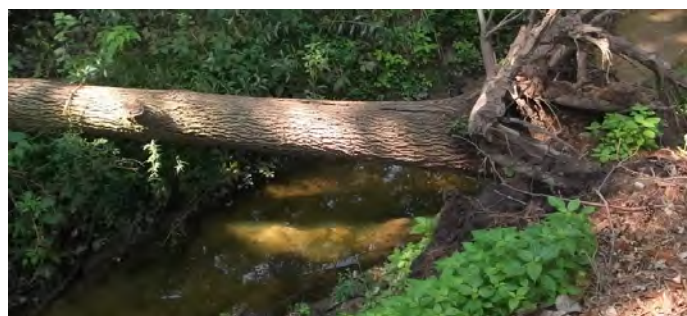
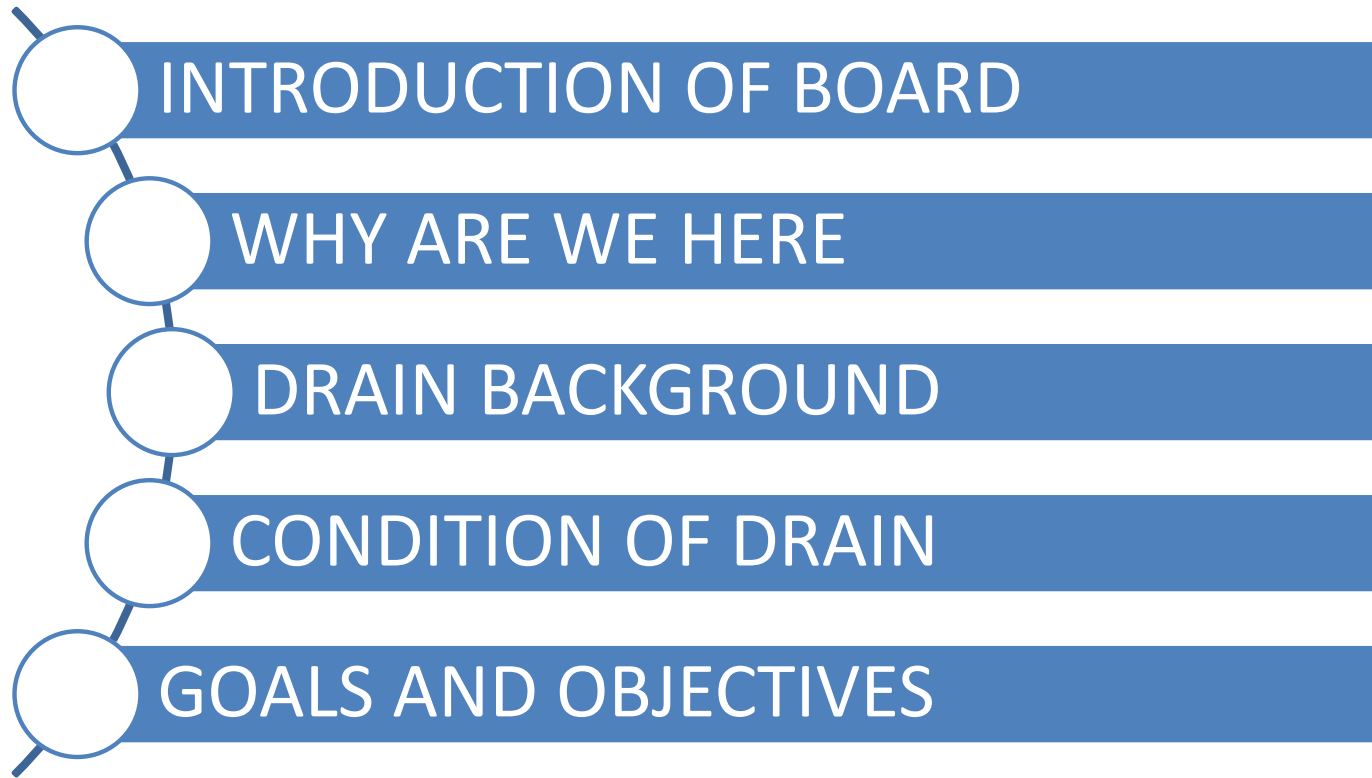


Saddlebag Drain

Board of Determination Meeting
October 18, 2021



Ken Yonker
Kent County Drain Commissioner



Why Are We Here?

