

OFFICE OF THE GRATIOT COUNTY DRAIN COMMISSIONER



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October 9, 2026

RE: Notice of Upcoming Construction – Drain #050

Dear Property Owner,

This letter is to inform you that the final phases of the petition process for the Drain #050 are complete, and construction on the drain project is scheduled to begin soon.

Project Overview & Timeline Following the successful completion of the petition process, the Drain #050 has finalized plans and awarded the construction contract for this improvement project.

- **Estimated Start Date:** October 19, 2026
- **Contractor:** Mid-Michigan Ponds, 517-927-4830

What to Expect During Construction Work will take place within the established drain easement area on or adjacent to your property. During this time, you may notice:

- Increased presence of heavy equipment, vehicles, and construction personnel.
- Temporary noise, earthmoving, and minor traffic slow-downs near the work site.
- Temporary stockpiling of soil, pipe, or equipment within designated easement boundaries.

The contractor is required to minimize disruptions as much as possible and restore all impacted easement areas upon project completion.

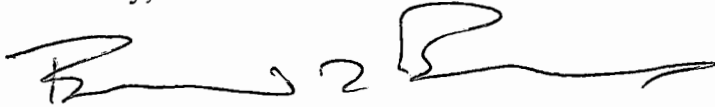
Property Owner Action Items To ensure work proceeds safely and efficiently, we kindly ask that you:

1. **Clear the Easement:** Remove any personal property, temporary structures, fencing, or portable items located within the drain easement area prior to October 19, 2026.
2. **Identify Unmarked Utilities:** While public utilities will be marked, please notify us immediately if you have private underground lines (such as invisible dog fences, private electric/sprinkler lines, or tile lines) in the work area.
3. **Exercise Caution:** Keep children and pets away from active construction equipment and open excavations.

Questions or Concerns? We appreciate your cooperation and patience as we work to complete these necessary drainage improvements. If you have any questions regarding the construction schedule, easement boundaries, or specific access needs, please contact our office:

