



VAN BUREN COUNTY DRAIN COMMISSIONER

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HIPP & BROWN DRAIN ALMENA TOWNSHIP DAY OF REVIEW INFORMATION

The Hipp & Brown drain was established in 1898 along with the drainage district. The drain is in Almena Township and outlet into the North Branch of the Paw Paw River. The Hipp & Brown drain is 1.7 miles in length.

Maintenance 2009

Maintenance was authorized by Almena Township Board Resolution to exceed the \$5,000 per drain, per year, per mile for maintenance. The drain project was done in conjunction with the road project commissioned by the Township. Maintenance consisted of open channel clean-out of sediment, debris, and trees. In addition, failing tiles were replaced in order to better facilitate flow.

The total maintenance cost was \$22,811.37. In efforts to lessen the yearly drain assessment the cost were spread over a 4 year time frame. The County and Almena Township are paying at-large assessments totaling 45% of the cost. The remaining 55% of the cost are spread over 54 parcels in the drainage district.

A map of the drain and drainage district is on the county drain office website and will be available the Day of Review.

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