

**Maintenance Report on the Audley Oshier #60 Regulated Drain**  
**Tippecanoe County Drainage Board**  
**October 15, 2010**

The Audley Oshier Drain was originally established as part of the John A. McFarland ETAL Ditch by the Superior Court of Tippecanoe County, Indiana on July 2, 1928. The Drain and its watershed is located in Section 26 and 27 of Township 24 North and Range 6 West in the political township of Shelby, Tippecanoe County, Indiana.

By using information available in the 1970's the 1971 Maintenance Report indicates a watershed area totaling 808.89 acres and being totally within Tippecanoe County. It is the judgment of the Tippecanoe County Surveyor based on testimony from benefitted landowners and 2 foot contour information available in the year 2010 that the total benefitted watershed area is 1313.08 acres. There is approximately 8200 lineal feet of open ditch and zero (0) lineal feet of tile under maintenance.

The Audley Oshier Drain Maintenance Fund was established by the Tippecanoe County Drainage Board on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of December 1971.

It is the judgment of the Tippecanoe County Surveyor that a sum of \$30,000.00 is needed to maintain and improve the existing open ditch system.

An assessment of \$7.50 per acre and a \$50.00 minimum over a four year period is recommended. This will generate \$40,531.88 over a four year period. Assuming the maintenance and improvements are completed at that time, the per acre assessment could be lowered to \$5.00 per acre and a \$35.00 minimum if the majority of the owners benefitted agreed.

It is the opinion of the Tippecanoe County Surveyor to leave the rate set at \$7.50 per acre because of inflation in dredging costs and due to the minimal amount of acres within the watershed. Lowering the assessment rate will not guarantee that there will be adequate funds available to perform maintenance work in the future.

Respectfully Submitted by:

  
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