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Dear Property Owner,

This notice is in reference to the **Beaver Dam Drain** which passes through, or nearby, property that is owned by you. The above referenced drain is scheduled for spraying as a follow-up to the maintenance work that was performed.

This maintenance work helps to ensure the proper drainage of your community and helps prevent possible flooding; this treatment helps to reduce the need for future maintenance and those associated costs. This program is also designed to rid the drain of invasive species by establishing a grass only ditch bank and filter strip throughout Ottawa County. The target application is to control brush and woody vegetation, including poison ivy, thistle, and giant ragweed. The application is made by state licensed applicators using EPA and Michigan Department of Agriculture approved products that are safe for ditch banks and will not harm honey bees.

Contractors working for the commissioner's office shall, to the extent possible, use due care to avoid damage to crops, fences, buildings and other structures located outside the right-of-way, and to crops and approved structures located inside the right-of-way.

If you should have concerns or questions about the nature of the work, please feel free to call the Water Resources Commissioner's Office at (616) 994-4530. If you have any questions or concerns for the spraying contractor, please contact this office to be referred to them directly.

Sincerely

Chris Machiela  
Drain Inspector

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