

NORTH BRANCH BIG SWAN CREEK INTERCOUNTY DRAIN

AUGUST 26, 2025



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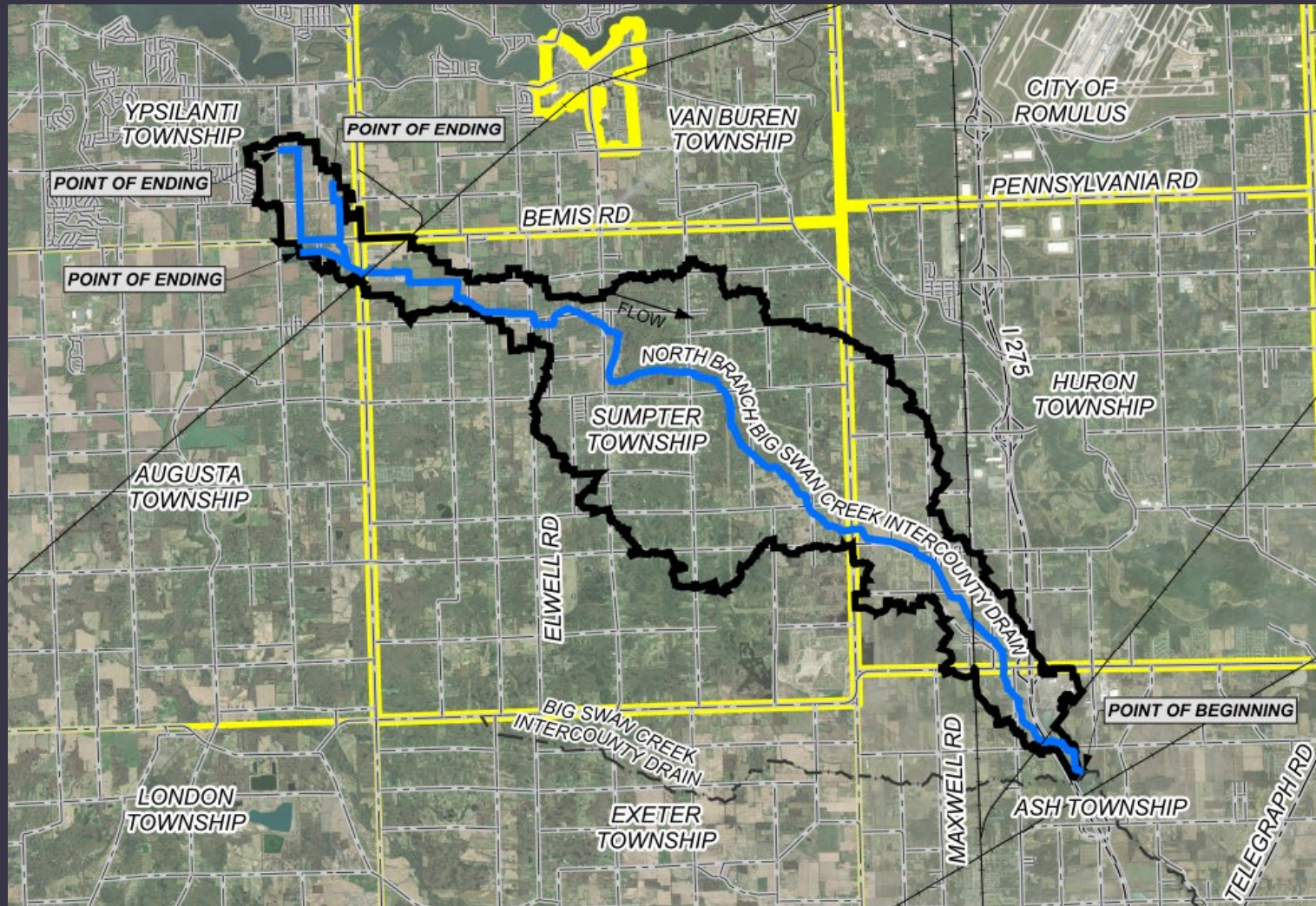
Drainage District contains approximately
13,350 acres

- Approximately 650 acres Monroe County
- Approximately 1,000 acres Washtenaw County
- Approximately 11,700 acres Wayne County (2,923 Parcels)

North Branch Big Swan Creek Intercounty
Drain Drainage District Includes:

- Monroe, Washtenaw, and Wayne Counties
- Michigan Department of Transportation
- Ash Township
- Augusta Township
- Huron Township
- Sumpter Township
- Van Buren Township
- Ypsilanti Township
- Railroads
- Landowners

DRAINAGE DISTRICT MAP



WHY ARE WE HERE?

- July 24, 2019, multiple Landowners filed a petition for drain improvements



Debris and Log Jam Obstructions



Bank Erosion

COMMUNICATIONS TO THE PUBLIC

- September 23, 2019 – Hearing of Practicability
 - Determination on whether to proceed
- November 30, 2022 & January 23, 2023 – Hearing of Necessity
 - Determination of whether a project is necessary for public health
 - Including landowner testimony
- April 23, 2025 – Notice of Letting
 - Construction bids opened and publicly announced
- July 10, 2025 – Day of Review of Apportionments
 - Information regarding project design and individual landowner apportionments
- July 17, 2025 – Wayne County Commission Full Committee Meeting
 - Pledges full faith and credit for drain bonds

PREPAYMENT LETTER

- August 13, 2025 - Letter for option to prepay assessment mailed to landowners
 - Assessments will be spread over 20 years and placed on winter taxes beginning this year (2025)
 - Prepayment is only an option and NOT required
 - To avoid any interest, prepayment is needed by August 29, 2025
 - Payoff may be requested any time after August 29, 2025

NEXT STEPS

Construction

- Contractor scheduled to begin fall 2025
- Tentative end of construction fall 2026

For More Information:

- Visit our website at
www.waynecountymi.gov/Government/Departments/Environmental-Services
- Call (313) 536-0355