



TUSCOLA COUNTY DRAIN COMMISSIONER

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DUFF INTERCOUNTY DRAIN

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

DATE: Wednesday, July 22, 2020

TIME: 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

LOCATION: **IN-PERSON LOCATION:**
Tuscola County Drain Commissioner's Office
125 W. Lincoln Street
Caro, Michigan 48723

AND

REMOTE ELECTRONIC ACCESS:

- To participate electronically through Zoom, you can access the Day of Review through the following link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82225232057>.
- For participation on Zoom via telephone, please call: 1 (888) 475-4499.
- If prompted, the meeting ID is 822 2523 2057.

QUESTIONS: (989) 863-4015
Please leave a detailed voicemail. All calls are returned in the order received.

The Day of Review is an opportunity to review the Duff Intercounty Drain Drainage District boundaries and apportionment of benefit with the Drain Commissioner or staff member. A map can be found attached to this notice and on the Drain Commissioner's website site: <https://www.tuscolacounty.org/drain>

The Day of Review is being held both in-person, at the location listed above, and via remote electronic access in accordance with the Governor of Michigan's Executive Orders and federal and state agency recommendations in relation to the ongoing COVID-19 public health emergency. **YOU ARE NOT REQUIRED TO ATTEND THE DAY OF REVIEW.**

Electronic participation will be conducted through Zoom. The Day of Review may be accessed through any device supporting the Zoom app, which includes many computers, laptops, smartphones. Users on a computer or laptop will be given the option to join the meeting through a web browser without downloading the Zoom app. Additionally, individuals may call into the Day of Review by telephone.

Prior to the Day of Review:

- **Telephone.** You may submit questions and comments prior to the Day of Review by calling the Drain Commissioner's Office at (989) 863-4015.
- **Zoom.** We recommend downloading the Zoom app to your device to ensure there is time to obtain technical advice prior to the Day of Review.
- **Special Access.** 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.

On the Day of Review:

- 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.
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- Once individuals have joined the Day of Review electronically, the Drain Commissioner or staff member will provide further information about procedures for participation.
- The computation of costs for the Drain 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. Please note that the Estimated 2020 Assessment amount listed above may not reflect any possible maintenance costs incurred throughout 2020.

After the Day of Review:

