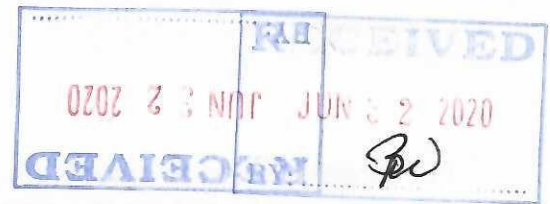




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Notice of Drainage Board Meeting For Determination of Necessity

NORTH COUNTY LINE INTERCOUNTY DRAIN (Washtenaw and Wayne Counties)

DATE: June 19, 2020
TIME: 2:00 p.m.
LOCATION: Sumpter Township Community Center
23501 Sumpter Road, Belleville, Michigan
OR ALTERNATIVELY
Remote electronic Access
QUESTIONS: (734) 736-3397

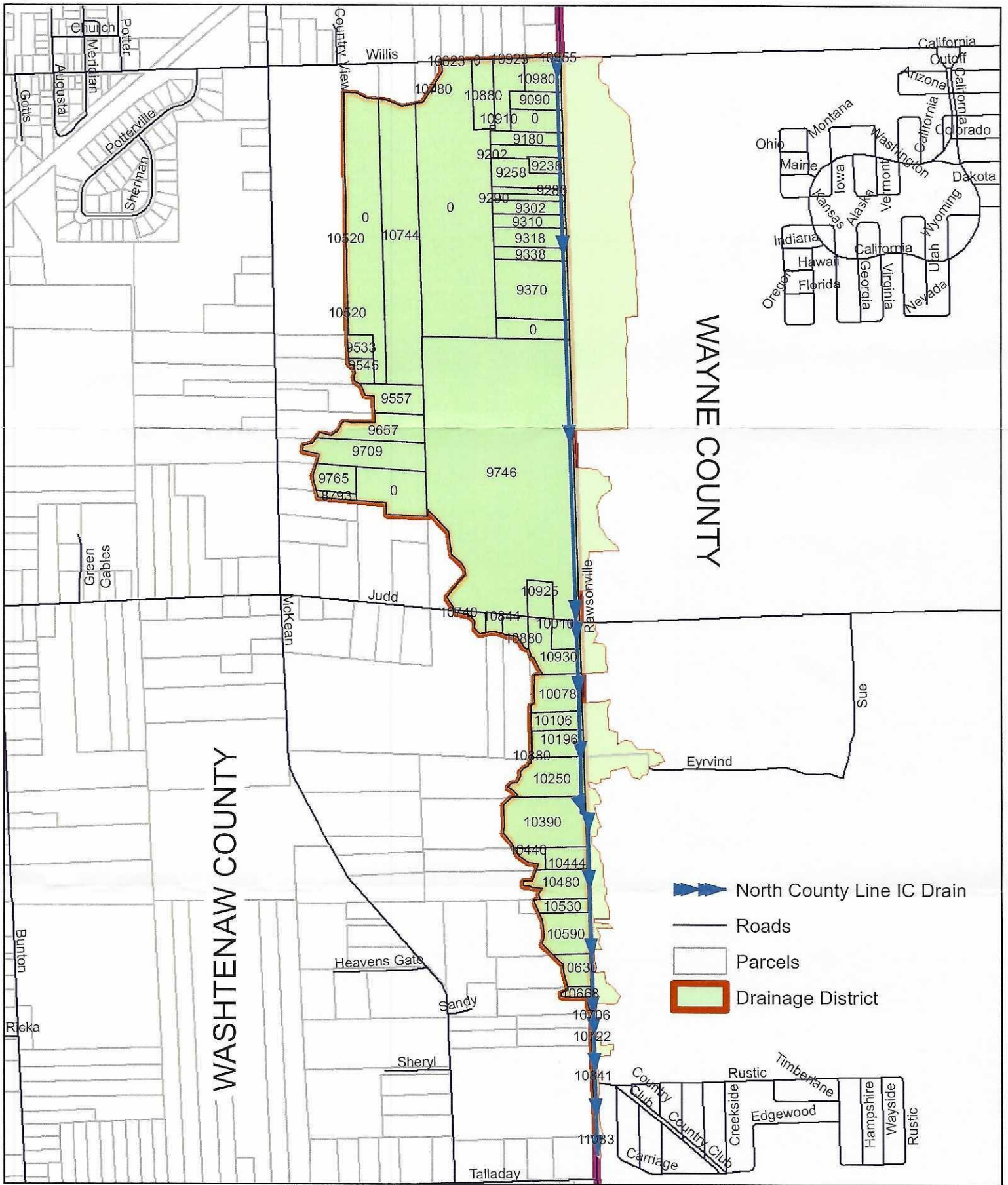
The North County Line Intercounty Drain Drainage Board intends to hold an in-person meeting at the above date, time and location. However, due to the ongoing coronavirus public health crisis, the meeting will alternatively be held through remote electronic access, as provided in this Notice, if public gatherings are unable to be held due to federal, state, or local orders, laws, regulations, and guidelines.

