

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING  
TOWNSHIPS OF CALVIN, JEFFERSON, LAGRANGE, and PENN  
CASS COUNTY, MICHIGAN**

TO: RESIDENTS AND PROPERTY OWNERS OF CALVIN, JEFFERSON, LAGRANGE AND PENN TOWNSHIPS, AND ANY OTHER INTERESTED PERSONS:

As authorized by P.A. 188 of 1954, as amended, and in response to a request by property owners, the Township Boards of Calvin, Jefferson, LaGrange and Penn Townships propose to establish a Special Assessment District for the costs of a project to control nuisance and exotic plant species in Diamond Lake, including costs of herbicide treatments, oversight and inspections, and administration and contingencies. Copies of the petitions, the project plan and the estimates of the costs of the project are on file with the Township Clerk of each Township. Residents and property owners in the area have requested that the Township Board conduct a public hearing to consider establishing a special assessment district, and pursuing the project for weed control for an initial period of 5 years. This proposal is for a joint project to be conducted by Calvin, Jefferson, LaGrange and Penn Townships, each of which is also considering creation of a special assessment district for this purpose.

The estimated project cost is \$37,500 per year for 5 years, 2006 to 2010. That cost will be defrayed by special assessments in each township within the special assessment districts described below.

**CALVIN TOWNSHIP:**

All lands that abut Diamond Lake and back lot properties that have deeded or dedicated access to Diamond Lake in Section 6 of Calvin Township, Cass County, Michigan.

**JEFFERSON TOWNSHIP:**

All lands that abut Diamond Lake and back lot properties that have deeded or dedicated access to Diamond Lake in Section 1 of Jefferson Township, Cass County, Michigan.

**LAGRANGE TOWNSHIP:**

All lands that abut Diamond Lake and back lot properties that have deeded or dedicated access to Diamond Lake in Section 36 of LaGrange Township, Cass County, Michigan.

**PENN TOWNSHIP:**

All lands that abut Diamond Lake and back lot properties that have deeded or dedicated access to Diamond Lake in Sections 30, 31, and 32 of Penn Township, Cass County, Michigan.

**Each Township Board will hold a public hearing on the Petitions, Plans, District and Estimates of Costs, as follows:**

**CALVIN TOWNSHIP:** May 9, 2006, at 6:00 p.m. at the Township Hall, 18727 Mount Zion St, Cassopolis, MI.

JEFFERSON TOWNSHIP: May 20, 2006 at 8:30 a.m. at the Township Hall, 24725 Jefferson Center St., Cassopolis, MI.

LAGRANGE TOWNSHIP: May 16, 2006 at 7:30 p.m. at the Township Hall, 58253 M-62, Cassopolis, MI.

PENN TOWNSHIP: May 8, 2006 at 7:00 p.m. at the Township Hall, 60717 Main St., Vandalia, MI.

At the hearings, each Township Board will consider any written objections and comments filed with the Board at or before the hearing, and any objections or comments raised at the hearing. At the hearing (or any adjournment of the hearing which may be made without further notice), each Township Board may correct or change the Plans, Estimates of Costs, or Special Assessment District.

If written objections to the proposed improvement are filed with the Township Board, at or before the hearing, signed by record owners of land constituting more than 20% of the area in the proposed Special Assessment District in that township, then the Township Board may not proceed with the improvement unless Petitions in support of the project, signed by record owners of more than 50% of the area to be made into a Special Assessment District, are filed with that Township.

If the Township Board decides to proceed with the Special Assessment, a Special Assessment roll will be prepared and another hearing will be held after notice to record owners of property proposed to be Specially Assessed, to hear public comments concerning the proposed special assessments.

All interested persons are invited to be present at the time and place set out above, in person or by representative, and to submit comments about the proposals. Written protest at or before the public hearing is required in order to appeal from a decision of the Township Board. For further information on rights to appeal, interested persons should review the provisions of the applicable statutes, including Act 188 of 1954, as amended.

Each Township will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aids and services, such as signers for the hearing impaired and audiotapes of printed material being considered at the hearing, to individuals with disabilities upon four (4) days' notice to the Township Clerk. Individuals with disabilities requiring such aids or services should contact the Township Clerk at the address listed above.