



**ARENAC COUNTY DRAIN COMMISSIONER**  
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## **RIVERSIDE DRAIN**

### **NOTICE OF MEETING OF BOARD OF DETERMINATION**

**DATE:** Monday, June 14, 2021

**TIME:** 6:00 p.m.

**LOCATION:** Au Gres City Park Pavilion (follow the posted signs)  
522 Park St.  
Au Gres, MI 48703

**QUESTIONS:** (989) 846-2011

A Board of Determination will meet at the above date, time, and location to hear all interested persons, receive evidence, and determine whether the maintenance and improvement, as set forth in a petition that was properly filed with the Arenac County Drain Commissioner's Office, is necessary and conducive to the public health, convenience, or welfare pursuant to Chapter 8 of Public Act 40 of 1956, as amended. The Board of Determination will further determine whether the addition and/or deletion of lands, as recommended by a licensed engineer or surveyor, will more accurately define the boundaries of the land benefitted by the Riverside Drain and whether such addition and/or deletion of lands is just and equitable pursuant to Section 197 of Public Act 40 of 1956, as amended.

A map depicting the proposed revisions to the boundaries of the Drainage District, as recommended by a licensed professional engineer or surveyor, is enclosed with this notice.

A presentation will be made to the Board of Determination, which outlines a brief history of the Drainage District and describes the roles, responsibilities, and decisions to be made by the Board of Determination. The presentation is to provide background for landowners and municipalities in the Drainage District and facilitate the dissemination of information and the receipt of testimony of landowners in the Drainage District. The Board of Determination will make its decisions at the end of the meeting.

Proceedings conducted at this public hearing will be subject to the provisions of the Michigan Open Meetings Act, and you are further notified that information regarding this meeting may be obtained from the Arenac County Drain Commissioner's Office located at 120 N. Grove, Standish, Michigan 48658. Persons with disabilities needing accommodations for effective participation in the meeting should contact the Drain Commissioner at the number noted above (voice) or through the Michigan Relay Center at 7-1-1 (TDD) at least 24 hours in advance of the meeting to request mobility, visual, hearing, or other assistance. Minutes of the meeting will be on file in the Arenac County Drain Commissioner's office.

Anyone aggrieved by the decisions of the Board of Determination may seek judicial review pursuant to MCL 280.72a and MCL 280.197(7).

