



VAN BUREN COUNTY DRAIN COMMISSIONER

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LAKE OF THE WOODS DRAIN DECATUR AND HAMILTON TOWNSHIP DAY OF REVIEW INFORMATION

The Lake of the Woods drain was established in 1870 along with the drainage district. The drain runs through Hamilton Township and the drainage district covers both Hamilton and Decatur Townships. The total length of the drain is 3.93 miles.

Maintenance 2007-2009

Maintenance on the Lake of the Woods Drain consisted of fallen tree, brush, debris, and log-jam removal. The Sheriff's Work Program was used in conjunction with the maintenance. In addition, the drain was surveyed and engineered to develop plan and profiles of the system and identify possible problems. The surveying was also done to determine if the drain had adequate fall to help relieve the flooding on CR 215.

The total cost of maintenance, surveying, and engineering from 2007 to 2009 was \$26,471.25. In efforts to lessen the yearly drain assessment cost were spread over a 2-year time frame. The municipalities are paying at-large assessments totaling 45.5 % of the cost which includes the County, Decatur Twp., Hamilton Twp, Village of Decatur, and MDOT. The remaining 54.5% of the total cost are spread over the 786 parcels in the drainage district.

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

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