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Culvert Failure Closes Road, Disrupts Utilities

Repair may take weeks

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RICHLAND TWP., Ohio -- A culvert beneath Hammond Road in Richland Township, Belmont County failed Thursday afternoon just before 6:00 pm.

The collapse of the culvert caused water to rush out onto the road surface forcing Township trustees to close the throughway.

There is a pond on either side of Hammond Road and the collapsed culvert has caused the road to slip on both sides.

Because there are underground telephone, water and gas lines in the area, utility service has also been disrupted.

Township officials told NEWS9 it will take between 14 and 20 days to repair the damage once the water recedes.

NEWS9's Jackie Cain is on the scene in Belmont County and will have a complete report Thursday at 11:00 pm on NEWS9 Tonight.

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