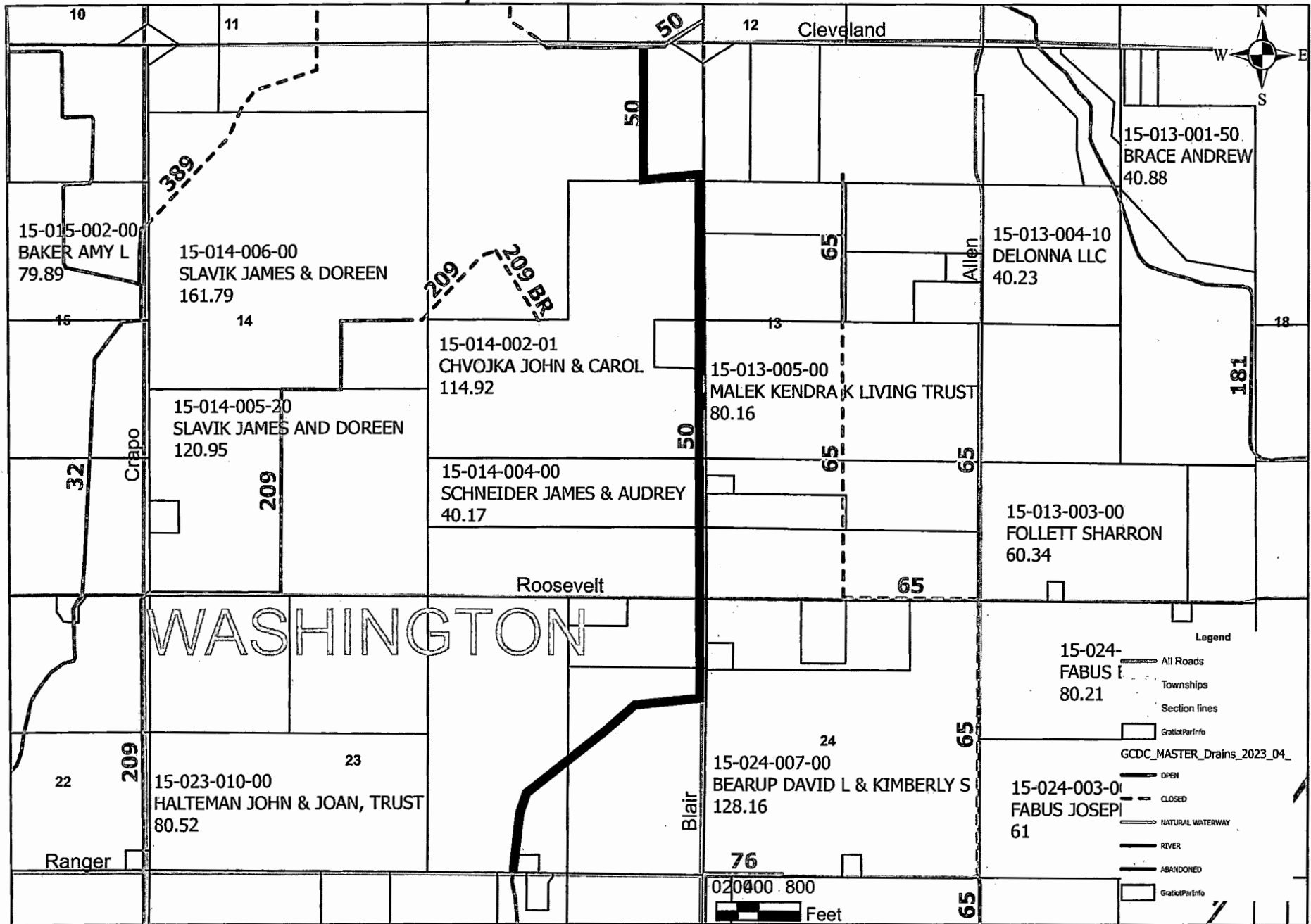
- **Phone:** 989-875-5207
- **Email:** drain@gratiotmi.com
- **Office Hours:** Monday – Friday, 8:00 AM – 4:30 PM

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Bernard J Barnes', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Bernard J Barnes
Gratiot County Drain Commissioner

