

# New \$35 million water line OKd

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Franklin objected, asking that the project be delayed until more study is made on soil erosion and environmental impact.

BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP raised several questions, though Supervisor Fred Korson said the answers could be issued out during the construction process.

Supporting the project are Birmingham, Bloomfield Hills, Farmington Hills, Orchard Lake, Commerce Township, Novi, the South Oakland County Water Authority, the state Department of Public Health and Wayne County.

The Builders Association of Southeast Michigan and a number of developers also submitted letters of support. The state Department of Public Health issued a moratorium on building in the western suburbs a year ago because of a lack of adequate water supply and water pressure to accommodate new construction.

Lawrence Littman, road commission chairman, said he appreciated concerns relating to environment but that the need for water is a compelling argument.

"My decision is controlled by the overriding concern of the health, safety and welfare of those people," Littman said.

FRANKLIN RESIDENTS, especially those who live along 14 Mile Road, fear destruction of the canopy of trees over the road and erosion of the river banks, endangering houses built on the sloping terrain.

Councilwoman Diane Lake told

the road commission to address the concerns prior to construction and save money in liability suits should construction cause one of the houses on the slope to slide.

To safeguard the trees and the 14 Mile Road slope, both the construction contractor and the Detroit Water Board will be named construction coordinators on the permit, Littman said. That permit must be approved by the road commission before work can begin.

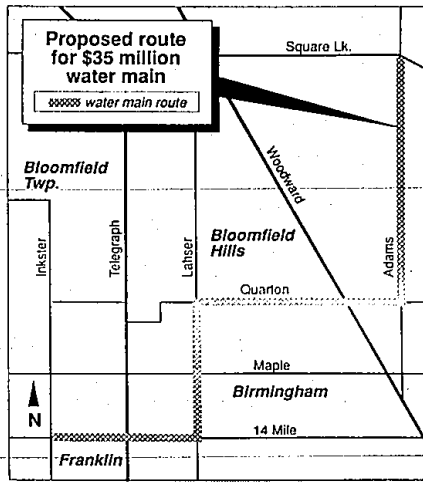
Public comments from the floor were divided, with those living in Franklin or along 14 Mile Road in Bloomfield Township opposing the water project and others endorsing it.

Carmina Brooks-Tuksal, former chairwoman of the Franklin Historic Commission, said that the damage caused by construction would be irreversible.

"THERE IS A very basic question — will this damage Franklin village?" she asked. "The liability question is a very big one and this may be an unfeasible project. The Environmental Protection Act was created to protect fragile tracts of land. There could be great damage to three areas — private property, the ecology and the character of Michigan's first historic district."

Randy Brakeman, also of Franklin, said too many questions remain unanswered and that it would be more prudent to resolve them rather than go ahead and then have to deal with the problems of soil erosion.

"You shouldn't level the current environment just so people can expand to other areas," Brakeman said.



Rick Rosenhaus, a former Franklin resident who now lives in Farmington Hills, called the current situation an odd one since people in other areas of the world fight to get water.

ALTHOUGH HE moved, Rosenhaus remains a volunteer Franklin firefighter. Without hydrants, Franklin fire trucks carry their own water and once that supply is out — about five minutes — that truck is out of commission, Rosenhaus said.

"It's all you have. After five minutes, I walk out and good-bye to the citizen's house," he said.

No representatives from Troy attended Thursday's meeting. Road Commissioners said Troy city is in favor of the plan though it has not granted the county the right to use city roads for the detours during the construction. Without that approval, traffic will detour along county roads.

The water main is scheduled to run from near Adams and Square Lake roads, south on Adams to Big Beaver Road, west on Big Beaver to Lahser, south on Lahser to 14 Mile and west on 14 Mile Road to the Franklin pumping station near Inksater Road.

## Cable tells jungle tales

The Baldwin Public Library's "Stories in the Rain Forest" will give adults a chance to share reading experiences with their children through the Municipal and Library Access Channel cable Channel 9.

The programs are broadcast at 5:30 p.m. Thursdays and 10:30 a.m. Fridays.

The programs feature stories with a jungle theme and are hosted by the children's librarians.

## Library schedules story hour

The Farmington Community Library will host a Story Hour program Wednesday, Aug. 7, as part of the Downtown Development Authority's Summer Fun Series. It will begin at 10 a.m. and run until 1 p.m. under the green and white striped tent at Grand River and Grove streets in downtown Farmington.

Shirley Richardson at 11 a.m. At noon and 1 p.m., Alice McCoy — a librarian, Detroit Story League member and co-owner of Books Aboard — will be the professional storyteller.

Story Hour is the ninth program in the DDA's 10-week series. For more information about the program, call the DDA office at 473-7276.

## around Farmington

**Deadline for Around Farmington is noon Monday for Thursday publication and noon Thursday for Monday publication. Requests for announcements will not be taken over the telephone.**

### ● BIBLE SCHOOL

Monday-Friday, Aug. 5-9: "Vacation Bible School is a Family Affair," for those of all ages 7-9 p.m. each day in Forest Park Baptist Church, 26805 Farmington Road. For registration information, call the church, 476-0880.

### ● SONWARD HO

Monday-Friday, Aug. 5-9: "Sonward Ho," Vacation Bible School with games, Bible stories, crafts, songs, for 4- to 12-year-olds 9-11:45 a.m. each day in Farmington Hills Baptist Church, 28301 Middlebelt. For registration information, call the church office, 851-0310.

