



# VAN BUREN COUNTY DRAIN COMMISSIONER

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## **CHAPMAN DRAIN GENEVA TOWNSHIPS DAY OF REVIEW INFORMATION**

The Chapman Drain was established in 1886 and is in Geneva Township. The original construction of the drain was open-ditch design. In 1916 a major portion of the drain was tiled. The last time the drain was cleaned was in 1961 as was done as an “emergency cleanout”. In 1981, Stan Compton, contractor inspected the drain reporting 45 holes in the tile and recommending open-ditch clean out. The estimated cost, \$4,500 exceeded the maintenance limits and no work was done.

### **Maintenance 2008-2009**

Maintenance on the Chapman drain consisted of open-ditch clean out and crossing placement. The total maintenance cost from 2008 to 2009 was \$7,400. In efforts to lessen the yearly drain assessment amount the cost was spread over a 4 year time frame. The municipalities are paying at-large assessments totaling 55% of the cost which includes Van Buren County and Geneva Township. The remaining 45% of the total cost are spread over the 19 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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