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COUNTY AT LARGE

**NOTICE OF MEETING OF BOARD OF DETERMINATION
DRAIN NUMBER 064**

DATE: September 2, 2026
TIME: 10:00 am
LOCATION: Lafayette Township Hall, 2909 Barry Rd. Breckenridge, MI
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 April 20, 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.

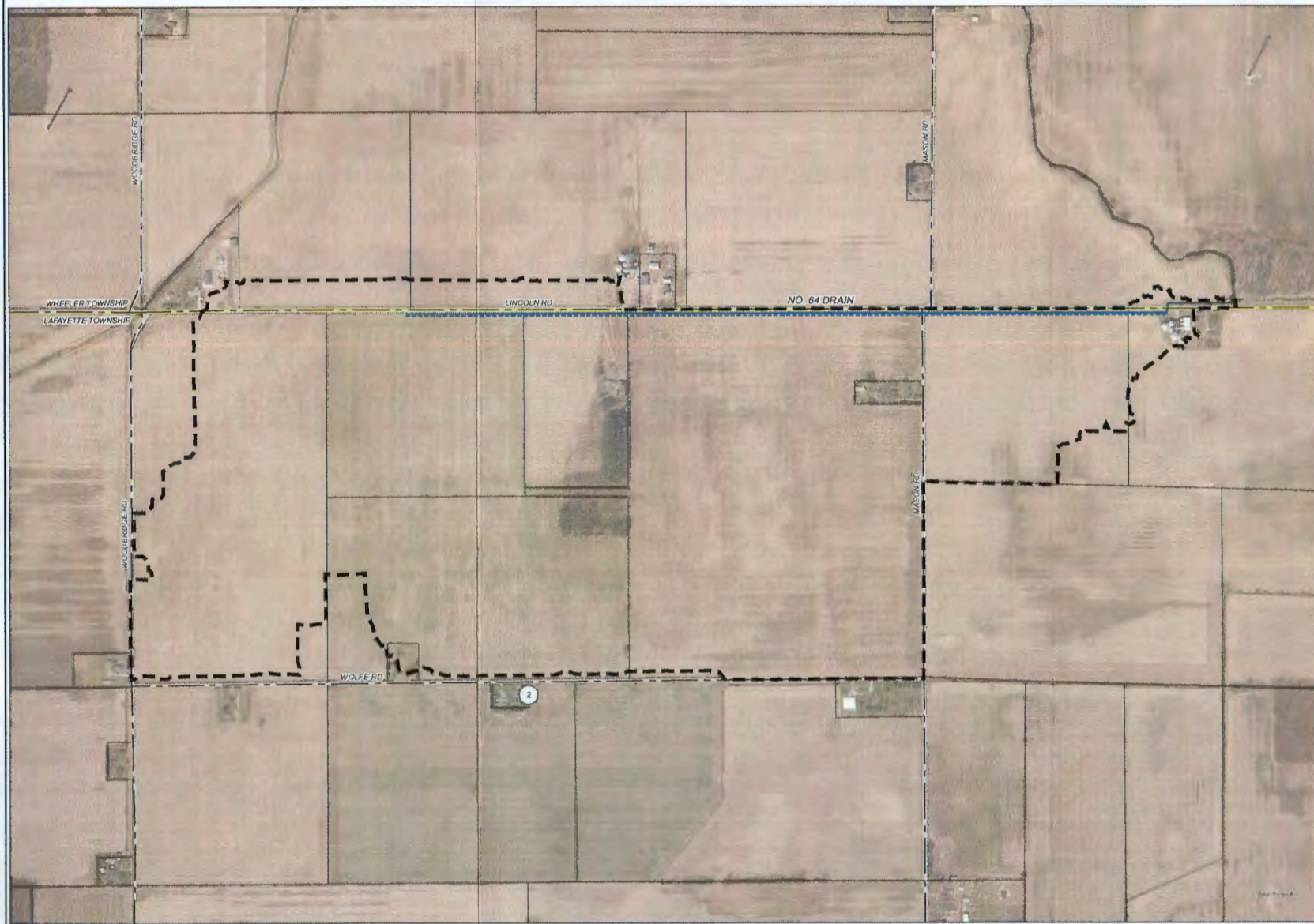
This notice applies to the following parcel(s):

