

Henderson Lake Milfoil Control Committee

April 2014 Update

Special Assessment and Petition Updates - Henderson Lake requires a plan for long term aquatic weed control to protect the lake from overpopulating weed growth. The Henderson Lake Milfoil Committee (HLMC) is 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/>.

Now, HLMC, Hill and Cumming Twps. are aligned on what is specifically required for the SAD. The 2014 re-petition SAD, if approved, will provide funding for five years (2015/16/17/18/19), for control of any weed species along all developed shoreline to a depth of five feet, and treatment of invasive weed species found anywhere in the lake, while still maintaining the lake within guidelines set by the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality.

The target for having 57% of the petitions signed is July 15, 2014. Two required public hearings will be announced by US Mail and conducted in the weeks following, likely sometime in August or September. The amount requested in the S.A.D. Petition is \$160 per year per lakefront lot, and \$30 per year per backlot with deeded access. Owners of multiple lots are encouraged to combine lots at no cost for combining.

Next Steps → To preserve Henderson Lake for future generations, we ALL need to act now. Please sign the attached petition and provide the required information. If more than one owner all signatures are required. 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 weed control is best for long-term aquatic health, boating & fishing and also property values. Please consider the future of our beautiful lake. See www.HendersonLake.org for additional info.

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