- **Petition** filed by Grand Rapids Township on May 18, 2021 for *Consolidation* and *Maintenance and Improvement*
- **Michigan Drain Code** (Public Act 40 of 1956) mandates a Board of Determination meeting
- **Board** composed of 3 disinterested property owners from outside of affected municipalities
- Determine **necessity** based on public health, convenience or welfare after hearing testimony

PETITION FOR MAINTENANCE, IMPROVEMENT, AND
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SADDLEBAG DRAIN

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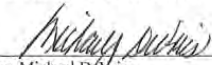
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These Drainage systems are located in Grand Rapids Charter Township and the City of Kentwood, Kent County, Michigan.

The proposed maintenance, improvement, and consolidation is necessary and conducive for the public health, convenience, or welfare and is further necessary for the protection of the public health in Grand Rapids Charter Township. Your petitioner further shows that the established drains need consolidating because the drains will be most efficiently maintained as a consolidated drainage system.

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GRAND RAPIDS CHARTER TOWNSHIP


By: Michael Deyries
Its: Supervisor

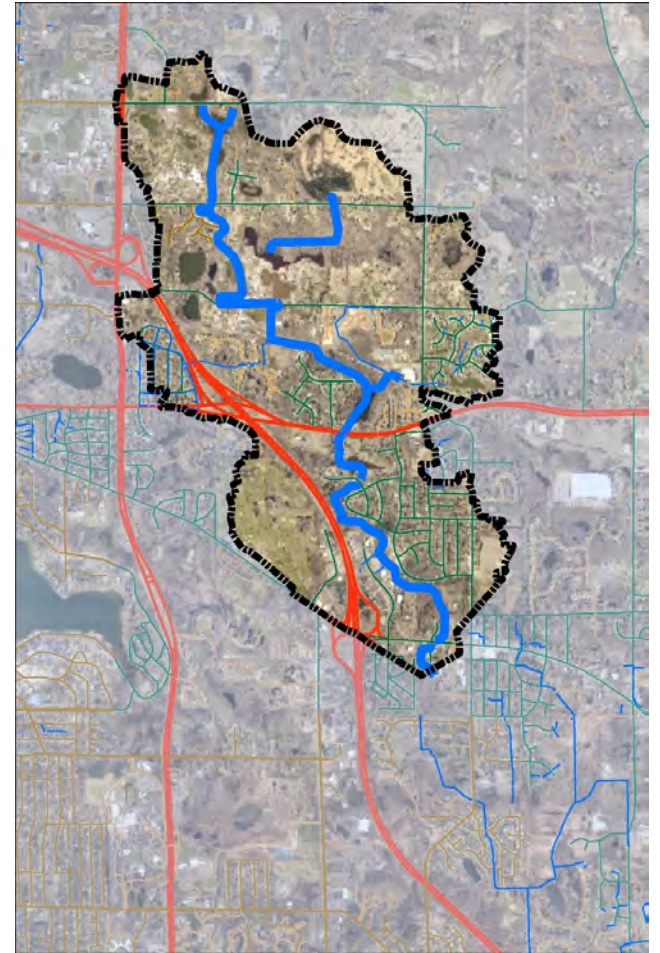

By: Edward Robinette
Its: Clerk

As authorized by its government body
On: 5-18-21



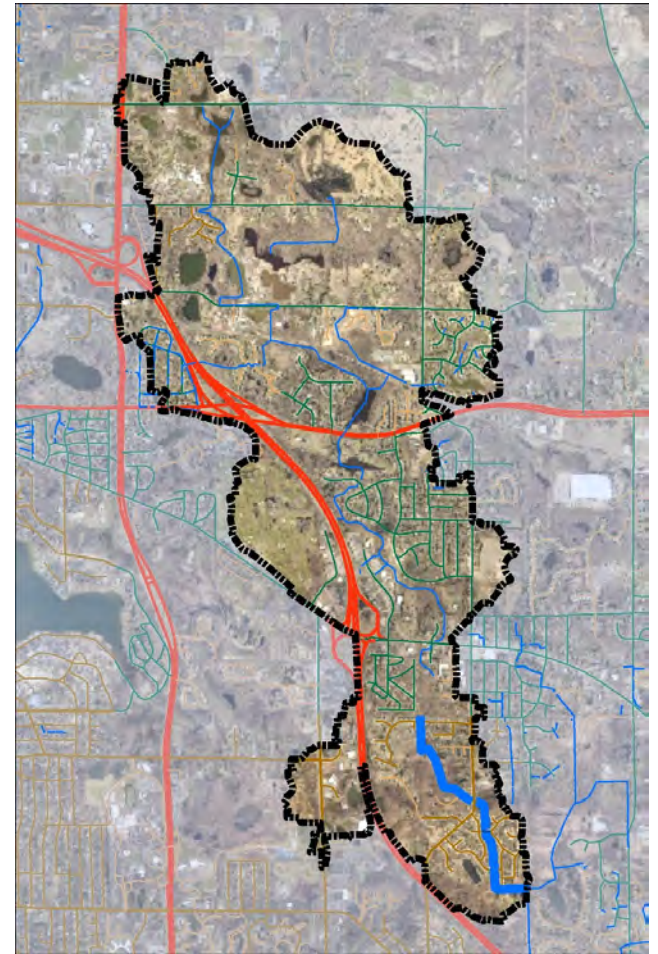
Saddlebag Drain

- Established
 - Myler Drain: 1883
 - Saddlebag Drain: 1891
 - Medema Drain: 1894
- Saddlebag Drain Extended in 1962
- Drainage District
 - 2,204 acres
 - 1,627 parcels
 - City of Grand Rapids, Grand Rapids Township, MDOT
- Assessed each year since 2002



Gillett Drain

- Established in 1921
- Extended in 1944 and 1989
- Drainage District
 - 2,770 acres
 - 2,312 parcels
 - City of Kentwood, City of Grand Rapids, Grand Rapids Township, MDOT
- Maintenance performed 9 times in last 12 years (City of Kentwood paid in full, assessed in 2020 and 2021)
- All landowners in Saddlebag Drain District are also in Gillett Drain District

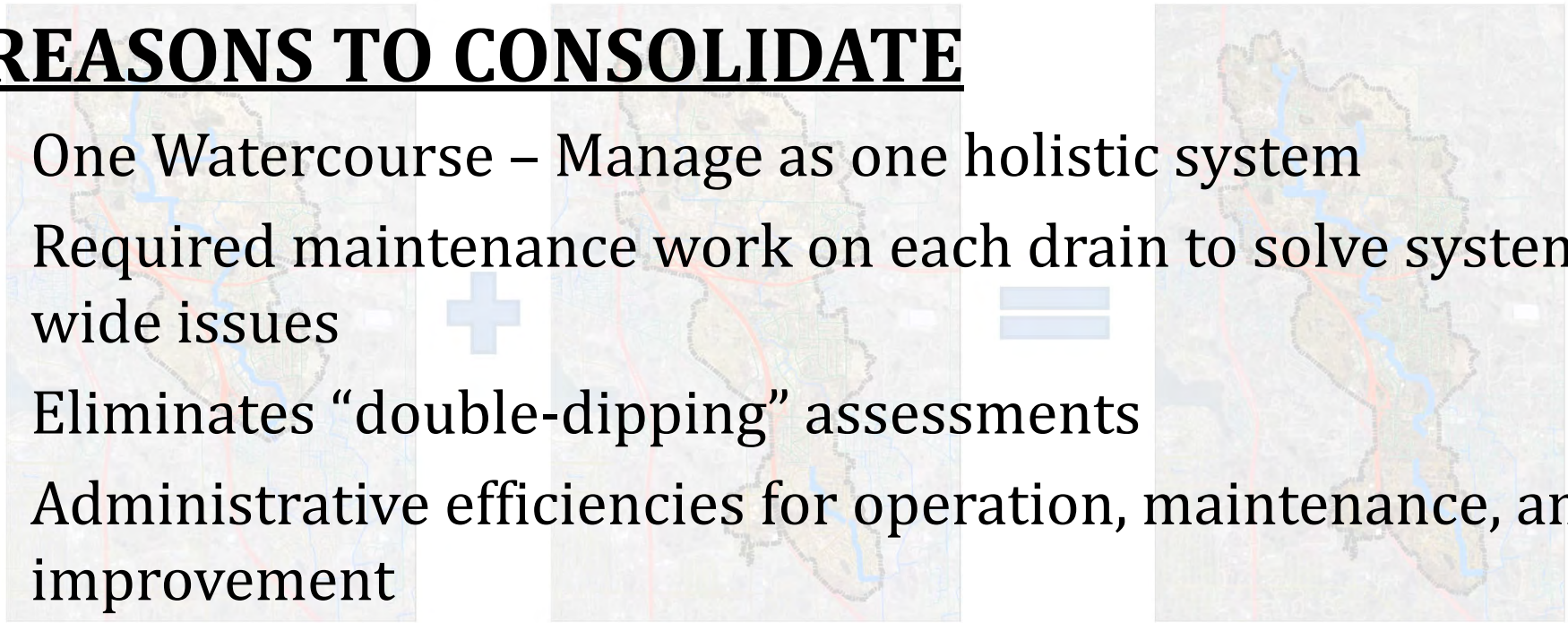


Consolidation

- Two or more drains or drainage districts may be combined and organized as a single drain and district