Drain Number	Parcel Number	Property Address
064-2026	29	

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NO. 64 DRAIN
GRATIOT COUNTY, MICHIGAN
GRATIOT COUNTY DRAIN COMMISSIONER - BERNARD J. BARNES



AREA MAP
NOT TO SCALE



LEGEND

APPROXIMATE DRAIN LOCATION

- TILE
- OPEN
- DRAINAGE DISTRICT BOUNDARY
- MUNICIPALITY BOUNDARY
- COUNTY ROADS
- SECTION
- PARCELS

DRAINAGE DISTRICT BREAKDOWN

PROPERTY OWNERS ASSESSABLE ACREAGE	
WHEELER TOWNSHIP	14 AC
LAFAYETTE TOWNSHIP	315 AC

TOTAL ACREAGE IN DISTRICT 329 AC

LENGTH OF DRAIN	
NO. 64 DRAIN	5,801 FT

BY	MADE	REVISIONS	DATE
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NO. 64 DRAIN
GRATIOT COUNTY, MICHIGAN

DRAINAGE DISTRICT MAP



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DR BY: SJW	APP BY: GRS	1384823G2025
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DATE: JUNE 2025	FILE NO: JDR-6448	

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**NOTICE OF MEETING OF BOARD OF DETERMINATION
DRAIN NUMBER 028**

DATE: September 2, 2026
TIME: 2:00 pm
LOCATION: Fulton Township Hall 3425 W. Cleveland Rd. Perrinton, MI
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 May 11, 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.

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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
028-2027	29	

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Gratiot County Drain Commissioner



Gratiot #028 Drain

Sections 1-2, 10-15 & 24-25

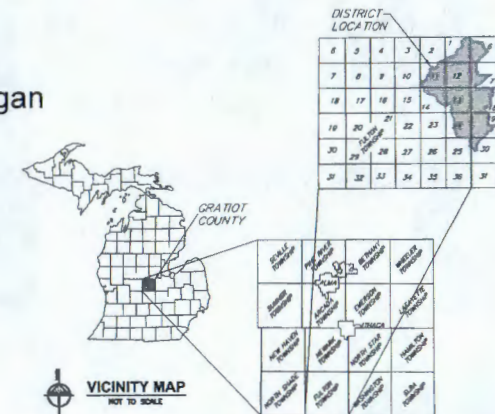
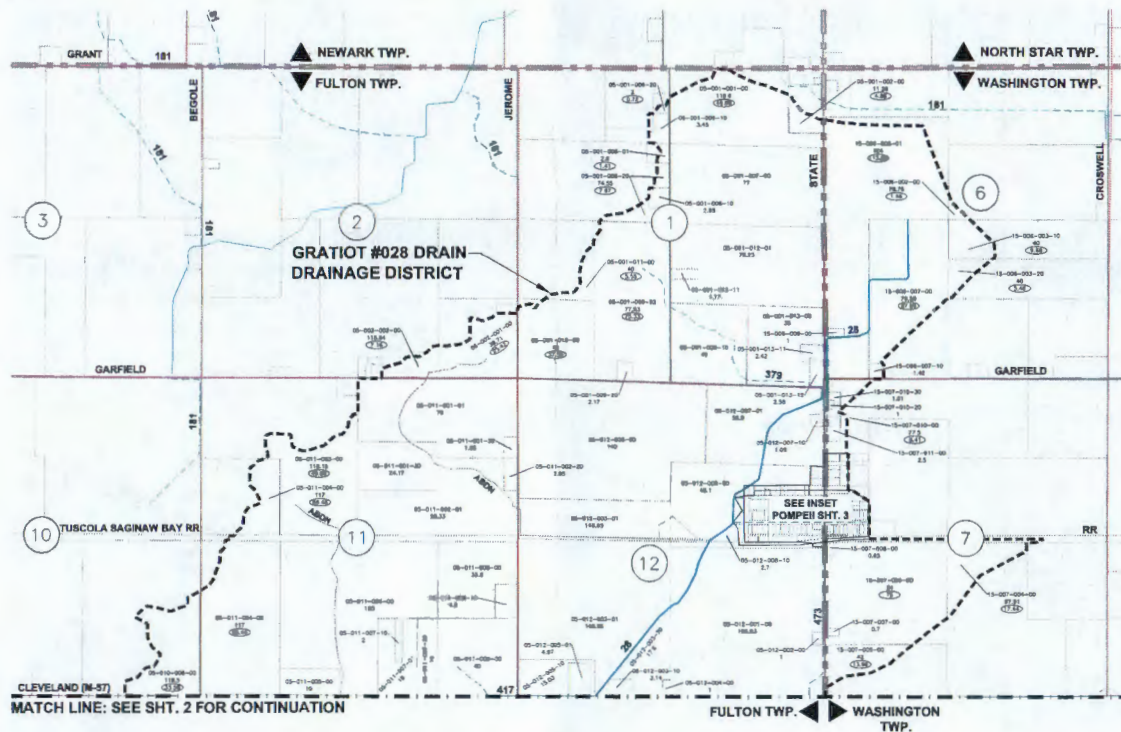
T9N, R3W

