

MS4 Progress Report

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Section 1. General Facility Information, Nested MS4 and Outfalls/Points of Discharge

Municipality/Site Name

Port Huron Township MS4-St. Clair

Nested MS4s:

1. Are you carrying out the terms and conditions of the permit for each nested MS4 listed in your permit? Select "NOT APPLICABLE" if you do not nest any regulated MS4s as part of your permit coverage.

Not Applicable - Nested MS4s not included in permit

2. Are you currently a Phase I or Phase II permittee?

Phase II

3. Did you add or remove any nested MS4s during the reporting period that have not been approved? If yes, submit a request for approval to add or remove a nested MS4 in accordance with Part I.A.1.b. of the permit.

NO

New Outfalls and/or Points of Discharge

4. Did you identify, construct, or install any new outfalls or points of discharge that have not been authorized? If yes, submit a request to authorize the discharge of storm water from the new outfall or point of discharge in accordance with Part I.A.2. of the permit via the following schedule in MiWaters: MS4 Outfall or Point of Discharge Identified, Constructed, or Installed After Permit Issuance.

NO

Section 2. Enforcement response Plan (ERP)

Upload referenced documentation identified below and other information relevant to the implementation of your ERP.

ERP_IDEP Summary.pdf - 03/06/2024 04:45 PM

Comment

NONE PROVIDED

1. Were there any changes made to the approved ERP during the reporting period which have not been reviewed and approved in accordance with the permit language?

NO

2. Did you complete each ERP measurable goal and/or implement ongoing activities consistent with the measurable goals?

YES

3. Provide the reference (paragraph & page) to the document submitted above describing progress made toward implementing the ERP to compel compliance using enforcement actions (e.g. summarize findings from tracking method).

Please see the attached ERP_IDEP Summary

4. Identify the total number of enforcement actions taken during the reporting period (Type 0 if none).

0

5. Will you continue to implement the approved ERP during the next reporting cycle? If you responded "yes with changes" or "no", submit the SWMP modification request information as required in Part I.A.4. of the permit as an Unscheduled Permit Required Report in MiWaters.

YES

Section 3. Public Participation/Involvement Program (PPP)

Upload referenced documentation identified below and other information relevant to the PPP

[MS4 Permit Info Website.docx - 01/10/2024 09:14 AM](#)

[PPP_PEP Summary.pdf - 02/09/2024 12:32 PM](#)

Comment

NONE PROVIDED

1. Were there any changes made to the approved PPP during the reporting period which have not been reviewed and approved in accordance with the permit language?

NO

2. Did you complete each PPP measurable goal and/or implement ongoing activities consistent with the measurable goals?

YES

3. Provide the reference to the document submitted above describing progress made toward implementing the PPP and meeting each measurable goal, including a summary of results.

See PPP_PEP Summary

4. Will you continue to implement the approved PPP during the next reporting cycle? If you responded "YES with changes" or "NO," submit the SWMP modification request information as required in Part I.A.4. of the permit as an Unscheduled Permit Required Report in MiWaters.

YES

Section 4. Public Education Program (PEP)

Upload referenced documentation identified below and other information relevant to the PEP.

[PPP_PEP Summary.pdf - 02/09/2024 12:32 PM](#)

[PEP Initiatives.pdf - 02/09/2024 12:33 PM](#)

Comment

NONE PROVIDED

1. Were there any changes made to the approved PEP during the reporting period which have not been reviewed and approved in accordance with the permit language?

NO

2. Did you complete each PEP measurable goal and/or implement ongoing activities consistent with the measurable goals?

YES

3. PEP TOPICS

Provide the reference to the document submitted above describing progress made toward implementing the PEP and meeting each measurable goal, including a summary of results. If the PEP topic is not a part of the approved PEP, include "Not Applicable" in the comment box.

PEP Topic 1: Promote public responsibility and stewardship in the applicant's watershed.

Please see the PEP Tracking Sheet and PPP_PEP Summary

PEP Topic 2: Inform and educate the public about the connection of the MS4 to area waterbodies and the potential impacts discharges could have on surface waters of the state.

Please see the PEP Tracking Sheet and PPP_PEP Summary

PEP Topic 3: Educate the public on illicit discharges and promote public reporting of illicit discharges and improper disposal of materials into the MS4.

Please see the PEP Tracking Sheet and PPP_PEP Summary

PEP Topic 4: Promote preferred cleaning materials and procedures for car, pavement, and power washing.

Please see the PEP Tracking Sheet and PPP_PEP Summary

PEP Topic 5: Inform and educate the public on proper application and disposal of pesticides, herbicides, and fertilizers.

Please see the PEP Tracking Sheet and PPP_PEP Summary

PEP Topic 6: Promote proper disposal practices for grass clippings, leaf litter, and animal wastes that may enter into the MS4.

Please see the PEP Tracking Sheet and PPP_PEP Summary

PEP Topic 7: Identify and promote the availability, location, and requirements of facilities for collection or disposal of household hazardous wastes, travel trailer sanitary wastes, chemicals, yard wastes, and motor vehicle fluids.

Please see the PEP Tracking Sheet and PPP_PEP Summary

PEP Topic 8: Inform and educate the public on proper septic system care and maintenance, and how to recognize system failure.

Please see the PEP Tracking Sheet and PPP_PEP Summary

PEP Topic 9: Educate the public on, and promote the benefits of, green infrastructure and Low Impact Development.

Please see the PEP Tracking Sheet and PPP_PEP Summary

PEP Topic 10: Identify and educate commercial, industrial, and institutional entities likely to contribute pollutants to storm water runoff.

Please see the PEP Tracking Sheet and PPP_PEP Summary

Overall PEP**4. Provide the reference to the document submitted above summarizing the evaluation of overall effectiveness of the PEP.**

See PPP_PEP Summary

5. Will you continue to implement the approved PEP during the next reporting cycle? If you responded "YES with changes" or "NO," submit the SWMP modification request information as required in Part I.A.4. of the permit as an Unscheduled Permit Required Report in MiWaters.

YES

Section 5. Illicit Discharge Elimination Program (IDEP)**Upload referenced documentation identified below and other information relevant to the IDEP.**[ERP_IDEP Summary.pdf - 03/06/2024 04:46 PM](#)**Comment**

NONE PROVIDED

1. Were there any changes made to the approved IDEP during the reporting period which have not been reviewed and approved in accordance with the permit language?

NO

2. Did you complete each IDEP measurable goal and/or implement the ongoing activities consistent with the measurable goals?

