



HOUSE of REPRESENTATIVES

STATE OF MICHIGAN

Appropriations Requests for Legislatively Directed Spending Items

1. The sponsoring representative's first name:
Mike
2. The sponsoring representative's last name:
Harris
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:
Charter Township of Springfield Michigan- Fire Department
5. Physical address of the entity that the spending item is intended for:
12000 Davisburg Road. Davisburg, MI 48350
6. If there is not a specific recipient, the intended location of the project or activity:
Installation of high-capacity fire wells in key locations throughout the township
7. Name of the representative and the district number where the legislatively directed spending item is located:
Mike Harris, District 52
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 item is to fund the installation of high-capacity community fire protection wells throughout the Charter Township Springfield, with an emphasis on areas currently underserved by a lack of municipal water infrastructure. This includes the historic Downtown Davisburg district, where existing private wells are beginning to fail due to regional hydrology changes.

This project provides clear and measurable public benefits by:

- Improving emergency response times by reducing the distance fire apparatus must travel to access a dependable water source.
- Enhancing fire protection for residential neighborhoods, local businesses, and irreplaceable historic structures
- Strengthening regional emergency preparedness, particularly in areas where water infrastructure is not existing.
- The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funding because it invests in critical public safety infrastructure that serves the entire community protecting lives, property, and public assets. Additionally, this project helps maintain Springfield Township's ISO Class 3 fire rating, which helps keep property insurance rates lower for both homeowners and businesses.
- Furthermore, the proposed use of state directed funding ensures compliance with Article IX, Section 30 of the Michigan Constitution, as it does not impose any new, unfunded mandate on the township. On the contrary, this funding would relieve financial pressure on the local government and enable Springfield Township to proactively address essential public safety needs without diverting funds from other core services. The township is not being required to take on a new activity or service; rather, it is seeking assistance to expand and strengthen existing public safety infrastructure in a manner that benefits the public and supports long-term community resilience.

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.

900000

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

["None"]

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:

May of 2026 and November of 2028

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

Yes



SPRINGFIELD TOWNSHIP FIRE DEPARTMENT

10280 Rattalee Lake Road • Davisburg, MI 48350
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Matthew J. Covey, Fire Chief • Matthew S. Strickland, Assistant Chief

Community Fire Protection Well – Cost Estimate & Installation Guidelines

Objective

Install ten high-capacity community fire protection wells in key areas of Springfield Township. Each well shall be capable of delivering 300 to 550 gallons per minute (GPM), meeting the requirements of NFPA 1142 and Section 507 of the 2015 International Fire Code (IFC) as currently adopted by the Charter Township of Springfield.

Base Installation Package

Estimated Cost per Site: \$50,000

Includes: • 8-inch high-capacity well producing 300–550 GPM

- Submersible pump rated for 550 GPM
- Stainless steel intake screen to minimize sand infiltration
- Certa-Lok PVC piping (corrosion-resistant)
- Brass pressure relief valve
- Submersible-rated electrical wiring
- Oakland County–compliant electrical enclosure with:
 - Weatherproof indicator light
 - Exterior On/Off switch
 - Required permitting and inspection fees
 - Minor site preparation and contingency materials

Note: For depths greater than 100 feet, anticipate an additional cost of \$75–\$100 per foot due to extended casing, deeper screens, and site-specific drilling conditions.

Electrical Power Connection

Variable Cost Based on Site Conditions

Factors impacting electrical hookup cost: • Distance from the nearest DTE Energy service point

- Availability of single-phase vs. preferred three-phase power

Hart Center Well Example:

- Well Construction: \$57,218

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- Underground Wire: \$180
- 3-inch PVC Conduit: \$250
- Total Electrical Hookup: \$430
- Total Project Cost: \$57,650

Note: The Hart Center Well received assistance from DTE Energy. Costs for other sites are likely to be higher.

Planning Budget Per Well

- To account for typical site variation:
- Well Installation Budget: \$60,000
 - Electrical Hookup Allowance: \$10,000–\$20,000
 - Optional Variable Rate Pump & Smart Controls: \$15,000
 - Total Estimated Budget Per Site: \$90,000

Project Total for 10 Wells: \$900,000

Key Planning Consideration – Electrical Infrastructure

When selecting well sites, prioritize proximity to DTE Energy power lines to:

- Minimize trenching and conduit installation
- Increase feasibility of connecting to three-phase power
- Reduce total project cost

Why Three-Phase Power is Preferred

- **Supports High-Load Equipment:** Submersible pumps exceeding 10 HP are designed for three-phase systems, offering stable power delivery.
- **Improved Efficiency and Reliability:** Motors operate more smoothly and stay cooler, reducing maintenance needs and extending service life.
- **Lower Electrical Demand at Startup:** Reduced surge current minimizes breaker trips and electrical system strain.

