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To: **Riparians along the Pierson Swamp Drain Drainage District**

RE: Tree removal work and general schedule for drain improvements

FR: Brenda M. Moore, Muskegon Co. Drain Commissioner

Cc: Mike Cockerill, White River Township Supervisor
Jeff King, Montague Township Supervisor

Hello! This is to alert you that we are starting work on the long-awaited Pierson Swamp Drainage District project.

Tree removal

Our first step is to remove select trees in the drain easement to get ready for stream bank restoration, which will occur primarily between Post and Hancock Roads. Under our Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ) permit, tree removal must occur in winter months, prior to the return of the endangered Indiana Brown Bat. In general, winter removal of trees has less environmental impact on many things.

Logs from removed trees will be placed in the drain easement for use in stream channel stabilization, which will occur as part of channel clean-out in spring and summer. Tree removal and channel clean-out will be completed by Quantum Construction Company. The two other contractors who are part of this project are Nashville Construction; they will place the new Hancock Road box culvert, and Randall Meyer Excavating; they will be installing the grassed waterways at the headwaters of the watershed. The County Road Commission is also under contract for the replacement of Eiler's Road Bridge.

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