structure may be installed or erected in an RDE. Additionally, we ask you to ensure that the Homeowners Association does not approve any plans submitted that show a structure in an RDE. If you have any questions, regarding this matter please contact the Boone County Surveyors Office at 765-483-4444.

Sincerely,

Kenneth Hedge Kenneth E Hedge Boone County Surveyor