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MILK RIVER INTERCOUNTY DRAIN DRAINAGE DISTRICT PUBLIC NOTICE

April 22, 2020

Property Owner or Occupant
Address, Suite
City, Michigan ZIP

Reference: Public Notice of the Milk River Sandbagging Efforts

Dear Property Owner or Occupant:

This June and July the US Army Corps of Engineers is projecting that Lake St. Clair water levels could exceed those that occurred in the summer of 2019 by up to 4 inches. These projected high lake levels have a direct impact on the water surfaces in the Milk River during heavy rainfall.

As a result of the projected high lake levels, the Milk River Intercounty Drain Drainage District (MRIDDD) completed a hydraulic analysis of the Milk River to determine the impact of severe storm with the projected high lake levels. The results indicate that some properties along the Milk River may be at risk of flooding.

The City Manager of the City of St. Clair Shores, pursuant to St. Clair Shores Ordinance 35.013, sent a notice on May 6, 2019 issuing an Emergency Declaration and Order as a result of the rising level of the waters in Lake St. Clair, the canals, rivers, navigable streams and other similar places in the City. This Order required the owner or occupant of riparian property to provide an adequate barrier, dike or other embankment (including sand bags) to protect against the rising water, the overflow of water and/or flooding.

As a result of the potential flooding risk to your property along the Milk River, the Drainage Board for the MRIDDD authorized the installation of a sandbag levee along certain parts of the Milk River to mitigate this risk. The cost of this sandbag levee will be covered by the MRIDDD. We are currently working out plans for the locations that sandbags will be placed. If a sandbag levee is needed on your property, we ask for your cooperation with our contractor, Landscape Services, Inc. of Clinton Township.

As lake levels are projected to be high for the next several summers, any sandbag levee that is installed must remain in place until December 1, 2021.

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Prior to installation of the sandbag levee on your property (if needed), a representative from Anderson, Eckstein and Westrick, Inc. will notify you by knocking on your door and leaving an information flyer. Typically, we would meet face to face, but due to the COVID-19 outbreak, we are limiting face to face contact with our field staff. We anticipate the installation of the sandbag levees will commence on May 1st and may take up to 30 days to install along both sides of the Milk River.

The Construction Field Supervisor for Anderson, Eckstein and Westrick will be Mike Harrington and can be contacted regarding questions you may have. His cell phone number is (810) 650-8095 and his email is mharrington@awinc.com.

In preparation for the projected high Lake St. Clair water surfaces and their effects on the Milk River we are recommending that you consider the purchase of flood insurance coverage for your building and contents. More information on the purchasing flood insurance can be found by the following link. Please note that there is typically a 30-day waiting period from date of purchase until your policy goes into effect.

<https://www.fema.gov/national-flood-insurance-program/How-Buy-Flood-Insurance>

A public informational meeting regarding the Milk River sandbagging implementation will be held via a Zoom Video Conference on Thursday April 30, 2020 at 4:00 pm. Participants can join the meeting either by computer or smart phone via the Zoom App or simply by calling the call-in number and entering the pass code below.

<u>Join Zoom Meeting by Computer or Smartphone</u>	or	<u>Zoom Call in</u>
https://zoom.us/j/98030897169		Phone Number: 312-626-6799
Meeting ID: 980 3089 7169		Pass Code: 030823#
Password: 030823		

Additionally, this meeting will be lived streamed on the City of St. Clair Shores Facebook page. <https://www.facebook.com/stclairshoresmichigan/>

This notice is being sent to you because it was determined that you may have a particular interest in attending this meeting. A Public Notice in conformance with the Michigan Open Meetings Act will also be posted on the Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development's website www.michigan.gov/mdard.

Dated at Lansing, Michigan, April 24, 2020.

Gary McDowell, Director
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Agriculture and Rural Development



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