Gratiot County Drain Commissioner Bernie Barnes



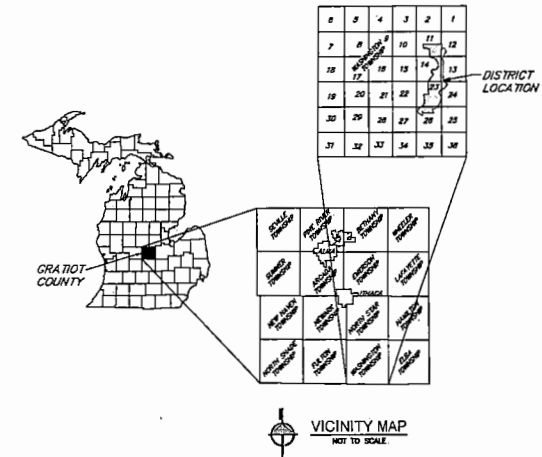
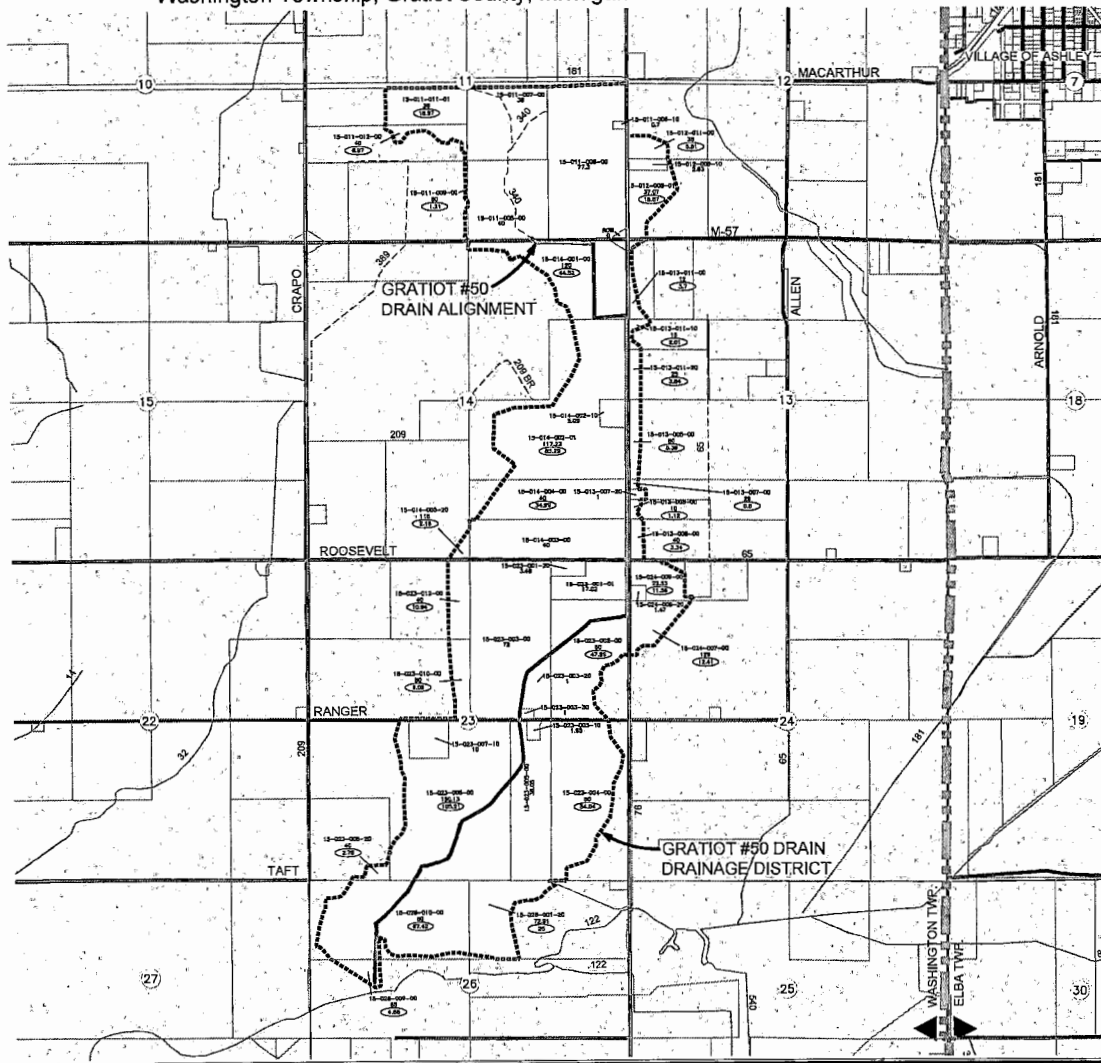


Gratiot #50 Drain

Sections 11-14, 23, 24 & 26

T9N, R2W

Washington Township, Gratiot County, Michigan



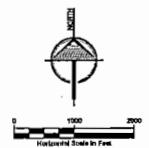
DRAINAGE DISTRICT INFORMATION:

DRAINAGE DISTRICT AREA: 945.40 ACRES

DRAIN LENGTH: 3.04 MILES

LEGEND

- DRAIN ALIGNMENT (OPEN CHANNEL)
- - - DRAIN ALIGNMENT (ENCLOSED)
- DRAINAGE DISTRICT BOUNDARY
- CITY/VILLAGE LIMITS
- PARCEL LINES
- ROADS
- SECTION LINES
- TOWNSHIP LINE
- COUNTY LINE
- ① SECTION NUMBERS



