

Huron River Chain of Lakes Update

September 17, 2020

Treatment/Harvesting: Treatment and Harvesting is complete for the 2020 season. As temperatures cool, remaining vegetation is expected to decline. You can view all prior treatment maps [here](#).

Surveys: Progressive AE has completed the 2020 surveys. They will be conducting water sampling sometime in October or November. The data collected will be detailed in the annual report. The annual report will be posted online. I will send an update letting everyone know when they are posted.

Additional Information:

JOIN US FOR THE 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**.

The meeting will have a short presentation from Washtenaw County followed by a presentation from Progressive AE. Presentations will focus on the operational aspects of the project, goals of the project, plant management, EGEL permit restrictions and endangered species restrictions.

Time is allotted for questions and answers. Questions submitted prior to the meeting will be addressed first. If time allows, we will answer questions from the Zoom chat. All participants will be muted and have their camera turned off.

****If you have questions that you would like to be answered at this meeting please submit them to Washtenaw County via email at lakes@washtenaw.org. Please limit questions to project/plant related. We can answer specific shoreline questions separately outside of the meeting.**

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.

Invasive European frog- bit found in Mid- Michigan



The Effects of Motorized Watercraft on Aquatic Ecosystems



PBWOA: Additional information may be found on the PBWOA [website](#).

“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/>

