

# 2024 Oakland County Water Resources Commissioner's Office Water Quality Sampling Results

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Priority 3 – No evidence of pollutants and *E. coli* values  $\leq 1,000$  cfu/100 ml

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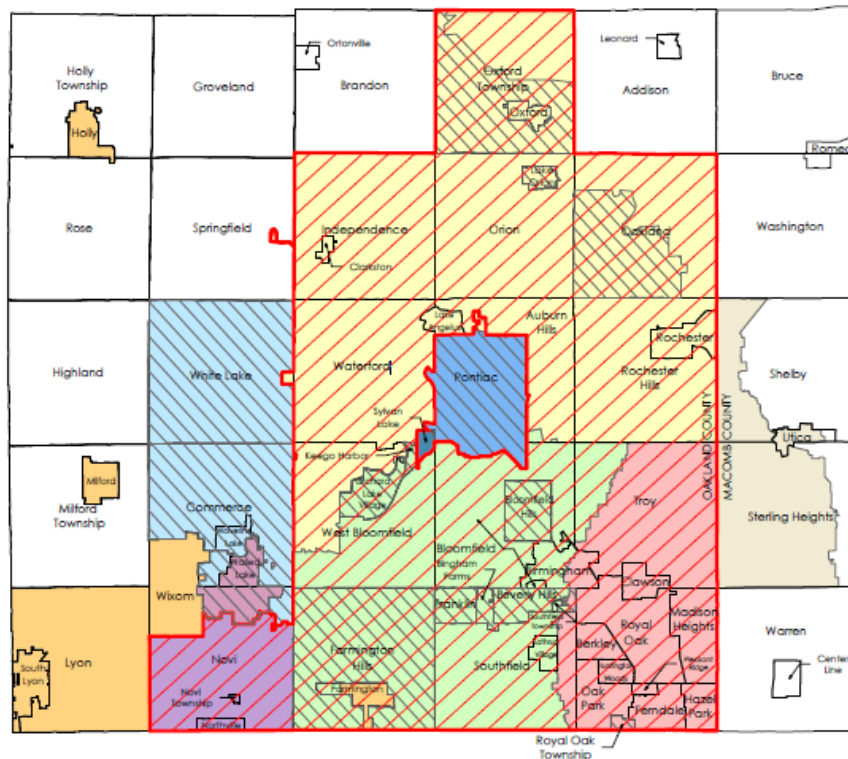
Water quality samples for *E. coli* analysis were completed by either the Walled Lake-Novu Waste Water Treatment Plant or Paragon Laboratories Inc. Samples for HF183 analysis were completed by Oakland University.

A total of 355 samples were taken and analyzed for *E. coli* from these initiatives as follows:

- 4.51% (16 samples) were Priority 1
- 28.17% (100 samples) were Priority 2
- 67.32% (239 samples) were Priority 3

## Outfall Sampling Program Results

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Drain Name	<u><i>E. coli</i> GEO MEAN</u> cfu/100 ml	Drain Name	<u><i>E. coli</i> GEO MEAN</u> cfu/100 ml
Axford Drain	108	Jensen Drain	4,692
Cornerstone Condos Drain 1	771	John E. Olson Drain	538
Cornerstone Condos Drain 2	2,433	Kelly Drain	247
Cornerstone Condos Drain 3	Dry	Levinson Drain	229
Crake Drain	241	Linden Drain	657
David L Moffett Drain	789	M15 Drain	58
Dennis Murphy Drain	719	Oaks Drain	80
Drayton Plain Drain	245	Osgood Drain	2,385
Fred Houghten Drain	286	Paint Creek (Rochester Park)	779
Goodison Place Drain 1	1,026	Pond Valee Drain 1	9
Goodison Place Drain 2	153	Pond Valee Drain 2	18
Goodison Place Drain 3	1,278	Pond Valee Drain 3	237
Guyer Drain	3,800	Pond Valee Drain 4	592
Hamilton Drain	1,405	Ramiro Drain	167
Ireland Drain	493	Robert J Evans Drain	179

<u>Drain Name</u>	<u>HF 183 Marker</u> <u>GC/100 ml</u>	<u>Drain Name</u>	<u>HF 183 Marker</u> <u>GC/100 ml</u>
Goodison Place Drain 1	54,652	Osgood Drain	95
Guyer Drain	240	Paint Creek –Rochester Park	95
Jensen Drain	277	Wrey Drain	325

**Next Steps:**

**Goodison Place Drain** CCTV was inconclusive, dye testing will take place in 2025 along the identified elevated segments of drain to locate the illicit connection.

