

**HOPE TOWNSHIP
BARRY COUNTY, MICHIGAN**

**NOTICE OF SPECIAL ASSESSMENT PUBLIC HEARING
GUERNSEY LAKE AQUATIC PLANT CONTROL SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT 19-1**

TO: THE RESIDENTS AND PROPERTY OWNERS OF HOPE TOWNSHIP, BARRY COUNTY,
MICHIGAN AND ANY OTHER INTERESTED PERSONS:

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that upon motion of the Township Board of Hope Township, as authorized by PA 188 of 1954, as amended, proposes to undertake an aquatic plant control project (with associated activities) on Guernsey Lake in Hope Township as more particularly described below and to reestablish a special assessment district for the recovery of the costs thereof by special assessment against the properties benefited. The proposed special assessment district will replace the existing special assessment district (Guernsey Lake Aquatic Plant Control Project Special Assessment District No. 14-1), which district expires in 2019.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the special assessment district within which the foregoing improvements are proposed to be made and within which the costs thereof are to be specially assessed includes parcels with frontage on Guernsey Lake and/or back lots with access to Guernsey Lake and including the following tax parcels:

GUERNSEY LAKE AQUATIC PLANT CONTROL SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT 19-1:

The properties indicated by parcel numbers:

07-017-003-10	07-160-027-00	07-160-085-00	07-160-130-00	07-160-129-20
07-240-026-00	07-160-028-00	07-160-087-00	07-160-132-00	07-240-029-00
07-017-306-00	07-160-029-00	07-160-088-00	07-160-139-00	07-240-029-60
07-018-003-00	07-160-030-00	07-160-089-00	07-160-140-00	07-245-001-00
07-018-005-00	07-160-031-00	07-160-090-00	07-160-141-00	07-245-002-00
07-018-006-00	07-160-031-40	07-160-093-00	07-160-142-00	07-245-003-00
07-018-007-20	07-160-032-00	07-160-094-00	07-160-143-00	07-245-004-00
07-018-007-21	07-160-033-00	07-160-095-00	07-160-144-00	07-245-004-50
07-018-007-22	07-160-034-00	07-160-096-00	07-160-146-00	07-245-005-00
07-018-007-23	07-160-035-00	07-160-097-00	07-160-147-00	07-245-006-00
07-018-013-00	07-160-037-00	07-160-098-00	07-160-148-00	07-245-007-00
07-018-014-00	07-160-038-00	07-160-099-00	07-160-150-00	07-245-008-00
07-019-003-00	07-160-039-00	07-160-100-00	07-160-151-00	07-245-009-00
07-019-004-00	07-160-040-00	07-160-101-00	07-160-151-50	07-245-009-50
07-019-005-00	07-160-041-00	07-160-102-00	07-160-152-00	07-245-010-00
07-019-010-00	07-160-042-00	07-160-103-00	07-160-153-00	07-245-011-00
07-019-015-00	07-160-043-00	07-160-104-00	07-160-155-00	07-320-001-00
07-019-015-10	07-160-044-00	07-160-105-00	07-160-156-00	07-320-002-00
07-019-016-00	07-160-045-00	07-160-107-00	07-160-157-00	07-320-003-00
07-020-030-10	07-160-046-00	07-160-108-00	07-160-158-00	07-320-004-00
07-020-030-11	07-160-047-00	07-160-109-00	07-160-159-00	07-320-005-00
07-020-030-12	07-160-048-00	07-160-111-00	07-160-160-00	07-320-006-00
07-020-030-15	07-160-049-00	07-160-112-00	07-160-161-00	07-330-001-00
07-020-030-15	07-160-051-00	07-160-113-00	07-160-327-04	07-330-001-50
07-100-001-00	07-160-052-00	07-160-114-00	07-160-327-10	07-330-002-00
07-100-002-00	07-160-053-00	07-160-115-00	07-160-830-00	07-330-003-00

