

**RESOLUTION OF THE MAHONING COUNTY GENERAL HEALTH DISTRICT
DECLARING THAT UNSANITARY CONDITIONS EXIST WITHIN THE
JURISDICTION OF THE DISTRICT**

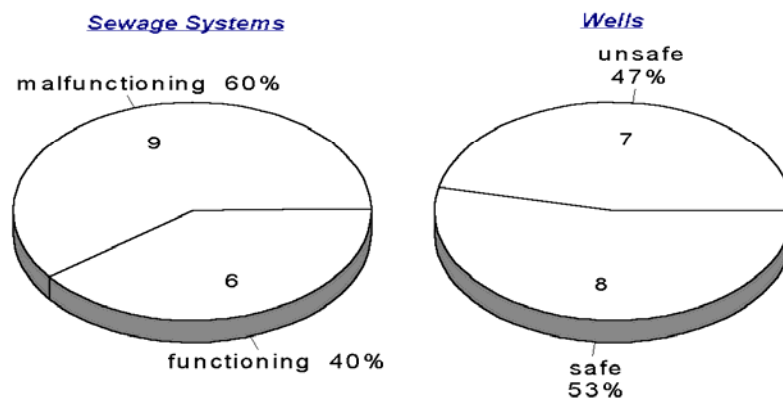
WHEREAS; The District Board of Health has monitored and documented a continuous pollution problem and a human health risk in the Damascus area, and

WHEREAS; The District Board of Health has documented an on-lot septic system failure rate in excess of 30 percent in Damascus (see Figure 1), and

WHEREAS; The District Board of Health has documented a prevalence of unsafe drinking water in Damascus wells higher than the health district average* (see Figure 1), and

Figure 1

***Home Sewage System and Drinking Water Well Evaluations
for Mortgage Lenders
Damascus
1987-1997***



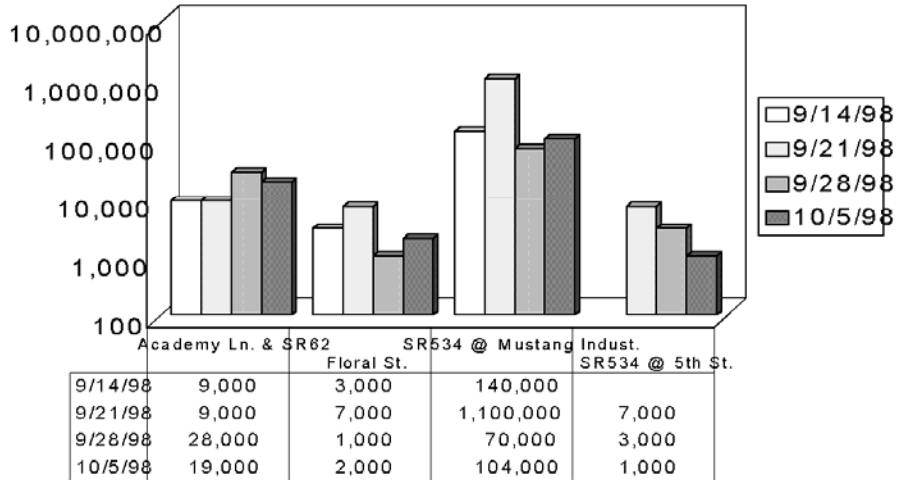
** 31% of all wells in the health district tested for mortgage lenders in 1995 were unsafe*

WHEREAS; The District Board of Health has documented exceedances of Ohio EPA bacteria water quality standards* for secondary contact waters in Damascus streams (see Figure 2), and

Figure 2

Fecal Coliform Bacteria Counts

Damascus Stream Samples



** more than 10% of samples collected within a 30 day period exceed 5,000 fecal coliform bacteria*

WHEREAS; Normal home sewage system repair methods would dictate the further use of off-lot discharging systems that could only partially ameliorate the health hazard and could exacerbate the overall pollution threat, and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the District Board of Health hereby declares that unsanitary conditions exist in Damascus and advises Mahoning and Columbiana Counties to develop a sanitary sewerage system for the Damascus area.

ADOPTED by the Board of Health of the Mahoning County General Health District this ____ date of _____, 1998.

MAHONING COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH

By
MARGOT BAIRD, R.N., President

By
MATTHEW STEFANAK, M.P.H., Health Commissioner