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Notice of Informational Open House For the Proposed Hiawatha Drain Project

You are invited to an **Informational Open House** to learn more about the upcoming Hiawatha Drain Project. This open house is not a statutory requirement of the Michigan Drain Code, but is intended to provide updated project information to property owners in the drainage district. You are receiving this notice because your property is liable for an assessment.

The open house will be held in the Ottawa County Board of Commissioner's Room at 12220 Fillmore Street, West Olive, MI 49460 on **May 10, 2017 from 12:00 to 3:00 p.m.** and **from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.** The Water Resources Commissioner and Project Engineer will be available to assist individuals with questions during the posted times. There is no need to schedule an appointment.

The purpose of this open house is to provide you with information about the **Hiawatha Drain** project planned to be built in 2017 and 2018. The Hiawatha Drain Drainage District was established by petition of Grand Haven Charter Township in 2010. A map of the drainage district and route of the drain is on the back of this notice. Construction of the drain includes: excavation of 2.6 miles of infiltration and drainage swale, 0.4 miles of enclosed storm water collection piping, three detention and infiltration basins, and an outfall to Little Pigeon Creek.

Additional project information is available on our website:

<http://www.miottawa.org/Departments/Drain/hiawatha.htm>

- Project Petition and Drain District Map
- Notice of Board of Determination
- Hiawatha Drain Board of Determination Meeting Minutes
- Project Background

Drain assessments are not known at this time and cannot be determined until project bids are received. You will be sent a separate mailing called the "Notice of Letting and Day of Review of Apportionments". This will likely be sent in July 2017, and will be your opportunity to review the tentative apportionment of benefit for each parcel and municipality within the Drainage District.

Once drain assessments are finalized (after the Day of Review), and the appeal period has passed, they will appear on your winter tax bill in the same manner as property taxes, and will be payable over a 15 to 20 year period. **This notice is not for the Day of Review for the Hiawatha Drain Project.**

If you are unable to attend the Informational Open House or to access the online project information, you may contact our office by calling 616-994-4530. Persons with disabilities needing accommodations for effective participation in the Informational Open House should contact our office at the number noted above (voice) or through the Michigan Relay Center at 7-1-1 (TDD) at least 24 hours in advance to request mobility, visual, hearing or other assistance.

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