07-100-003-00	07-160-054-00	07-160-116-00	07-240-001-00	07-330-004-00
07-100-004-00	07-160-056-00	07-160-116-50	07-240-002-00	07-330-005-00
07-100-005-00	07-160-057-00	07-160-117-00	07-240-003-00	07-330-006-00
07-100-006-00	07-160-058-00	07-160-120-00	07-240-004-00	07-330-007-00
07-100-007-00	07-160-059-00	07-160-121-00	07-240-005-00	07-330-008-00
07-100-007-10	07-160-060-00	07-160-122-00	07-240-005-10	07-330-008-20
07-100-008-00	07-160-061-00	07-160-123-00	07-240-006-00	07-330-009-00
07-100-009-00	07-160-062-00	07-160-124-00	07-240-007-00	07-330-010-00
07-100-010-00	07-160-064-00	07-160-125-00	07-240-008-00	07-330-012-00
07-160-001-00	07-160-065-00	07-240-009-00	07-330-014-00	07-330-013-00
07-160-066-00	07-160-127-18	07-160-127-26	07-240-010-00	07-330-015-00
07-160-002-00	07-160-067-00	07-160-127-30	07-240-011-00	07-330-016-00
07-160-004-00	07-160-068-00	07-160-127-32	07-240-012-00	07-330-016-10
07-160-008-00	07-160-069-00	07-160-127-38	07-240-013-00	07-330-017-00
07-160-009-00	07-160-070-00	07-160-128-00	07-240-014-00	07-330-018-00
07-160-011-00	07-160-071-00	07-160-128-02	07-240-015-00	07-330-019-00
07-160-012-00	07-160-072-00	07-160-128-04	07-240-016-00	07-330-020-00
07-160-014-00	07-160-073-00	07-160-128-06	07-240-016-10	07-330-021-00
07-160-015-00	07-160-074-00	07-160-128-08	07-240-018-00	07-330-022-00
07-160-017-00	07-160-075-00	07-160-128-10	07-240-019-00	07-017-015-00
07-160-020-00	07-160-076-00	07-160-128-12	07-240-019-36	07-017-016-00
07-160-021-00	07-160-078-00	07-160-128-14	07-240-020-00	07-020-030-40
07-160-022-00	07-160-080-00	07-160-129-05	07-240-021-00	07-160-026-00
07-160-023-00	07-160-081-00	07-160-129-10	07-240-023-00	07-160-025-00
07-160-024-00	07-160-082-00			

See also the accompanying map identifying both proposed special assessment districts.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the Township Board has received plans showing the proposed aquatic plant control project, associated activities, any proposed improvements and locations thereof, together with an estimate of the cost of the project in the amount of \$119,560. The cost of the project proposed to be raised by special assessment is the total project cost, less any costs that will be off-set by any carryover of surplus funds from the expiring special assessment district. The Hope Township Board passed a resolution tentatively declaring its intention to undertake such project and to create the afore-described special assessment district.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the Township Board has placed the project plans and costs estimates on file with the Township Clerk and said plans, cost estimates and special assessment districts may be examined at the Clerk's office from the date of this Notice to the date of the public hearing and may further be examined at such public hearing.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the Township Board proposes to make a per-parcel special assessment each year for a period of five years (2020-2024 inclusive). The annual assessment is proposed to be \$138 per year for front lots and \$68 per year for back lots. Additionally, the Township Board reserves the right to levy a lesser assessment amount in any year that there are more funds in the special assessment district fund than the amount needed for that year's aquatic plant control work and associated activities. The Township Board will provide notice of any increase in the assessment amount over 10%, as required by law.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that a **public hearing** on the plans, district, cost estimates and the carryover of surplus funds from the Guernsey Lake Aquatic Plant Control Project

Special Assessment District No. 14-1 will be held at the Hope Township Hall at 5463 S. M-43 Highway, Hastings, Michigan, on **September 24, 2019** beginning at **6:30 p.m.**

At the hearing, the Boards will consider any written objections and comments to any of the foregoing matters which are filed with the clerks at or before the hearing and any objections or comments raised at the hearing; and at the hearing (or any adjournment of the hearing which may be made without further notice), the township boards may revise, correct, amend or change the plans, cost estimates or special assessment district.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that if written objections to the project are filed with the Township Board at or before the hearing, signed by the record owners of land constituting more than 20% of the area within the proposed special assessment district, then the township board may not proceed unless petitions in support of the project, signed by record owners of more than 50% of the area to be made into a special assessment district, are filed with the township board. Written comments or objections may be filed with the Township clerk at the address set out below.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that appearance and protest at the public hearing is required in order to appeal the amount of the special assessment to the State Tax Tribunal within 30 days after the special assessment roll is confirmed. An owner or party in interest, or his or her agent, may appear in person at the hearing to protest the special assessment, or shall be permitted to file at or before the hearing his or her appearance or protest by letter and his or her personal appearance shall not be required. All interested persons are invited to be present in person or by representative and to submit comments concerning the reestablishment of the special assessment district, the plans, cost estimates or the carryover of surplus funds.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that if the Township Board determines to proceed with the special assessment, the Board will cause a special assessment roll to be prepared and another hearing will be held, after notice to record owners of property proposed to be specially assessed, to hear public comments concerning the proposed special assessments.

Hope Township will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aids and services at the hearing, to individuals with disabilities at the hearing upon four (4) days notice to the Township Clerk at the address below.

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Hope Township Clerk
5463 S. M-43 Highway
Hastings, MI 49058
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