

Huron River Chain of Lakes Update

August 24, 2020

Treatment/Harvesting: The next round of treatment has been scheduled, you can view the treatment maps [here](#). Please note that the date on the map is not the treatment date, it is the date that it was created.

Treatment: Aquatic Services maintains an online calendar letting residents know when they will be out on their lakes for treatment. Please check the calendar [here](#). **These treatment dates can change due to weather so please keep checking back frequently.** Treatment takes between 7 to 21 days to take effect, after which a review of the work is conducted. If treatment is ineffective, a subsequent treatment is conducted where necessary. 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. There is a blanket no swimming for 1 day after any and all treatments. The watering restrictions vary with each treatment and will be detailed on the postings.

Harvesting: Harvesting is ongoing as of Friday afternoon, the harvesters are still working our way down the chain. Harvesting Maps can be found [here](#). The delay is due to the extended time it has taken Oakland Harvesters to get replacement parts for their machines. The Covid-19 pandemic has significantly delayed the manufacturing of these parts. Oakland Harvesters can not harvest in-between docks, this causes a safety concern for them and their employees. Harvesting these areas could cause the machine to tip over. They are also limited in how shallow they can go with their machines.

Surveys: Progressive AE will complete their September survey the week of September 14th. During this survey Progressive AE will travel around each lake checking the entire chain for invasive and nuisance plants. A part of this survey is to check the effectiveness of the prescribed treatments. We are not expecting any additional treatment following this survey. If this changes, we will include information in a following update.

Snuffbox Mussel Update: On lakes that have very restrictive controls set in place to protect this endangered species we must alter our approach to effective treatment. The lakes that we had to alter most of our treatment options are Strawberry and Zukey. EGLE has increased the level of treatment restrictions in 2020. As a result, treatment options are limited. To compensate for limited options for treating weeds, additional harvesting took place in late July.

We have limited options to treat algae on Strawberry and Zukey as the permitted chemical is minimally effective. We will continue to communicate this need to EGLE.

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 (blank treatment maps are located [here](#) under the header "Included Bodies of Water"). 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:

HURON RIVER CHAIN OF LAKES IMPROVEMENT PROJECT 2020 UPDATE & EDUCATIONAL MEETING:

The Fall meeting for the HRCOL hosted by Washtenaw County will be held on ZOOM! The meeting is scheduled for September 24, 2020, 7:00-9:00PM. The Meeting ID is **890 2915 8563** and the Password is **605654**.

We are currently working on the agenda and structure of how the meeting will flow, additional details to follow. There will be an opportunity for questions and answers at the end of the presentation.

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.

[“Cleanup effort on the Portage Chain of Lakes”](#)

One of your fellow HRCOL residents Craig Kivi was featured in an article in The Sun Times News for his clean up efforts on the lakes.



PBWOA: Additional information may be found on the PBWOA website pbwoa.org.

[Washtenaw County Water Resources PFAS Update – June, 2020](#)



[The Effects of Motorized Watercraft on Aquatic Ecosystems](#)



“Something’s Fishy about Mussels”

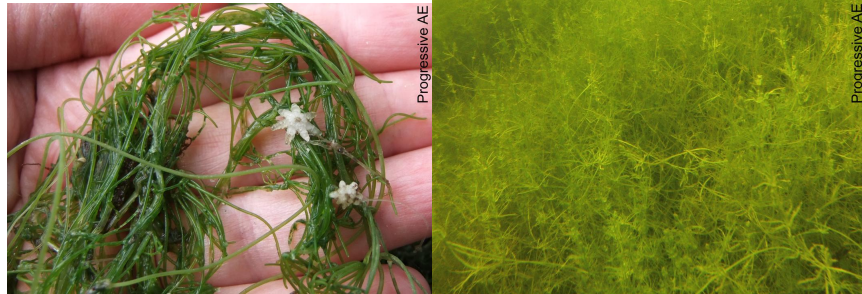
The Huron River Watershed Council posted a blog all about our freshwater mussels!

<https://www.hrwc.org/somethings-fishy-about-mussels/>



HURON RIVER CHAIN OF LAKES IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

2020 UPDATE & EDUCATIONAL MEETING



Join:

Washtenaw County and Progressive AE to learn more about aquatic invasive species, herbicide treatments, harvesting, maintaining biodiversity and recreational enjoyment for the Chain of Lakes Improvement Project and how you can help our efforts.

Details:

ZOOM MEETING

Website: [https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89029158563?](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89029158563?pwd=RmVEWIRSa1psaGdaK2lhMlcxRERSUT09)

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Thursday, September 24 ,2020

7:00 - 9:00 pm

Contact:

Lauren Koloski at lakes@washtenaw.org or 734-222-6865 for additional questions or information

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