

FAQs

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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS Day of Review of Apportionments

Why did I receive this notice?

A petition for maintenance and improvement was filed with the Eaton County Drain Commissioner in 2021. Subsequently, a Board of Determination held a meeting in January 2022 and determined the petitioned maintenance and improvement was necessary.

In accordance with the decision that maintenance and improvement was necessary, a project has been designed and a bid letting occurred to construct the project.

All property owners subject to an assessment were sent a copy of the notice.

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 is a Letting?

A drain contract letting is the receiving of bids from contractors to perform certain work on a Drain. Once a bid is selected, the project can begin.

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.

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

When do I receive my drain assessment?

Drain assessments are included on your Winter Tax bill, and are also available at the Day of Review.

What is my assessment amount?

Estimated assessment amounts are included on your notice and will be available at the Day of Review. If you are unable to attend, you may call (517) 543-3809 with any questions.

Do I have to attend the Day of Review?

You are not required to attend the Day of Review, but it is your right to do so.

How can I get more information?

Visit the county's website at <https://www.eatoncounty.org/207/Drain-Office> or call (517) 543-3809.

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