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Office of the Water Resources Commissioner

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NOTICE OF DRAIN MAINTENANCE

8/11/26

This notice is to inform you about the upcoming targeted herbicide spraying scheduled for the **No. 24** Drain, which runs through or near your property. This initiative is a follow-up to treat Japanese Knotweed that is spreading throughout the drain.

The maintenance performed on the drain is crucial for ensuring proper drainage within the community and is instrumental in preventing potential flooding. The herbicide treatment is designed to minimize the need for future maintenance and the associated costs. Additionally, this program aims to eliminate invasive species by establishing a grass-only ditch bank and filter strip throughout Ottawa County. The specific focus of the application includes controlling invasive species and woody vegetation, such as cattails, poison ivy, thistle, and giant ragweed.

The application will be executed by state-licensed applicators utilizing EPA-approved products, which have also been authorized by the Michigan Department of Agriculture to guarantee safety for the ditch banks. If you have honeybees located near the spraying areas, we recommend that you close your hives the evening before the spraying commences. The hives can be safely reopened after the spraying is complete and the herbicide has dried.

Contractors engaged by the Commissioner's Office will take all necessary precautions to prevent damage to crops, fences, buildings, and other structures outside the right-of-way, as well as to crops and approved structures within it. The contractors are anticipated to be on-site within the next four weeks.

Should you have any questions or concerns regarding the nature of the work, please do not hesitate to contact the Water Resources Commissioner's Office at (616) 994-4526.

Furthermore, if you have inquiries regarding the spraying contractor, please reach out to Right of Way Management. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation in this matter.

Sincerely,

Adam Hughey
Stormwater Field Specialist

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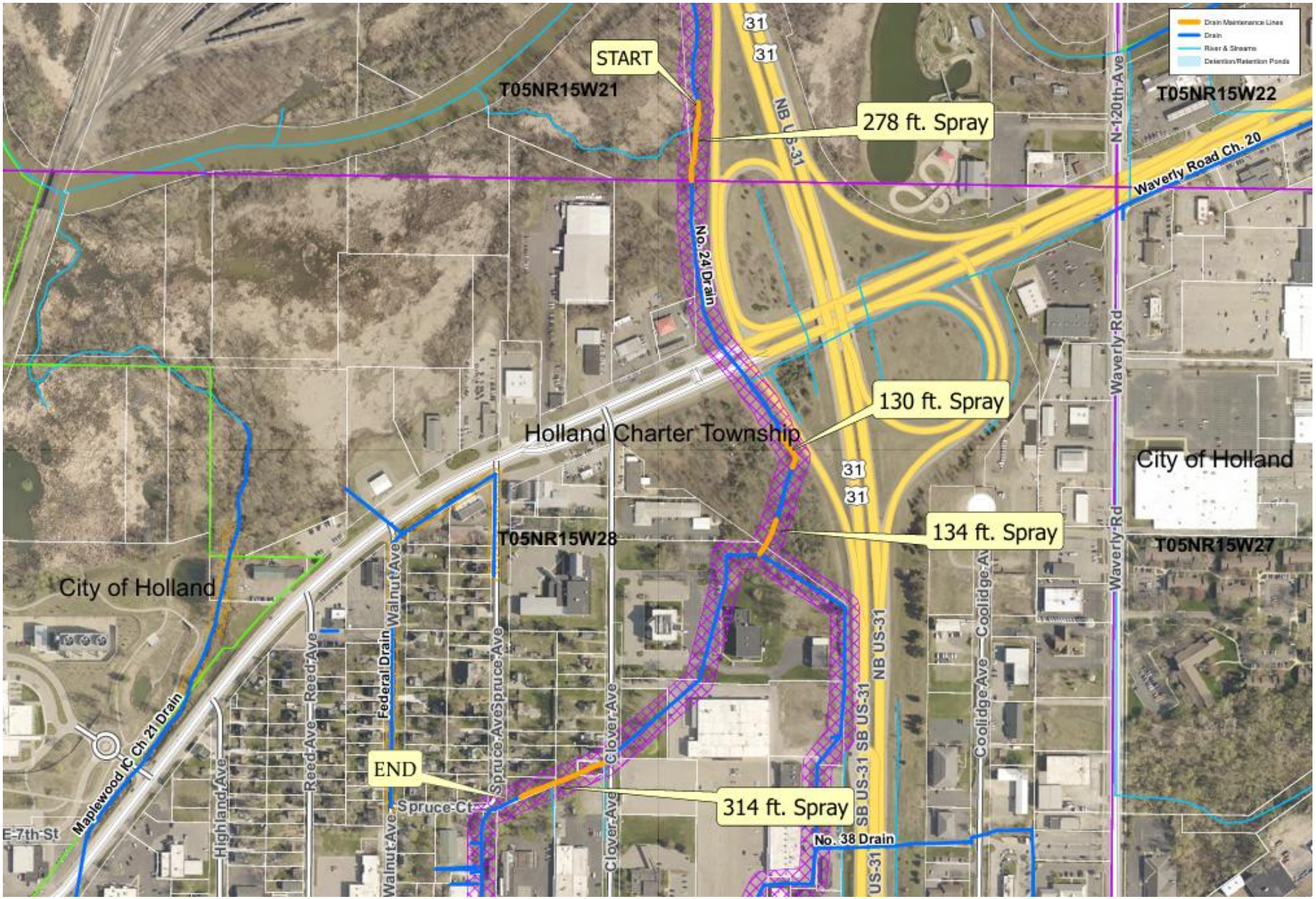
START
T05NR15W21
278 ft. Spray
T05NR15W22
Waverly Road Ch. 20
No. 24 Drain
130 ft. Spray
Holland Charter Township
City of Holland
134 ft. Spray
T05NR15W28
T05NR15W27
City of Holland
Maplewood IC Ch 21 Drain
END
314 ft. Spray
No. 38 Drain
Drain Maintenance Lines
Drain
River & Streams
Detention/Retention Ponds