Code Alignment and Safety Standards

This initiative is guided by the following standards:

- NFPA 1142: Ensures adequate water supplies for fire suppression in rural and suburban areas without hydrants.
- 2015 International Fire Code, Section 507: Requires an approved water supply capable of meeting necessary fire flow demands.



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May 1, 2025

The Honorable Mike Harris
Michigan House of Representatives
Anderson House Office Building
124 N Capitol Ave
Lansing, MI 48933

Dear Representative Harris,

We are writing to request your support for a critical public safety initiative in Springfield Township and to respectfully ask for your assistance in moving this project through the Appropriations Requests for Legislatively Directed Spending process.

As you know, Springfield Township does not have a municipal water system. This forces our fire department to rely heavily on tanker shuttle operations and mutual aid agreements with neighboring communities to provide water at fire scenes. These efforts, while effective under ideal conditions, are not always timely or sufficient—particularly in rural areas and in our historic Downtown Davisburg district, where hydrologic changes have caused several private wells to begin failing.

To address this, we are proposing the installation of ten high-capacity fire protection wells, each capable of producing 300 to 550 gallons per minute in accordance with NFPA 1142 standards and Section 507 of the 2015 International Fire Code (IFC), as officially adopted by the Springfield Township Board. These wells will be strategically located to reduce travel distances to a dependable water source, ensure continuous water supply during fire suppression, and support our efforts to maintain an ISO Class 3 fire rating, which directly benefits homeowners and businesses through lower insurance premiums.

This project will:

- Improve emergency response times and water supply reliability
- Enhance protection for life, property, and our township's historic core

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- Reduce dependence on outside resources and shorten tanker travel routes
- Strengthen long-term community resilience and public safety infrastructure

In addition to the installation of new wells, project funding may also be used to support maintenance and performance upgrades to two of our existing fire protection wells. Ensuring the long-term viability of these existing water sources is critical to maintaining adequate coverage across the township.

Importantly, the proposed well in Downtown Davisburg holds additional value beyond fire protection. This well is planned as a dual-purpose source, providing not only a reliable fire suppression water supply but also serving as a potential supplemental water source for existing buildings and residents. It will also support future business development within the downtown district, helping to revitalize and sustain the heart of our community.

The total estimated cost is \$90,000 per well, for a total of \$900,000, depending on final site evaluations and availability of funding.

We believe this is a vital and responsible investment in Springfield Township's future, and we respectfully ask for your leadership and advocacy in helping move this request forward through the state's appropriations process.

Thank you for your continued support of our community. Please don't hesitate to reach out if you would like additional information or project details.

Sincerely,
Ric Davis
Township Supervisor
Springfield Township

Matt Covey
Fire Chief
Springfield Township Fire Department



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Project Description: Springfield Township Community Fire Protection Wells

Project Title: Springfield Township High-Capacity Fire Protection Wells

Projected Start Date: Spring 2026

Projected Completion Date: Fall 2028

Projected Cost: \$900,000

Overview

Springfield Township is requesting funding to install 10 high-capacity fire protection wells in strategic locations throughout the township. This project is essential due to the township's lack of a municipal water system, which significantly impacts firefighting operations and public safety.

Current Water Supply Challenges

Springfield Township relies entirely on alternative water supply methods, as no municipal water infrastructure exists. In the event of a fire, water must be transported to the scene using tanker shuttles, which are labor- and equipment-intensive operations that require careful coordination, time, and significant personnel resources.

To compensate for the lack of hydrants, the fire department frequently relies on mutual aid agreements with surrounding communities to provide water tankers and personnel. While mutual aid is a critical component of regional emergency response, it can lead to delays in operations and increased risks to life and property—particularly when multiple tankers are needed to sustain an adequate water supply over long distances. Additionally, dry hydrants that draw from ponds or lakes are often unreliable due to seasonal ice coverage or excessive vegetation growth, which can obstruct water access.

Many of the existing static water sources within the township, such as ponds or lakes, are not readily accessible for emergency drafting or may be located too far from residential or commercial areas to be effective. Additionally, in the historic Downtown Davisburg district, existing private wells are beginning to fail due to hydrologic changes, raising further concerns about water availability for both fire protection and residential use.

