

August 23, 2011

Re: Clinton River Spillway Chapter 21 Drain

Dear Supervisor Pearson:

Enclosed for your review and comment is a schedule of proposed apportionments for the Clinton River Spillway Drain Drainage District as tentatively approved by the Drain Board on July 8, 2011. The apportionments are based generally on storm water runoff in each municipality using current land information, plus a number of other factors that are detailed in the Johnson and Anderson report enclosed for your reference. The proposed apportionment schedule was prepared to mirror, as closely as possible, the methodology employed when the last apportionment was approved in 1990 and includes the most recent and comprehensive data on land uses.

The Clinton River Spillway was constructed by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) in 1949-1952 to relieve chronic flooding conditions in the City of Mount Clemens and downstream areas in Clinton and Harrison Townships. It was modified in the 1990s to address sedimentation and low flow conditions in the lower Clinton River which included the installation of an inflatable adjustable weir at the upper end of the spillway. Following construction, ownership of the facility was transferred to the Inter-County Drainage Board for the Clinton River Spillway. The Spillway, also known as the Clinton River Cutoff Canal, extends two miles downstream to Lake St. Clair and consists of a drainage district of 760 square miles.

It is the intent of the Drainage Board to apply the updated apportionments to a 10-year operations and maintenance budget and a capital improvement plan. The amount needed for operations and maintenance over the next decade is estimated to be \$487,000 and includes a \$108,000 maintenance budget deficit, costs for debris removal, vegetation management and weir operations and repairs.

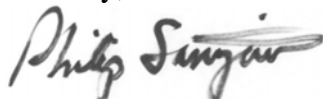
The size and scope of the capital improvement program will be determined by an engineering study, which will take about a year to complete. Grant funds from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) will be utilized for this study and require a local match of \$100,000, which is approximately 25 percent of the total grant amount. NOAA funding also is expected to be available to assist in financing the implementation of the program.

The WRC has developed a Web site that will provide downloadable electronic documents that will be helpful in your review. The following is the link to the Web page:

http://www.oakgov.com/water/faq/special_assessments.html

The Drainage Board has agreed to provide an informal review period before scheduling a public hearing to consider issuance of a final order of apportionment. I am requesting that you review the enclosed report regarding the apportionment methodology and the land use information for your community. If you have questions or comments, please contact me by September 15, 2011 at 248-858-1031 or via e-mail at sanzicap@oakgov.com.

Sincerely,



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