



VAN BUREN COUNTY DRAIN COMMISSIONER

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CRANBERRY AND PROSPECT DRAIN BANGOR AND COVERT TOWNSHIPS DAY OF REVIEW INFORMATION

The Cranberry & Prospect Drain was established in 1884 along with the drainage district. The drain runs through both Bangor and Covert Townships. The drain was extended and maintained several times in the early 1900's through petitions. The total length of the drain is 3.47 miles.

Maintenance 2007-2009

Maintenance on the Cranberry and Prospect Drain consisted of open channel clean-out of over 3 miles of open ditch to remove sediment, fallen trees, brush, and debris. In addition, emergency repairs were made in spring of 2009 to replace crossings that failed during 2008-2009 rain events.

The total maintenance cost from 2007 to 2009 was \$29,596.40. In efforts to lessen the yearly drain assessment costs were spread over a 3 year time frame. The municipalities are paying at-large assessments totally 64% of the cost which includes the County, Bangor & Covert Townships. The remaining 36% of the total cost are spread over the 224 parcels in the drainage district. The percent totals are based off of previous assessment rolls and the percentage of land in each township.

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

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