



# HOUSE of REPRESENTATIVES

## STATE OF MICHIGAN

### Appropriations Requests for Legislatively Directed Spending Items

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1. The sponsoring representative's first name:  
Angela
2. The sponsoring representative's last name:  
Witwer
3. The cosponsoring representatives' names. All cosponsors must be listed. If none, please type 'n/a.' A signed letter from the sponsor approving the co-sponsorship and a signed letter from the member wishing to co-sponsor are required. Attach letters at question #9 below.  
N/A
4. Name of the entity that the spending item is intended for:  
Eaton County
5. Physical address of the entity that the spending item is intended for:  
1045 Independence Boulevard, Charlotte, MI 48813
6. If there is not a specific recipient, the intended location of the project or activity:  
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7. Name of the representative and the district number where the legislatively directed spending item is located:  
Angela Witwer, 76th District
8. Purpose of the legislatively directed spending item. Please include how it provides a public benefit and why it is an appropriate use of taxpayer funding. Please also demonstrate that the item does not violate Article IV, S 30 of the Michigan Constitution.  
The purpose of this legislatively directed spending request is to provide \$10 million toward the Bank Intercounty Drain Project, a major infrastructure initiative affecting Delta Township, Lansing Township, Eaton County, and hundreds of impacted residents. The project, estimated to cost approximately \$60 million, is designed to upgrade outdated and failing drainage systems that no longer meet the needs of the surrounding communities due to decades of underinvestment, growth in development, and more frequent severe weather events.

This project offers broad public benefit by:

- Addressing serious and ongoing flooding concerns, protecting residential neighborhoods, roadways, and public and private infrastructure.
- Improving water quality and environmental resilience by reducing runoff and controlling erosion in the region.
- Supporting economic development and growth by ensuring proper stormwater management for current and future land use.
- Promoting regional cooperation between municipalities to tackle a shared infrastructure challenge in a coordinated and fiscally responsible manner.

As highlighted in a recent WLNS news report, homeowners throughout the affected region have received notice of significant potential tax increases due to the \$60 million cost of the project. Some property owners could see annual tax bills increase by hundreds or even thousands of dollars over the life of the drain assessment. The requested \$10 million in state funding would provide immediate and measurable financial relief to these residents.

This investment is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds as it addresses a core function of government: maintaining and modernizing critical water and stormwater infrastructure. Without adequate intervention, continued flooding and infrastructure failure would jeopardize public safety, increase long-term repair costs, and degrade property values.

This situation presents an opportunity for the State of Michigan to prevent localized economic fallout, relieving residents from some of the immense economic burden.

In accordance with Article IV, Section 30 of the Michigan Constitution, this appropriation does not constitute a gift or loan to any private entity or individual. The Bank Intercounty Drain Project is managed by the legally authorized Intercounty Drain Board, a public body under state law. All expenditures would go directly toward the construction and management of public drainage infrastructure, benefiting the general public and complying fully with constitutional requirements.

By investing in this essential infrastructure now, the State of Michigan can prevent further hardship, safeguard communities, and demonstrate its commitment to shared prosperity across both urban and suburban townships.

**9. Attach documents here if needed:**

Attachments added to the end of this file.

**10. The amount of state funding requested for the legislatively directed spending item.**

10000000

**11. Has the legislatively directed spending item previously received any of the following types of funding? Check all that apply.**

["State"]

**12. Please select one of the following groups that describes the entity requesting the legislatively directed spending item:**

Local unit government

13. For a non-profit organization, has the organization been operating within Michigan for the preceding 36 months?

Not applicable

14. For a non-profit organization, has the entity had a physical office within Michigan for the preceding 12 months?

Not applicable

15. For a non-profit organization, does the organization have a board of directors?

Not applicable

16. For a non-profit organization, list all the active members on the organization's board of directors and any other officers. If this question is not applicable, please type 'n/a.'

N/A

17. "I certify that neither the sponsoring representative nor the sponsoring representative's staff or immediate family has a direct or indirect pecuniary interest in the legislatively directed spending item."

Yes, this is correct

18. Anticipated start and end dates for the legislatively directed spending item:

June 1, 2024 – June 1, 2029

19. "I hereby certify that all information provided in this request is true and accurate."

Yes