

OFFICE OF THE VAN BUREN COUNTY DRAIN COMMISSIONER

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

DATE: Tuesday, August 9, 2022
TIME: 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
LOCATION: Van Buren County Drain Commissioner’s Office
 219 E. Paw Paw Street, Suite 301
 Paw Paw, MI 49079
QUESTIONS: (269) 340-0962

The Van Buren County Drain Commissioner will hold a Day of Review of Drainage District Boundaries and Apportionments on the above date, time, and location. The Day of Review of Drainage District Boundaries is an opportunity to review the drainage district boundaries and tentative apportionment of benefits for each parcel and municipality within the drainage districts for each drain that is listed below. Maps of the proposed drainage district boundary revisions can be found on the Drain Commissioner’s website at: <https://www.vanburencountymi.gov/515/Meeting-Notices---Notice-Lettings>.

A licensed professional engineer has recommended lands to be added or removed from the drainage districts. A general description of the lands by section number proposed to be added or deleted from the drainage districts, as well as a list of any county, township, city, or village to be assessed, for each of the drains is as follows:

Drain Name	Municipalities	Portions of Sections Added	Portions of Sections Removed	Any County, Township, City, or Village to be assessed:
Banks and Kirk Drain	Bloomingtondale Township	9, 10	9, 10	Van Buren County and Bloomingtondale Township
Barnard Drain	Columbia Township	2, 3, 10, 11	10	Van Buren County and Columbia Township
Barnes Drain	Columbia Township	8, 9	8, 9, 17	Van Buren County and Columbia Township
Becker Drain	Columbia Township	11, 15	10, 14, 15	Van Buren County and Columbia Township
Berlamont Drain	Bloomingtondale Township	7, 18	7, 18	Van Buren County, Bloomingtondale Township, and Columbia Township
	Columbia Township	12, 13	12, 13	
Bessey Drain	Bloomingtondale Township	7, 18	-	Van Buren County, Bloomingtondale Township, and Columbia Township
	Columbia Township	2, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 23	1, 2, 11, 13, 14	
Brown Creek	Bloomingtondale Township	3, 4, 5, 9	3, 4, 5	Van Buren County and Bloomingtondale Township
Cleveland Drain	Columbia Township	2	1, 2, 11, 12	Van Buren County and Columbia Township

Coffee Lake Drain	Columbia Township	4, 5, 9, 18	5, 8, 9, 16, 17	Van Buren County and Columbia Township
Ford Drain	Columbia Township	12, 13	12, 13	Van Buren County and Columbia Township
Fox Drain	Bloomingtondale Township	7, 18	-	Van Buren County, Bloomingtondale Township, and Columbia Township
	Columbia Township	11, 12, 13	11	
Furbs Drain	Columbia Township	4, 5	4, 5	Van Buren County and Columbia Township
Little Bear Lake Drain	Bloomingtondale Township	7, 18	-	Van Buren County, Bloomingtondale Township, and Columbia Township
	Columbia Township	1, 2, 3, 10, 11, 12, 13, 23	2, 3, 10, 11, 14	
Melvin Creek Drain	Bloomingtondale Township, and Village of Bloomingtondale	4, 8, 10, 15, 16, 17	3, 4, 5, 8, 9, 10, 15, 16, 17	Van Buren County, and Bloomingtondale Township, and Village of Bloomingtondale
Nash Drain	Columbia Township	3	3	Van Buren County and Columbia Township
Palmer Drain	Columbia Township	16	16	Van Buren County and Columbia Township
Rogers Drain	Columbia Township	5	5	Van Buren County and Columbia Township
Saddle Lake Drain	Columbia Township	10, 11, 16, 21, 22, 23	3, 4, 5, 8, 9, 10, 14, 16, 17, 22, 23	Van Buren County and Columbia Township
Silver Lake Inlet Drain	Columbia Township	9, 16	8, 9, 16, 17	Van Buren County and Columbia Township
Silver Lake Outlet Drain	Columbia Township	17	8, 9, 16, 17	Van Buren County and Columbia Township
Smiley Drain	Bloomingtondale Township	6	6	Van Buren County, Bloomingtondale Township, and Columbia Township
	Columbia Township	-	1	
Brush Creek Intercounty Drain	Columbia Township	3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 21, 22, 23	13, 14	Van Buren County, Bloomingtondale Township, and Columbia Township
	Bloomingtondale Township	3, 4, 7, 8, 9, 10, 15, 16, 17, 18	4, 10, 16	
Harmon Intercounty Drain	Columbia Township	4, 5, 8, 9, 17, 18	4, 5	Van Buren County and Columbia Township
Lane and Griffin Intercounty Drain	Bloomingtondale Township	3, 4, 6, 7, 8, 9	3, 4, 5, 6, 8	Van Buren County and Bloomingtondale Township
Saddle Lake Extension Intercounty Drain	Columbia Township	3, 9, 10, 11, 16, 18, 21, 22, 23	3, 4, 5, 8, 10, 14, 16, 17, 22, 23	Van Buren County and Columbia Township

The Drain Commissioner, engineers and/or other staff members will be available to assist individuals throughout the day and make revisions where necessary. There is no need to schedule an appointment for a specific time on the Day of Review. The computation of costs for the drains 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.

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.

Comments on the apportionment of benefits may be submitted to the Drain Commissioner in writing before the date of the Day of Review to the Van Buren County Drain Commissioner at 219 E. Paw Paw Street, Suite 301, Paw Paw, MI 49079 or to VanBurencountydor@gmail.com, 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.

You may appeal the Drain Commissioner's decision to revise the district boundary to the Van Buren County Circuit Court within ten (10) days, and you may also appeal the determination of apportionments to the Van Buren County Probate Court within ten (10) days.

Joe Parman
Van Buren County Drain Commissioner