Project Goals and Technical Standards

This project will significantly enhance Springfield Township's firefighting capabilities by

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reducing reliance on tanker operations and mutual aid, and by improving access to dependable water sources closer to where emergencies occur.

Each well will be designed to produce a sustained water flow of 300 to 550 gallons per minute, which aligns with NFPA 1142 standards for rural and suburban firefighting. These flow rates are critical to support initial fire attack and sustained suppression efforts, especially in areas with larger structures or longer response times.

The placement of these wells will also help Springfield Township meet ISO guidelines, which provide full credit for water sources within 1,000 feet of protected properties, and partial credit for sources up to 5 road miles away. Installing these wells will help maintain the township's ISO Class 3 rating, reducing insurance costs for residents and businesses while improving public safety.

This initiative is also consistent with the **2015 International Fire Code (IFC)**, which requires an approved water supply capable of delivering the necessary fire flow to be provided for all new and existing buildings. The 2015 IFC is the currently adopted fire code for the Charter Township of Springfield, and this project directly supports the code's requirements for fire protection infrastructure.

Additionally, the proposed fire protection well in the Historic Downtown Davisburg district will serve as a dual source well, supporting both fire suppression operations and providing a supplemental water source for existing buildings and residents. This well may also serve future downtown development and infrastructure needs.

Timeline

Spring 2026: Begin planning, assessments, and permitting

Summer 2026 – Fall 2028: Phased well installation based on site readiness and prioritization

Fall 2028: Project completion and integration into fire department operations.

Conclusion

This project represents a critical and forward-thinking investment in Springfield Township's public safety infrastructure. By establishing a reliable network of high-capacity fire protection wells, the township will significantly enhance its ability to respond to emergencies in a timely, efficient, and self-sustained manner. The wells will not only reduce dependency on long-haul tanker shuttles and mutual aid resources but also expand our firefighting reach to areas that are currently underserved and at greater risk.

Moreover, this initiative supports the long-term goals of community resilience, growth, and risk reduction. It aligns with national fire protection standards, reinforces our commitment to maintaining a strong ISO rating, and upholds the intent and requirements of the 2015 International Fire Code. The installation of a dual-purpose well in the historic Downtown Davisburg district exemplifies a strategic, multi-benefit approach by enhancing

fire suppression capabilities, strengthening infrastructure stability, and laying the groundwork for future development. Without this critical fire protection infrastructure, the district faces significant limitations. Businesses may be unable to expand due to fire flow deficiencies, and potential new development may be deterred altogether by the absence of adequate water supply and protection.

In every respect, this is a high-impact, community-centered solution to a long-standing infrastructure gap. With the necessary funding and support, Springfield Township will be better prepared to protect its residents, preserve property, and secure the safety and sustainability of its future.

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Springfield Township 10 Well Project Summary

Overview

Springfield Township is implementing a strategic initiative to install 10 high-capacity fire protection wells across the community. These wells will serve as critical water supply sources for firefighting operations in areas lacking municipal hydrant infrastructure. Each well site has been carefully selected based on NFPA 1142 and IFC 2015 as adopted by the Charter Township of Springfield, ensuring optimal fire apparatus access, tanker shuttle operations, and proximity to at-risk residential and commercial zones.

Proximate Well Locations

- Andersonville & Broadway (Dual-use community/fire well)
- Eaton Rd & Shiawassee Basin (Township property)
- Ely Rd at Tindall
- 9200 Rattalee Lake Rd (Rogers Excavation)
- 8650 Holcomb Rd (Springfield Plains Elementary)
- 7058 Ridgewood (Private property)
- 12006 Shaffer Rd (Private property)
- Weber & Maple Ridge Commons
- 9820 Andersonville Rd (Levy/Hart Mine property)
- Scott Rd & Big Lake Rd (Intersection near multiple watersheds)

Importance of the Fire Protection Wells

For the Fire Department

The wells are a critical component in enhancing emergency response capabilities. Springfield Township Fire Department currently relies heavily on tanker operations due to the absence of a municipal water system. These new fire wells will reduce turnaround time for water replenishment during structure fires and large-scale incidents, allowing for faster suppression efforts, safer working conditions for firefighters, and greater operational efficiency.

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For Residents

The project greatly increases fire protection for rural and suburban homeowners, particularly in areas where response times are delayed due to long water hauls. The wells ensure that in the event of a fire, suppression crews have immediate access to reliable water sources. This can significantly reduce property loss, decrease life safety risks, and may improve insurance ratings through enhanced fire flow availability.