YES

3. Identify the number of outfalls and points of discharge in your storm sewer system.

12

4. Was dry weather screening (i.e., outfall observation, field screening, and source investigation) performed in accordance with the approved IDEP during the reporting period?

Not scheduled during reporting period

5. How many illicit discharges were detected (Type 0 if none)?

1

5 a. Were all illicit discharges detected eliminated?

YES

5 b. Provide the reference to the document submitted above certifying that all illicit discharges that were not eliminated within 90 days of discovery have been eliminated or the plan for how the illicit discharge will be eliminated. If all illicit discharges were eliminated within 90 days, include "Not Applicable" in the comment box.

Not Applicable

6. How many of the illicit discharges led to an enforcement action? (Write 0 if none)

0

7. Was IDEP training provided in accordance with the approved program?

NO

If NO, provide an explanation

Videos will be viewed in late Feb 2024

8. Provide the reference to the document submitted above summarizing the evaluation and determination of overall effectiveness of the IDEP.

See ERP_IDEP Summary

9. Will you continue to implement the approved IDEP during the next reporting cycle. If you responded "YES with changes" or "NO," submit the SWMP modification request information as required in Part I.A.4. of the permit as an Unscheduled Permit Required Report in MiWaters.

YES

Section 6. Construction Storm Water Runoff Control Program**1. Were there any changes made to the approved program during the reporting period which have not been reviewed and approved in accordance with the permit language?**

NO

2. Did you complete each program measurable goal and/or implement ongoing activities consistent with the measurable goals?

YES

3. Do you continue to rely on the Part 91 Agency identified in the application (other than yourself) to implement a Soil Erosion and Sedimentation Control Program?

YES

4. Was the Part 91 agency, or appropriate staff if you are the Part 91 agency, notified when the soil or sediment was discharged to your MS4 from a construction activity in accordance with the approved procedure?

Not Applicable – Soil or sediment was not discharged in accordance with the procedure during the reporting period

5. Was the Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy (EGLE) notified when soil, sediment, or other pollutants were discharged to your MS4 from a construction activity in accordance with the approved procedure?

Not Applicable – Soil or sediment was not discharged in accordance with the procedure during the reporting period

6. Was a Part 91 permit issued for all construction activity one acre or greater in total earth disturbance with the potential to discharge to your MS4?

YES

6a. Were all landowners or recorded easement holders of a property with construction activity one acre or greater in total earth disturbance advised of the State of Michigan Permit by Rule in accordance with the approved procedures?

YES

7. Will you continue to implement the approved program during the next reporting cycle? If you responded "YES with changes" or "NO," submit the SWMP modification request information as required in Part I.A.4. of the permit as an Unscheduled Permit Required Report in MiWaters.

YES

Section 7. Post-Construction Storm Water Runoff Program (i.e. Post-Construction Control or PCC Program)

Upload referenced documentation identified below and other information relevant to the PCC.

PCC_CSW Summary.pdf - 03/06/2024 04:46 PM

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NONE PROVIDED

1. Were there any changes made to the approved PCC Program during the reporting period which have not been reviewed and approved in accordance with the permit language?

NO

2. Did you complete each PCC Program measurable goal and/or implement ongoing activities consistent with the measurable goals?

YES

3. Were the approved post-construction performance standards applied to all projects that disturb at least one or more acres, including projects less than one acre that are part of a larger common plan of development or sale, in accordance with the approved ordinance/regulatory mechanism?

YES

3a. Did you implement the approved procedure for reviewing the use of infiltration BMP's to meet the post-construction performance standards in areas of soil or groundwater contamination?

Not Applicable – No projects in areas of soil or groundwater contamination

3b. Were BMPs to address potential hot spots required in accordance with the approved ordinance/regulatory mechanism?

Not Applicable – No projects in potential hot spots

3c. Were all site plans reviewed and approved to ensure compliance with the ordinance/regulatory mechanism/procedures?

YES

3d. Was a maintenance agreement or other legal mechanism entered with the owners or operators of each BMP to ensure long-term operation and maintenance in accordance with the approved ordinance/regulatory mechanism?

YES

3e. Were you approved to implement an off-site mitigation or payment in lieu program?

NO

3f. Did you approve projects subject to your off-site mitigation or payment in lieu program during the reporting period?

NO

4. Provide the reference to the document submitted above describing the status and results of implementing the procedure for tracking compliance with entered maintenance agreements or other legal mechanisms.

Please see PCC_CSW Summary

5. Will you continue to implement the approved PCC Program during the next reporting cycle? If you responded "YES with changes" or "NO," submit the SWMP modification request information as required in Part I.A.4. of the permit as an Unscheduled Permit Required Report in MiWaters.

YES

Section 8.A. Pollution Prevention and Good Housekeeping Program (P2/GH) - Structural Controls, Standard Operating Procedures, Catch Basin Cleaning, and Street Sweeping

Upload referenced documentation identified below and other information relevant to the P2/GH Program.

NONE PROVIDED

Comment

NONE PROVIDED

1. Were there any changes made to the approved P2/GH Program during the reporting period which have not been reviewed and approved in accordance with the permit language?

NO

2. Did you complete each P2/GH Program measurable goal and/or implement ongoing activities consistent with the measurable goals?

YES

3. Did you update your structural control inventory in accordance with the approved procedure (i.e. additions, deletions, no longer owned or operated)?

Not Applicable – No updates during the reporting period

4. For each facility with a Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) is the content up-to-date?

YES

4a. Are routine and comprehensive inspections being performed at each facility with an SOP in accordance with the approved schedule?

YES

5. Did you implement the identified BMPs at facilities with medium to low potential to discharge pollutants

YES

6. Were any new facilities added during the reporting period that were not reviewed and approved by EGLE? If yes, submit the assessment for approval in accordance with Part I.A.3.g.2. of the permit as an Unscheduled Permit Required Report in MiWaters.

NO

7. Were the inspection, maintenance, and cleaning activities for the following structural controls implemented in accordance with the approved procedure?

