

# Henderson Lake Milfoil Control Committee

## May 2014 Update

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Over the long winter of 2013/14 the Henderson Lake Milfoil Committee (HLMC) has again been very busy. The Committee worked continuing the process to create Special Assessment Districts (Public Act 188 of 1954) for control of invasive aquatic weeds on Henderson Lake. Henderson Lake is uniquely situated in both Hill and Cumming Townships. In 2013, HLMC conducted its first attempt at the petition process with each Twp., unfortunately, at the required Public Hearings (Sept.), several areas of concern arose with complexity & coordination of the two Twps., and no action was taken on the SAD. Over the winter, HLMC has continued diligent work with two Board Members assigned from each Twp. to resolve those concerns. In addition, accurate legal information has been provided to all from Michigan Lakes & Streams Association <http://www.mymlsa.org/>.

The SAD Petition currently in circulation is the result of significant input from legal counsel, professional experience and Twp. Boards. This petition scope is defined by both Twp. Boards.

- 2 Consultations with Attorney-at Law, Cliff Bloom, Riparian Rights specialist with Bloom Sluggett Morgan Law P.C. and Counsel for Michigan Lakes & Streams Association
- 3 Consultations with Mr. Scott Brown, Executive Director of Michigan Lakes & Streams Association
- 8 (at least) Personal visits and conversations with Ogemaw County Department of Equalization
- 12 (at least) Personal visits and conversations with Ogemaw County Register of Deeds
- 14 Conference Calls of HLMC to coordinate, communicate, track, manage, etc. this overall effort
- 16 (at least) Conversations and meetings with Hill Twp. Supervisor Rob Reid who has experience with creation and management of Special Assessment Districts for Aquatic Weed Control
- 24 Township monthly meetings attended by representatives of HLMC (Cumming & Hill Twps.)
- Hundreds of email exchanges (HLMC Members, Township Board Representatives, Cumming & Hill Twp. Assessors, Michigan Lakes & Streams Staff Members, etc.)
- MANY hundreds of man-hours invested by HLMC since 2010, researching, shaping, GPS plotting of weed beds, coordinating, consulting, communicating, attending twp. meetings, and generally managing invasive aquatic weed species, aquatic health, usefulness and overall value of Henderson Lake as a wonderful destination.

### **Next Step → To preserve Henderson Lake for future generations, we ALL need to act now. Please sign the Special Assessment Petition.**

The Henderson Lake Milfoil Control Committee (HLMC), who have been managing invasive weed species since 2010, strongly believe that approving and creating this Special Assessment District for

invasive aquatic weed control is best for long-term aquatic health, boating & fishing and ultimately property values. Please consider the future of our beautiful lake.

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