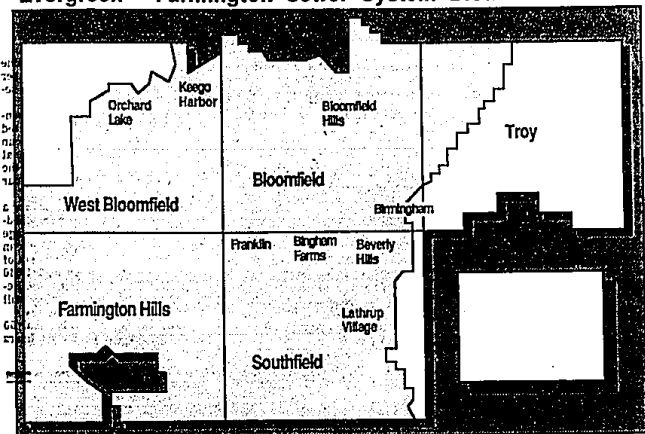


Evergreen - Farmington Sewer System District



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Shaded area will be served by Oakland County's \$50 million sewer expansion.

-75 widening bids opened

Ajax Industries Inc. of Madison Heights was apparent low bidder at \$12.59 million for the widening of 8.8 miles of I-75 freeway in Oakland County, the Michigan Department of Transportation said.

The freeway will be widened from 10 to 12 lanes in the northbound lanes and widened to three lanes in

each direction, widening and painting five bridges, constructing concrete shoulders and repairs. Scheduled completion date is November 1989.

Ajax was lowest of eight bidders. The contract must be approved by the state Transportation Commission and state Administrative Board.

New Oakland sewers to help clean Rouge

By Tim Richard
staff writer

A \$50 million sewer expansion project is on its way to approval by the Oakland County Board of Commissioners.

Its first effect will be to expand existing sewers in several built-up suburbs and relieve pollution of the Rouge.

"The project has been on the boards for years. We feel that this time around, the project will go through," said Milt Handorf, county director of public works, told the planning and building committee of the county board.

The federal government is expected to pick up nearly half the total cost — \$23.75 million. Local shares will be paid through sewage treatment bills, county officials said.

"People aren't exactly where we thought they would be," he said, explaining the need for expansion and new pump stations.

The project will affect parts of western Troy, all of Bloomfield Hills, most of Bloomfield Township, the eastern portion of West Bloomfield Township, some of Birmingham, the Kendallwood neighborhood of Farmington Hills, half of Beverly Hills, and several sections of Southfield.

The city of Detroit's water and sewerage department will receive the wastewater in a new line called the First-Hamilton, Fredericks said. This will alleviate the flow into sewers with holding basins which, during heavy rains, overflow into the Rouge.

CONSTRUCTION will begin in six months and last about three years, county officials said.

The planning and building committee, chaired by Anne Hobart, R-Waterford, gave the project 7-0 approval and sent it to the full county board.

The county will issue and guarantee 40-year bonds, although it's unlikely the bonds to be served ever will default on payments.

While county commissioners will vote on an entire package, the work is actually to be done in eight stages. It will affect the existing Evergreen and Farmington sewage disposal systems.

That decision was made by the Michigan Department of Natural Resources, which designated the area for a single plan.

"THIS EXPANDS the capacity of sewers that were built in the 1950s," deputy drain commissioner Robert Fredericks told the committee.

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