Structural Control Type:	Inspection and Maintenance Activities Conducted in accordance with Approved Procedures?	If "NO," provide an explanation:
Detention Basins	N/A: Do not own/operate	NONE PROVIDED
Oil/Water Separators	YES (Provide date of last inspection/maintenance) Certify date inspection and/or maintenance was last completed? Inspected May 2023	NONE PROVIDED
Pump Stations	YES (Provide date of last inspection/maintenance) Certify date inspection and/or maintenance was last completed? Inspected and maintained as needed	NONE PROVIDED
Secondary Containment	N/A: Do not own/operate	NONE PROVIDED
Vegetated Swales	YES (Provide date of last inspection/maintenance) Certify date inspection and/or maintenance was last completed? Mowing throughout the growing season. No fertilizers applied.	NONE PROVIDED
Constructed Wetlands	N/A: Do not own/operate	NONE PROVIDED
Infiltration Basins/Trenches	N/A: Do not own/operate	NONE PROVIDED
Porous Pavement	N/A: Do not own/operate	NONE PROVIDED
Rain Gardens	N/A: Do not own/operate	NONE PROVIDED
Underground Storage Vaults/Tanks	N/A: Do not own/operate	NONE PROVIDED
Other Structural Controls (add rows as needed). Specify control type in explanation.	YES (Provide date of last inspection/maintenance) Certify date inspection and/or maintenance was last completed? Trench Drains (2) - @ DPW & Fire Station. Inspected and cleaned at least twice per year.	NONE PROVIDED

8. Provide the reference to the document submitted above demonstrating implementation of the procedure for inspecting, cleaning, and maintaining catch basins to ensure proper performance.

Please see our GH_P2 summary

9. Provide the reference to the document submitted above demonstrating implementation of the approved procedure for sweeping streets, parking lots, and other impervious surfaces.

Please see our GH_P2 summary

Section 8.B. P2/GH - Operation and Maintenance Activities and Employee Training

Upload referenced documentation identified below and other information relevant to BMPs or employee training.

NONE PROVIDED

Comment

NONE PROVIDED

1. Are you implementing BMPs in accordance with your approved procedures to prevent or reduce pollutant runoff from the following operations and maintenance activities?

Activity:	BMPs Implemented?	Provide the reference to the document submitted above describing the BMPs implemented or an explanation of why BMPs were not implemented:
Road, Parking Lot, and Sidewalk Maintenance (e.g. pothole, sidewalk, and curb and gutter repair)	YES	Please see the GH_P2 summary
Bridge Maintenance	N/A	NONE PROVIDED
Right-of-Way Maintenance	N/A	NONE PROVIDED
Unpaved Road Maintenance	N/A	NONE PROVIDED
Cold Weather Operations (e.g. plowing, sanding, application of deicing agents, and snow pile disposal)	YES	Please see the GH_P2 summary
Maintenance of permittee-owned vehicles (e.g. police, fire, school bus, public works), including certifying that no vehicles are washed with a discharge to the regulated MS4.	YES	Please see the GH_P2 summary

2. Were all new permittee-owned and operated facilities or new structural stormwater controls for water quantity designed and implemented in accordance with the PCC performance standards and long-term operation and maintenance requirements?

Not Applicable – No new water quantity facilities or structural stormwater controls during the reporting period

3. Was P2/GH training provided in accordance with the approved program?

NO

If NO, provide an explanation.

Training videos will be viewed in late Feb 2024

4. Is your pesticide applicator certified by the State of Michigan?

Not Applicable – Pesticides were not applied or were applied using only ready-to-use products from the original container during the reporting period

5. Was contractor oversight provided to ensure contractors hired by the permittee comply with P2/GH BMPs when performing O&M activities?

YES

6. Will you continue to implement the approved P2/GH Program during the next reporting cycle? If you responded “YES with changes” or “NO,” submit the SWMP modification request information as required by Part I.A.4. of the permit as an Unscheduled Permit Required Report in MiWaters.

YES

Section 9. Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) Implementation Plan

Upload referenced documentation identified below and other information relevant to the TMDL Implementation Plan.

TMDL Work Plan.pdf - 02/14/2024 03:02 PM

Comment

NONE PROVIDED

1. Is there a TMDL applicable to the discharge from your MS4 identified in your permit?

YES

2. List the TMDLs in your permit.

E. coli - Black River

3. Were the prioritized BMPs implemented as per the approved TMDL Implementation Plan?

YES

4. Provide the reference to the summary of any monitoring results – including outfall monitoring, in-stream monitoring, or modeling – in the document submitted above.

See TMDL Work Plan

5. Provide the reference to the document submitted above with the assessment of progress made toward achieving the TMDL pollutant load reduction requirements.
See TMDL Work Plan

6. Will you continue to implement the approved TMDL Implementation Plan during the next reporting cycle? If you responded "Yes with changes" or "no", submit the SWMP modification request information as required in Part I.A.4. of the permit as an Unscheduled Permit Required Report in MiWaters.
YES

Additional Information

Comments (As needed)
NONE PROVIDED

Additional Documents (As needed)
NONE PROVIDED
Comment
NONE PROVIDED

Attachments

Date	Attachment Name	Context	User
3/6/2024 4:46 PM	PCC_CSW Summary.pdf	Attachment	Laura Gruzowski
3/6/2024 4:46 PM	ERP_IDEP Summary.pdf	Attachment	Laura Gruzowski
3/6/2024 4:45 PM	ERP_IDEP Summary.pdf	Attachment	Laura Gruzowski
2/14/2024 3:02 PM	TMDL Work Plan.pdf	Attachment	Laura Gruzowski
2/9/2024 12:33 PM	PEP Initiatives.pdf	Attachment	Laura Gruzowski
2/9/2024 12:32 PM	PPP_PEP Summary.pdf	Attachment	Laura Gruzowski
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Status History

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1/4/2024 8:58:00 AM	Megan McReynolds	Draft
3/6/2024 4:47:56 PM	Laura Gruzowski	Submitting
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Agreements and Signature(s)

SUBMISSION AGREEMENTS

- ☒ I am the owner of the account used to perform the electronic submission and signature.
- ☒ I have the authority to submit the data on behalf of the facility I am representing.
- ☒ I agree that providing the account credentials to sign the submission document constitutes an electronic signature equivalent to my written signature.
- ☒ I have reviewed the electronic form being submitted in its entirety, and agree to the validity and accuracy of the information contained within it to the best of my knowledge.

"I certify under penalty of law that this document and all attachments were prepared under the supervision and in accordance with a system designed to assure that qualified personnel properly gather and report the required information. Based on my inquiry of the person or persons who manage the system, or those persons immediately responsible for gathering and reporting the information, the information submitted is, to the best of my knowledge and belief, true, and there are no significant penalties for submitting false information, including the possibility of prosecution or knowledge of violations."

Signed By Laura Gruzowski on 03/06/2024 at 4:47 PM

Port Huron Township
PPP/PEP Summary
2024

PPP Summary

- The Township posted a copy of our MS4 permit on our Environmental Education web page and have our stormwater consultant's contact information for questions or comments. No comments/questions have been received to date.