### ● STORYTIME

Tuesday, Aug. 6: "Storytime With the Mayor," Farmington Mayor Shirley Richardson reads to 4- and 5-year-olds at 10:30 a.m. in Farmington Branch Library, State and Liberty. No charge. Storytime continues Tuesdays, Aug. 13, 20 and 27. Reservations are requested by the library, 474-7770.

### ● JACK AND THE BEANSTALK

Tuesday, Aug. 6: "Jack and the Beanstalk," produced by Children's Entertainment Company, at 7:30 p.m. in Jewish Community Center, 6600 Maple Road, West Bloomfield. Admission is \$3.50.

### ● STORY HOUR

Wednesday, Aug. 7: Story Hour, with Farmington Community Library's guest storytellers, at 10 a.m., 11 a.m., noon and 1 p.m. under the green and white striped tent on Grand River between Farmington and Power. No charge. Event sponsored by Farmington Downtown Development Authority.

### ● HOME FURNISHINGS

Wednesday, Aug. 7: Seminar on home furnishing trends at 2:30 p.m. in Ray Interiors, 33300 Slocum, downtown Farmington. No charge.

### ● BUYING A COMPUTER

Wednesday, Aug. 7: "Tips on Buying a Computer" when you are buying an Apple or Macintosh at 7:30 p.m. in Farmington Branch Library, State and Liberty. No charge.

### ● NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH

Wednesday, Aug. 7: Neighborhood Watch orientation meeting for all residents of any existing or newly established Neighborhood Watch subdivision who has not yet attended an orientation, at 7:30 p.m. in Farmington Hills City Council Chambers. Free window-locking devices given to all who attend. No charge. Event sponsored by Farmington Hills Crime Prevention Section.

### ● JAZZ FESTIVAL

Wednesday, Aug. 7: Chuck Robi netic kicks off August Jazz Festival at 7 p.m. on the grounds of The Community Center, Farmington Road north of 10 Mile. Tickets are \$10 each, or \$25 for series of three, available from the center, 477-8404.

### ● FASHION FLAIR

Saturday, Aug. 10: Fall Fashion Flair, fashions from Laurel Park Place merchants modeled at 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. in Laurel Park Place North Court, Six Mile and Newburgh, Livonia.

### ● BIBLE SCHOOL

Monday-Friday, Aug. 12-16: Vacation Bible School 9-11:30 a.m. each day in St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church, 32225 Gill Road. Registration information given by Jackie Craig, 474-0584.

### ● HOME FURNISHINGS

Wednesday, Aug. 14: Seminar on home furnishing trends at 2:30 p.m. in Ray Interiors, 33300 Slocum, downtown Farmington. No charge.

### CITY OF FARMINGTON HILLS PUBLIC NOTICE

The City of Farmington Hills 1991 Summer Tax Statements are payable July 1, 1991 through August 31, 1991. This statement includes city taxes, community college taxes, 1/2 of school taxes, and special assessments (if applicable). Payments can be made at City Hall. The Treasurer's Office is open Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., except for Thursday, July 4, 1991.

Monday, September 2, 1991  
For the taxpayer's convenience, a night depository, located on the EAST WALL OF THE FRONT COURTYARD is available for after hours during regular business hours.  
NBD (15 fee charged by NBD for each tax bill) (no fee)  
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By law, payments received by mail are recorded on the date actually received by the Treasurer. Payments received after August 31, 1991 will be considered a partial payment, and penalty bills will be mailed out. Summer taxes may be deferred until February 14, 1992 by a senior citizen, paraplegic, quadriplegic, blind person, permanently disabled person, eligible serviceman, veteran or widow. Qualified persons can obtain application forms at the Treasurer's Office, or by calling 474-6115, ext. 240.

CHARLES D. ROSCH,  
Finance Director, Treasurer

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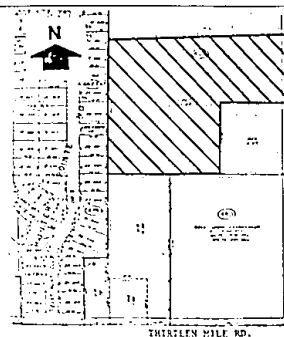
### CITY OF FARMINGTON HILLS 31555 Eleven Mile Road Farmington Hills, Michigan 48336

#### PLANNING COMMISSION PUBLIC HEARING

DATE: AUGUST 15, 1991  
TIME: 7:30 P.M.  
PLACE: Farmington Hills City Hall 31555 Eleven Mile Rd. Farmington Hills, Michigan 48336  
ITEM: Plat 1, 1991

The following item has been requested to be on the Planning Commission meeting of Thursday, August 15, 1991, at 7:30 P.M., for tentative approval of Preliminary Plat, Section 27-38 of the Code of the City of Farmington Hills, Michigan.

PRELIMINARY PLAT  
NAME: HUNTER'S POINTE COLONY SUBDIVISION  
NO. OF LOTS: 19  
LOCATION: West side of Drake Road between Thirteen and Fourteen Mile Roads. No. 23-05-400-027  
ACREAGE: 12.00 Acres  
ZONED: RA-1, Single-Family Residential District  
DEVELOPER: Marvin Rollins, Charter Land Corporation



DALE A. COUNTEGAN, Director  
Planning & Community Development

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