



**ONE PUBLIC MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT  
KNAPP & EAST BELTLINE DEVELOPMENT STORMWATER RUN OFF  
TO BE DUMPED IN GRAND RIVER, ADA TOWNSHIP**

Ada residents are encouraged to attend the one and only public meeting where the Kent County Drain Commissioner will report on plans to redirect and dump stormwater overflow into the Grand River in Ada Township. The stormwater will come from extensive development along East Beltline and Knapp. Stormwater contains salt from the parking lots and other rooftop runoff. The Kent County Drain Commissioner has planned and budgeted for a new pipeline that would redirect stormwater runoff from the Knapp Corner Drain into the Cook Drain, which flows into the Grand River in Ada Township along Grand River Drive between Three Mile and Four Mile Roads.

Ada Township recently filed a lawsuit to ensure transparency on the plans and specifically asked that Ada Township residents have an opportunity for a public meeting to be informed about Kent County's plans.

The Township approved a settlement agreement requiring the Drain Commissioner to hold a public meeting to hear Ada Township and its residents' concerns regarding the project. The Township requested an evening meeting to improve accessibility for concerned residents, but the Drain Commissioner's office declined.

**One Public Meeting:**

**Thursday, May 29 – 1:00 PM**

**Location (TBD) – we will provide updates once we have the location.**

**Background:**

- Since 2010, the Kent Count Drain Commission has been working to manage runoff from the large development near Knapp and E. Beltline in Grand Rapids Township.
- This runoff – largely from parking lots – contains high levels of salt and sediment and has led to damage of wells for resident in the Dunnigan Ave area, resulting in these homes needing to be connected to public water.
- Currently, the excess water is trucked to the Grand River in Ada Township and dumped using an access point at the Knapp Street boat launch which the Drain Commission has authorized.

### **Ada's Commitment to transparency and Right to Be Heard:**

- Last summer, the Kent County Drain Commission informed Ada Township of plans to install a permanent pipeline in the Township, a departure from the previous plan of piping the water to the west.
- Drain Commissioner Ken Yonker presented to the Ada Township Board, but at the time did not inform the board that the drain board had already held their first meeting on the proposed plan or that the final second meeting would be happening 17 days later.
- The Township became aware of the drain board's decision to move forward with the project, and to preserve its commitments to transparency and rights, Ada Township filed a lawsuit on the last day available to us.
- The Township's settlement for dropping the lawsuit was to have the Kent County Drain Commissioner hold a public meeting to allow Ada Township and its residents to be heard.
- We have provided three maps for you to click on and see the area of water run off as well as the planned pipeline and dumping area of the stormwater.
- Please note, engineering studies indicate that the amount of water that will be dumped at peak flow will equal about two open fire hydrants each time.

### **Make Your Voice Heard:**

- We encourage you to attend this **one-time public meeting** of the Kent County Drain Commission to ensure that Ada Township can have as much public input as possible about this critical situation that will impact the Grand River and surrounding area.
- Ada Township had no say in date/time/location of the meeting.
- While we cannot guarantee the outcome of this meeting, Ada Township is doing its best to ensure ongoing transparency and open dialog with Ada residents on this matter.

We hope to see you on Thursday, May 29 at 1:00 PM.

***Stay informed, share your voice, plan to attend!***