PEP Summary

- The Township is an active member of the SCC Watersheds/MS4 Group.
- The SCCHD Water Quality Survey is posted on the Township Environmental Education web page.
- The Township has been vigilant in posting stormwater newsletter articles, Facebook posts, and website information for our residents, businesses, and general public.
- As part of our SAW Grant program, we initiated a FOG inspection program, to help alleviate FOG in our sanitary sewer pumping stations. We distributed brochures and other information to our FOG property owners and managers in 2017. This inspection program is ongoing.
- We hosted a free fishing clinic in 2022 and 2023.
- We have a link on our Environmental Education web page to the SCCHD Stormwater web page and SEMCOG Ours to Protect web page.
- We promoted the SEMCOG/GLWA One Water Campaign via website and Facebook. A couple videos were added to our website last year – one regarding septic systems and one regarding flushable wipes and other materials entering our sanitary sewer system.

Overall Effectiveness Summary

- The Township actively promotes the Free Fishing Clinic and SCC events such as the Annual Earth Fair at Goodells County Park and Sturgeon Festival. All events are very popular and well attended.
- In 2022, the Friends of the St. Clair River initiated a Storm Drain Art Mural project, raising storm drain and stormwater management awareness across the region. The drains were painted in 2023.
- We are seeing a decrease of FOG in the sanitary sewer system, due to increased FOG education and our inspections program.
- The Township DPW staff have participated in in-person and video training over the permitting period.

MS4 PEP Community Specific Actions - Checklist & Tracking

April 1, 2022 - March 31, 2024

Presentations and Displays - Display must be hosted once every five years. Please note the date(s) when you hosted a stormwater display and/or any other public display in your community/location. Presentations are upon request and availability of staff time. Track your sharing of flyers and/or if you hosted a presentation you may track that here as well.

Topic of Display/Presentation	PEP Topic	Date	Location	Attendance (if Applicable)	Photo of display? Flyer distributed? Y/N
Free Fishing Clinic	A,B	Jun-22	40th Street Park		N
Wetland Wanderings	A,B	June & August 2023	Wetlands County Park		
Sturgeon Festival	A,B	Spring 2022	For Gratiot Light Station		
FOSCR Native Plant Sale	A,B,I	Summer 2023	St. Clair	NA	N
Free Fishing Clinic	A,B	Jun-23	40th Street Park	25	Y

Articles - Please track your distribution of articles below (quantity, method, etc.). You may track distribution of additional articles/information here as well.

Title	PEP Topic	Date	Location	Quantity	Method of Distribution
Spongy Moth Program	A,B	April & June 2022	Facebook Post		Facebook
Free Fishing Clinic Facebook Post	A, B	May-22	Facebook Post		Facebook
2022 Sturgeon Festival	A,B	May-22	Facebook Post		Facebook
Monarch Pledge; No Dumping; Pet Waste; Free Fishing Clinic	A,B,F,I	Spring/Summer 2022	Newsletter		Newsletter - mailed to residents
Reduce, Reuse, & Recycle	A,B,F,G	Jan-23	Main Page on Website		Website
Yard Waste Pickup	A,F	Mar-23	Facebook Post		Facebook
Pet Waste; Native Plants; Storm Drain Awareness; Plant a Tree/Rain Garden	A,B,F,I	Spring/Summer 2023	Newsletter		Newsletter - mailed to residents
Free Fishing Clinic Facebook Post	A,B	May & June 2023	Facebook Post		Facebook
EGLE Webinar - Knowing your septic system	A,B,H	Aug-23	Facebook Post		Facebook
Leaf Mulching; Cold Weather Practices	F,J	Fall/Winter 2023	Newsletter		Newsletter - mailed to residents
Reduce, Reuse, & Recycle	A,B,F,G	Feb-24	Main Page on Website		Website

Brochures, pamphlets and other Educational Materials - Please track your distribution of any brochures and other educational materials below (quantity, method, etc.).

Title	PEP Topic	Date	Location	Quantity	Method of Distribution
Free Fishing Clinic Flyer	A,B	Spring 2022	Township Hall	10	distributed at Township Hall
Sturgeon Festival Flyer	A,B	Spring 2022	Township Hall	10	distributed at Township Hall

Website Checklist - the following links must be displayed and in working order in an easy to access/locate page on your individual community/district website.

Household Hazardous Waste (By County)	Paste Link to your Webpage below where link is displayed	Date	# of Hits
St. Clair County	https://www.porthurontownship.org/community/environmental-education http://www.porthurontownship.org/EnvironmentalEducation.aspx	Ongoing	Approx 250 hits annually
Recreational Vehicle Waste Information	Paste Link to your Webpage below where link is displayed	Date	# of Hits
RV Dumps - Michigan	http://www.rvdumps.com/michigan/ http://www.porthurontownship.org/EnvironmentalEducation.aspx	Mar 2018; Ongoing	Approx 250 hits annually

Community Links - Include any other relevant community links that that you have chosen to include that are unique to your community/district and valuable resources to your residents/public. This could include community organizations, links to articles or resources, etc.

Community Group/Organization/Resource	PEP Topic	Link	Paste Link to your Webpage below where link is displayed	Date	# of Hits
SCC Stormwater Page	A-I	Link off of Main Page	http://www.porthurontownship.org/Home.aspx	Ongoing	SCCHD page hits not available @ this time
SEMCOG	B-J	www.SEMCOG.org	http://www.semco.org/Protect-Our-Waterways	Ongoing	Approx 2,000 hits annually
SCC Pollution Hotline	B,C	Info off of Environmental Education Page	http://www.porthurontownship.org/EnvironmentalEducation.aspx	Ongoing	Approx 250 hits annually
Septic System Video	H	Info off of Environmental Education Page	http://www.porthurontownship.org/EnvironmentalEducation.aspx	Ongoing	Approx 250 hits annually
Car Care, FOG, HHW, Landscaping, Leaf Mulching, Native Shrubs, No Wipes in the Pipes, Pet Waste, Rain Barrels, Salt Smart, Lawn Care, RV Waste	A-I	Info off of Environmental Education Page	http://www.porthurontownship.org/EnvironmentalEducation.aspx	Ongoing	Approx 250 hits annually
SEMCOG OneWater video - Drinking Water Tips	A	Video off of Environmental Education Page	http://www.porthurontownship.org/EnvironmentalEducation.aspx		525 views to date

Unfortunately, the Township does not currently have a way to track web hits; however SEMCOG and SCCHD track hits annually.

