

# MONTCALM COUNTY DRAIN COMMISSION

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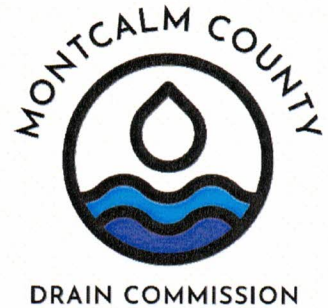
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Date: October 31, 2023

To: Abutting Property Owners

Re: No 109 Drain  
Pierson Township, Section 24 & 25  
Maple Valley Township, Section 19

This is to notify you that in the near future the Montcalm County Drain Commission will be commencing with maintenance on the No 109 Drain.

Routine maintenance is cost effective and essential in keeping the drain functioning as it was designed. Maintenance work could involve any or all of the following:

1. Cutting, clearing trees, and mulching brush to re-establish the ROW (right of way) and access.
2. Removing trees, brush and deadfall from the drain.
3. Excavation of accumulated sediment and placing/leveling spoils in the ROW.
4. Tile repair or complete tile replacement as necessary.
5. Removal and/or replacement of bridges and culverts that have failed or are obstructing drainage.
6. Restoration, erosion control, and bank stabilization to minimize washouts and soil eroding.

Section 280.322 of the drain code states that bridges and culverts are the responsibility of the property owner to maintain. Use of the drain right of way for purposes other than designed are prohibited by section 280.85 of Public Act 40 of 1956. The Act also directs the Dain Commissioner to notify the person that he will be responsible to pay for damages if he allows or causes obstruction of the drain to occur. Acceptable obstructions found in the drain ROW will be removed and set aside for the landowner if they cannot be worked around (i.e.: fences and gates, hunting blinds, etc...)

Costs of any drain maintenance will be assessed to all properties within the drainage district on winter tax bills.

To help us identify all concerns, please contact the drain office with any issues or problems you have noticed on your property regarding the drain. If you have any questions or comments, please do not hesitate to call the office anytime.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Todd Sattler".

Todd Sattler  
Montcalm County Drain Commissioner