

Water Resources Commissioner Election 2012

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After close to twenty-four years as Drain Commissioner, and now as Water Resources Commissioner in Washtenaw County, I will not be running for re-election this November. I have had wonderful and fulfilling years working to protect and restore Washtenaw County's water resources and improve vital infrastructure. I could not have undertaken the work I have completed without this community as an active partner. It has been the support I have received from Washtenaw County public officials and citizens that allowed me to undertake projects and programs that are improving the health of local waterways and have won state and national recognition. This community has provided me with great friends and colleagues. I cannot thank you enough.

I'm thrilled to be able to support **Evan Pratt, P.E.**, who will be running on the Democratic ballot for Water Resources Commissioner this year. I've known and worked with Evan for fifteen years. No one could be more qualified to ensure that the Office of Washtenaw County Water Resources Commissioner continues as a leader in water resource protection than Evan.

Evan Pratt has been a Washtenaw County resident since 1989, working as a professional on water resources projects to address water quality and quantity issues for public agencies throughout Southeast Michigan. He is a 1987 graduate of MIT's Civil and Environmental Engineering program, and has worked as a consultant to many of the communities and agencies in Washtenaw County. He is presently a Senior Project Manager with the professional engineering firm, the Spicer Group.

Evan is also a licensed Professional Engineer in five states, including Michigan. His expertise includes stormwater quality and management, capital improvement project management and funding, and public works budgeting. He knows the Drain Code from his years working with Michigan's Drain and Water Resources Commissioners.

He has been a member of the Board of Directors for the Huron River Watershed Council since 2003. He served for several years as Treasurer and is currently Chair of the Board.

Evan has also actively served on a variety of boards and committees that require both technical and policy decision making, including:

- Washtenaw County Planning Advisory Board
- Huron River Impoundment Management Committee
- City of Ann Arbor Planning Commission (current member, past Chair and Vice Chair)
- Statewide Stormwater Low Impact Development Design Manual, Advisory Committee

His Professional affiliations include:

- Michigan Association of Planning
- American Planning Association
- Michigan Chapter, American Public Works Association (including service as Treasurer and President)

Evan lives in Ann Arbor with his wife Ana, a teacher, their children, ages 11, 8, and 5, plus three large dogs and two cats.