Fulton Township, Gratiot County, Michigan

Sections 6-7, 18-19 & 30

T9N, R2W

Washington Township, Gratiot County, Michigan



DRAIN TOTALS:

GRATIOT #028 DRAIN LENGTH: 33,476 L.F. (6.34 MILES)

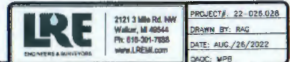
GRATIOT #028 DRAIN DRAINAGE DISTRICT AREA: 4,350.23 ACRES

LEGEND

- ENCLOSED DRAIN
- OPEN CHANNEL DRAIN
- PARCEL LINES
- CITY / VILLAGE LIMITS
- ROADS
- TOWNSHIP LINE
- COUNTY LINE
- DRAINAGE DISTRICT BOUNDARY
- SECTION NUMBERS
- PARTIAL ACREAGE WITHIN DISTRICT



DRAINAGE DISTRICT MAP
EXHIBIT B-2
SHEET 1 OF 3



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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NEW SANFORD INTERCOUNTY DRAIN DRAINAGE BOARD

NOTICE OF DRAINAGE BOARD MEETING TO ADD COUNTY TO A DRAINAGE DISTRICT

DATE: Thursday, September 3, 2026

TIME: 1:30 P.M.

LOCATION: Chapin Township Hall
21481 W. Peet Road
Elsie, MI 48831

QUESTIONS: (989) 875-5207

This meeting is an opportunity to review the addition of Gratiot County to the existing New Sanford Drain Drainage District to be known as the New Sanford Intercounty Drain Drainage District. The Drainage District currently consists of lands located solely in Saginaw County.

