

# Petition for Special Assessment District

For improvement of Thornapple River - Cascade Township, Kent County, Michigan

We, the undersigned, representing the record owners of more than (51%) percent of the total parcels abutting the Thornapple River hereby petition the Cascade Township Board to create a special assessment district for the purpose of river management, aquatic vegetation control and related services to improve the Thornapple River. The proposed special assessment district is legally described as follows:

Each owner of land abutting Thornapple River will be assessed for one (1) unit per parcel. The special assessment is for an estimated amount of \$300 per year, per assessment unit share for an initial period of 15 Years. Budgets for subsequent years shall be determined during the last year of the assessment and will be subject to public hearing.

We the petitioners understand that the improvement shall be conducted in accordance with the plans for the same to be prepared, reviewed, and approved by the township board, and the costs thereof, including expenses connected with engineering, planning, and legal costs will be assessed against each parcel of land within said proposed district.

## Proposed Special Assessment District (SAD) language.

SAD area of river between Cascade Dam upstream to 60th st, see map.

Provide aquatic weed control by means of chemical treatment to invasive species areas and mechanical harvesting of nuisance weeds in problem areas. Problem areas to be defined as areas where weeds impede recreational use of the water by a nearby resident. Undeveloped areas will only have invasive weeds treated near them.

Work with Cascade Township and try to jointly contribute to construct sediment controls and upkeep of said controls. Some dredging may be a component of projects but not necessarily. Possibly coordinate dredging with other SAD 's.

Cleanout and dredge the railroad bridge bypass channel for boats that can clear the bridge due to height limitations. Remove obstructions from the river that pose a significant safety or navigable concern.

The term of the Assessment is to be 15 years.

The annual assessment is expected to be around \$300 per year.