

# Huron River Chain of Lakes Update

February 8, 2021

**2020 Report Now Available:** The 2020 yearend report from Progressive AE can be found [here](#).

**Treatment Permits:** Aquatic Services has submitted the permit applications to EGLE. Permits will be issued as they are reviewed. We anticipate that to happen before the deadline of 4/15/2021. Once we have the permits and the associated restrictions for each lake body, we will detail those out in an update.

**Huron River Chain of Lakes Comments and Concerns Form:** To assist Washtenaw County Staff and Progressive AE to streamline resident phone calls, emails, and concerns, we have created an online comment form to allow for better tracking and data sharing. You can view the form here: <http://bit.ly/HRCOLConcerns>. When the season starts residents will be directed to use this form to submit areas of concern to be addressed by the management team. The online form will allow tracking of concerns. We look forward to implementing this process and look forward to the resident's support!

**Surveys:** It may be cold, but we are planning the upcoming season already. Once we have survey dates, we will include the details on an upcoming update. We are anticipating surveys to start in May 2021.

**2021 Planning:** At the end of February Washtenaw County, Progressive AE, Aquatic Services, and representatives of the PBOWA will gather to discuss the 2020 treatment season and plan for the 2021 season.

## Additional Information:

### DID YOU MISS THE HURON RIVER CHAIN OF LAKES IMPROVEMENT PROJECT 2020 UPDATE & EDUCATIONAL MEETING:

**No worries**, we posted it online! You can view the entire meeting [here](#). The slides from the Progressive AE presentation will also be posted on the County website as well!

At the meeting we mentioned we were going to share some links with everyone. Below are the links:

The University of Minnesota's St. Anthony Falls Laboratory is launching a new research initiative that looks to measure the height and energy of waves and depth and force of propeller wash generated by wake boats and other large watercraft to better understand and quantify their impacts on lake bottoms and shorelines. <http://c-fund.us/rv3>

Lake turnover and Stratification video from Progressive AE: <https://www.michiganlakeinfo.com/turnover-and-stratification>

**Riverfront and Lakeshore Properties:** Rainwater and melting snow wash over the land carrying contaminants such as dirt, oil and toxic auto fluids, pesticides and fertilizer, bacteria from pet waste and failing septic systems, and even pavement heat into the nearest lake, river, or stream. This results in excessive aquatic plant growth and algal blooms, decreased water clarity, altered stream flows, degraded habitat, and shoreline erosion. To learn more about what you can do as a waterfront homeowner to help minimize runoff please visit the Huron River Watershed Council [website](#).

**PFAS:** The "Do Not Eat" advisory on the Huron River starts when N. Wixom Road crosses in Oakland County and extends downstream to the mouth of the Huron River as it enters Lake Erie in Wayne County. For a full list of water-bodies please visit <https://www.washtenaw.org/AlertCenter.aspx?AID=136>

**Shoreland Steward Best Practices:** Please visit the following site to learn more about the best practices for your shoreland! Small steps you take on your own shore can have BIG impacts for your lake's water quality. <https://www.mishorelandstewards.org/bestpractices.asp>

**Washtenaw County Website with Lake Management Resources:** A list of informational resources we have been accumulating have been posted on a central page now! On this webpage you can find information on Plant Management, Lake Muck, Native Shorelines and Boat Pitting. Please take a look at this [page](#)! If you have a resource, you think might be helpful for other residents who live on or enjoy lake life please forward it to [Lakes@washtenaw.org](mailto:Lakes@washtenaw.org).



EGLE is hosting a webinar series. You can learn more [here](#) and sign up for the webinars!



# Shoreline Symposium

**Webinar Series!**  
Every Monday in February  
From 1 - 2 pm

Join our second Shoreline Symposium! This time online! This free conference is for any waterfront property owner hoping to learn how to protect the aesthetics, recreation access, and property values of their lake, pond, or stream.

The symposium will include the following sessions:

- February 1st: Aquatic Plant ID**  
Erick Elgin - MSU Extension
- February 8th: Lake Health and Monitoring**  
Melissa DeSimone - Michigan Lakes & Streams Association
- February 15th: Invasive Species Best Management**  
Tom Alwin - EGLE: Aquatic Invasive Species Program
- February 22nd: Laws & Permits**  
Eric Bacon - EGLE: Aquatic Nuisance Control Program

Pre-registration is required:  
<https://stewardshipnetwork.salsalabs.org/SWxSWCISMA2021ShorelineSymposiumWebinar1>





