

**TOWNSHIP OF WEBSTER  
LOWER HURON RIVER CHAIN OF LAKES IMPROVEMENT PROJECT  
INITIATING RESOLUTION**

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION**

This Lake Improvement Project (Project) is a replacement/reinstatement for a Lake Improvement Project that started in 2017 that will run out of funds after the 2022 season.

The Lower Huron River Chain of Lakes Improvement Project, which originated in 2017, is seeking to continue with a modified\* five (5) year project to control the growth and reproduction of non-native aquatic invasive-plants, including but not limited to Eurasian watermilfoil and Starry Stonewort. The Project will also work to control the growth of nuisance native aquatic plants, including but not limited to Chara and Variable Pondweed. The Project will focus on maintaining the ecological health and recreational opportunities for the Lower Huron River Chain of Lakes. Additionally, other items may be included which would provide support for maintaining the ecological health and recreational opportunities that will be subject to approval by the Washtenaw County Board of Public Works (WCBPW).

\*The modified Lower Huron River Chain of Lakes Lake Improvement Project in Washtenaw County and Livingston County will include the waters of Little Portage Lake, Big Portage Lake, Base Line Lake, Whitewood Lake, Tamarack Lake and connecting waters (Figure 1).

Residents that benefit from the Project are able to find information and encouraged to provide feedback about the Project by visiting [www.washtenaw.org/HuronCOL](http://www.washtenaw.org/HuronCOL). Residents may also sign up for regular updates about the Project by sending an email to [lakes@washtenaw.org](mailto:lakes@washtenaw.org).

A Special Assessment District (SAD) consisting of benefiting parcels in Washtenaw County & Livingston County will cover the total estimated cost of the Project. WCBPW has developed a tentative SAD to cover the total estimated cost of the Project.

The estimated cost to cover the proposed 5 year SAD is \$1,034,800.

All parcels within the SAD are proposed to be assessed one of the following charges:

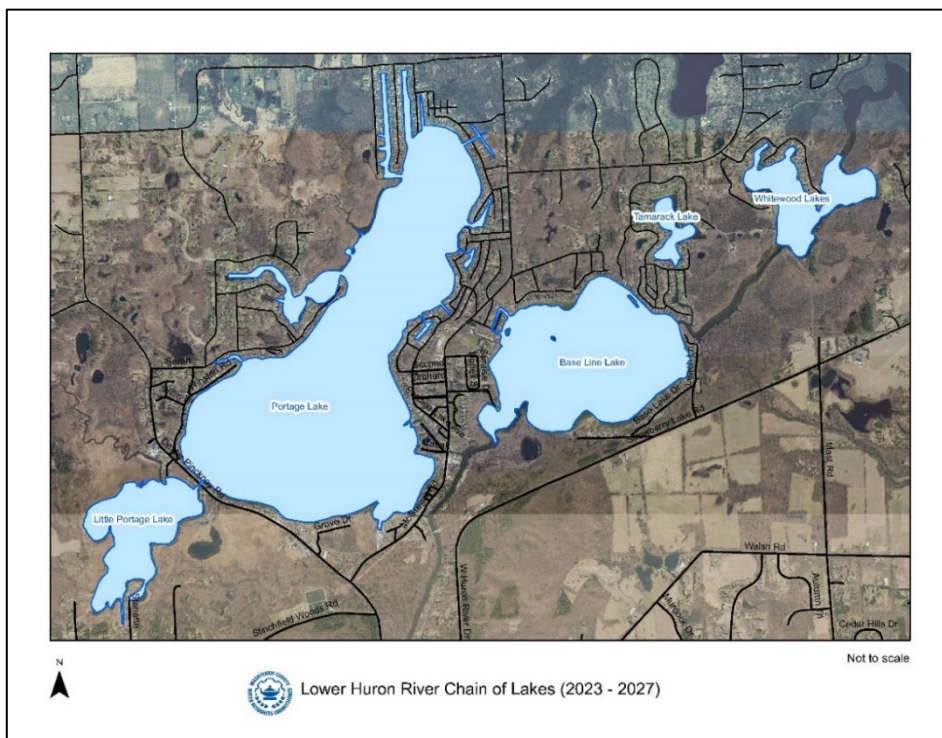
- (1) **Basic Charge** (\$98 per year: \$490 over 5 years): All residential properties within the SAD shall be assessed the Basic Charge, deeded lake access not abutting the waters.
- (2) **Waterfront Charge** (\$173 per year: \$865 over 5 years): Any residential property with any part of the parcel abutting the waters (lake, lagoon, canal) shall be assessed the Waterfront Charge.
- (3) **Lake Access Commercial Charge** (\$271 per year: \$1,355 over 5 years): Zoned commercial properties within special assessment district with lake access which are vacant.
- (4) **Base Waterfront Commercial Charge** (\$750 per year: \$3,750 over 5 years) All waterfront commercial parcels within the SAD
- (5) **Waterfront Commercial Charge** (\$750-\$3,750 per year: \$3,750-\$18,750 over 5 years): The Waterfront Commercial Charge is determined by multiplying the Base Waterfront Commercial Charge by a factor number assigned based on the use of the parcel. Some commercial properties derive a greater benefit than others based on the parcel's use.

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Therefore, the following subcategories define the factor numbers for the commercial properties.

Subcategory	Factor Number		Base Waterfront Charge		Total Waterfront Commercial Charge
(a) Commercial property not abutting the water	1	x	\$750	=	\$750
(b) Commercial property abutting the water without dockage or boat launch	1	x	750	=	\$750
(c) Commercial property with boat launch only	2	x	750	=	\$1,500
(d) Commercial property with slips not providing overnight dockage	3	x	750	=	\$2,250
(e) Commercial property with overnight slips for overnight dockage ( <b>less than 50 slips</b> )	4	x	750	=	\$3,000
(f) Commercial property with overnight slips for dockage ( <b>with more than 50 slips</b> )	5	x	750	=	\$3,7500

- (6) **Exemption:** Parcels that are contiguous to an assessed parcel with the same owner will be assessed once at the highest single parcel assessment level.



(Figure 1)