

# COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

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## MEMORANDUM

TO: Barbara Levin Bergman, Chair  
Ways & Means Committee

THROUGH: Robert E. Guenzel  
County Administrator

FROM: Daniel R. Myers, P.E.  
Director of Public Works

DATE: March 18, 1998

SUBJECT: Northfield Township Sewer System Expansion - North Territorial Road

### **BOARD ACTION REQUESTED**

Approval of the attached resolution directing the Board of Public Works to undertake a sanitary sewer project for the Township of Northfield

### **BACKGROUND**

In the past Washtenaw County has assisted several communities with the construction of water, wastewater and solid waste facilities. Communities are able to access the County's excellent credit rating by utilizing the provisions of Act 185, through the Division of Public Works and the Board of Public Works. Northfield Township has passed a resolution requesting the County's assistance in constructing expansions to their existing wastewater collection system. This project will provide sewers to serve properties along North Territorial Road east of US 23. The Township has initiated preliminary design of this project and are in the process of finalizing a special assessment district. It is hoped that construction can begin by summer.

The proposed resolution for your consideration initiates the process for County assistance. Additional approvals will be required by the Board of Commissioners as the project proceeds including approval of a contract with the Township and ultimately a bond resolution authorizing the sale of bonds. The Board of Public Works will be reviewing this resolution at its March 18 meeting.

### **DISCUSSION**

The proposed project is expected to cost approximately \$4,900,000 and will be paid for through special assessments collected from the benefited properties. A review of this project according to the procedures identified in the County's Full Faith and Credit Policy is underway and will be complete prior to your final approval of the sale of bonds. Northfield Township has evaluated the financing options for this improvement and the County's financial Advisor, Bendzinski and Co. has determined that it appears financially feasible.

### **IMPACT ON PERSONNEL**

There will be no impact on personnel.

### **IMPACT ON BUDGET**

There will be no impact on the County general fund budget. All costs associated with administration of this project, including County staff time, will be reimbursed from the project funds.

**IMPACT ON INDIRECT COSTS**

There will be no impact on indirect costs. Administrative charges for this project are calculated utilizing a multiplier system that captures overhead costs including the indirect costs of the Cost Allocation Plan.

**IMPACT ON OTHER COUNTY DEPARTMENTS OR OUTSIDE AGENCIES**

There will be no impact on other County Departments.

**CONFORMITY TO COUNTY POLICIES**

This action is in conformance with County policies. The resolution has been prepared by our bond counsel, and has been reviewed by the Board of Public Works, Corporation Counsel, Finance and County Administration.

**ATTACHMENTS/APPENDICES**

Resolution

Preparer: Daniel R. Myers P.E.

Director of Public Works

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**COUNTY OF WASHTENAW**

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

**At a \_\_\_\_\_ meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the County of Washtenaw held in the Ann Arbor, Michigan, on \_\_\_\_\_, 1998 at \_\_:\_\_.m. Eastern Standard Time, there were:**

**PRESENT:** \_\_\_\_\_

**ABSENT:** \_\_\_\_\_

**The following preamble and resolution were offered by \_\_\_\_\_ and seconded by \_\_\_\_\_.**

**RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE  
BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS TO  
UNDERTAKE A SANITARY SEWER PROJECT  
FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF NORTHFIELD**

**WHEREAS, there has been submitted to this Board a resolution adopted by the Township Board of the Township of Northfield in Washtenaw County (the "Township") requesting the County of Washtenaw (the "County") acting through its Department of Public Works, to undertake a project to construct improvements to the Northfield Township Sanitary Sewer System; and**

**WHEREAS, the County has begun its necessary review of this project under the County's Full Faith and Credit Policy and the various County departments and officials are expected to submit a positive**

recommendation; and

**WHEREAS, it appears to this Board that the establishment and construction of the Project, as requested by the Township, is feasible and should be carried out subject to the final Full Faith and Credit review; and**

**WHEREAS, the Project would be established through the issuance of County bonds, financed pursuant to the provisions of Act No. 185, Michigan Public Acts of 1957, as amended ("Act 185"); and**

**WHEREAS, in order to comply with the request, it is necessary that the Project be approved by resolution adopted by the County Board of Commissioners, pursuant to Act 185;**

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED as follows:**

- 1. The Board of Commissioners does hereby preliminarily approve, pursuant to Act 185 and subject to the final Full Faith and Credit Policy review, the making of sanitary system improvements for the Township as requested in the resolution adopted by the Township.**
- 2. The Project shall be known as the "Northfield Township Sanitary Sewer System Improvements, 1998 Project".**
- 3. The County shall pledge its full faith and credit to the payment of the principal of and interest on any bonds or notes of the County issued for the Project.**
- 4. The firm of John R. Axe and Associates, attorneys of Grosse Pointe Farms, Michigan, is hereby designated as bond counsel in connection with the Project, and the firm of Bendzinski & Company of Detroit, Michigan, is hereby designated as financial consultants for the County in connection with the Project.**
- 5. The issuance and sale of Bonds in the amount of not to exceed \$4,900,000 shall be subject to the approval of the Michigan Department of Treasury, as required by law, and the Director of the Department of Public Works, or Bond Counsel is hereby authorized to make application to the Department of Treasury for permission to issue and sell Bonds. Alternatively, the Director of the Department of Public Works, or Bond Counsel, in his or her discretion, is authorized to apply for an exception to such prior approval from the Michigan Department of Treasury.**
- 6. All resolutions, or portions thereof, insofar as they may be in conflict with this resolution, are hereby rescinded.**

**A vote on the foregoing resolution was taken and was as follows:**

**YES: \_\_\_\_\_**

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**NO: \_\_\_\_\_**

**ABSTAIN: \_\_\_\_\_**

**CERTIFICATION**

**I, the undersigned County Clerk of Washtenaw County, hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and accurate copy of a resolution adopted at a \_\_\_\_\_ meeting of the County Board of Commissioners held on \_\_\_\_\_, 1998, the original of which is on file in my office, and that notice of such meeting**

was given and such meeting was conducted in compliance with and pursuant to Act No. 267, Michigan Public Acts of 1976, as amended.

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County Clerk

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**APPENDIX A**  
**PROJECT DESCRIPTION**

The Project will consist of construction of new gravity sanitary sewers and pumping stations and force mains to serve portions of Northfield Township residents and businesses located along North Territorial Road in the vicinity of the intersection with the US 23 freeway. It will also include replacement of the existing sanitary sewage pumping station located at 8 Mile Road. In addition, the Michigan Department of Transportation rest area located approximately 3 miles south of the North Territorial Road exit will be connected to the system by a pumping station and force main.

The estimated cost for this project is as follows:

Engineering \$ 590,000

Construction \$3,790,000

Miscellaneous \$ 120,000

Contingency \$ 400,000

**TOTAL COST \$4,900,000**



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