

FAQs

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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Notice of Letting and Day of Review of Apportionments for the Pine Bluffs Drain

Why did I receive this notice?

In January 2015, property owners filed a petition with the Drain Commissioner for the location, establishment and construction of the Pine Bluffs Drain due to the flooding issues. After a 3-member Board of Determination determined the petitioned location, establishment and construction was necessary, the Drain Commissioner developed a project.

All property owners in the Pine Bluffs Drain Drainage District subject to an assessment for the work performed were sent a copy of the notice.

What is a Drainage District?

A drainage district is the land area that benefits from the drain. The drainage district makes up the watershed that contributes water to the drain. Each property and municipality within the drainage district pays for the construction (or establishment) of the Drain and for future maintenance and improvement of the drain.

What is a Letting?

A drain contract letting is a public meeting where the Drain Commissioner receives and opens bids from contractors to perform certain work on a Drain. Once a bid is selected, the project can be scheduled.

What is a Day of Review of Apportionments?

A Day of Review of Apportionments provides an

opportunity for property owners to review the percent of benefit of the drain assigned to their property.

The apportionments of benefit are based on acreage, land use, and other factors. The apportionments determine the assessment amount for each property for costs of construction or maintenance.

What type of work will be performed?

The proposed Pine Bluffs Drain project includes the installation of new storm sewer to address surface flooding issues.

When do I receive my drain assessment?

Drain assessments are included on your Winter Tax bill, and are only levied when costs are incurred for the drain. Assessment amounts vary from year to year.

What is my assessment amount?

Estimated assessment amounts are available at the Day of Review. If you are unable to attend, you may call (989) 387-0068 if you have any questions.

Do I have to attend the Bid Letting or Day of Review?

You are not required to attend the Bid Letting or Day of Review.

How can I get more information?

Visit the Drain Commissioner's website at www.roscommoncounty.net/286/Drain-Commissioner or call (989) 387-0068.

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