REASONS TO CONSOLIDATE

- One Watercourse – Manage as one holistic system
- Required maintenance work on each drain to solve system-wide issues
- Eliminates “double-dipping” assessments
- Administrative efficiencies for operation, maintenance, and improvement



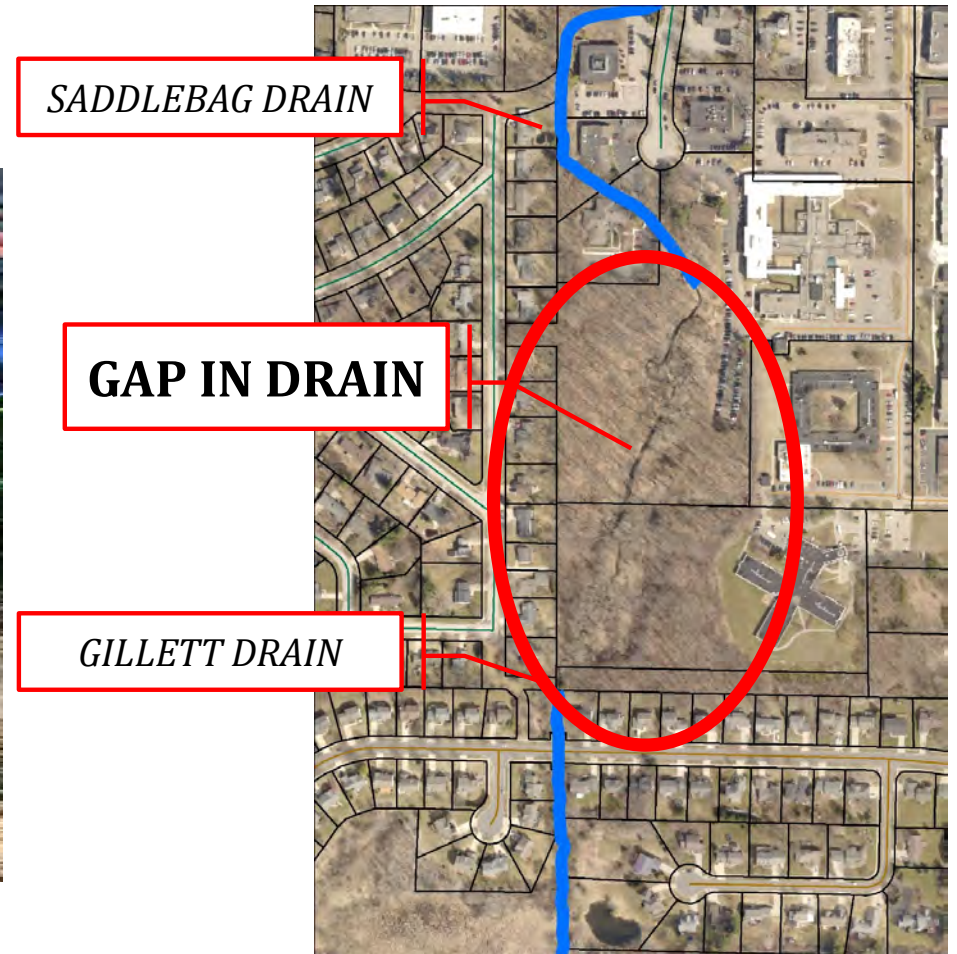
Drain Condition

- Systemic Erosion and Sedimentation



Drain Condition

- Gap in maintenance responsibility



Drain Condition

- History of Woody Debris and Obstructions



Goals and Objectives

- Protect Public Health, Welfare and Convenience by:
 - Consolidating drains to reduce administrative costs associated with “double dipping” drains
 - Establishing gap in watercourse as drain
 - Removing obstructions to flow from drain
 - Stabilize areas of channel erosion and instability to reduce property loss and improve water quality
 - Restore hydraulic capacity of the County Drain



Next Steps

- Public Testimony
- Board to Determine Necessity of Petition
- If Petition Deemed “Not Necessary”
 - Project ends
- If Petition deemed “Necessary”
 - Evaluate scope of maintenance
 - Secure easements over gap in drain
 - Obtain required permits and bid any maintenance
 - Day of Review of Apportionments



- Please state your name and address clearly
- Address comments to the Board
- Limit comments to 3 minutes



Public Comment

Ken Yonker
Kent County Drain Commissioner
616-632-7910



Thank You

Petition Language

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