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Notice of Drainage Board Meeting For Determination of Practicability

NORTH BRANCH BIG SWAN CREEK INTERCOUNTY DRAIN (Monroe, Wayne and Washtenaw Counties)

DATE: September 23, 2019

TIME: 10:00 a.m.

LOCATION: Sumpter Township Community Center
23501 Sumpter Road, Belleville, Michigan

The North Branch Big Swan Creek Intercounty Drain Drainage Board will meet at the above date, time and location to consider the petition, dated July 24, 2019, for maintenance and improvement of an intercounty drain, located in Ash Township in Monroe County; Huron Charter Township, Sumpter Township and Van Buren Charter Township in Wayne County; and Augusta Charter Township and Ypsilanti Charter Township in Washtenaw County, pursuant to Chapter 8 of Public Act 40 of 1956, as amended, to determine the sufficiency of signatures on said petition, to go over the route of the intercounty drain, and to further determine whether the maintenance and improvement of the intercounty drain is practicable.

Proceedings conducted at this public meeting will be subject to the provisions of the Michigan Open Meetings Act. Public comment will be received at the meeting from anyone owning lands liable to an assessment, or whose lands will be crossed by the drain, or any municipality affected. Written comments may be submitted prior to the meeting, or additional information may be obtained from the following offices:


David Thompson
Monroe County Drain
Commissioner
1005 S. Raisinville Rd.
Monroe, Michigan 48161
734-240-3101

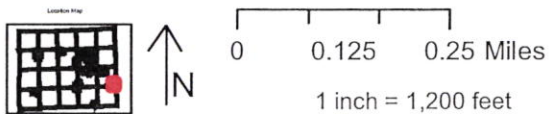
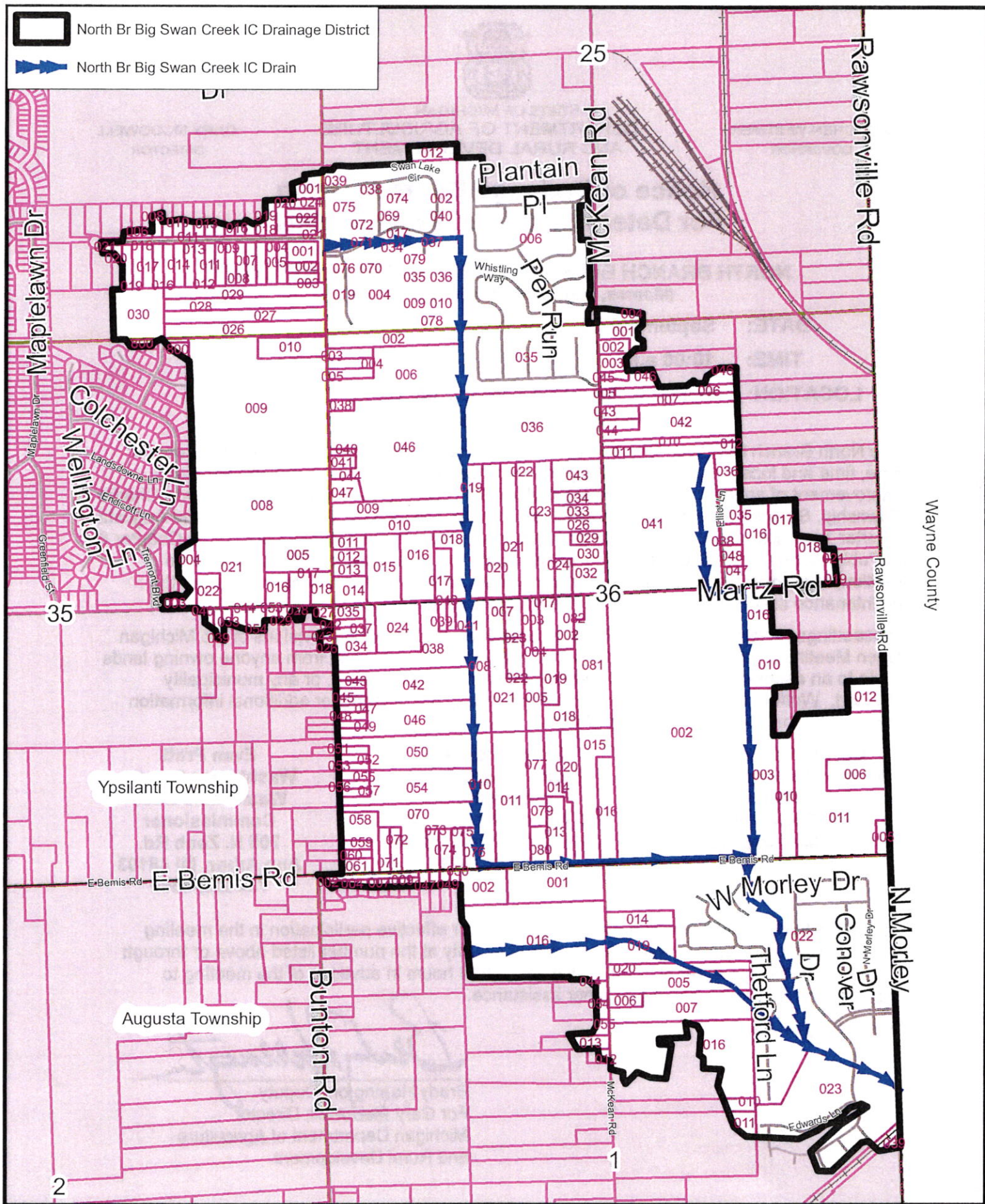
Elmeka Steele
Wayne County Drain
Commissioner
400 Monroe St., Ste. 400
Detroit, Michigan 48226
313-224-3620

