



# RainSmart

## REBATES



### PROGRAM FUNDING

The George W. Kuhn Drain Drainage Board approved the Oakland County Water Resources Commissioner's Office to implement a pilot residential green stormwater infrastructure rebate program.

### GOAL

The RainSmart program aims to promote environmental stewardship and help homeowners manage stormwater by offering a one-time rebate for installing green stormwater infrastructure on their property.

### GREEN STORMWATER INFRASTRUCTURE

Green stormwater infrastructure is a way to manage rainwater. Instead of letting the water flow into storm drains, green stormwater infrastructure uses techniques such as rain gardens, rain barrels, and trees to filter and temporarily store the water to prevent local problems like flooding or pollution. In addition to reducing the amount of stormwater that enters the combined sewer system, green stormwater infrastructure can:

- Improve water quality
- Aid in climate resiliency
- Increase tree canopy
- Promote native vegetation
- Improve pollinator habitats

### PROGRAM ELIGIBILITY

All homeowners of residential properties in the George W. Kuhn District are eligible for a rebate. See the back of the flyer to see a map of the district.

### PROGRAM DETAILS

The RainSmart Rebates pilot program will provide residential homeowners who implement green stormwater infrastructure practices including rain gardens, rain barrels, and trees, with a one-time rebate.

Funds will be allocated over 2024 and 2025 on a first-come, first-served basis until all of the allotted money is spent. Details regarding the green stormwater infrastructure practice specifications and rebate amounts are under development and will be available by the end of 2023.

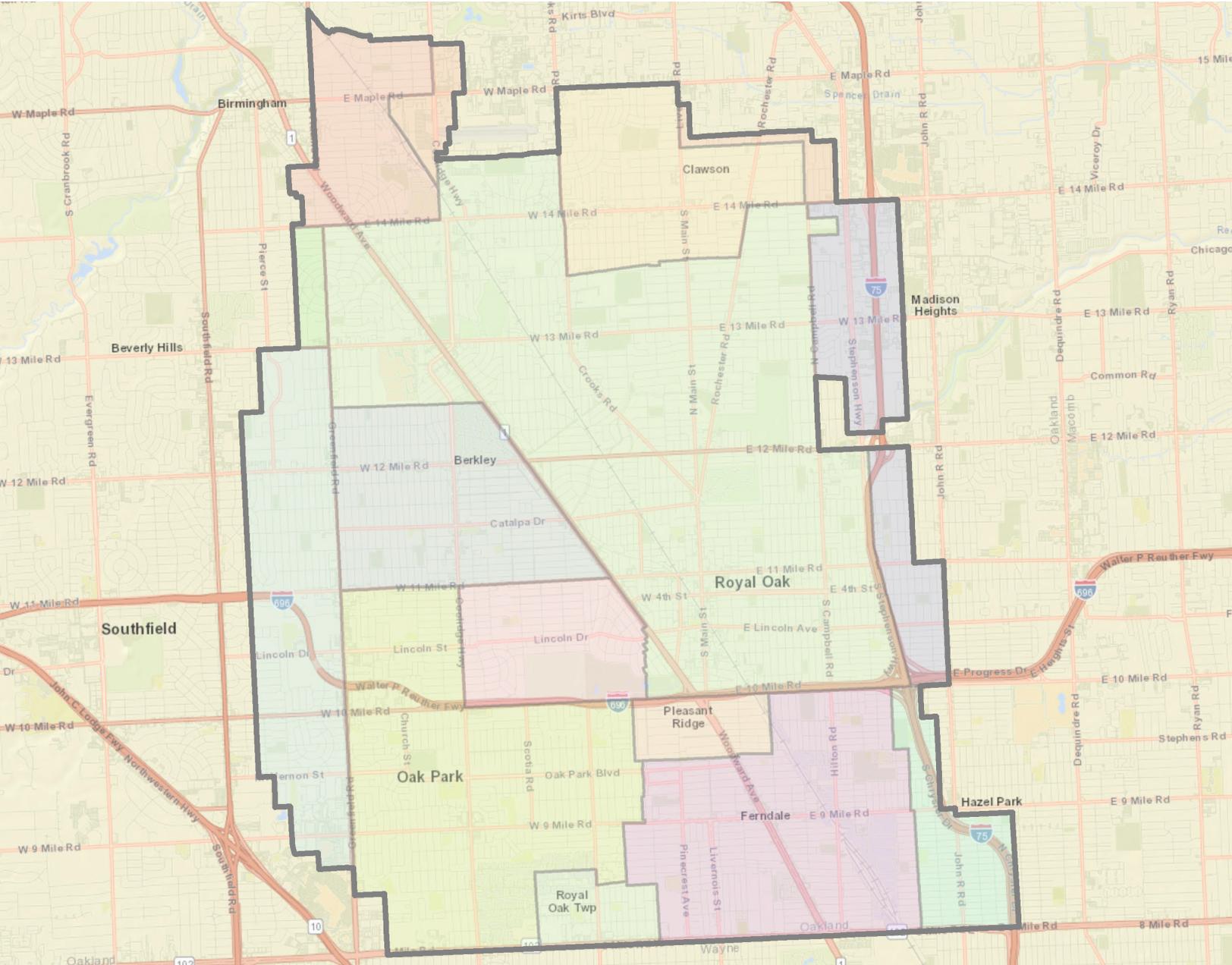
## ABOUT THE GEORGE W. KUHN DRAIN

The George W. Kuhn Drainage District serves all or part of 14 communities, encompassing a drainage area of 24,500 acres upstream of the Red Run Drain, a tributary of the Clinton River. During dry weather, all flow is routed to the Detroit Wastewater Treatment Plant, but during heavy rainfall, high volumes of combined sewage (typically more than 93% stormwater), exceed the outlet capacity to Detroit. When this happens, excess flow is diverted to the George W. Kuhn Retention Treatment Basin where it is stored, screened and disinfected prior to discharge to the Red Run Drain.

## 14 COMMUNITIES

The George W. Kuhn Drainage District serves all or part of the following communities:

- Berkley
- Beverly Hills
- Birmingham
- Clawson
- Ferndale
- Hazel Park
- Huntington Woods
- Madison Heights
- Oak Park
- Pleasant Ridge
- Royal Oak
- Royal Oak Township
- Southfield
- Troy



## PILOT PARTNERS