DRAINAGE DISTRICT MAP EXHIBIT B-2

LRE LAND REFORM ENGINEERS	2121 S Main Rd. NW Walker, MI 49544 Ph: 616-301-7980 www.LREMI.com	PROJECT#: 34-071 DRAWN BY: KJB DATE: JULY, 2024 CHECKED: MPE

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October 14, 2026

RE: Notice of Upcoming Drainage Maintenance Project – Drain #075

Dear Property Owner,

We are writing to inform you of an upcoming public drainage maintenance project authorized by the Drain Commissioner's Office. This work is necessary to improve drainage capacity, prevent flooding, and maintain the integrity of the drainage system in your area.

The upcoming maintenance project on or adjacent to your property will consist of the following:

- **Tile Installation:** Replacing or installing new tile to improve underground water flow.
- **Boring Under M-57:** Conducting a controlled bore underneath the M-57 roadway to allow drainage infrastructure to pass safely without disrupting traffic.
- **Ditch Cleaning:** Clearing debris, sediment, and overgrowth from a designated portion of the open ditch to restore proper water flow.

Schedule and Access

- **Estimated Start Date:** November 1, 2026
- **Contractor for Tile and Open Ditch Work:** Bill's Custom Backhoe, 989-620-1111
- **Boring Contractor:** Lowe Construction, 517-206-5423

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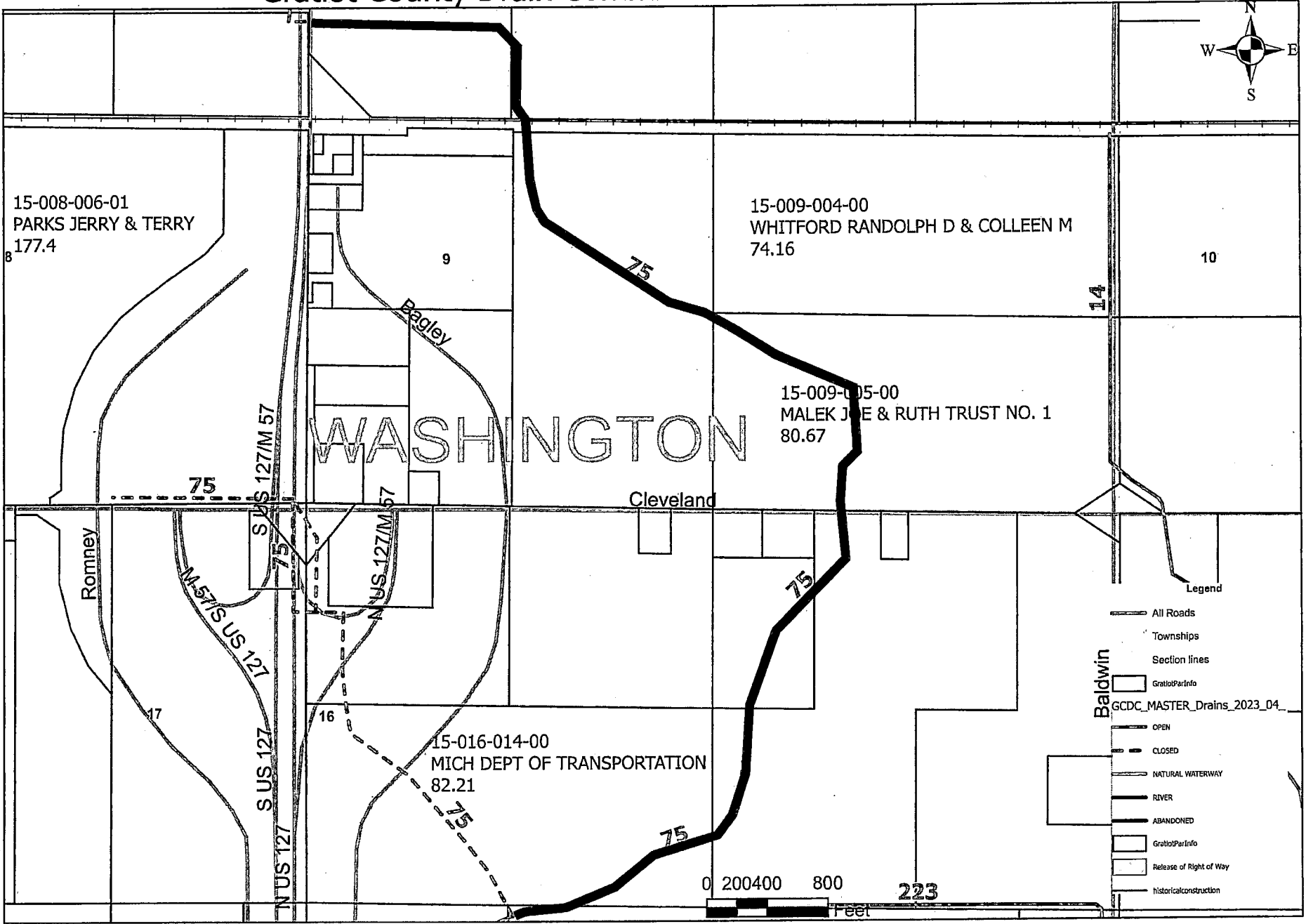
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Gratiot County Drain Commissioner