All other drains will be resampled in 5 years.

## George W. Kuhn Sanitary Disposal System

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Dunleavy Drain (Tawas)	554	Kaczmar Drain	652
Dunleavy Drain (Wolverine)	1,919	King Drain	88
Fredericks Drain 1 (Page Drain)	697	McConnell Drain	262
Fredericks Drain 2	122	McCulloch Drain	1,866
Fredericks Drain 3	251	Moxley Drain 1	593
Halfpenny Drain	1,392	Moxley Drain 2	588
Hazel Park (Elza)	137	Nelson Drain	278
Hazel Park Local (Maple Ln)	31	Vogt Drain 1	538
Hazel Park Local (Tucker)	684	Vogt Drain 2	355

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Henry Graham Drain (ROT005027)	12,915	Walker Drain	119
Hugh Dohnay Drain	719	Wilson Drain	147
Jackson Drain East	161	Wrey Drain	1,328
Jackson Drain West	165		

<u>Drain Name</u>	<u>HF 183 Marker GC/100 ml</u>	<u>Drain Name</u>	<u>HF 183 Marker GC/100 ml</u>
Dunleavy Drain (Wolverine)	95	Moxley Drain 2	95
Hazel Park Local (Tucker)	4,311	Wrey Drain	325
Henry Graham Drain (ROT0050027)	507		

**Next Steps:**

**Henry Graham Drain** Dye test for possible illicit connection on Henry Graham Drain, if dye testing shows proper connections, coordinate with Madison Heights on good housekeeping solution.

**Dunleavy Drain** Continue investigating branches along Greig Ave with HF183 and CCTV if needed.

**Hazel Park Local** Continued coordination with the City of Hazel Park to help identify elevated structures that may lead to illicit connections.

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Apple Cove Drain	417	Owens Drain SOT137018	41
Arbors of West Bloomfield Drain 1	210	Owens Drain SOT137020	87
Arbors of West Bloomfield Drain 2	Dry	Owens Drain SOT137014	547
Arbors of West Bloomfield Drain 3	169	Owens Drain SOT137022	75
Arbors of West Bloomfield Drain 4	1,130	Palais Le Duc Drain	145
Arbors of West Bloomfield Drain 5	Dry	Park Ridge Drain	455
Blue Heron Drain	261	Peggy Drain	130
Brennan Drain	202	Peterson Drain	687
Case Drain	1,915	Robert Reid Drain	430
Chimney Hills Apartments Drain 1	491	Rouge River 9 and Inkster	931
Chimney Hills Apartments Drain 2	841	Rouge River Clarenceville Drain	610
Deconick Drain	639	Rouge River Tulane Drain	632
Donohue Drain 1	130	Rouge River Emily Drain	1,023
Donohue Drain 2	118	Rouge River Drake and Dewberry	468
Earlmoor Drain	109	Royal Pointe Drain 1	257
Edwards Drain	958	Royal Pointe Drain 2	430
Evans Drain	23,344	Silverbrook Villa Apartment Drain 1	186
Gronkowski Drain	290	Silverbrook Villa Apartment Drain 2	259

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Hayes Drain	118	Silverbrook Villa Apartment Drain 3	459
Hazel Drain	424	Snyder Drain	1,709
Hidden Creek Drain	114	Southwyck Drain 1	178
Keego Harbor Drain	53	Southwyck Drain 2	525
Law Drain 1	159	Southwyck Drain 3	134
Law Drain 2	513	Southwyck Drain 4	36
Law Drain 3	728	Stewart Drain 1	465
Law Drain 4	720	Stewart Drain 2	890
Law Drain 5	697	Townline Drain	208
Luz Drain	293	Village Square Drain 1	107
Martha Washington Drain 1	36	Village Square Drain 2	100
Martha Washington Drain 2	249	Wagner Drain	397
McDonnell Drain	1,516	West Bloomfield Oaks Drain 1	Dry
Owens Drain SOT137024	49	West Bloomfield Oaks Drain 2	51

<u>Drain Name</u>	<u>HF 183 Marker GC/100 ml</u>	<u>Drain Name</u>	<u>HF 183 Marker GC/100 ml</u>
Case Drain	95		

