

Huron River Chain of Lakes Update

June 15, 2020

Surveys: Progressive AE completed their full chain survey on June 8th and 9th. During this survey Progressive AE traveled around each lake checking the entire chain for invasive and nuisance plants. After the survey, Progressive AE, Aquatic Services and EGLLE combined efforts to complete treatment maps. A flow chart detailing this process can be found [here](#). Permit amendments were required for this round of treatment on Portage and Baseline Lakes, we expect to have to apply for amendments for the remainder of the season to complete additional treatment.

Treatment/Harvesting: Another round of treatment maps have been completed and have been uploaded [here](#). Please make sure you read the "Treatment Notice" posted for any and all water use restrictions related to the specific treatment in your area. These notifications will be posted along the shoreline on **YELLOW** pieces of paper. Aquatic Services maintains an online calendar letting residents know when they will be out on their lakes. Please check the calendar [here](#). These treatment dates can change due to weather so please keep checking back frequently.

Maps and Reporting: We will continue to update the website with additional information as we 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 (treatment maps are located [here](#)). 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](#).