

Fusonie Quoted in *Daily Standard* Story Titled “State Must Deposit Flooding Funds for Landowners”

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Thomas Fusonie, a partner in the Vorys Columbus office and a member of the litigation group, was quoted in a *Daily Standard* story about a Ohio Third District Court of Appeals decision that ordered the Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR) to deposit money into accounts for landowners to cover the costs of flooding damage to the landowners' properties. The flooding in the area became more frequently and to a greater extent when ODNR rebuilt a spillway.

The story states:

“Tom Fusonie, an attorney representing the landowners, said he doesn’t yet know how or when the deposits will be disbursed. He believes the action required of ODNR by the appeals court is overdue.”

‘ODNR has been called to account by the Third District Court of Appeals for violating yet another constitutional right of the landowners, this time to deposit money, which ODNR admits is owed for a flowage easement,’ Fusonie said. ‘The court of appeals flatly rejected ODNR’s claim that it did not have to make the deposits, calling it not only unreasonable but ‘absurd.’”

The story, titled “State Must Deposit Flooding Funds for Landowners,” appeared in the June 2, 2014 edition of the paper.