

## LIVINGSTON COUNTY DRAIN OFFICE

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October 23, 2025

Dear Property Owner or Interested Party:

Enclosed is a copy of a Notice of Apportionment and Special Assessment Hearing with respect to your property. This office is required to provide you this notice by law. Although its wording is complex, the intent is simple: To make you aware of an assessment to be levied on your winter tax bill, and to tell you the means you have to protest your percentage of the total assessment.

You are being assessed for a portion of the maintenance and improvement to alleviate drainage issues on the Sharp drain, as your property is within the drain's special assessment district. If you have internet access, special assessment district maps and frequently asked questions are available at the county website. Please review this information that answers some basic questions you may have. Follow this link for the 2025 Assessment Information: https://www.milivcounty.gov/drain. Click on the Special Assessment Information tab on the left side of your screen. You can click on a link at the bottom of the next page for a map of the district.

The amount listed below is not a millage or an ad-valorem tax, but represents an estimate of the amount that will appear on your winter tax bill, based on your percentage of the total assessment. The actual amount may vary slightly from our estimate. If you own any properties in more than one drainage system, you may receive more than one notice.

Please contact our office at 517-546-0040, or by email at drain@livgov.com, with any further questions regarding this letter, the attached notice, or information contained on the website. If you would like to understand more about this assessment, I suggest attending the hearing to review this information, whose date, time and location are included on the attached notice.

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 (TTY) at least 24 hours in advance of the Day of Review to request mobility, visual, hearing or other assistance.

If the total assessment is less than \$10, then the full amount will be placed on the first year's tax bill. Your apportionment percentage and total assessment amount are as follows (amounts do not include interest charges):

Drain Drain Name Code XM2601 SHARP Parcel Number

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Estimated
Apportionment
25.00000%

Estimated Annual
Assessment
\$5,750.00

Estimated Total
Assessment Amount
\$23,000.00

Year(s) of Assessment

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### SHARP DRAIN APPORTIONMENT AND SPECIAL ASSESSMENT HEARING SHARP DRAIN DRAINAGE DISTRICT DRAIN NO. XM2601

Notice is hereby given that on Thursday November 6, 2025, from 9:00 A.M. local time until 5:00 P.M. at the Office of the Livingston County Drain Commissioner, 2300 East Grand River, Suite 105, Howell, Michigan 48843, the reviewing of Special Assessments and Apportionments for costs incurred for maintenance and improvement to alleviate drainage issues in the Sharp Drain located in the Township of Conway, Livingston County will be held. We are also offering the option of a scheduled phone call or zoom meeting on or before that day. Please call 517-546-0040 to schedule an appointment. The Sharp Drain serves properties in the Sharp Drain Drainage District.

At said Day of Review, the drain commissioner will have available to review the tentative apportionments against parcels and municipalities within the district for the costs incurred for maintenance and improvement to alleviate drainage issues. All parcels of land being in the Sharp Drain Drainage District benefited from the above improvements are subject to the assessment. The special assessment is pursuant to Act 40 of the Public Acts of 1956, as amended, of the State of Michigan. All lands and Public Corporations within the boundaries of the Sharp Drain Drainage District receiving benefits for the above work may be subject to assessments. The drain assessments against land in the drainage district will be collected in the same manner as property taxes. If the drain assessments against land are collected by installment, the land owner may pay the assessment in full with any interest (if applicable) to date and thereby avoid further interest charges. The computation of cost of maintenance and improvement to alleviate drainage issues of the drain will also be open for public inspection by any parties interested. The Sharp Drain Drainage District boundaries are described as follows:

# Sharp Drain Drainage District: A part of Sections 35 and 36 of T4N-R3E, Conway Township, Livingston County, Michigan. A more complete description can be supplied upon request

If you have an interest in real property in said drainage district your appearance and protest at the above mentioned hearing is required in order to appeal the amount of the apportionment and special assessment to the Probate Court of Livingston County.

Please take further notice that a person or Public Corporation representative appearing at the time for hearing, may sign his name and indicate the property or Public Corporation affected by the apportionment and special assessment on the record of parties, which is available. The person or Public Corporation representative shall indicate on such record with an X or check mark in the column of the record marked YES or NO whether he or she is protesting their special assessment. A property owner or a party in interest, or his or her agent, or a Public Corporation may appear in person at the hearing to protest the apportionment or special assessment or shall be permitted to file his or her appearance or protest by letter and his or her personal appearance shall not be required. A Public Corporation may also file their protest by letter. The owner of any land in the drainage district or any city, township, village, district or county having control of any highway which may feel aggrieved by the apportionment of benefits so made by the commissioner, may, within 10 days after the day of review of such apportionments, appeal therefrom and for such purpose make an application to the probate court of the proper county for the appointment of a board of review, by filing with said probate court a notice of appeal and at the same time filing with said court a bond in such sum as the judge of probate may require, with 1 or more sureties to be approved by the judge of probate, conditioned upon the payment of all costs in case the apportionment made by the commissioner shall be sustained. Such appeal may be taken by the county or district road commissioners in behalf of the county, the mayor of any city in behalf of the city, by the supervisor in behalf of any township, or by the president of any village in behalf of the village when authorized by the village or city council, township board or road commission, respectively. Only 1 board shall be appointed by such probate court.

Notice is further given that on the above date and time the special assessment and apportionment for Public Health benefits for Conway Township, and for the County of Livingston and Livingston County Road Commissioners for road or highway benefits incurred for maintenance and improvement expenses on the above drain will be subject to review. A computation of costs of the maintenance and improvement will be available for review by any owner of property subject to assessment or a representative of a public corporation. Now, therefore, all unknown and non-resident persons, owners and persons who are owners of land or have interest in lands in the Sharp Drain Drainage District and you, Elizabeth Hundley, Clerk for the County of Livingston, the Board of Commissioners for Livingston County, its members, and members of the Livingston County Board of Road Commissioners who are interested parties who are assessed for road benefits, Mike Brown, Supervisor of Conway Township which Public Corporation is being assessed for public health benefits are hereby given notice that the special assessments of benefits for the maintenance and improvement expenses on the Sharp Drain will be subject to review.

At the Review, the Livingston County Drain Commissioner shall hear the proofs and allegations of all interested parties, and shall carefully reconsider and review the description of land comprised within the Special Assessment District, the several descriptions and special assessment and apportionment of benefits, and define and equalize the land or Public Corporation apportionment and special assessments as is just and equitable.

After the Public Hearing and Review, I will confirm the apportionment and special assessment roll of said drain.

This Notice is given pursuant to Acts 162 of the Public Acts of Michigan of 1962 as amended, by Act 64 of the Public Acts of 1989 of the State of Michigan, and Act 40 of the Public Acts of 1956 as amended of the State of Michigan.

Dated this 21st Day of October, 2025,

Brian Jonckheere

Livingston County Drain Commissioner

Official Publication Notice