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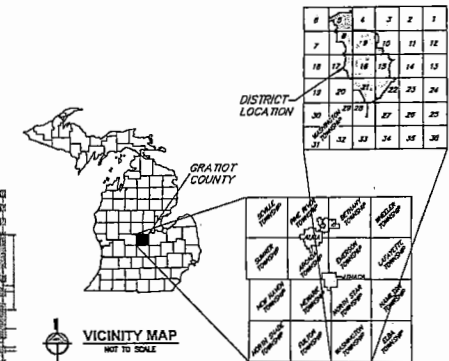
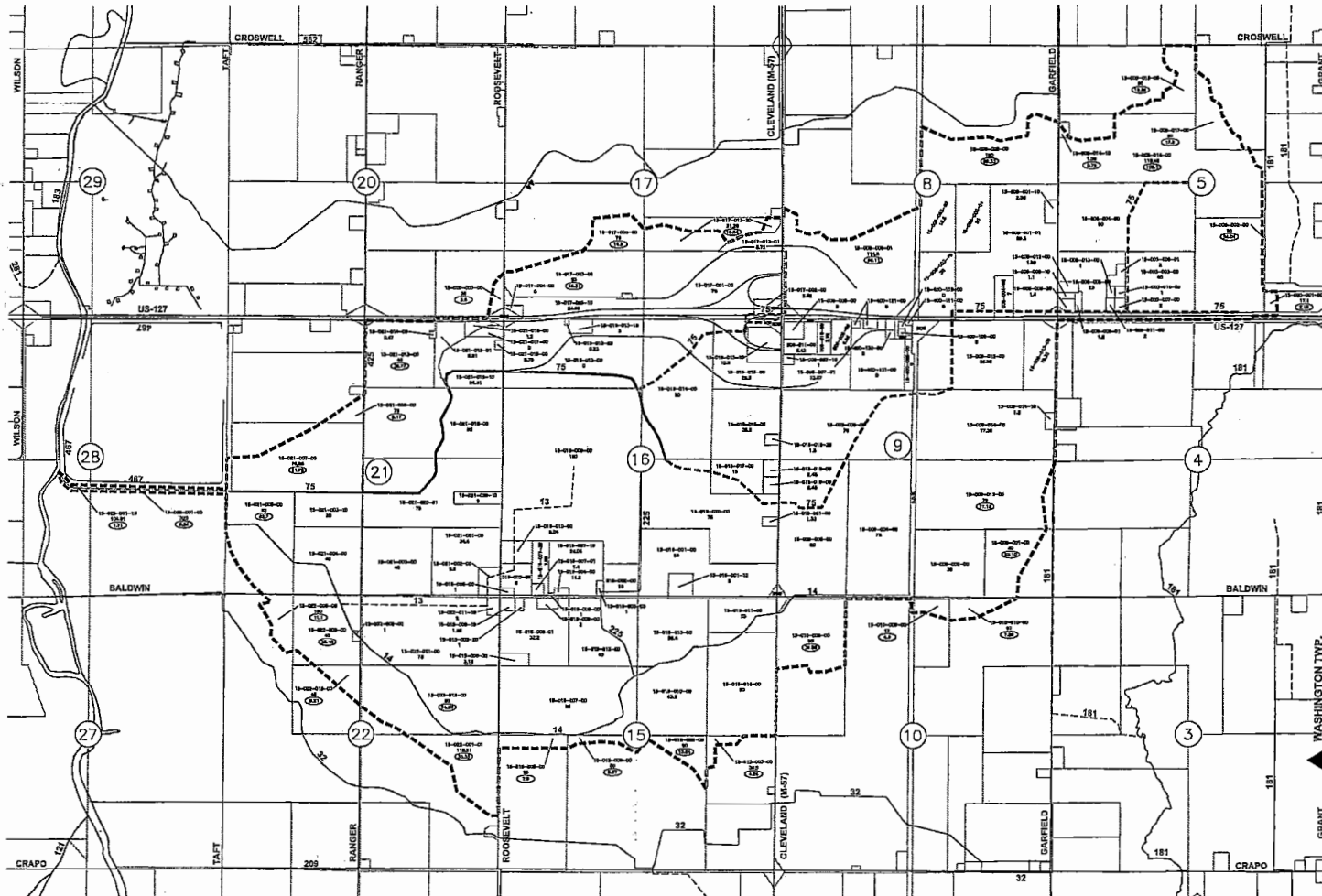


