



Allegan Conservation District Millage Proposal

Staff

Laura Smith, District Manager- 20 hrs/week

Mike Ludlam, MAEAP Technician - 40 hrs/week

Brian Talsma, Watershed Technician - 40 hrs/week

Current Funding Sources

Annual Tree Sale

Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development
(grant renewed yearly)

Department of Natural Resources (grant expires 2020)

Great Lakes Commission (grant expires 2021)

Delta Institute (grant expires 2020)

Projects

Aspen regeneration in the Allegan State Game Area

Incentivizing agricultural best management practices in the Rabbit and Gun River Watersheds

Michigan Agriculture Environmental Assurance Program

Oak savanna restoration in
the Allegan State Game Area



Buffer strip planted along Greggs
Drain (Gun River Watershed)

County Needs

Opportunities to engage with the outdoors.

Support for agricultural best management practices.

Soil erosion prevention measures.

*Number of E.Coli Colony Forming Units (CFU) per 100mL of Water
Rabbit River Watershed, 2018 Surveys*

Site Description	Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4	Week 5	30-Day Geometric Mean
Bear Creek - 130th Ave	583	693	1,925	868	119,348	2,405
Black Creek - 139th Ave	1,547	641	699	1,066	142,801	2,539
Black Creek - 32nd St	1,574	777	1,461	1,786	78,150	3,015
Cuddy Drain - Patterson Rd	519	800	838	492	15,810	1,221
Dorr And Byron Dr - 21st St	1,710	339	994	323	65,327	1,648
Haney Drain - 138th Ave	1,134	607	1,102	865	41,146	1,933
Little Rabbit River - 32nd St	1,428	723	1,334	584	123,201	2,508
Miller Creek - 128th Ave	548	472	946	556	44,554	1,434
Pigeon Creek - 138th Ave	2,807	646	1,351	1,309	55,544	2,819
Rabbit River - 10th St	437	463	522	680	11,548	963
Rabbit River - 132nd Ave	1,725	390	1,160	571	36,241	1,745
Rabbit River - 36th St	380	465	708	427	79,594	1,335
Red Run Dr - 21st St	1,862	557	495	413	473,240	2,513
Trib To Black Creek - 40th	1,423	1,063	973	1,059	70,637	2,561
Weekly Average	1,263	617	1,036	786	96,939	

Standard for total body contact: **300 CFU/100 mL**, partial body contact: **1000 CFU/100 mL**

Proposed Expenses

1. Three full time staff positions
2. Access to training opportunities
3. Funding for:
 - a. Agricultural best management practices
 - b. Shoreline and streambank stabilization
 - c. Habitat restoration
 - d. Local conservation grants
 - e. Education and recreation programs

EXPENSES		Projected FY21	0.2 Mill	0.15 Mill	0.1 Mill
District Operations					
Salaries					
	District Manager	\$ 11,300.00	\$ 45,000.00	\$ 45,000.00	\$ 45,000.00
	Administrative Assistant	\$ -	\$ 11,300.00	\$ 11,300.00	\$ 11,300.00
	Agriculture Technician	\$ -	\$ 45,000.00	\$ 45,000.00	\$ 45,000.00
	Watershed Coordinator	\$ -	\$ 45,000.00	\$ 45,000.00	\$ 45,000.00
	Fringes	\$ 1,700.00	\$ 76,700.00	\$ 76,700.00	\$ 76,700.00
	Travel and Training	\$ 8,500.00	\$ 13,500.00	\$ 13,500.00	\$ 13,500.00
	Contractual Services	\$ 7,500.00	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 15,000.00
	Equipment and Supplies	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00
	Utilities	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
	Fees and Dues	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00
	Plant Sales	\$ 23,000.00	\$ 23,000.00	\$ 23,000.00	\$ 23,000.00
	Meeting Expenses	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
Total District Operations		\$ 55,500.00	\$ 279,000.00	\$ 279,000.00	\$ 279,000.00
Conservation Programs					
	Agricultural BMP Cost Share	\$ -	\$ 300,000.00	\$ 200,000.00	\$ 175,000.00
	Shoreline and Streambank Stabilization	\$ -	\$ 300,000.00	\$ 165,000.00	\$ -
	Habitat Restoration	\$ -	\$ 45,000.00	\$ 45,000.00	\$ -
	Conservation Grants	\$ -	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 50,000.00
	Education and Outdoor Recreation	\$ -	\$ 12,000.00	\$ 12,000.00	\$ 12,000.00
	Michigan Agriculture Environmental Assurance Program	\$ 61,000.00	\$ 61,000.00	\$ 61,000.00	\$ 61,000.00
	Great Lakes Sediment and Nutrient Reduction Program	\$ 55,500.00	\$ 55,500.00	\$ 55,500.00	\$ 55,500.00
Total Conservation Programs		\$ 116,500.00	\$ 823,500.00	\$ 588,500.00	\$ 353,500.00
Total Expenses		\$ 172,000.00	\$ 1,102,500.00	\$ 867,500.00	\$ 632,500.00
Fund Balance		\$ 1,200.00	\$ 55,700.00	\$ 44,450.00	\$ 33,200.00

S T A T E O F M I C H I G A N

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE COUNTY OF ALLEGAN

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS—APPROVE ALLEGAN CONSERVATION DISTRICT MILLAGE PROPOSAL

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners hereby approves that the Allegan Conservation District Millage Proposal be placed on the on the _____, 2020 Primary Election; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the following ballot language be used:

"For the sole purpose of funding the operation of the Allegan Conservation District, including programs to assist landowners in the protection and enhancement of natural resources, environmental education, and environmental remediation within the County of Allegan, shall the County be authorized to levy, up to 0.200 mill (\$0.20 per \$1,000 of Taxable Value) for a period of six (6) years, 2021 through 2026, inclusive?"

If approved and levied in full, this millage will raise an estimated \$985,000 funding the operation of the Allegan Conservation District in the first calendar year of the levy based on taxable value."

Allegan Conservation District Proposed Budget FY2021

REVENUE		Projected FY21	0.2 Mill	0.15 Mill	0.1 Mill
Millage		\$ -	\$ 985,000.00	\$ 738,750.00	\$ 492,500.00
State Funding		\$ 76,000.00	\$ 76,000.00	\$ 76,000.00	\$ 76,000.00
Federal Funding		\$ 61,000.00	\$ 61,000.00	\$ 61,000.00	\$ 61,000.00
Tree Sales		\$ 33,000.00	\$ 33,000.00	\$ 33,000.00	\$ 33,000.00
Local Contributions		\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00
Miscellaneous Revenue		\$ 1,200.00	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 1,200.00
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