

Huron River Chain of Lakes Update

March 26, 2021

Welcome to any new members, during the busy season this update will go out every 2-3 weeks with specific information about treatment, harvesting, how you can help reduce nutrients that cause weeds, and other relevant information. Since we are still too early to consider treatment, this update focuses on education and information. If we work together, we can help improve our water quality and protect this lake chain that so many people love and enjoy!

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.

Native Plant Expo and Marketplace: The Native Plant Expo & Marketplace offers residents one convenient location to shop for Michigan native plant growers, learn how to establish and maintain native landscaping and connect with companies specializing in planning native landscapes. **This event is happening Saturday, June 5th, 2021 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.**

Native Plant  **Expo & Marketplace**

Contact Sheet: Not sure who to call if you want additional information for lake related questions that are not part of the Lake Improvement Project? Check out our “Lakes Management Contact Sheet”

LAKES MANAGEMENT CONTACT SHEET

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Clean Boats Clean Waters: The program’s Mission: to prevent new aquatic invasive species introductions and limit their dispersal from water recreation activities through outreach and engagement.



Keep it fresh. Keep it flowing. Water is one of Southeast Michigan’s invaluable assets. The water we drink, the water we enjoy, the water we flush... It’s all one water.

The One Water campaign was created to encourage greater public awareness and shared responsibility for drinking water, wastewater, and stormwater. By taking care of and investing in our interrelated water systems, we can keep our water fresh and flowing.

Watch Your Mailbox!



We have sent out the 2021 resident mailer. This mailer will include a letter from the County, Educational Materials, and the 2021 Herbicide/Algaecide Treatment Notice. [View the mailer here!](#)



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



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.

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/SWxSWCIS/MA2021ShorelineSymposiumWebinar1>

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 Cooperative Invasive Species Management Area

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Herbicide Safety Data Sheets:
 Found [HERE](#).

Portage and Base Line Lake Levels to be Raised Beginning March 25, 2021.
 See Press Release [here](#).