Gratiot #075 Drain

Sections 5, 8-10, 15-17, 20-22 & 28

T9N, R2W

Washington Township, Gratiot County, Michigan



DRAIN TOTALS:
GRATIOT #075 DRAIN LENGTH: 38,040 L.F. (7.20 MILES)
GRATIOT #075 DRAIN DRAINAGE DISTRICT AREA: 3,337.30 ACRES

LEGEND

- ENCLOSED DRAIN
- OPEN CHANNEL DRAIN
- PARCEL LINES
- CITY LIMITS
- DISTRICT BOUNDARY
- TOWNSHIP LINE
- PARTIAL ACREAGE WITHIN DISTRICT



DRAINAGE DISTRICT MAP

LRE ENGINEERS & SURVEYORS	2121 3 Mile RD, NW Walker MI 49544 Ph: 616.301.1500 www.LRE.com	PROJECT#: 10-018 DRAWN BY: BAC DATE: DEC. 8, 2020 DACS: MFB
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COUNTY AT LARGE

**NOTICE OF MEETING OF BOARD OF DETERMINATION
DRAIN #118**

DATE: November 4, 2026
TIME: 10:00 AM
LOCATION: Arcada Township Hall, 3290 W Tyler Rd, Alma, MI 48801
QUESTIONS: (989) 875-5207

A Board of Determination will meet at the above date, time and location to hear all interested persons, receive evidence and determine whether the maintenance and improvement, as set forth in the petition, dated September 21, 2026, is necessary and conducive to the public health, convenience or welfare, pursuant to Chapter 8 of Public Act 40 of 1956, as amended.

A presentation will be made to the Board of Determination outlining a brief history of the Drainage District, and describing the roles, responsibilities and decisions made by a Board of Determination. The presentation is to provide background for landowners and municipalities in the drainage district and to facilitate the dissemination of information and the receipt of testimony of landowners in the Drainage District. The Board of Determination will make its decision at the end of the meeting.