This meeting is being held to hear all interested persons, receive evidence and determine whether the maintenance and improvement, as set forth in the petition dated November 5, 2019, is necessary for the public health, convenience, or welfare.

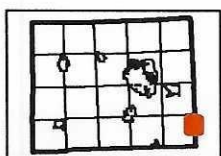
Prior to the meeting you may call the number listed above or visit the Washtenaw County Water Resources website at <https://www.washtenaw.org/drain> or the Wayne County Drain Commissioner's website at <https://www.waynecounty.com/departments/environmental/home.aspx> to confirm whether in person attendance of the meeting will be available. Remote electronic access will be available even if in-person attendance is available.

Individuals are invited and encouraged to actively participate through electronic means, including providing public comment during the designated portion of the proceedings. Live video of the meeting may also be viewed online without participation on Youtube.

To view live video of the proceedings without participating, please visit https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCf21aNvKXM4Zdr_UV3-7lfQ/videos for live video on Youtube. Any comments made through these (this) platform will not be monitored during the proceedings and will not be included in public comment. Please use the above-described procedures to participate via audio-conferencing if you wish to provide public comment.



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Evan Pratt
 Washtenaw County
 Water Resources Commissioner



FAQs

North County Line Intercounty Drain Drainage Board

Washtenaw County

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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS about the Hearing of Necessity & Electronic Access Procedure

Why did I receive a notice?

A petition was received for maintenance and improvement of the North County Line Intercounty Drain . The Drainage District for the Drain spans across portions of 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 the construction (or establishment) of the Drain and for future maintenance and improvement of 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 project is practicable. The Drainage Board met on December 6, 2019, and determined the requested improvement to the drain was practicable. Subsequently, preliminary engineering was undertaken. This is now complete, and the Drain Code requires the Board to hold a Hearing of Necessity to determine if the project is necessary to public health, convenience , or welfare.

What happens at a Hearing of Necessity?

The Drainage Board will receive evidence and hear testimony of interested persons. An engineer will also present an inspection

report on the condition of the drain. The Board will determine whether a project is necessary.

What happens after the Hearing of Necessity?

If a project is not found necessary, the process will end and no project will occur. If a project is found necessary, then the Board will work with engineers and other consultants to finalize the scope of the project. Then, the Drainage Board will take bids for the construction of the project and will subsequently hold a public meeting to review apportionments. Notices for the public hearing on apportionments/ assessments will be mailed to all property owners and municipalities in the drainage district.

What is my assessment amount?

Estimated assessment amounts are not yet determined. If the Board finds the project necessary, each county will hold a public meeting to review apportionments/ assessments after a project scope has been determined.

Can the decision of the Drainage Board be appealed?

Yes. If a person feels aggrieved by the Board's determination of necessity, he/she may institute an action in circuit court within 10 days after the determination by the Board. MCL 280.122a.

How can I get more information?

To get more information or have questions answered, call (734) 736-3397.