Port Huron Township

PEP Documents

2024 MS4 Progress Report



PORT HURON TOWNSHIP
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COMMUNITY

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Environmental Education

Protecting Our Waterways – It's Up To You

Did you know that stormwater in the form of rainfall or snowmelt that flows over our yards, streets, parking lots, and buildings, enters our storm system and directly into a lake or stream – Untreated?

Our water resources are one of the most important assets to our community. Creeks, streams, drains, and ditches stretch across St. Clair County and carry water to the Black River, Pine River, Belle River, Clinton River, St. Clair River, Lake Huron and Anchor Bay. Protection of these water resources is essential to quality of life especially as the County's and Township's population continues to grow.

Port Huron Township participates in a regional effort with the St. Clair County Health Department, Road Commission, Drain Commission, and local communities to protect our waterways and educate our residents and businesses on storm water management and ways You can protect our environment.

[St. Clair County Health Department Water Quality Survey](#)

The survey form is not fillable when you click on the link. To complete the form, click on the link. In the upper right click on "Open with different viewer". It will automatically default to "save". Click ok. It will then download to your computer. Click on the download arrow and the form will open up and can then be completed. Click submit when done. The form can also be printed, completed and dropped off at the Township. Thank you.

It's Easy As Seven Simple Steps

1. Help keep pollution out of storm drains
2. Fertilize carefully and sparingly
3. Carefully store and dispose of household cleaners, chemicals, and oil
4. Clean up after your pet
5. Practice good car care
6. Choose earth-friendly landscaping
7. Save water

Remember, it's Ours to Protect! Please take the time to review the items below to learn more.

Additional Information and Links

[Car Care](#)

[Drinking Water Tips](#)

[Fats Oil & Grease](#)

[Household Hazardous Waste](#)

[Landscaping for Water Quality](#)

[Leaf Mulching](#)

[MS4 Permit](#) - For questions or comments regarding the Township's MS4 Permit, please contact our Stormwater Consultant, Laura Gruzowski at 248-681-7800 or [email](#).

[Native Shrubs](#)

[No Wipes in the Pipes](#)

[Pet Waste and Clean Water](#)

[Rain Barrel Tips](#)

[RV Dump Stations](#)

[Salt Smart](#)

[Salt Use](#)

[SCCHD Pollution Hotline](#)

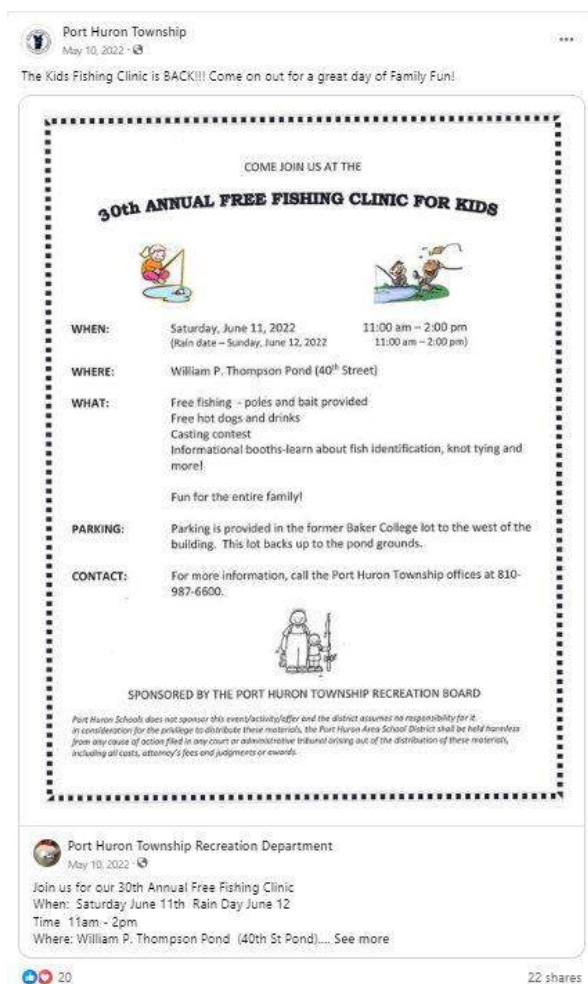
[SEMCOG Protect Our Waterways](#)

[Spring/Summer Lawn Care](#)

MS4 Permit Information on Township Website



Facebook Post, April 2022




Facebook Posts, May 2022



Facebook Post, June 2022





Facebook Post, March 2023



Port Huron Township
May 11, 2023 · 🌐

COME JOIN US AT THE

32nd ANNUAL FREE FISHING CLINIC FOR KIDS

WHEN:

Saturday, June 10, 2023
11:00 am – 2:00 pm

(Rain date – Sunday, June 11, 2023
11:00 am – 2:00 pm)

WHERE:

William P. Thompson Pond (40th Street)

WHAT:

Free fishing - poles and bait provided
Free hot dogs and drinks
Casting contest
Informational booths-learn about fish identification, knot tying and more!


Fun for the entire family!

PARKING:


Parking is provided in the former Baker College lot to the west of the building. This lot backs up to the pond grounds.

CONTACT:

For more information, call the Port Huron Township offices at 810-987-6600.




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Port Huron Township Recreation Department
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Free Hot Dogs and Drinks
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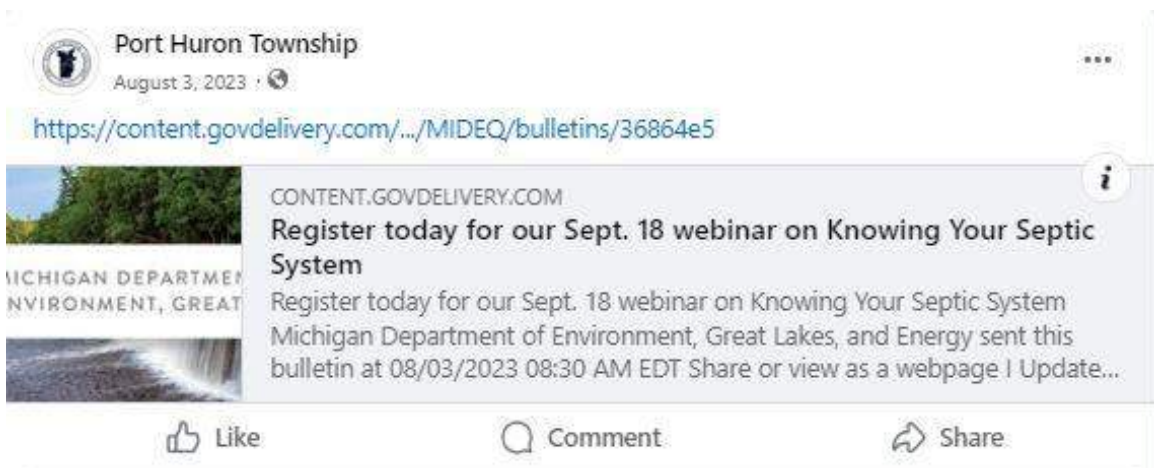

