

# FAQs

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## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS about the Day of Review of Apportionments and Notice of Letting

### ***Why did I receive a notice?***

A petition was filed for maintenance and improvement of the North Branch Big Swan Creek Intercounty Drain. Subsequently, the North Branch Big Swan Creek Intercounty Drain Drainage Board held a meeting 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 a public meeting where the Drainage Board receives and opens bids from contractors to perform certain work on a drain. Once a bid is selected, the project can be scheduled.

### ***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.

### ***When do I receive my drain assessment?***

Drain assessments are included on your winter tax bill.

### ***What is my assessment amount?***

Estimated assessment amounts are included on 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, but it is your right to do so.

### ***How can I get more information?***

Call (313) 536-0355 or visit the Wayne County Drain Commissioner's website at: <https://www.waynecounty.com/departments/environmental/facilities/county-drains.aspx>.

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