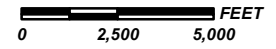
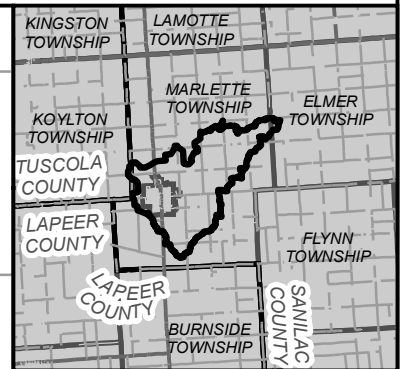
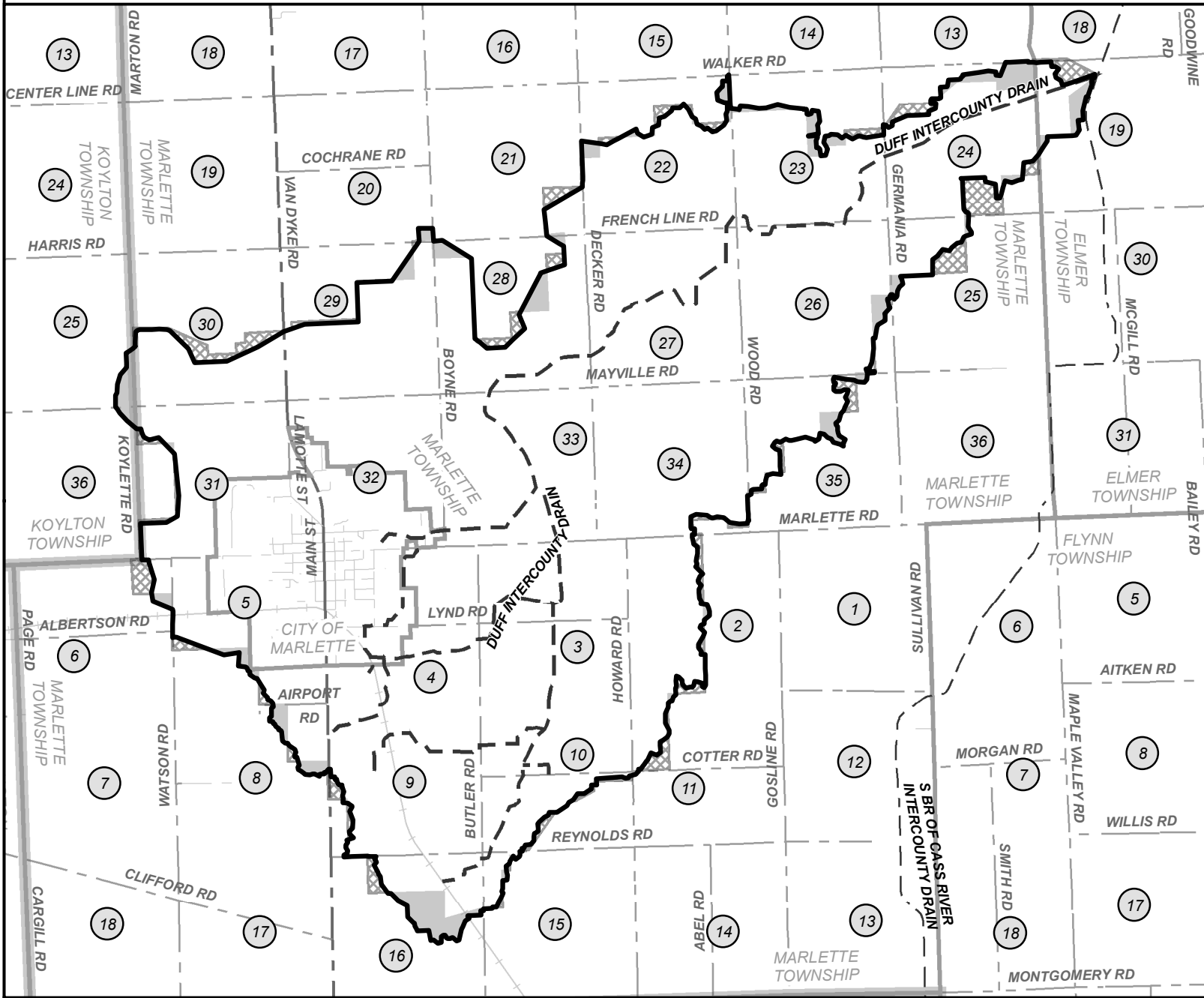
- You may appeal the Drain Commissioner's decision to revise the district boundary to the Tuscola County Circuit Court within ten (10) days, and you may also appeal the determination of apportionments to the Tuscola County Probate Court within ten (10) days.

DUFF INTERCOUNTY DRAIN DRAINAGE DISTRICT

MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT - BRADY HARRINGTON, P.E.

SANILAC COUNTY DRAIN COMMISSIONER - GREGORY L. ALEXANDER

TUSCOLA COUNTY DRAIN COMMISSIONER - ROBERT J. MANTEY



LEGEND

- DRAINAGE DISTRICT BOUNDARY
- LANDS ADDED
- LANDS REMOVED
- DRAIN
- OUTLET WATERCOURSE
- MUNICIPAL BOUNDARIES
- COUNTY BOUNDARIES
- STATE ROADS
- COUNTY ROADS
- LOCAL ROADS
- RAILROAD

FAQs

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Tuscola County
Drain Commissioner



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

What is a Day of Review of District Boundaries?

The Michigan Legislature passed a law in 2013 to allow revisions to historical drainage district boundaries when recommended by a licensed engineer.

Property owners can review changes with the Drain Office staff during the Day of Review. The proposed boundary revisions can be found on the map included with the notice and in more detail at the Tuscola County website at: <https://www.tuscolacounty.org/drain/>.