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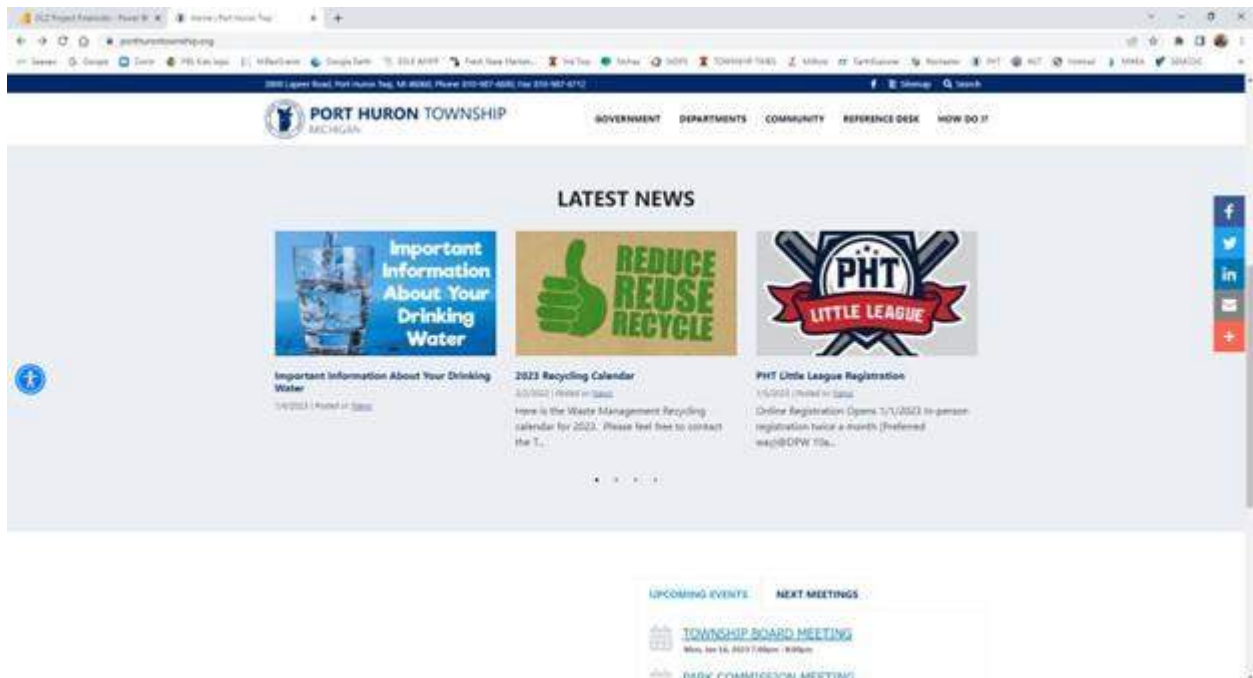
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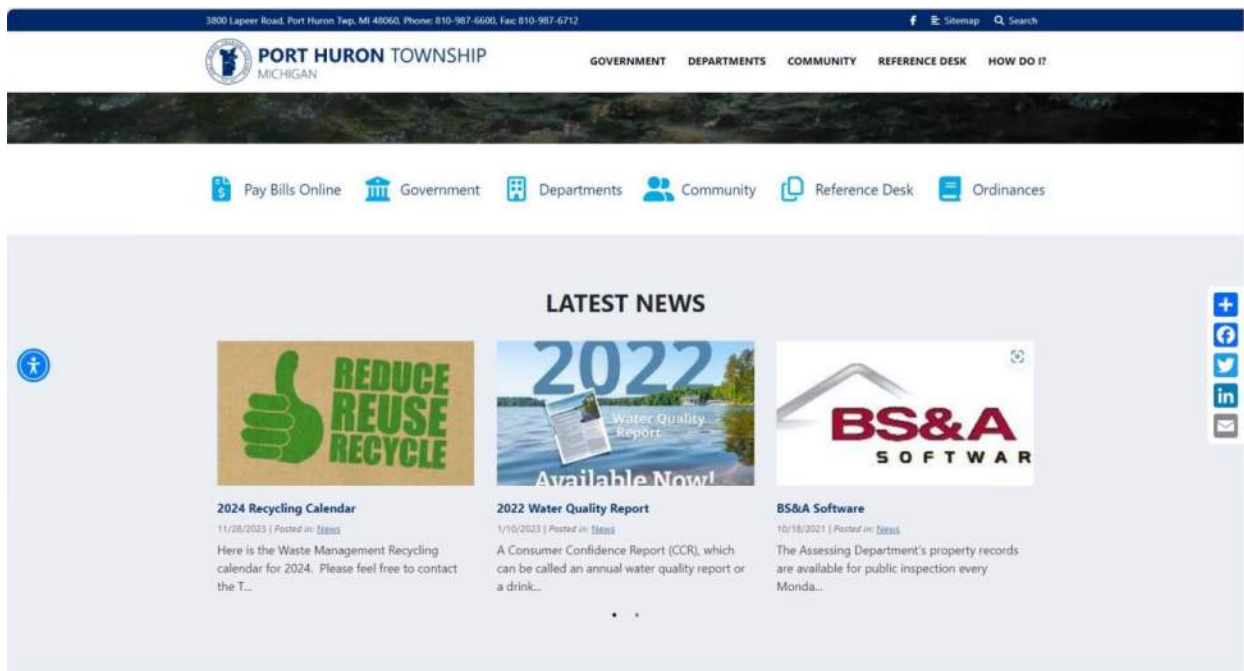
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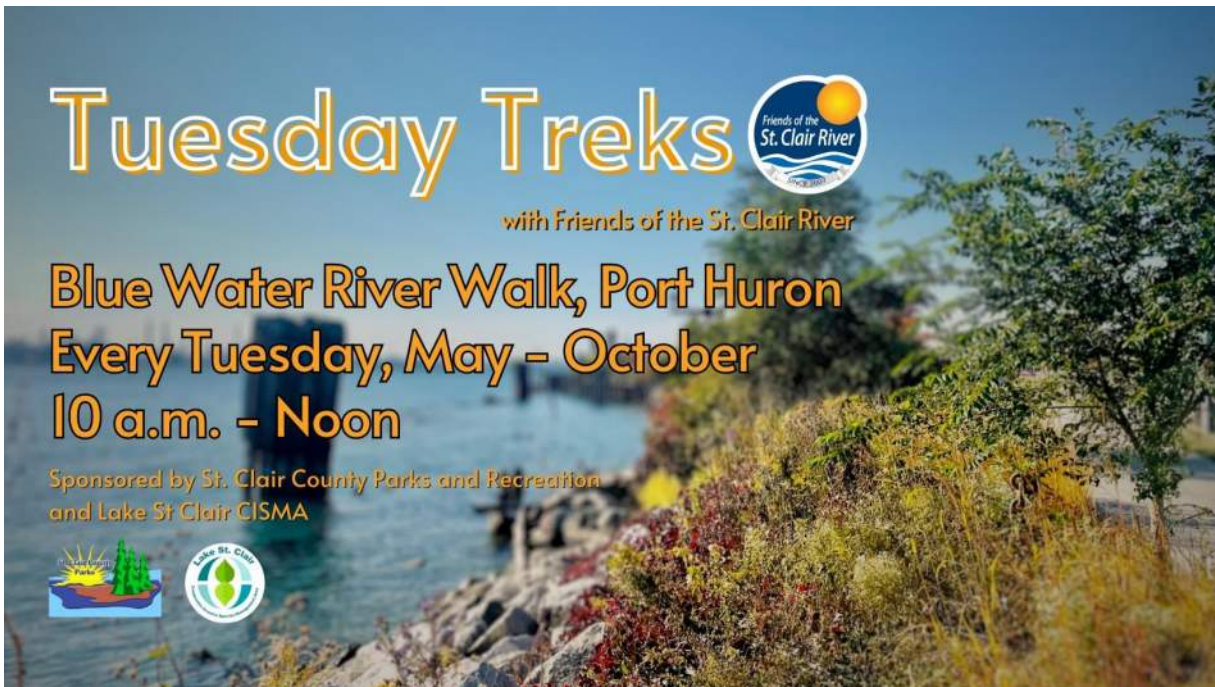
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SUPERVISOR'S MESSAGE