Proceedings conducted at this public meeting will be subject to the provisions of the Michigan Open Meetings Act. Information regarding this meeting may be obtained from the Gratiot County Drain Commissioner's Office located at 904 E Center St, Ithaca, MI 48847.

Persons with disabilities needing accommodations for effective participation in the meeting should contact the Gratiot County Drain 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 meeting to request mobility, visual, hearing or other assistance.

Anyone aggrieved by the decisions of the Board of Determination may seek judicial review pursuant to MCL 280.72a.

This notice applies to the following parcel(s):

Drain Number	Parcel Number	Property Address
118-2026	29	

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Gratiot County Drain Commissioner

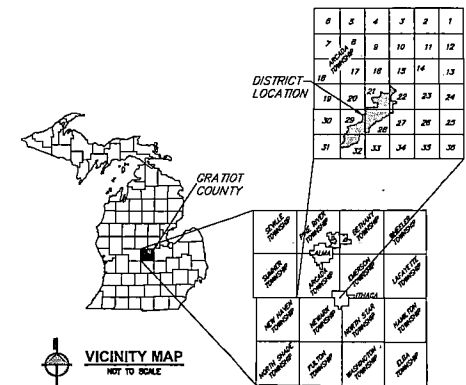
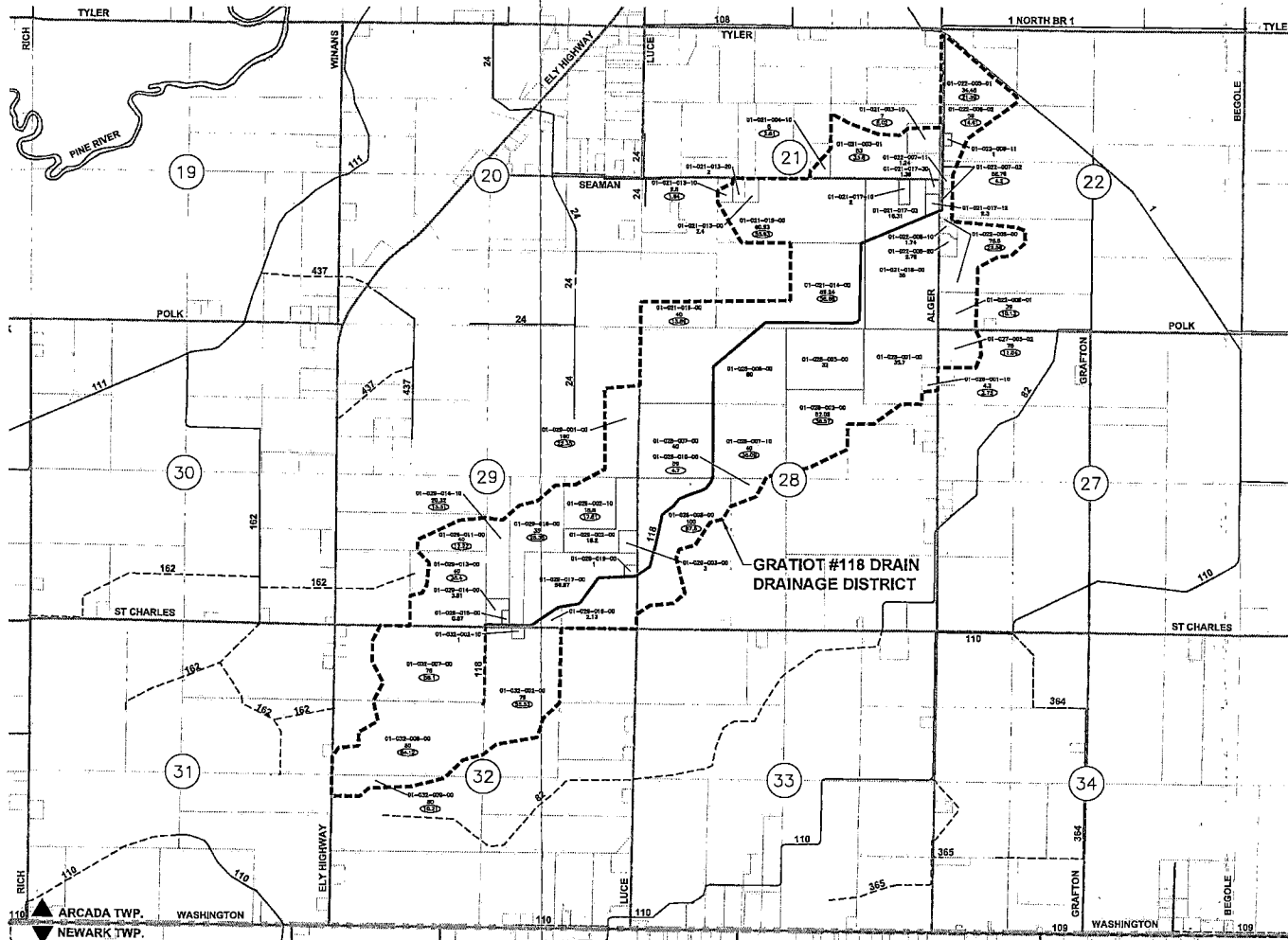