**Investigations Completed:**

**Owens Drain** - The illicit discharge at 19244 E. Nine Mile Road in Southfield has been resolved.

**Next Steps:**

**Evans Drain** – Follow up required along the Evans Drain.

All other Drains will be resampled in 5 years

## Other Systems / Non-sewered Areas

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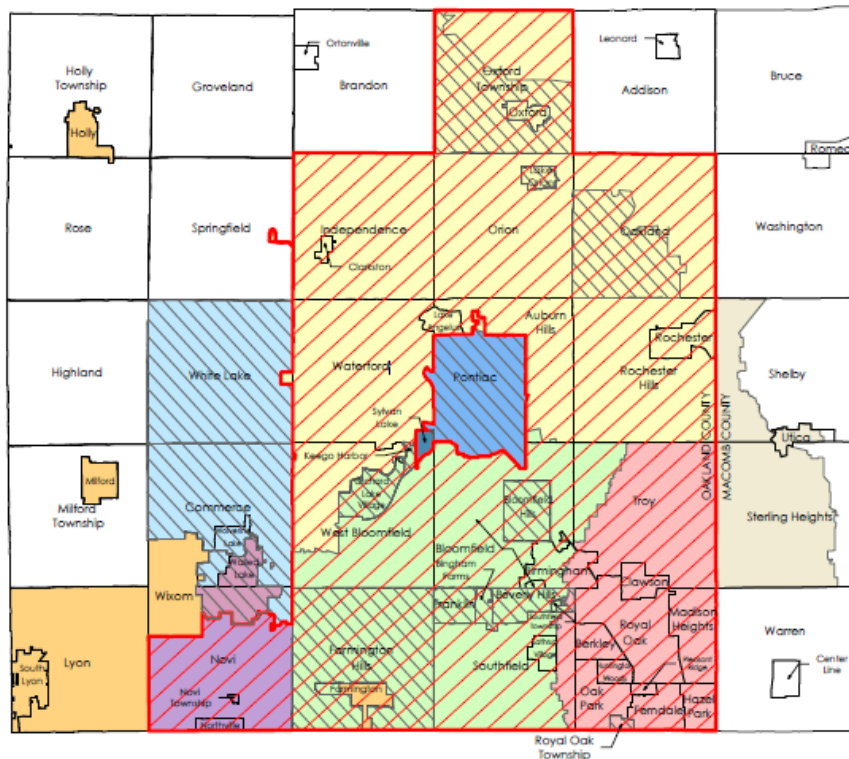
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- 20.8% (38 samples) were Priority 2
- 74.3% (136 samples) were Priority 3

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Bartlett Drain	415	Gosling Drain	1,087
Bishop Drain	536	Heights Drain 1	1.424
Century Woods Drain 1	248	Heights Drain 2	423
Century Woods Drain 2	Dry	Heights Drain 3	976
Charles R. Moon Drain	43	High Meadows Drain	1,319
Claremont Drain 1	605	Hills of Kings Pointe Drain 1	331
Claremont Drain 2	1,335	Hills of Kings Pointe Drain 2	12
Cranberry Lake Drain	987	Hills of Kings Pointe Drain 3	19
Cranbrook Ridge Drain 1	480	Hills of Kings Pointe Drain 4	108
Cranbrook Ridge Drain 2	178	McIntyre Drain	62
Deer Point Drain	9	Oakland Knolls Drain 1	6
Dennis Murphy Drain	183	Oakland Knolls Drain 2	28
Five Points Drain	761	Oakland Meadows Drain 1	93
Gabler Drain	403	Oakland Meadows Drain 2	8
Goodison Glen Drain	348	Oakland Meadows Drain 3	68

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Palmer Drain 2	442	Van Maele Drain	120
Plum Creek Drain 1	2	Wolf Drain	543
Plum Creek Drain 2	Dry	Wyndgate Drain 1	5,398
Josephine Drain	18,264	Wyndgate Drain 2	214
Rewold Drain	263	Wyndgate Drain 3	Dry
Robert Huber Drain	12		

<u>Drain Name</u>	<u>HF 183 Marker</u> GC/100 ml	<u>Drain Name</u>	<u>HF 183 Marker</u> GC/100 ml
Josephine Drain	200		