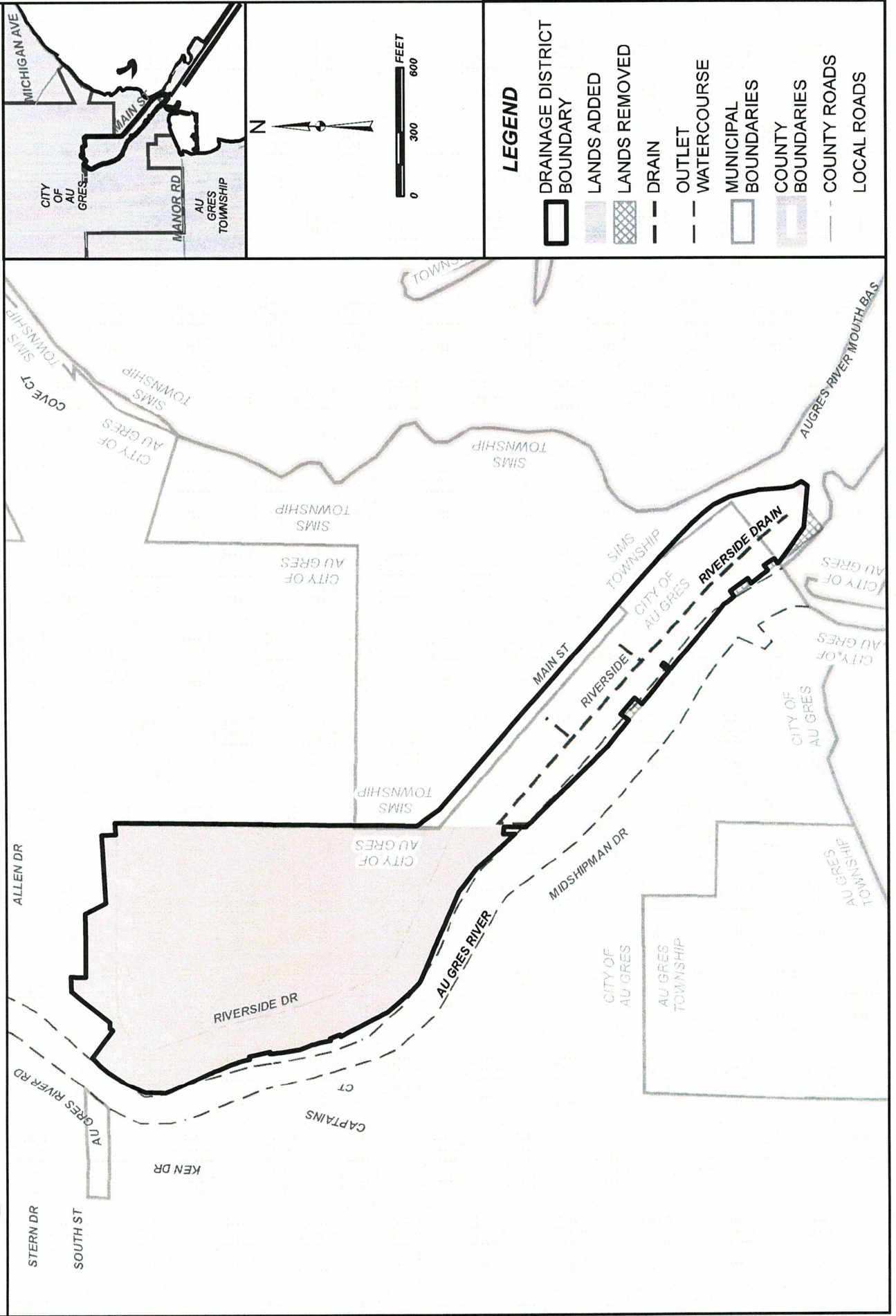
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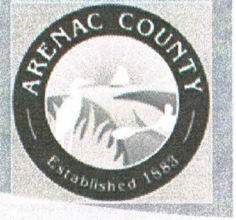
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# FAQs

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## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS Riverside Drain Board of Determination

### ***What is a Drainage District?***

A Drainage District is the land area that benefits from the drain. The Drainage District makes up the watershed that contributes water to the drain. Each property and municipality within the Drainage District pays for maintenance and improvement of the drain.

### ***What is a Board of Determination?***

A Board of Determination is a 3-member panel of disinterested property owners. The role of the Board of Determination is to receive evidence and hear testimony of interested persons and determine 1) whether the petitioned maintenance and improvement is necessary and conducive to the public health, convenience, or welfare, and 2) whether revisions to the Drainage District should be made.

### ***Why did I receive a notice?***

A petition was filed with the Arenac County Drain Commissioner requesting the maintenance and improvement of the Riverside Drain. All property owners with lands in the Drainage District were sent a copy of the notice.

### ***Why are the boundaries being revised?***

Revisions are recommended because the historic Drainage District boundaries do not accurately reflect the current watershed of the drain.

### ***Does the Board of Determination decide the project scope of work or cost?***

No, the Board of Determination does not decide the scope of the project, the cost of the project, or the assessment amounts.

### ***What happens after the Board of Determination?***

If a project is not found necessary, the process will end and no project will occur. If a project is found necessary, then the Drain Commissioner will work with engineers and other consultants to determine the scope of the project. Once a project scope is determined, the Drain Commissioner will hold a public meeting to review apportionments and assessments. Notices for the public meeting on assessments will be mailed to all property owners and municipalities in the Drainage District.

### ***What is my assessment amount?***

Estimated assessment amounts are not yet determined. If the Board of Determination finds the project necessary, estimated assessment amounts will be available at the public meeting to review apportionments and assessments.

### ***Do I have to attend the Board of Determination?***

No, you are not required to attend the meeting; however, it is your right to do so.

### ***Can the decision of the Board of Determination be appealed?***

Yes. If a person feels aggrieved by the Board's determination of necessity or revision of boundaries, he/she may institute an action in circuit court within 10 days after the determination by the Board. MCL 280.72a or 280.197(7).

### ***How can I get more information?***

Visit the Commissioner's website at <https://www.arenacountymi.gov/Drain/> or call (989) 846-2011.

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