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## NEWS RELEASE

Groundbreaking begins at Dig-It Excavating, Inc. for a new Cassopolis facility



Pictured Left to Right: Rick McCollough and Tony Harman of J.A. Wagner, Steven Brown from Old National Bank and Dervin Witmer and Jim Sanders from Dig-It Excavating, Inc.

It was a beautiful foggy morning in Cassopolis Michigan for the groundbreaking ceremony attended by Dervin Witmer and James Sanders of Dig-It Excavating, Inc. Tony Harman and Rick McColough from J.A. Wagner Construction as well as Steven Brown from Old National Bank.

The General Contractor on the project is J.A Wagner Construction a Butler Buildings Dealer based out of Elkhart, IN. Financing was provided by Steven Brown with local offices in Niles, MI and Elkhart, IN.



Discussing the plans and timeline for the new 9,600 sq. ft. facility

Dig-It Excavating was founded by Dervin Witmer in 2005 primarily to serve the excavating industry. With early opportunities to connect homes to the new Porter Township Sewer System and Treatment Plant in southern Michigan, the need arose for septic services. In 2006 the Pump That Septic service brand was added to Dig-It Excavating. This marketing tool began a journey of complete septic services offered by Dig-It including Septic tank pumping, Septic Inspections (camera), Drain Cleaning and Jetting, Hydrovac Services along with Septic system repairs and Complete Systems Installations.

We now also specialize in alternative system installation and maintenance for residential and commercial septic systems. Alternative system brands we install and service include Aero-Tech, Norweco:

Singular GREEN, Sludgehammer Technologies, and Infiltrator Water Technologies. We continue to educate ourselves in the technology of the future!



Rick McCollough, field superintendent with Wagner will head up the project during the construction phase

Expanding our services brought growth and our current shop has been out grown. The new 9600 sq. ft. facility being built by J.A. Wagner Construction will have a series of offices, conference room as well as (4) truck bays for parking, mechanical work and a wash bay. Getting everything inside, adding an in-house mechanic bay and adding ample office space will help position us for additional growth and efficiency.

We expanded our septic pumping services into Indiana in 2019 and this location on the south side of Cassopolis gives us close access to Elkhart, Granger and South Bend customers.

The Covid-19 restrictions this year has also added additional strain to homeowners septic systems and we have seen record pumping calls and have been busy handling the emergencies and routine servicing needed to keep septic systems functioning properly during these uncertain times. We are here to serve and this expansion will continue to help us strengthen our septic service division slogan, "Prompt. Professional. Always Reliable!"



Going over the building plans with everyone at the groundbreaking ceremony

Steven Brown from Old National Bank was extremely easy to work with and helped us lock in to a great rate for the financed part of this project! He works from the Elkhart branch but, met us onsite multiple times throughout the processes of securing a loan.

Peter Brubaker of Bullseye Construction was unable to attend the groundbreaking, but they will be building the office area after the initial building is constructed.

The 10 acre Commercial parcel on the corner of Diamond Cove and M-62 is within the Jefferson Township Growth zone and was purchase in 2018. We have done a few site improvements including working with MDOT on a new entrance off M-62.



Dervin Witmer, President of Dig-It and Tony Harman, Project Manager at Wagner Construction

Tony Harman has been outstanding to work with answering all of our pre-construction needs, wants and changes! He was invaluable in the permitting process as well. We have a business to run and we didn't want to have to manage a building project as well, so we were looking for a turn-key builder to handle the project for us and Wagner Construction has gone above and beyond our expectations.

-Dervin Witmer, President, Dig-It Excavating, Inc.