



WASHTENAW COUNTY BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON THE DESIRABILITY OF IMPLEMENTING A WASHTENAW COUNTY LAKE IMPROVEMENT PROJECT AND THE ESTABLISHMENT OF SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT

Mailing Date of Notice: February 26, 2019

**TO ALL THE RECORD OWNERS OF, AND PARTIES WITH INTEREST IN, ANY
LANDS WITHIN THE SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT DESCRIBED BELOW:**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Washtenaw County Board of Public Works (WCBPW) will meet beginning at 7:00 p.m., Local Time, on **Wednesday, April 10, 2019, at the Freedom Township Hall, located at 11508 Pleasant Lake Road, Manchester, Michigan 48158** and during such meeting will conduct a public hearing to hear objections to a proposed Lake Improvement Project for Pleasant Lake in Freedom Township in Washtenaw County, the cost thereof and the special assessment district therefore as follows:

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The Pleasant Lake Improvement Project, which originated in 2014, is seeking to continue with another five (5) year project to control the growth and reproduction of non-native invasive weeds, including Eurasian Milfoil and Starry Stonewort. The project shall include spot treatments in problem areas and support other activities that would enhance the recreational and biological quality of the lake. Additionally, all necessary regulatory approvals and scientific studies for the chemical treatments as well as the creation of a lake management plan are included in the project.

The total estimated cost for the five (5) year project is \$224,558.75. A Special Assessment District (SAD) consisting of benefiting parcels in Washtenaw County will cover the total estimated cost of the project.

Residential waterfront and lake access parcels form the project SAD because these parcels receive a benefit from the implementation of the project. The cost of the project will be distributed using the formula reflecting the varying benefit provided to each type of property.

The WCBPW has tentatively designated a special assessment district against which all or a part of the cost of such Project is to be assessed, which district consists of the following lands:

All tax parcels identified as having lake access and use of the waters of Pleasant Lake located in Sections 21 and 22 in Freedom Township, Washtenaw County.

The above properties are located within the boundaries of the Special Assessment District shown on the sketch on the attached page.

Each parcel identified above will be assessed the following annual amounts based on the type of property (the cost is the total cost for the five (5) year project):

Commercial properties	\$ 425
Non-waterfront residential properties with lake access	\$ 125
Waterfront residential properties	\$ 325

A report describing the Project including program plans and cost estimates has been prepared and is on file with the Washtenaw County Director of Public Works. A report is also available for public review online at www.washtenaw.org/publicworks or at the Washtenaw County Public Works, 705 N. Zeeb Road, Ann Arbor, Michigan 48103. The offices are located on the first floor of the Washtenaw County Western Service Center. **For questions or additional project information, please call 734-222-6865.**

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the Board of Public Works has set a tentative date for a second hearing for **Wednesday, May 15, 2019 at 7:00 p.m., Local Time, or as soon thereafter as may be heard, at the Freedom Township Hall, located at 11508 Pleasant Lake Road, Manchester, Michigan 48158** for the purpose of hearing all interested parties concerning the special assessment district roll.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the owner, or any person having an interest in property that is specially assessed, may file a written appeal with the Michigan Tax Tribunal within thirty (30) days after confirmation of the special assessment roll. However, appearance and protest at the public hearing on the special assessment roll are required in order to appeal the special assessment to the Michigan Tax Tribunal. An owner or a party in interest or his or her agent may (1) appear in person at the hearing to protest the special assessment or (2) file his or her appearance or protest by letter before the close of the hearing.

The Board of Public Works shall maintain a record of parties who appear to protest at the hearing. If the hearing is terminated or adjourned for the day before a party is provided the opportunity to be heard, a party whose appearance was recorded shall be considered to have protested the special assessment in person.

The County of Washtenaw will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aids and services, such as signers for the hearing impaired and audio tapes of printed materials being considered at the meeting, to individuals with special needs who plan to attend the meeting upon seven (7) days' notice to the County of Washtenaw. Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services should contact the County of Washtenaw by writing or calling Human Resources, 734-222-6800 or TDD 734-994-1733, P.O. Box 8645, Ann Arbor, Michigan 48107-8645.

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS
Evan Pratt, P.E.
Director of Public Works
DATED: February 20, 2019