

McARTHUR DRAIN

**NOTICE OF DAY OF REVIEW OF DRAINAGE DISTRICT BOUNDARIES
AND REVIEW OF APPORTIONMENTS**

DATE: Thursday, October 5, 2023
TIME: 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
LOCATION: Office of the Barry County Drain Commissioner
220 W. State St.
Hastings, MI 49058
QUESTIONS: (269) 945-1385

At the Day of Review, the Drain Commissioner will have the tentative drainage district boundaries and apportionments against parcels and municipalities within the proposed Drainage District available to review. The Drain Commissioner, engineers, and other staff members will be available to assist individuals throughout the day, and to make revisions where necessary. There is no need to schedule an appointment for a specific time. Comments on the apportionment of benefits may be submitted to the Drain Commissioner in writing before the Day of Review at the Office of the Barry County Drain Commissioner, 220 W. State Street, Hastings, Michigan 49058 or jdull@barrycounty.org, or comments may be submitted in writing or verbally at the Day of Review. Comments submitted in advance must be received by the Drain Commissioner prior to the Day of Review to ensure consideration.

A licensed professional engineer has recommended lands be added or removed from the Drainage District. A general description of the lands by section number proposed to be added or deleted from the Drainage District is as follows:

Drain Name	Municipality	Portions of Sections Added	Portions of Sections Removed
McArthur Drain	Woodland Township	<u>Section 20</u> : SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$; E $\frac{1}{2}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ <u>Section 21</u> : W $\frac{1}{2}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$; W $\frac{1}{2}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$; N $\frac{1}{2}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$; E $\frac{1}{2}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$	<u>Section 21</u> : NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$; E $\frac{1}{2}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$; N $\frac{1}{2}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$
	Village of Woodland	<u>Section 21</u> : NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ <u>Section 22</u> : NW $\frac{1}{4}$	<u>Section 21</u> : NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$; N $\frac{1}{2}$ of the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$; SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ <u>Section 22</u> : NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$

The computation of costs will also be available at the Day of Review. Drain assessments are collected in the same manner as property taxes and will appear on your winter tax bill. If drain assessments are being collected for more than one (1) year, you may pay the assessment in full with any interest to date at any time and avoid further interest charges. Barry County, Woodland Township and the Village of Woodland are to be assessed at-large.

Additional information, including a map of the Drainage District, and the Notice of Letting (containing the number and length of sections, the average width of each section, and if the drain will be closed, the amount and specifications of all tile or pipe required; the location, number, type, and size of culverts or bridges to be installed, if any; and conditions upon which the contract will be awarded) can be found at: www.barrycounty.org/departments_and_officials/officials/drain_commissioner/.

Persons with disabilities needing accommodations for effective participation in the Day of Review should contact the Drain Commissioner's Office at the number noted above (voice) or through the Michigan Relay Center at 7-1-1 (TDD) at least 24 hours in advance of the Day of Review to request mobility, visual, hearing or other assistance. You may appeal the revision of the Drainage District boundaries to the Barry County Circuit Court within ten (10) days and you may also appeal the determination of apportionments to the Barry County Probate Court within ten (10) days of the Day of Review.

Jim Dull
Barry County Drain Commissioner



BARRY COUNTY DRAIN COMMISSIONER

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FAQS

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS about the McArthur Drain Day of Review of Drainage District Boundaries and Apportionments

What is a Day of Review of Drainage District Boundaries?

The Michigan Legislature passed a law in 2013 to allow Drain Commissioners to make revisions to historical drainage district boundaries when recommended by a licensed professional surveyor or engineer and after holding a day of review for affected property owners and municipalities to review the proposed revisions.

Property owners and municipalities can review the proposed revisions with the Drain Commissioner during the Day of Review. The proposed boundary revisions can be found on the map included in the notice sent to property owners and on the Drain Commissioner's website at: www.barrycounty.org/departments_and_officials/drain_commissioner/.

What is a Drainage District?

A drainage district is the land area, or watershed, that contributes water to a drain. The drainage district also outlines which properties and municipalities are responsible for paying special assessments for the maintenance and improvement of a drain.

Why are the boundaries being revised?

Revisions to the boundaries of the drainage district are recommended by a licensed professional engineer because the historic drainage district boundaries do not accurately reflect the current watershed of the drain.

What is a Day of Review of Apportionments?

A Day of Review of Apportionments provides an opportunity for property owners and municipalities to review the percent of benefit of the drain assigned to their property. Apportionments are generally based on acreage, land use, and other factors.

The apportionments determine the assessment amount for each property for costs of construction or maintenance of the drain.

Why are the apportionments being revised?

Apportionments are being revised to more accurately reflect the percentage of benefit that each property or municipality receives from the drain. As apportionments are largely based on a parcel's acreage against the acreage of the entire drainage district, any revisions made to the boundaries will affect each parcel's apportionment.

If a parcel is on the boundary of a drainage district, it is possible that only a portion of the parcel will be included in the drainage district and only that portion will be assessed.

Why am I receiving this notice?

You are receiving this notice because you may own lands within the boundaries of the current or the proposed revised Drainage District. All property owners within these boundaries are receiving this notice.

When do I receive my drain assessment?

Drain assessments are included on your Winter Tax bill, and are only levied when costs are incurred for the drain. Assessment amounts vary from year to year.

What is my assessment amount?

Estimated assessment amounts are included on your notice and are available at the Day of Review.

Do I have to attend the Day of Review?