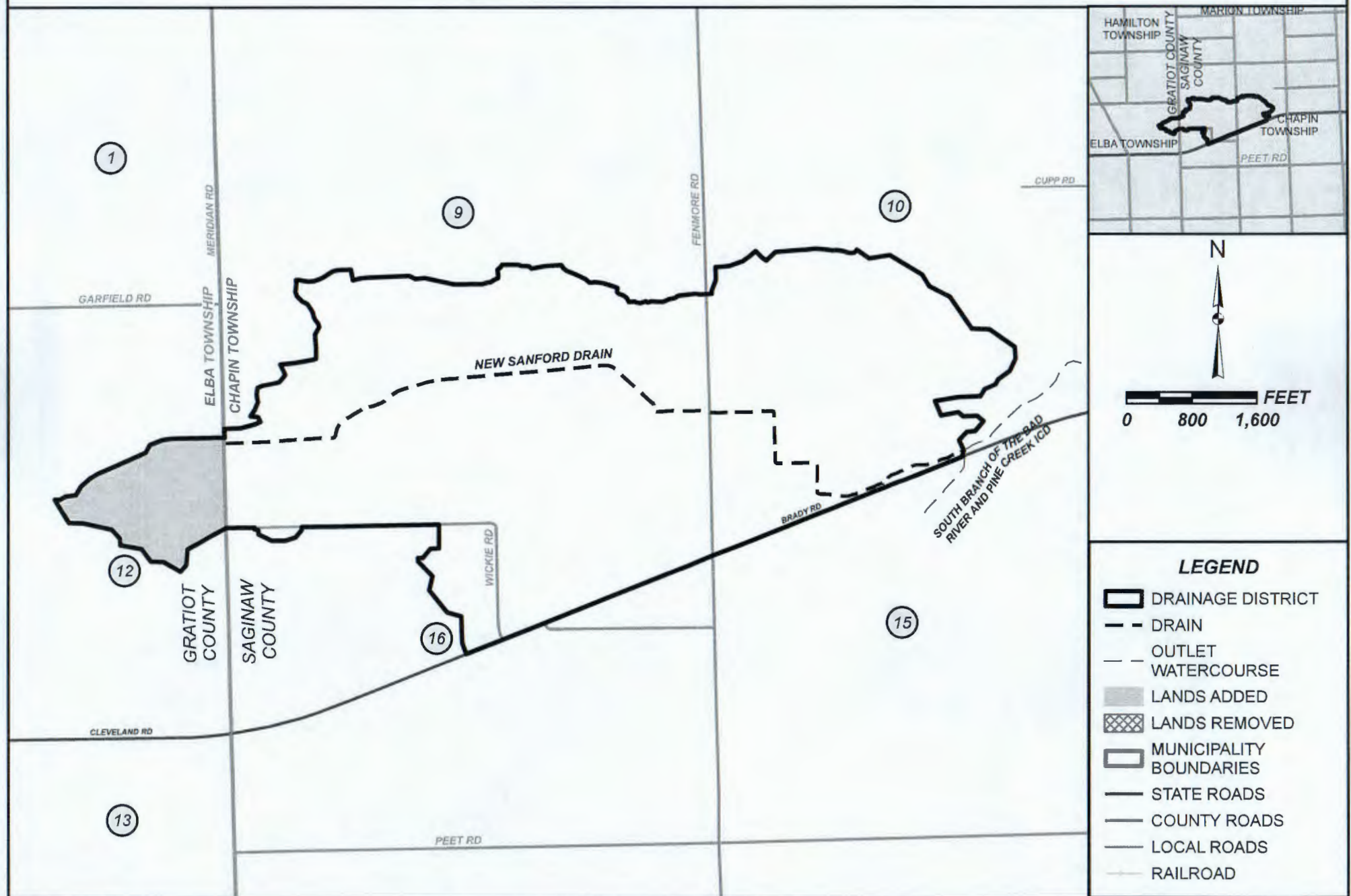
At the meeting, the Drainage Board, which for purposes of this meeting shall include the Gratiot County Drain Commissioner, the Saginaw County Public Works Commissioner, and a deputy for the Director of the Department of Agriculture and Rural Development, shall consider any evidence offered and determine whether the addition of Gratiot County to the New Sanford Drain Drainage District, to be known as the New Sanford Intercounty Drain Drainage District, is just and equitable.

Proceedings conducted at this meeting will be subject to the provisions of the Michigan Open Meetings Act. All persons owning lands in the Drainage District or proposed revised Drainage District liable to assessment for benefits and any municipality affected may appear for or against the addition of Gratiot County.

A map depicting the proposed addition of Gratiot County to the Drainage District can be found enclosed with this notice, as well as on the Gratiot County Drain Commissioner's website at: <https://www.gratiotmi.com/201/Drain-Commission> and the Saginaw County Public Works Commissioner's website at: <https://www.saginawcountymi.gov/departments/public-works-drain-office/calendar/>. Questions may be asked prior to the meeting by calling (989) 875-5207. All written public comments received prior to the day of the meeting will be made part of the public record for the New Sanford Intercounty Drain Drainage Board Meeting.