For Businesses

Commercial and industrial properties benefit from improved fire readiness and code compliance. The fire wells provide a nearby emergency water supply that can be used during pre-planned fire response scenarios or unanticipated emergencies. This is especially valuable for developments not serviced by public water, as it reassures business owners that protective infrastructure is in place to safeguard their investments and employees.



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Approximate Water Supply Locations (Fire Protection Wells) Charter Township of Springfield:

Section 17 – Central West
Andersonville Rd. and Broadway
Possible dual-purpose community well and fire protection well

Section 8 – Northwest
Eaton Rd. at the Shiawassee Basin Preserve parking area
Township-owned property.

Section 9 – Northwest
Ely Rd. at Tindall Rd.
Allows for tanker rotation using Rachael Drive

Section 2 – Northeast
9200 Rattalee Lake Rd.
Rogers Excavation site

Section 13 – Center Line East
8650 Holcomb Rd.
Springfield Plains Elementary vicinity

Section 23 – Southeast
7058 Ridgewood
Private property

Section 33 – Center South
12006 Shaffer Rd.
Private property

Section 6 – Northwest
Weber Rd. and Maple Ridge Commons

Section 26 – Southeast
9820 Andersonville Rd.
Hart Mine (Levy property)

Section 21 – Central
Scott Rd. and Big Lake Rd.

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04/16/2025

Governor Gretchen Whitmer
P.O. Box 30013
Lansing, MI 48909

Dear Governor Gretchen Whitmer,

As the Oakland County Commissioner representing Springfield Township and surrounding areas, I am writing to express my full support for Springfield Township's request for state funding to install high-capacity fire protection wells throughout the community.

Springfield Township has maintained a strong commitment to public safety, as demonstrated by its ISO Class 3 fire rating. However, many areas of the township, including its historic Downtown Davisburg district, lack adequate access to a reliable water source for firefighting.

This challenge is further complicated by recent hydrologic changes that have caused existing wells in the area to begin failing.

The proposed installation of 10 strategically placed fire wells will ensure timely access to water for emergency response, reduce property and life loss, and help protect the township's unique character and growing population. These wells will also improve insurance ratings and economic development potential by enhancing overall fire protection infrastructure.

This project provides a clear public benefit and is a smart investment in the long-term resilience of Springfield Township. It not only supports the township's fire department operations but also provides a secondary benefit to residents by helping maintain water accessibility in areas experiencing well degradation.

Springfield Township in securing the resources necessary to complete this critical project. I commend the leadership of Supervisor Ric Davis and Fire Chief Matt Covey for proactively addressing this need and working to strengthen the safety and sustainability of their community.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Bob Hoffman". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "B".

Bob Hoffman
(248)343-4554
Oakland County Commissioner
District 7

SPRINGFIELD TOWNSHIP HISTORICAL SOCIETY

P.O. Box 203

Davisburg, MI 48350

May 1, 2025

To Whom It May Concern,

As a longtime advocate for the preservation and vitality of the Historic Downtown Davisburg district, we are writing to express strong support for Springfield Township's proposal to install high-capacity fire protection wells to include hopefully two in the heart of our historic downtown.

Downtown Davisburg is home to many of the township's most treasured buildings, small businesses, and community gathering spaces. Many of these structures date back to the 1850's and are irreplaceable landmarks that contribute to the character and charm of our township. However, these buildings also present a heightened fire risk due to their age, construction materials, and proximity to one another.

Currently, Davisburg lacks access to a municipal water supply for firefighting. The fire department must rely on tanker shuttles and mutual aid to bring water to fire scenes an effort that consumes valuable time in an emergency. This concern is compounded by the fact with the possibility of private wells in the area are beginning to fail due to hydrologic changes, putting both residents and businesses at greater risk.

The installation of a high-capacity fire protection wells in the downtown district would provide a reliable, nearby water source that allows Springfield Township Fire Department to respond quickly and effectively in the event of a fire. It would also support continued preservation efforts, lower insurance costs, and provide peace of mind for those who live, work, and invest in this unique area.

Additionally, these wells may serve as a vital resource for future development in the downtown district and as a potential water source for existing buildings and residents, helping to support long-term sustainability and infrastructure resilience.

We wholeheartedly support this initiative and urge state and local officials to fund and prioritize this project. Protecting Downtown Davisburg is not just about infrastructure—it's about safeguarding our history, our culture, and the heart of our community.