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.

Why are the boundaries being revised?

Revisions are recommended 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 to review the percent of benefit of the drain assigned to their property. The apportionments of benefit are based on acreage, land use, and other factors. The apportionments determine the assessment amount for each property for costs of construction or maintenance.

Why are the apportionments being revised?

Parcel apportionments are being revised to more accurately reflect the percentage of benefit that each property receives from the drain.

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

Why did I receive a notice?

Notices went out to the following property owners:

- **Properties being added to the Drainage District.** The properties were not previously in the drainage district, but the engineers determined that the properties are within the drain's watershed.
- **Properties being removed from the Drainage District.** The properties were previously in the drainage district, but the engineers determined that the properties are not in the drain's watershed.
- **Properties currently in the Drainage District and proposed to remain in the Drainage District.** There is no change in terms of boundaries for these properties.

All property owners subject to an assessment were sent a copy of the 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 in your notice and are also available at the Day of Review.

Do I have to attend the Day of Review?

You are not required to attend the Day of Review.

How can I get more information?

Visit the Tuscola County website at <https://www.tuscolacounty.org/drain/> or call (989) 863-4015.

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Why is the Day of Review also being held electronically?

The Day of Review is also being held electronically to comply with federal and state recommendations to cease from any public assemblies, self-quarantine, and help prohibit the spread of COVID-19.

What is Zoom?

Zoom is a video conferencing service that allows for virtual meetings, either by video, audio-only, or both. Zoom meetings can be accessed through the Zoom app, an internet browser, or by telephone.

How do I download the Zoom app on my device?

You will be prompted to download the app when you enter the meeting link from your notice into a web browser on your computer or device. You can also download the app as follows:

- **Computer.** The computer/laptop app is available for download at zoom.us/download. Select the download for "Zoom Client for Meetings."
- **Smartphone, tablet, and other app-based devices.** Search for "Zoom" in the app store for your device or go to zoom.us/download and select the appropriate link under "Zoom Mobile Apps."

How do I access the Day of Review on Zoom?

- **By App.** Enter the meeting link from your Notice into a web browser. Permission will be requested to open the app on your device. Alternatively, you can open the app, select "Join," enter the Meeting ID from your Notice, and press the "Join" button.
- **By Web Browser on Computer/Laptop.** Go to zoom.us/join, enter the Meeting ID, and select "Join." For further information about accessing from a web browser, please visit <https://support.zoom.us/hc/en-us/articles/201362593-Launching-Zoom-from-a-web-browser>.
- **By Telephone.** Dial the number provided on your Notice. If requested, enter the Meeting ID from your Notice.

How do I participate during the Day of Review?

Once you have entered the Zoom meeting, you will be automatically placed on "mute." The Drain Commissioner and meeting host will give further information about how to participate and when public comment is permitted. You are requested to remain "muted" until called on for comment.

How do I indicate I want to comment?

You can indicate that you would like to comment or ask a question by virtually "raising your hand," at which point a hand icon will appear next to your name for the meeting host to see. To "raise your hand":

- **Computer.** Select the icon labeled "Participants" at the bottom of your screen. This will pull up a participant list on the right side of your screen. At the bottom of the participant list, select the "Raise Hand" button. Once called on to speak, select the "Unmute" button on your screen.
- **Smartphone, tablet, and other app-based devices.** Select the "Raise Hand" button at the bottom of your screen. If "Raise Hand" is not present, select the "More" button to reveal more controls. Once called on to speak, select the "Audio" or "Unmute" button on your screen.
- **Telephone.** Dial *9 to "Raise Hand." Once called on to speak, dial *6 to unmute your line.

What if I have difficulty accessing the Day of Review electronically?

Please call the Drain Commissioner's Office at (989) 863-4015. Every effort will be made to help ensure your participation.

Can I submit questions or comments prior to the Day of Review electronically?

Questions and comments prior to the meeting can be submitted by calling (989) 863-4015.