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Huron River Chain of Lakes Improvement Project Participants:

In 2020, the project harvested 88 acres of nuisance plants and treated 472 acres on the Huron River Chain of Lakes. Treatment and harvesting took place from May through August. We applied for eight permit amendments and responses from the Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy (EGLE) came in a timely manner to allow us to treat nuisance aquatic species, while still protecting identified endangered species that use the HRCOL for habitat. A full report containing a summary of management activities conducted on the lakes in 2020 is posted at Washtenaw.org/HuronCOL.

Please note the following updates as we head into the 2021 season:

- We are launching a Resident Comment Form to streamline the process for resident feedback. This form will allow you to communicate to Washtenaw County an area of concern associated with the project and allow us to track and aggregate feedback. The link to this form is located on the project website: Washtenaw.org/HuronCOL
- If you haven't already signed up for the project updates email please send an email to lakes@washtenaw.org to be added to the list. Updates are emailed about every two weeks during the summer and occasionally in the off season.
- Washtenaw County Public Works and Progressive AE hosted the 2020 educational meeting virtually. If you missed it, please view it on the on the project website: Washtenaw.org/HuronCOL
- The 2021 season will include additional outreach and education, providing more information about the things you can do as a resident who impacts the water quality on the Chain of Lakes. Educational materials will be sent out through the project updates email and posted online. Please reach out if you have any questions or ideas to promote to your lake community.
- The 2020 wrap up and 2021 planning meeting with PBWOA, Progressive AE (Lake Scientist), Aquatic Services (Herbicide Applicator) and Washtenaw County Public Works (Project Managers) was held in February 2021. The group discussed ways to provide services in light of new treatment restrictions from EGLE, successes and challenges from 2020, goals and methods to achieve those goals in 2021.

Harvesting:

During harvesting activities, some plant debris are not able to be collected with the cutting machines. These debris can wash up on your shoreline. If your property is within or adjacent to the harvested area outlined in the posed harvesting map (always posted on Washtenaw.org/HuronCOL) and you have excess plant debris, we will provide debris pick up. This plant matter must be piled on the end of your dock and must be done so directly following harvesting activities. Plant debris created by wildlife and motorboats will not be collected outside of the harvesting areas. To receive updates when harvesting activities will occur please join the project updates email detailed above.

Herbicide Treatment Postings:

*If your property does **not** get a YELLOW treatment notice, you did **not** receive herbicide treatment and you do **not** have water use restrictions in front of your property. If your property does receive a YELLOW treatment notice, please reference it for your specific water use restrictions.*

We are looking forward to the start of 2021! Surveys and treatments are expected to start in May or June depending on spring weather.

Office Open: Monday-Friday, 8:30 A.M. to 5:00 P.M.

Fall 2021 Update & Educational Meeting

Join: Washtenaw County & Progressive AE to learn more about aquatic invasive species, herbicide treatment, maintaining biodiversity and recreational enjoyment for the Chain of Lakes Improvement Project and how you can help our efforts.

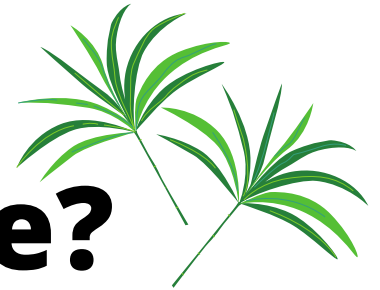
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Details: Thursday, September 23, 2021
7:00-9:00 pm

Information on how the meeting will be held will be updated on the website by 09/01/2021.



How can you protect the lake?



1

Dispose of car/house poisons properly. Contact your local Household Hazardous Waste Take Back Program.

2

Don't use fertilizers or herbicides. These chemicals end up in the lake and promote plant growth in the lake.

3

Pick up pet waste. Pet waste also contains nutrients that promote the growth of aquatic plants and algae.

4

Don't burn yard waste or throw it in the lake. Doing so adds additional nutrients into our lakes. Consider composting.

5

Create tall grass and flower strips between your lawn and the lake as a natural filter and buffer zone. This creates a natural filtration system and promotes native plant growth.

If you are interested in furthering your education on protecting your lake body, and you are a member of the PBWOA, the lake association will cover cost for educational classes and conferences. Please visit pbwoa.org for additional information.

