



# VAN BUREN COUNTY DRAIN COMMISSIONER

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## **BESSEY DRAIN COLUMBIA TOWNSHIP DAY OF REVIEW INFORMATION**

The Langdon drain was established in 1882 and is Columbia Township. The drain was extended in 1889 with a total length of 2.31 miles. The Bessey Drain has not had maintenance done on it since the early 1900's.

### **Maintenance 2007-2009**

Maintenance on the Bessey drain consisted of open ditch clean-out. The total maintenance cost from 2008 to 2009 was \$7,500. Future maintenance will include finish work on the northern section of the drain. In efforts to lessen the yearly drain assessment amount the cost was spread over a 3 year time frame. The municipalities are paying at-large assessments totaling 35% of the cost which includes Van Buren County and Columbia Township. The remaining 65% of the total cost are spread over the 127 parcels in the drainage district.

A map of the drain and drainage district is provided on the county drain office website.

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