Sincerely,

Diana Walls



President, Springfield Township Historical Society
Local Business Owner & Township Resident

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April 18, 2025

To Whom It May Concern,

As a fellow fire service professional, I am writing in full support of Springfield Township's proposed fire protection well project. Their plan to install ten strategically placed, high-capacity water supply wells directly addresses one of the most critical operational vulnerabilities faced by rural departments: access to reliable water for firefighting.

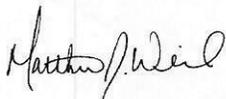
Departments like ours, serving low-density and unincorporated areas, routinely face the challenges of long-distance tanker shuttles, limited hydrant availability, and inaccessible drafting sites. These constraints can result in delayed water supply, extended setup times, increased crew exposure, and greater potential for fire escalation before suppression efforts can be fully effective.

Springfield Township's proposal—rooted in NFPA 1142 standards and engineered to provide 300 to 550 gallons per minute at the source—demonstrates proactive, forward-thinking leadership. In addition to enhancing firefighter safety and operational efficiency, this project will directly support improvements to ISO Public Protection Classification (PPC) scores. By increasing available water supply and reducing response times, these wells will help departments meet ISO benchmarks more effectively—benefiting both emergency services and the community through potential reductions in property insurance premiums.

The benefits of this infrastructure will reach well beyond township boundaries. These wells will ease the burden on mutual aid resources, improve fireground outcomes across jurisdictions, and strengthen regional fire protection capabilities overall.

This is precisely the type of investment in public safety infrastructure that yields lasting returns in effectiveness, collaboration, and community protection. I strongly support this initiative and encourage all stakeholders and funding bodies to advance it without delay.

Respectfully yours,



Matt Weil CFI
Fire Chief



Independence Township Fire Department
6500 Citation Drive
Clarkston, MI 48346

May 1, 2025

To whom it may concern,

As a fellow fire service professional serving rural Michigan, I want to express my full support for the Charter Township of Springfield's plan to install fire suppression wells throughout their community. This initiative directly addresses one of the greatest operational challenges we all face in non-hydrated areas access to reliable, high-capacity water supply.

In rural fire suppression, our response is only as strong as our ability to secure water. Tanker shuttle operations, while necessary, are time-consuming, labor-intensive, and prone to delays when operating over extended distances. The installation of strategically located wells capable of producing 300 to 550 gallons per minute will significantly improve Springfield's initial attack and sustained suppression capabilities and equally important, reduce reliance on mutual aid for water support.

These wells won't just benefit Springfield Township. They'll enhance regional response efficiency and reduce strain on neighboring departments like ours when providing mutual aid. I commend Springfield's leadership for recognizing this infrastructure need and investing in long-term fire protection for both their residents and the broader area.

Please consider this a strong endorsement of their effort and a recognition of the importance of water supply in maintaining effective rural fire service.

Sincerely,
Dave Piche
Fire Chief
Independence Township Fire Department



GROVELAND TOWNSHIP FIRE DEPARTMENT

JOHN WILLIAMS, FIRE CHIEF

Groveland Township Fire Department
14645 Dixie Highway
Holly, MI 48442

May 1, 2025

To Whom It May Concern,

As a progressive leader in the fire service with a focus on innovative solutions for rural communities, I am writing to express my full support for Springfield Township's proposal to install ten high-capacity fire protection wells.

This initiative directly addresses one of the most significant operational challenges we face in our region: *establishing fast and reliable water sources* in areas without municipal infrastructure. For those of us serving rural communities, the need to transport water from remote sources presents an ongoing strain. Even with highly trained crews and well-coordinated efforts, this approach inherently delays initial fire attack and hinders the establishment of a reliable, continuous water supply—both of which are critical to ensuring life safety and conserving property during fire incidents.

The plan to install wells capable of delivering up to 550 gallons per minute offers a smart, sustainable, and regionally beneficial solution. It aligns with NFPA recommendations, reduces reliance on mutual aid for water supply, and enhances the overall effectiveness of joint emergency responses. By improving access to water in key areas, these wells will increase our collective ability to protect lives and property—not just in Springfield Township, but throughout the surrounding communities.

I commend Springfield Township's leadership for proactively addressing this critical life safety need and strongly encourage support for this initiative from decision-makers at all levels. Reliable water access is the cornerstone of effective fire suppression, and this project represents a meaningful investment in the safety and resilience of our region.

Respectfully,

John Williams
Fire Chief
Groveland Township Fire Department