



FAQs

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Day of Review of Drainage District Boundaries and Review of Apportionments

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. The public entities and properties within the drainage district pay for maintenance and improvement of the drain.

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 that require updating as 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 on notice and in more detail at the Kent County Drain Commissioner's website.

Why are the boundaries being revised?

Revisions are recommended because the historic drainage district boundaries no longer 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 properties and public entities. The apportionments of benefit to properties are based on acreage, land use, and other factors. The apportionments determine the assessment amount for each property and public entity for costs of construction or maintenance.

Why are the apportionments being revised?

The apportionments are being revised to more accurately reflect the percentage of benefit that each property and public entity receives from the drain.

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

Why did I receive a notice?

Notices went out to the public entities and 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 currently in the Drainage District and proposed to remain in the Drainage District.*** There is no change in terms of boundaries for these properties.

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 also available at the Day of Review, online or by calling (616) 632-7910

Do I have to attend/participate in the Day of Review?

You are not required to attend the Day of Review.

How can I get more information?

Visit the Kent County Drain Commissioner's website at www.accesskent.com/Departments/DrainCommissioner or call (616) 632-7910.

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

Questions and comments prior to the meeting can be submitted by email at DRInfo@kentcountymi.gov by calling (616) 632-7910