

Huron River Chain of Lakes Update

May 28, 2020

Treatment/Harvesting: The first round of treatment on the lake chain was completed the week of May 18th. Those treatment maps can be found [here](#). The effects of the treatment should be seen in 10-14 days after application. Please make sure you read the "Treatment Notice" posted for any and all water use restrictions related to the specific treatment in your area.

Surveys: Progressive AE is expected to complete their first full survey of the entire lake chain the week of June 8th. During this survey they travel around each lake checking the entire lake for invasive and nuisance plants. This survey will take 2 full days to complete. Following this survey Progressive AE will generate treatment maps. Once those maps have been approved and all governmental parties that require notification have been notified the treatment will be scheduled. A flow chart detailing the survey and treatment process can be found [here](#).

Maps and Reporting: We will continue to update the website with additional information as I receive it. When reporting areas of concern, we request that you use the GPS waypoint number (associated with the concern location); additionally providing a still photo will be beneficial for us to understand your concerns. The GPS Waypoint numbers can be found on the treatment maps along the perimeter of the lake. Doing so enables us to communicate the location of your information when discussing with our contractors. You can email areas of concern to lakes@washtenaw.org or call 734-222-6865.

Additional Information:

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.

PBWOA: For the most up-to-date information from the Portage, Base & Whitewood Owners Association please visit their website [here](#).