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

NEW SANFORD DRAIN TENTATIVE DRAINAGE DISTRICT



MCQUISTON INTERCOUNTY DRAIN DRAINAGE BOARD

NOTICE OF DRAINAGE BOARD MEETING TO ADD COUNTY TO A DRAINAGE DISTRICT

DATE: Thursday, September 3, 2026

TIME: 1:00 P.M.

LOCATION: Chapin Township Hall
21481 W. Peet Road
Elsie, MI 48831

QUESTIONS: (989) 875-5207

This meeting is an opportunity to review the addition of Gratiot County to the existing McQuiston Drain Drainage District to be known as the McQuiston Intercounty Drain Drainage District. The Drainage District currently consists of lands located solely in Saginaw County.

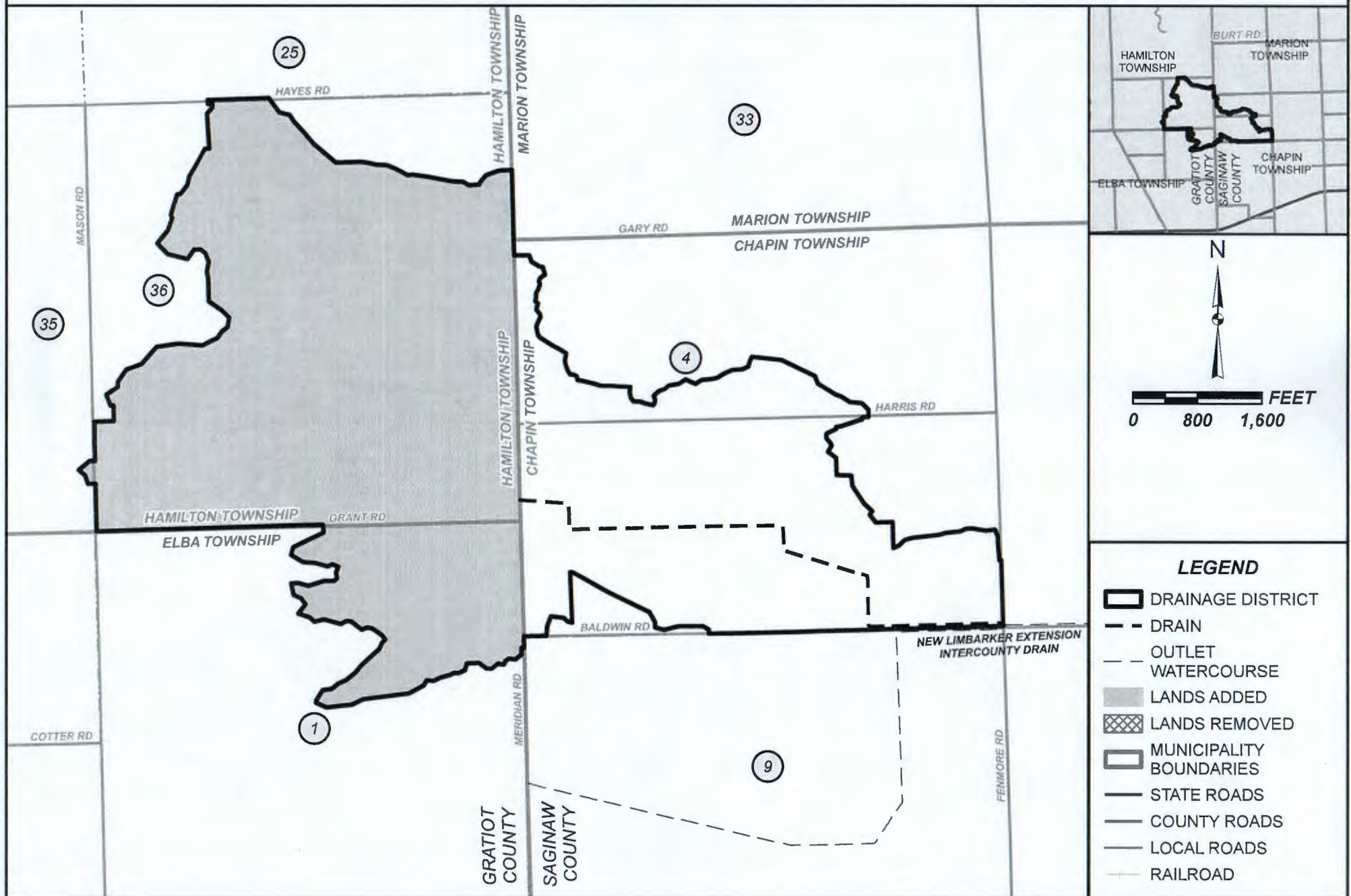
At the meeting, the Drainage Board, which for purposes of this meeting shall include the Gratiot County Drain Commissioner, the Saginaw County Public Works Commissioner, and a deputy for the Director of the Department of Agriculture and Rural Development, shall consider any evidence offered and determine whether the addition of Gratiot County to the McQuiston Drain Drainage District, to be known as the McQuiston Intercounty Drain Drainage District, is just and equitable.

