

Huron River Chain of Lakes Update

04/25/2022

Surveys: Progressive AE will start aquatic plant surveys in May 2022.

Treatments: Aquatic plant herbicide treatments will start May 2022.

- 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. If your shoreline does NOT have a yellow posting, you do NOT have water use restrictions.

Mechanical Harvesting: Aquatic plant harvesting is expected to be completed twice during the 2022 season.

- During harvesting activities, some plant debris are not able to be collected with the cutting machines. These debris can wash up on your shoreline. If your property is within or adjacent to the harvested area outlined in the posed harvesting map and you have excess plant debris, we will provide debris pick up. This plant matter must be piled on the end of your dock and must be done so directly following harvesting activities. Plant debris created by wildlife and motorboats will not be collected outside of the harvesting areas.
- Harvesting machines cannot navigate in shallow water or in-between docks.

Huron River Chain of Lakes Comments and Concerns Form: To assist Washtenaw County Staff and Progressive AE to streamline resident phone calls, emails, and concerns, we have created an online comment form to allow for better tracking, follow up, and data sharing. You can view the form here: <http://bit.ly/HRCOLConcerns>.



Fall 2021 HRCOL Education and Update Meeting Video: You can view the meeting here <https://youtu.be/1fAEdeQziw>

What's new for 2022

- [Advancing Inland Lake Stewardship Through Shoreline Best Management Practices](#)
 - Traditional methods of hard armoring and installation of seawalls along inland lake shorelines have reduced shoreline habitat and degraded water quality; however, incorporating Best Management Practices can minimize impacts to our inland lakes. This webinar will provide an overview of the Best Management Practices for lakefront shoreline protection and erosion control, including bioengineering, riprap, and replacement of existing seawalls. We will also cover considerations for determining the best shoreline protection method at your site, basic descriptions and information on the different methods, and the **new Minor Project categories for seawall replacement permit applications**.
- [A Field Study of Maximum Wave Height, Total Wave Energy, and Maximum Wave Power Produced by Four Recreational Boats on a Freshwater Lake](#)
- If the disposable fire extinguisher on your recreational vessel is older than 12 years, it needs to be replaced! <https://uscgboating.org/recreational-boaters/fire-extinguisher-faq.php>



Find your local disposal options

Washtenaw County: Washtenaw.org/publicworks

Livingston County: livgov.com/dpw



- Watch your mailbox for a project update from Washtenaw County Public Works. This mailing includes your treatment notification and educational resources and additional project updates.

Additional Updates & Educational Resources

- If you are not sure who to contact about lake concerns OUTSIDE of aquatic plant control, we have created a [LAKES MANAGEMENT CONTACT SHEET](#)
- The [Lake Management Resources](#) page is continuously updated to provide educational resources to residents who live on and around lakes.