No. You are not required to attend the Day of Review.

How can I get more information?

Please call the Barry County Drain Commissioner's Office at (269) 945-1385.

MCCARTHUR DRAIN DRAINAGE DISTRICT

SECTIONS 20-22 T04N R07W
WOODLAND TOWNSHIP
&
VILLAGE OF WOODLAND
BARRY COUNTY, MICHIGAN

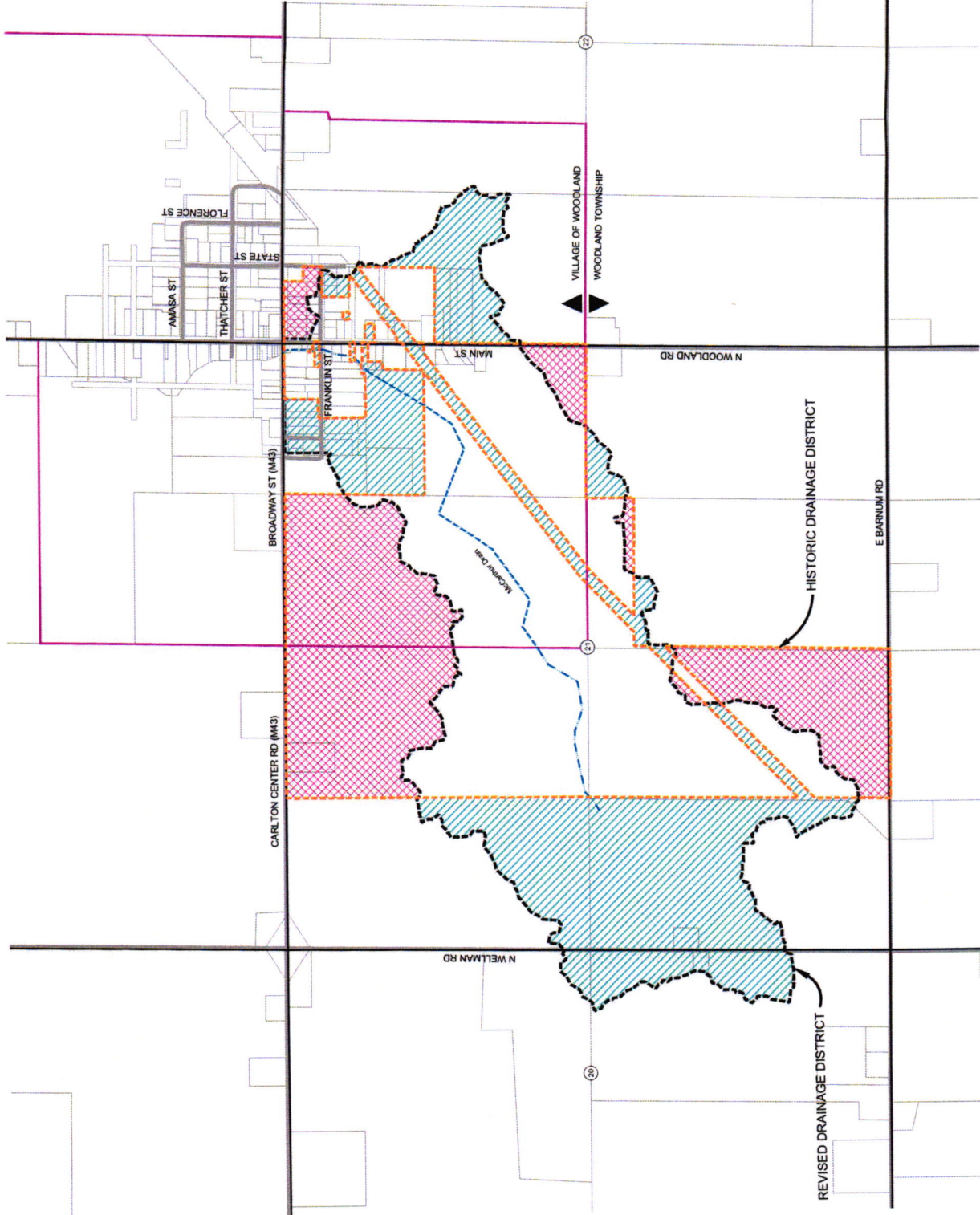


DRAIN INFORMATION:

HISTORIC DISTRICT: 309.54 ACRES
REVISED DISTRICT: 341.94 ACRES
LANDS ADDED: 148.04 ACRES
LANDS REMOVED: 115.64 ACRES
DRAIN LENGTH: 1.10 MILES

LEGEND

- LANDS REMOVED (Pink cross-hatch pattern)
- LANDS ADDED (Blue diagonal line pattern)
- DRAIN ALIGNMENT (OPEN CHANNEL) (Blue dashed line)
- DRAIN ALIGNMENT (ENCLOSED) (Blue solid line)
- HISTORIC DRAINAGE DISTRICT BOUNDARY (Black dashed line)
- REVISED DRAINAGE DISTRICT BOUNDARY (Orange dashed line)
- CITY/VILLAGE LIMITS (Purple solid line)
- PARCEL LINES (Thin black solid line)
- SECTION LINES (Thin black solid line)
- COUNTY LINE (Thick black solid line)
- TOWNSHIP LINE (Thick black solid line)
- ROADS (Black solid line)
- SECTION NUMBERS (Circle with number)



LANDS ADDED/REMOVED MAP
MAILING MAP

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