

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS

COLOMA CHARTER TOWNSHIP LAKE IMPROVEMENT SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT NO. 1

WATERVLIET CHARTER TOWNSHIP LAKE IMPROVEMENT SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT NO. 1

TO: ALL RECORD OWNERS OF OR PARTIES IN INTEREST IN LAND IN THE SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICTS DESCRIBED BELOW:

The Township Boards of Coloma Charter Township and Watervliet Charter Township will hold joint Public Hearings at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, June 8, 2024 at the Coloma Charter Township Hall (4919 Paw Paw Lake Road, Coloma, Michigan 49038), to review Lake Improvements, including any clarifications and refinements, and the Special Assessment Rolls in the above Special Assessment Districts in Coloma Charter Township and Watervliet Charter Township. **The Public Hearings will generally relate to determining whether to continue to fund Lake Improvements on Paw Paw Lake for an additional four (4) years utilizing special assessments at the same rates as approved at the last Public Hearings around four (4) years ago.** The proposed special assessment roll is available for inspection by the public upon request utilizing the website or contact information below. Moreover, details related to the Lake Improvements, the 2024 Paw Paw Lake Management Plan, the special assessment roll, frequently asked questions, and a map of the Special Assessment Districts are available for inspection and online at: www.pawpawlakemanagement.org/.

Lake Improvements: The Lake Improvements, including any clarifications and refinements, are described in the Paw Paw Lake Management Plan prepared by Progressive Companies dated February 2024 and available online at www.pawpawlakemanagement.org. The Lake Improvements include, but are not to, limited activities to: reduce percent cover of invasive and nuisance species; reduce total phosphorus in the water column; reduce algal blooms; decrease nutrient inputs into the lake; increase percent cover and diversity of native vegetation; document and assess existing resources, which may include, fish and wildlife habitat, along with recreational and aesthetic values associated with the lake to identify areas of potential improvement, enhancement or restoration, perform watershed management activities, distribute educational outreach materials to residents, measure water quality, and otherwise intend to benefit Paw Paw Lake.

Coloma Charter Township Lake Improvement Special Assessment District No. 1 and Watervliet Charter Township Lake Improvement Special Assessment District No. 1: The Special Assessment Districts include all buildable parcels in Coloma Charter Township and Watervliet Charter Township that have direct access via frontage along Paw Paw Lake, or that have indirect access via deeded or dedicated lake access or canal access to Paw Paw Lake, or that have access via boat piers or boat slips along Paw Paw Lake. A map of the special assessment district is included in mailing notices to those properties on the proposed Special Assessment Rolls.

Special Assessment Rolls and Proposed Assessment Amounts: The Special Assessment Rolls assess the cost of the Lake Improvements to the properties in the Special Assessment Districts as follows:

1. **Direct Access:** For each developed or buildable waterfront parcel with direct access via frontage along Paw Paw Lake or direct channel access via channel frontage to Paw Paw Lake, and each condominium or residence unit in waterfront condominium complexes and funneling properties, \$204.65 per year;
2. **Indirect Access:** For each developed or buildable parcel that has shared access through a park or unbuildable property to Paw Paw Lake or indirect access via frontage along Lake Stella, \$20.46 per year; and
3. **Marinas:** For each marina on Paw Paw Lake, \$204.65 per year for the first eight (8) slips or less, and an additional \$204.65 per year for each additional eight (8) slips or less.

After the Public Hearings, the Township Boards will adopt a Resolution to either: (1) continue the Lake Improvements; (2) continue the Lake Improvements with specified changes; or (3) discontinue the Lake Improvements. If periodic redeterminations of cost of the Lake Improvements and the amount of the annual Special Assessments are necessary without a change in the Special Assessment Districts, such redeterminations may be made without further notice to record owners or parties in interest in the property.

To make any appeal as may be provided by law, the owner or any person having an interest in property within the Special Assessment Districts may file a written appeal with the Michigan Tax Tribunal within thirty (30) days after adoption of the Resolution as described above should the Resolution approve a special assessment roll. However, appearance and protest at the Public Hearings are required to appeal the special assessment to the Michigan Tax Tribunal. An owner or other party in interest or his or her agent may (1) appear in person at the Public Hearings to protest the special assessment, or (2) file his or her appearance or protest by letter before the close of the Public Hearings.

The Township Boards shall maintain a record of parties who appear to protest at the Public Hearings. If the Public Hearings are terminated or adjourned for the day before a party is provided the opportunity to be heard, a party whose appearance was recorded shall be considered to have protested the special assessment in person. Coloma Charter Township and Watervliet Charter Township will provide auxiliary aids or services to individuals with disabilities. Persons needing such services should contact the office of the township clerk by writing or calling the clerk not less than four (4) days before the Public Hearings.

BY ORDER OF THE TOWNSHIP BOARDS

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