

News Release

Commissioners Hoffman, Spisz support northwest Oakland County sewer project

Adopted resolution provides \$10 million grant for multi-county drainage district

June 30, 2022, OAKLAND COUNTY, MI. – At its meeting on June 23, the Oakland County Board of Commissioners voted unanimously to appropriate \$10 million to help expand sewer capacity to service several Oakland County communities. The resolution, which impacts the Village of Ortonville and the Townships of Groveland, Holly and Brandon, was supported by Commissioners **Bob Hoffman** (R-Highland Twp.) and **Michael Spisz** (R-Oxford). The project will extend sanitary sewer service from Genesee County to improve capacity in Oakland County communities.

"Infrastructure improvements are critical to keeping our communities safe and healthy," Commissioner Hoffman said. "I'm happy the county is able to support this project and is committed to making improvements that will directly impact residents and businesses."

The approved funding will support the first phase of the project to establish a drainage district and includes construction of a \$33 million sanitary sewer by Genesee County that will provide pipe capacity for Oakland County. Phase Two of the project will involve the construction of a sewer extension along Dixie Highway and Grange Hall Road. Construction for Phase One is expected to begin in 2023.

"The sewer project is key to the development of the Dixie Byway Corridor that has become the recreational epicenter for northern Oakland County with the addition of the Holly Oaks Off Road Vehicle Park," George Kullis, Holly Township supervisor, said. "I would like to personally thank Congresswoman Elissa Slotkin for her critical assistance and due diligence in moving this forward. This project will support future developments, and our community as a whole is grateful for the investment in this project."

The program is a partnership between the Oakland County Water Resources Commissioner, Genesee County, the Village of Ortonville and the Townships of Holly, Groveland and Brandon. In addition, the project has received the support of Oakland County administration, Board leadership and U.S. Rep. Elissa Slotkin (MI-08).

“We are very pleased that the county approved \$10 million for the Phase One capacity project,” Bob DePalma, Groveland Township supervisor, said. “While there are no plans to expand or provide sewers to our residential districts, this project will improve ground water issues in all four communities and will allow for better quality in Groveland’s Business District on the Dixie Byway.”

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