Proceedings conducted at this meeting will be subject to the provisions of the Michigan Open Meetings Act. All persons owning lands in the Drainage District or proposed revised Drainage District liable to assessment for benefits and any municipality affected may appear for or against the addition of Gratiot County.

A map depicting the proposed addition of Gratiot County to the Drainage District can be found enclosed with this notice, as well as on the Gratiot County Drain Commissioner's website at: <https://www.gratiotmi.com/201/Drain-Commission> and the Saginaw County Public Works Commissioner's website at: <https://www.saginawcountymi.gov/departments/public-works-drain-office/calendar/>. Questions may be asked prior to the meeting by calling (989) 875-5207. All written public comments received prior to the day of the meeting will be made part of the public record for the McQuiston Intercounty Drain Drainage Board Meeting.

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

MCQUISTON DRAIN TENTATIVE DRAINAGE DISTRICT



FAQs

Saginaw County
Gratiot County
Michigan Dept. of Agriculture and
Rural Development (MDARD)

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS about a Drainage Board Meeting to Add a County to a Drainage District

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 maintenance and improvement of the drain.

What does it mean to add a county to a Drainage District?

The Michigan Legislature passed a law in 2017 to allow lands to be added to a drainage district that would result in the addition of an entire county to a Drainage District.

This means that it has been determined that lands from a county that is not currently included in the Drainage District contribute water to the Drain.

The purpose of the Drainage Board Meeting is to add a county to the Drainage District to ensure the Drainage District boundaries accurately reflect the current watershed of the drain.

What happens after a county is added?

After the Drainage Board meeting is held and a decision has been made to add a county to the Drainage District, each Drain or Public Works Commissioner must then hold a Day of Review of Drainage District Boundaries in their respective counties where the specific revisions to the Drainage District boundaries in each county can be reviewed with Drain Office staff.

You will receive a separate notice for the Day of Review of Drainage District Boundaries. A map depicting the proposed boundary revisions will be sent along with the notice.

Why did I receive a notice?

Notices went out to all property owners within the current or proposed revised Drainage District. All property owners that may be subject to an assessment were sent a copy of the notice.

Do I have to attend the Drainage Board Meeting?

You are not required to attend the Drainage Board Meeting, however, it is your right to do so. All property owners and municipalities in the current or proposed revised Drainage District can appear for or against the addition.

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 available at the Day of Review of Apportionments. You will receive a separate notice for the Day of Review of Apportionments at a later date.

How can I get more information?

Visit the Saginaw County Public Works Commissioner's website at: <https://www.saginawcountymi.gov/departments/public-works-drain-office/>, Gratiot County's website at: <https://www.gratiotmi.com/201/Drain-Commission>, or call (989) 875-5207.