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Lower Huron River Chain of Lakes Improvement Project Participants:

In 2022, the Project harvested 96 acres and treated 344 acres with herbicide control for nuisance aquatic plants on the Huron River Chain of Lakes. Treatment and harvesting occurred from May through August. A full report containing a summary of the 2022 management activities, along with additional Project information, is posted at washtenaw.org/huroncol.



Updates on the Project are frequently emailed during the treatment season. These emails provide updates on harvesting, treatments, public health notices (as needed), and educational information on how **you** can reduce your impact on the lake system.

Use the QR code to find the signup form to register for emails.

Get Involved:

The Environmental Protection Agency has identified the **number one threat** to the overall health of Michigan inland lakes (such as yours!) is nearshore habitat loss, caused by hardening shorelines (seawalls and bulkheads). Shoreline can provide habitat and contribute to a healthy lake ecosystem. Learn more here: michigan.gov/lakesandstreams

Design your own rain garden step-by-step during class. Become the neighborhood expert! Protect your home against flooding & help birds, & butterflies with a RAIN garden! www.masterraingardner.org

Changes to the Project:

The former lake improvement project has been split and will now be managed by two separate agencies. In 2022, Hamburg Township passed a Lake Improvement Project to manage the lakes and connecting waters from Zukey to Gallagher. Washtenaw County Public Works passed a Lake Improvement Project to manage the lakes and connecting waters from Whitewood to Little Portage. Communication and reporting concerns will look different starting in 2023, but the level of services provided should remain the same.

Questions/Concerns/Feedback – Identify the body of water below and use appropriate contact information.

Whitewood, Tamarack, Baseline, Big/Little Portage & Connecting Waters
Washtenaw County Contact Information:
Email: lakes@washtenaw.org
Phone: (734) 222-6860
Website: washtenaw.org/huronCOL

Zukey, Strawberry, Loon, Gallagher & Connecting Waters
Hamburg Township Contact Information:
Email: aquaticweedcontrolsad@hamburg.mi.us
Phone: (810) 222-1193
Website: hamburg.mi.us
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Hamburg Township and Washtenaw County Public Works are working together to ensure a smooth transition.

Notes from the Contractors:

Herbicide Treatment Postings:

*If your property does **NOT** get a YELLOW treatment notice your property is **NOT** impacted by herbicide treatment, there are **NO** water use restrictions in front of your property.*

*If your property **DOES** receive a YELLOW treatment notice, please reference it for exact water use restrictions.*

Harvesting:

During harvesting, not all plant fragments are able to be collected and can wash up on shorelines. If your property is within or adjacent to the harvested area outlined in the posted harvesting map (washtenaw.org/huroncol) and you have excess plant fragments, the harvester will provide pick up. Plant material 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.

We are looking forward to the start of the 2023 season! Surveys and treatments are expected to start in late May and/or June depending on spring weather.

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