AQUATIC HERBICIDES AND/OR ALGAECIDES TREATMENT NOTICE

This notice is to inform you that Washtenaw County (WC) has contracted with Aquatic Services (ASI) for aquatic management services. We are planning to treat the area waters with herbicides and/or algaecides for the control of aquatic nuisance plants and/or algae. The Chain of Lakes management company (Progressive AE) will generate herbicides and/or algaecides treatment maps and then turn them over to ASI and WC for review. ASI will then schedule that particular lake for treatment and post it on its websites Schedules page, www.aquaticservicesinc.info

Please be aware that only herbicides and/or algaecides that have been approved by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development (MDARD) and the Environment, Great Lakes and Energy (EGLE) are being used. These herbicides and/or algaecides are being applied in dosages approved by EGLE and as applied are not harmful to fish, wildlife or pets. A permit from EGLE will have been secured prior to any herbicides and/or algaecides applications.

Please watch the shoreline for the posting of **YELLOW** signs, which will be posted just prior of treatment that will indicate the day of treatment, exact herbicides and/or algaecides used and the water use restrictions depending on the herbicides and/or algaecides used. In the event of an additional herbicides and/or algaecides application, a second sign will be posted outlining new water use restrictions.

Herbicides and/or algaecides are applied as either liquid or granular formulations. Liquids are surface sprayed or sub-surface injected depending on treatment strategies and/or weather conditions. Granular formulations are applied with broadcast spreaders.

◆ = Anticipated potential herbicides and/or algaecides use for 2021. HRCL will always choose to use the less restrictive herbicides and/or algaecides where possible.

WATER USE RESTRICTIONS

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| ◆ Copper Products | No swimming or bathing for 1 day. |
| ◆ Endothall | No swimming or bathing for 1 day. No irrigation for 7 or 14 days. |
| ◆ 2, 4-D | No swimming or bathing for 1 day. No irrigation for 3 weeks. |
| ◆ Fluridone | No swimming or bathing for 1 day. Do not use this water for irrigating lawns, gardens, plants, row crops or tree crops for 30 days. |
| ◆ Dibromide (Diquat) | No swimming or bathing for 1 day. No irrigation for 5 days. No turf grass watering for 3 days. |
| ◆ Glyphosate | No swimming or bathing for 1 day. |
| ◆ Adjuvant | No restrictions. |
| ◆ Triclopyr | No swimming or bathing for 1 day. No irrigation for 3 weeks. |
| ◆ Clipper | No swimming or bathing for 1 day. No irrigation for 5 days. |
| ◆ ProcellaCor | No swimming or bathing for 1 day. No irrigation for 7 days. |

Some canal treatments may occur in late May but most treatments will occur in June.

If you have any questions regarding the herbicides and/or algaecides treatment you can contact Aquatic Services, Inc. @ 810-636-3303 or Washtenaw County @ Phone: 734-260-0446 Email: lakes@washtenaw.org. Additional information related to the Huron River Chain of Lakes Special Assessment District can be found at www.washtenaw.org/huronCOL.

POSTINGS

Notice of all herbicides and/or algaecides applications shall be posted prior to each application. Notices shall be posted along the shoreline with 8 1/2 x 11 inch **YELLOW** posters. They shall indicate the day of treatment, permit number, contact information, exact herbicides and/or algaecides used and the water use restrictions (swimming, irrigation and fishing) depending on the herbicides and/or algaecides used. In the event of additional herbicides and/or algaecides applications, additional notices shall be posted outlining new water use restrictions.

Some postings may be done in advance. How many days in advance will vary between lakes. There is an **ADVANCED POSTING** box on the poster that will be checked in the event of an advanced posting. **If the box is not checked, the application will be made on the same day as the posting just prior of the treatment. Posters will be attached to trees, posts, decks, docks and other vertical objects along the immediate shoreline. However, riparian property owners who choose not to have the posters affixed to their personal property may have alternative postings. Within 30 feet of the immediate shoreline, you may supply your own bright **YELLOW** painted supporting device (stake) at least 30 inches tall and the posters will be stapled to that device.** Go to www.aquaticservicesinc.info the SCHEDULES page to find out when the herbicides and/or algaecides applications are to be made.