Hello, I hope everyone survived the winter okay. With the warmer weather coming, I ask that residents keep their ditches and culverts cleaned out to the best of their ability. Blocked culverts affect your neighbors and others.

As far as the roads go, Hueling, Partridge and Howard (from Range to Partridge) are getting a thin overlay this summer. If time allows, Country Club Drive and Knapp will get the same treatment. Some ditching and crack filling will take place this spring/summer as well. The water project on Strawberry Lane will finish up this spring and into summer. Restoration related to this project and others done last year will take place then too.

I hope everyone has an enjoyable summer and stays safe. Remember, you can always contact me by email at rlwandowski@porthurontownship.org or by phone at 810-987-6600, extension 18 if you have any comments or concerns. Thanks for allowing me to serve as your Supervisor.

Bob Lewandowski, Township Supervisor

CLERK'S CORNER



Voting Precinct Changes

Precinct #1 was the Girl Scout office and is now St Stephens Holy Trinity Parish, 2865 Henry Street.

Precinct #4 was the Virtual Learning Academy and is now Eagles Club, 2645 Howard Street.

All registered voters in these precincts were mailed new registration cards. If you did not get yours, please let us know.

August 2, 2022 State Primary

November 8, 2022 State General



PROPERTY TAX HARDSHIP EXEMPTION

If you are a property owner/occupant whose total household income is at or below the Federal Income Poverty Level, property tax assistance may be available to you. If you feel you may qualify, please contact the Assessor's Office for further information.

LOW INCOME SENIOR CITIZEN WATER RATE

If you are 65 or over, own and occupy your home, and have a total **household** income of less than \$20,000, you may qualify for a reduced water rate. Please contact Carol in the Water Office for further information.



FIRE DEPARTMENT NEWS

HAPPY SPRING FROM THE FIRE DEPARTMENT!

The Charter Township of Port Huron and the Port Huron Township Fire Department will be seeking to expand the Fire Millage on the August, 2022 primary election ballot. This proposed new measure will raise 3.0 mills, 1.5 more than the millage that expired at the end of last year. The additional funds will help ease the financial strain on the Township's General Fund and hopefully make it possible for the Department to expand its fulltime workforce to better supplement the volunteer/paid on-call firefighters who otherwise make up the Department's ranks. This will help with current staffing shortages of paid-on-call personnel. The additional manpower and funding made possible by this millage will help the department keep pace with the current demand as calls for service continue to increase.

The Department has found it increasingly difficult meet the need for volunteer/paid on-call firefighters. There are many factors that have contributed to this decline in the ranks over the years. One of the main contributing factors is the time commitment involved. The training required by the State of Michigan to become a firefighter has increased to levels that make it difficult for the average person working a regular job to obtain. In 1960 when the Port Huron Township Fire Department was formed, the training was minimal and mainly on the job. With the passing of Public Act 291 by the Michigan Legislature in 1966, the Fire Fighter Training Council was established. With that came more formal training required for the Fire Service. This included a 66-hour fire fighter training course. Required training today has increased and consists of hundreds of hours, basic fire training. Hazardous Materials training and Emergency Medical training (which is required by Port Huron Township F.D.) adds several hundred more hours of required training. Firefighters train on a regular basis, often daily, to keep up with their skills and specialized equipment. Beginning in the fall of 2022, the Fire Fighter Training Council is set to mandate continuing education for all firefighters. This will put even more time constraints on the volunteer/paid-on-call personnel in the fire service.

With the addition of more full-time personnel, the Port Huron Township Fire Department would be able to establish a more consistent work force and continue to provide the high level of service expected by our residents.

Chief Randy Vesper

BURNING PERMITS

This springtime cold weather brings a delay in getting outside. Please remember that if you want to have an open fire on your property, you must have a burning permit from the township. Bon fires, camp fires, burning brush, etc., must be done with a permit. Stop by the Township Offices from 8:30 am until 4:30 pm Monday thru Friday. The cost is \$15.00 and the permit is good until March 1st of 2023. Burning without a permit can result in a fine of up to \$500.



Monarch Pledge

Port Huron Township is committed to Monarch butterfly and pollinator conservation. Bakers Field is host to natural habitat for many pollinators, including Monarch butterflies and bees.