Gratiot #118 Drain

Sections 21-22, 27-29 & 32

T11N, R3W

Arcada Township, Gratiot County, Michigan



DRAIN TOTALS:

GRATIOT #118 DRAIN LENGTH: 17,557 L.F. (3.33 MILES)

GRATIOT #118 DRAIN DRAINAGE DISTRICT AREA: 1081.03 ACRES

LEGEND

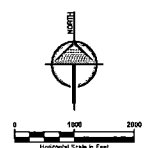
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- DRAINAGE DISTRICT BOUNDARY



SECTION NUMBERS



PARTIAL ACREAGE WITHIN DISTRICT



DRAINAGE DISTRICT MAP EXHIBIT B-2

LRE ENGINEERING & PLANNING	2121 3RD AVE. NW Troy, MI 48064 Ph: 616-301-7888 www.LREMI.com	PROJECT: 21-096.118 DRAWN BY: RAG DATE: APRIL 14, 2021 CADD: NPB
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FAQs

Bernie Barnes
Gratiot County
Drain Commissioner



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS Board of Determination

What is a Board of Determination?

A Board of Determination is a 3-member panel of disinterested property owners. The role of the Board of Determination is to receive evidence and hear testimony of interested persons and determine whether the petitioned maintenance and improvement is necessary and conducive to the public health, convenience or welfare.

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.

Why did I receive a notice?

A petition was filed with the Gratiot County Drain Commissioner requesting maintenance and improvement of the Drain. All property owners owning lands within the drainage districts were sent a copy of the notice.

Does the Board of Determination decide what work gets done?

No, the Board of Determination decides necessity, but does not determine the scope or cost of the project. Further, the Board of Determination does not determine how much property owners and municipalities will be assessed.

Do the decisions of the Board of Determination have to be unanimous?

No, only a majority vote of the Board of Determination is required. Only the members of the Board of Determination vote. The attendees at the meeting do not vote, but instead provide testimony to the Board members to assist in their determination.

What is my assessment amount?

Estimated assessment amounts are not yet determined. If the Board of Determination finds the project necessary, the Drain Commissioner will hold a public meeting to review apportionments after a project scope has been determined. Notices for the public hearing on assessments will be sent out at a later date.

Do I have to attend the Board of Determination?

No, you are not required to attend the Board of Determination; however, it is your right to do so.

Can the decision of the Board of Determination 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 under MCL 280.72a.

How can I get more information?

Visit the Gratiot County Drain Commissioner's website at <https://www.gratiotmi.com/201/Drain-Commissioner> or call the Drain Office at (989) 875-5207.

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