



July 8, 2021

To: The Officials and Representatives of the 15 Municipalities Served
by the Evergreen-Farmington Sanitary Drain

Re: Evergreen-Farmington Sanitary Drain Chapter 20 Section 471 Agreement

The Evergreen-Farmington Sanitary Drain is under an Administrative Consent Order, issued by the Michigan Department of the Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy (EGLE). The Evergreen-Farmington Sanitary Drain serves 15 Oakland County municipalities. On behalf of these communities, as the Oakland County Water Resources Commissioner, I submitted a Corrective Action Plan to EGLE on April 1, 2020. The Administrative Consent Order requires execution of this plan by November 1, 2022. The plan includes purchasing additional outlet capacity from the Great Lakes Water Authority (GLWA) and the construction of projects along 8 Mile and Evergreen Roads. This allows peak wet weather flow from the apportioned communities to reach the outlet that discharges to GLWA.

In order to facilitate the Corrective Action Plan projects, two communities petitioned the County to form the Evergreen-Farmington Sanitary Drain under Chapter 20 of the drain code. As part of the transition to a drain a new service agreement between the customer communities and the Evergreen-Farmington Sanitary Drain, often called a 471 Agreement named after section 471 of the Drain code, is needed. The Evergreen-Farmington Sanitary Drain 471 agreement:

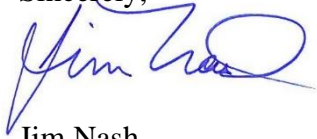
- Provides the system authority for establishing regional operations
- Replaces the 1989 intermunicipal agreement, effectively extending the contract beyond the bond period (the current agreement expires in 2029)
- Requires approval of all communities served by the Evergreen-Farmington Sanitary Drain
- Establishes new community capacities
- Includes apportionment assessments
- Includes the preliminary improvement plan and cost estimates
- Describes rate methodology approach (current methodology is not anticipated to change)

My office has worked on the agreement with the Evergreen-Farmington Sanitary Drain communities over the past several months. The last outreach meeting was held on June 28, 2021. No additional customer comments were received. Therefore, the provided agreement is amenable to all parties. Approval of the 471 Agreement moves the Evergreen-Farmington Sanitary Drain one step closer to the goal of getting out of the Administrative Consent Order by reducing the frequency and volume of sanitary sewer overflows. The Evergreen-Farmington Sanitary Drain Chapter 20 Section 471 Agreement will be on the drain board meeting agenda for approval on July 27, 2021.

In order to maintain the Corrective Action Plan project schedule, I am seeking your approval and signature on the attached Evergreen-Farmington Sanitary Drain Chapter 20 Section 471 Agreement by August 20, 2021. If you have questions or need support to obtain approval, my team and I are here to assist you. We welcome the opportunity to attend a board or council meeting to discuss. If you need assistance in seeking approval, please contact Carrie Ricker Cox, P.E., at coxc@oakgov.com or 248-470-1314.

Thank you for helping us move this project forward and partnering with my office to work towards eliminating both the Evergreen-Farmington Sanitary Drain and customer community Administrative Consent Orders to reduce the frequency and volume of sanitary sewer overflows.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Jim Nash", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Jim Nash