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August 17, 2021

Dear Resident:

**Subject: Daniels Drain Project- Information Meeting**

You are cordially invited to attend an informational meeting on **THURSDAY, AUGUST 26, 2021 AT 6 PM** at the Meridian Township Hall, 5151 Marsh Road, to discuss the Daniels Drain project. You are being invited because you own property in the drainage district and your property contributes storm water to the drain. As a contributor to the storm water system, your property will be assessed to pay for a portion of the improvements as determined by the Meridian Township Board through a special assessment process.

These drain improvements were requested by a petition to the Ingham County Drain Commissioner on behalf of the residents of the district after several Township Board meetings and public hearings soliciting the opinions of the property owners in the district in 2015 and 2016.

The Township share of the total \$6,796,838 project is \$5,536,644. Although the full cost of the project may be assessed to the benefiting property owners, the Township Board has indicated that they will fund 50% of the \$5,536,644 from the Township General Fund.

Assessments of the remaining cost (\$2,768,322) will be apportioned using the principles of \*benefits derived\*. This will involve many factors including size of the parcel, land use type, amount of runoff, unique property characteristics, etc. The special assessment process involves multiple public meetings, two public hearings and direct notices to the impacted property owners. Individual property assessment amounts are determined as part of this process. Upon final approval of the special assessment roll, it is anticipated that the first payment would be due in the summer of 2022.

The meeting on August 26, 2021 will provide information on the history of the project, project plans, construction schedule and the special assessment process.

We look forward to your attendance at the August 26, 2021 meeting. If you have any questions regarding this project or the upcoming meeting, please feel free to contact the Meridian Department of Public Works at 517.853.4440 or by email at [dpw@meridian.mi.us](mailto:dpw@meridian.mi.us).

Respectfully,

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August 12, 2021

**Re: Daniels Drain Construction Project**

Dear Property Owner:

The Daniels Drain Project is scheduled to begin construction the second half of August. This project is in response to a petition by Meridian Charter Township to improve stormwater infrastructure and restore the Walden Pond. We are informing the property owners in the drainage district of the anticipated project schedule and providing you with contact information should you have any questions during the construction project. Know that we are committed to minimizing any inconvenience from this construction as much as possible, however portions of the construction have some significant work taking place that may be a temporary disruption.

Hoffman Bros, Inc of Battle Creek, MI has been selected as the project contractor, having been the lowest responsible bidder. They will begin staging equipment and material in the work area soon. The project is expected to start late-August and continuing to the substantial completion date of June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022. Some of the key construction items and schedule of construction are:

<u>Item</u>	<u>Approximate Schedule</u>
Mobilization and Site Preparation.....	8/23/21 to 8/31/21
Dewatering of Walden Pond and Pond Dredging.....	8/23/21 to 10/15/21
Storm Sewer Spot Repair (Ivywood, Satinwood, Silkwood Drives)	10/18/21 to 11/12/21
Storm Sewer Installation – Northview Drive.....	3/21/22 to 4/15/22
Storm Sewer Installation – Marlborough Road.....	4/11/22 to 5/9/22
Storm Sewer Installation – Eastwood Drive.....	5/2/22 to 6/1/22
Roadway Paving.....	5/23/22 to 6/1/22

\*Note that these dates are only estimates and may be affected by the weather or other unexpected issues.

Part of the preparation for the construction includes a pre-construction videotaping of the work areas to ensure that a record of the current condition is available. The videotaping will aid in the accurate restoration of disturbed construction areas at the end

of the project. All videotaping will be done from the road right of way or from drain easements.

My office has hired Construction Video Media (CVM) to perform this videotaping work. CVM will be doing their recording in the work areas starting the week of August 23<sup>rd</sup>. The CVM vehicle is a white truck with its business logo on the side. The video operator performing the work will be wearing a high visibility vest and an identification tag showing that they are a valid representative of the company.

GEI Consultants is the Engineer for the Daniels Drain Project. For your convenience, we have enclosed a magnet containing contact information for those overseeing the work, as follows:

Mitch Walton, Construction Inspector.....(616) 560-9049  
Kyle Smith, Project Engineer.....(734) 904-9356  
Brian J. Cenci, PE, Senior Project Manager.....(517) 449-3478  
ICDC Office.....(517) 676-8395

For questions regarding the project work or should you have any medical or other specific needs that the project team should be aware of during construction, please contact Kyle Smith, Project Engineer at 734-904-9356. Please feel free to reach out with any concern or questions during construction.

**Additionally, there will be an informational meeting with Meridian Township to go over the history of the drain, petition, schedule, and project scope. The meeting will be held on Thursday, August 26<sup>th</sup>, at 6 p.m. at the Meridian Township Municipal Building in the Town Hall Room. The address is 5151 Marsh Road, Okemos, MI 48864.**

In closing, I consider it an honor and a privilege to serve you and other citizens of Ingham County. I look forward to being able to bring these storm water infrastructure and pond improvements to your community.

Sincerely,

  
Patrick E. Lindemann  
Ingham County Drain Commissioner