**Next Steps:**

**High Meadows Drain:** The follow up samples were Priority 3

**Josephine Drain:** Follow up HF183 Sampling was not positive for Human, added to 2026 for follow up sample.

**Wyndgate Drain** CCTV was inconclusive; follow up sampling will take place in 2026.

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Barnard Drain	2,419	Mastin Drain	697
Dunleavy Drain (Tawas)	2,419	Quinn Drain	232
Henry Graham Drain	816	Roth Drain 1	1,086
Kutchey	2,419	Roth Drain 2	765

<u>Drain Name</u>	<u>HF 183 Marker GC/100 ml</u>	<u>Drain Name</u>	<u>HF 183 Marker GC/100 ml</u>
Barnard Drain	1,049	Henry Grham Drain	200
Dunleavy Drain	200	Kutchey Drain	1,631

### Investigation Completed:

**Henry Graham Drain:** Follow up HF183 sampling was not positive for human. Elevated *E. coli* numbers appear to be coming from trash. Forwarded to Madison Heights.

### Next Steps:

**Barnard Drain:** No observational discharges found; will follow up in 2026 with low human markers identified.

**Dunleavy Drain:** Follow up HF183 sampling was not positive for human; added to 2026 for follow up sample.

**Kutchey Drain:** Elevated *E. coli* and low human markers continue results continue to be sporadic. Continued follow up in 2026 with coordination with City of Hazel Park and Macomb County Public Works.

All other drains will be resampled in 5 years.

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Beechmont Drain	1,196	Hayward Drain	86
Bloomfield Highlands Drain	1,209,800	Lueders Drain 1	1,033
Caddell Drain	1,541	Lueders Drain 2	275
Carrington Gardens Drain 1	867	Lynn D. Allen Drain	290
Carrington Gardens Drain 2	534	McKinley Drain	254
Carrington Gardens Drain 3	522	Meadow Ridge Estates Drain 1	26
Carrington Gardens Drain 4	431	Meadow Ridge Estates Drain 2	148
Crown Center Drain	473	Meadow Ridge Estates Drain 3	292
Devonshire Drain	11,689	Meadow Ridge Estates Drain 4	Dry
Eight Mile Drain	673	Meadow Ridge Estates Drain 5	221
Fairfield Estates Drain 1	Dry	Minnow Pond Drain	304
Fairfield Estates Drain 2	38	Murphy Drain	33
Halstead-Pontiac Trail Drain 1	223	Northwoods Forest Drain 1	Dry
Halstead-Pontiac Trail Drain 2	Dry	Northwoods Forest Drain 2	1,063
Halstead-Pontiac Trail Drain 3	3,519	Pembroke Park Drain 1	1,267
Halstead-Pontiac Trail Drain 4	3,682	Pembroke Park Drain 2	1,120
Halstead-Pontiac Trial Drain 5	71	Powers Drain	275
Jilbert Drain	343	Ravines of W. Bloomfield Drain 1	Dry

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Ravines of W. Bloomfield Drain 2	361	Thornberry Drain 2	Dry
Simsbury Condo Drain 1	1,434	Thornberry Drain 3	104
Simsbury Condo Drain 2	572	Thornberry Drain 4	564
Simsbury Condo Drain 3	1,434	Walnut Hills of W. Bloomfield Drain 1	336
Simsbury Condo Drain 4	62	Walnut Hills of W. Bloomfield Drain 2	902
Simsbury Condo Drain 5	91	Wilcox Drain	90
Simsbury Condo Drain 6	427	Wyndham Pointe Drain 1	567
Simsbury Condo Drain 7	89	Wyndham Pointe Drain 2	740
Simsbury North Drain	52	Wyndham Pointe Drain 3	570
Southfield Road Drain	64	Wyndham Pointe Drain 4	107
Sprague Drain	617	Wyndham Pointe Drain 5	129
Sunken Bridge Drain	652	Wyndham Pointe Drain 6	94
Thornberry Drain 1	1,039		

<u>Drain Name</u>	<u>HF 183 Marker GC/100 ml</u>	<u>Drain Name</u>	<u>HF 183 Marker GC/100 ml</u>
Bloomfield Highlands Drain	157,289	Devonshire Drain	1,422

**Next Steps:**

**Bloomfield Highlands Drain / Devonshire Drain** – CCTV is currently being recorded and reviewed with dye testing taking place in 2026.

**US-16 Drain** - Current CCTV coordination with Farmington. Possible leak in bulkhead(s).