Evan Pratt
Washtenaw County
Water Resources
Commissioner
705 N. Zeeb Rd.
Ann Arbor, MI 48103
734-222-6860

Persons with disabilities needing accommodations for effective participation in the meeting should contact the Drain Commissioner of their County at the number listed above or through the Michigan Relay Center at 7-1-1 (TDD) at least 24 hours in advance of the meeting to request mobility, visual, hearing or other assistance.

Dated: August 14, 2019


Brady Harrington, Deputy
For Gary McDowell, Director
Michigan Department of Agriculture
and Rural Development



North Branch of Big Swan Creek Intercounty Drain
(portion within Washtenaw County)



FAQs

North Branch Big Swan Creek
Intercounty Drain Drainage Board
Monroe County
Washtenaw County
Wayne County
MDARD

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS about the Hearing of Practicability

Why did I receive a notice?

A petition was received for maintenance and improvement of the North Branch Big Swan Creek. The Drainage District for the Drain spans across portions of Monroe, Wayne and Washtenaw Counties. All property owners with lands in the Drainage District were sent a copy of the notice.

What is a Drainage District?

A drainage district is the land area that benefits from the drain. The Drainage District makes up the watershed that contributes water to the drain. Each property and municipality within the Drainage District pays for all costs incurred relating to the drain.

What happens after a petition is received?

When a valid petition is filed with a member of the Intercounty Drainage Board, the Michigan Drain Code of 1956, as amended, requires a hearing to determine if the petition is practicable.

What happens at a Hearing of Practicability?

The primary purpose of the hearing of practicability is to provide information to the public about existing conditions of the drain and to listen to testimony. Cost estimates and solutions are not known at this step of the process. Based on the information and testimony presented at the hearing, the Drainage Board will decide if maintenance and improvement petition is practicable.

Does the Drainage Board decision need to be unanimous?

No. Only a majority vote of the Drainage Board Members is required. The MDARD Director (or designated representative) is a non-voting member except in the case of a tie.

What happens after the hearing of Practicability?

If the petition is found not practicable, the process immediately ends. If found practicable, the Drainage Board will employ a professional engineer to survey the drain. After the engineer's report is complete, the next step is to hold a necessity hearing to determine if maintenance and improvement of the drain is necessary and conducive to the public health, convenience, or welfare. All property owners and municipalities within the Drainages District will receive prior notice of this hearing.

How can I get more information?

To get more information or have questions answered, call your respective Drain/Water Resources Commissioner at the number listed on the notice.