We encourage residents to incorporate milkweed and other pollinator-friendly plants into their landscaping. Butterfly Bushes

are not only beautiful, they also assist in the Monarch's migration. The Monarch population is declining. These pollinators are part of a natural food web and ecosystem. Their decline, along with other pollinators, negatively impacts human food systems. When planning gardens, please consider one or more pollinator-friendly plantings. Monarchs, bees and your neighbors will thank you!

Woodland Cemetery Fountain Dedication

The Township will hold a ceremony on Saturday, June 4, 2022 at 11 a.m. to dedicate the new cemetery fountain in memory of long-time former Clerk, Barbara Hopp. The public is welcome to attend. Barbara was instrumental in revitalizing Woodland Cemetery, and the fountain will serve to honor her dedication and commitment to the cemetery's development.

FREE FISHING CLINIC FOR KIDS

JUNE 11, 2022 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
(rain date June 12th)



WILLIAM P. THOMPSON POND
(40th Street) PORT HURON TOWNSHIP
Parking at former Baker College



Free hot dogs, chips, punch, Poles and bait provided
Casting contest, fish identification, knot tying & more
Great fun for the entire family!

FROM THE TREASURER

2021 PROPERTY TAXES ARE DELINQUENT

2021 property taxes are now delinquent. All real property taxes are payable to the St. Clair County Treasurer. Call before mailing for the correct payment amount. The County Treasurer's number is 810-989-6915. Delinquent personal property taxes are still payable at our office. Personal property tax bills begin with 74-28-999-####-####. Delinquent personal property taxes are subject to seizure and sale. If you have any questions regarding any delinquent property taxes call our office at 810-987-6600, extension 22 or 23.

CHECKS WILL BE RETURNED

We continue to have problems with checks sent from banks and credit unions with the incorrect account number on them. Please make sure you are putting the correct account number on your checks. Taxes, utility bills, cost recovery and special assessments all have different account numbers. **WE WILL RETURN ALL CHECKS WITH INCORRECT ACCOUNT NUMBERS.** You will be responsible for any late fees if we return your check to you.

SUMMER TAX BILLS

The Summer 2022 tax bills will be mailed out on or around July 1st. Please be aware that if you purchase your home in mid-June or later, updated owner information may not have been received before the time of printing. It is very important that you contact our office if you do not receive a tax bill. Call 810-987-6600, extension 22 or 23.

ONLINE PAYMENT OPTIONS

Port Huron Township is offering a new bill pay system through Invoice Cloud. By registering, you will be able to pay property taxes, utility bills, building permits, and most other township bills online! Autopay is now available, and partial payments are accepted now as well. A convenience fee of 2.5% of total charges applies when using your credit/debit card. If paying from a checking account, the charge is \$0.95.

DPW NEWS

DPW SUMMER HOURS

To better serve the property owners in Port Huron Township, the DPW extends their workday hours from May through September annually. Beginning May 2, 2022 and running through September 30, 2022, DPW hours will be 6:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

What does the DPW do?

The dedicated employees of the Department of Public Works perform many services to improve the quality of life for the residents of the Township. In addition to maintaining the water tower, booster and pump stations, they also maintain nearly 63 miles of water mains, 59 miles of sewer mains and over 3,500 water meters. DPW services also include the installation and maintenance of water meters, meter reading for billing purposes, investigation of water related concerns, assisting the Township Park Commission with the maintenance of township parks and assisting the Sexton with the maintenance of Woodland Cemetery. Not to mention winter snow plowing and flag maintenance in the DDA District. They're a busy bunch!

NEW FACES

Retirement and new career endeavors means that there are a few new employees here at Port Huron Township. Please welcome:

Jared Reaume – Fire Department Captain
Don Nichols – DPW
Joe Denslow – DPW
Randy Vesper – Fire Chief
Joan van der Feyst – Deputy Treasurer

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2021 DRINKING WATER QUALITY REPORT

The 2021 Drinking Water Quality Report is now available. Your annual report on the source and quality of your drinking water is available on the Web at <https://www.porthurontownship.org/waterqualityreport> To have a copy mailed to you, contact Port Huron Township at (810) 987-6600, extension 21 or cmaxbauer@porthurontownship.org.

CODE ENFORCEMENT

Now that Spring has sprung and the rain has let up, it is time to look at your yard and pick up any items that may have accumulated over the winter. The grass is growing! Ensure that you keep your yard mowed. Grass is not to be more than 6 inches in height. Also, remember that all RV's, recreational items and trailers are to be parked behind the front of the house or in the back yard.

I'm Ted Jahn, and I'm the Code Enforcement Officer. I can be reached on Tuesday and Wednesday by calling 810-987-6600, extension 13 or via email codeenf@porthurontownship.org.



OUR LITTLE FOOD PANTRY

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Our pantry operates because of neighbors helping neighbors. If you wish to donate, you may drop off non-perishable food items and unopened hygiene items directly to the pantry.

Is your group looking for a local cause to support? We welcome the opportunity to work with your organization on becoming regular donors. If you would like further information regarding our Food Pantry operations, please contact Penny at 810-987-6600, extension 20.



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SUPERVISOR'S MESSAGE

I hope everyone made it through the winter alright and by the time you receive this newsletter that warmer weather will be starting to arrive.

As for road work this summer, now that a new water line is installed on Strawberry Lane, the road will get an inch and a half of asphalt overlay with the addition of a five foot shoulder on one side. I believe it will be the east side; this will give walkers and bicyclists an area out of the roadway. Cost estimate for this work is \$340,000, with \$110,000 coming from the Road Commission.

Another project is a drainage project for the Randolph and Michigan Road area. The drainage pipe at Michigan will be repaired and the ditch to Michigan from Randolph will get cleaned out and enclosed with a tube to prevent it from filling with debris.

There aren't any scheduled water main replacements this year. Hopefully next year we can have funding in place to replace water mains in the residential areas off of 24th Street south of Chestnut to Williams Street.

The Township was approved for an allocation of \$1,450,000 from the federal budget, through Representative McClain's office, to replace an outdated pump station on Maywood Drive. Once we receive the proceeds, we can begin that project.

A couple other reminders: Please drive the posted speeds, and please try to keep leaves and debris clear in the ditch and at your driveway culvert if you have one.

I hope everyone has an enjoyable summer, and please feel free to contact me by email at rlwandowski@porthurontownship.org or by phone at 810-987-6600, extension 18 if you have any comments or concerns. Thanks again for letting me serve you.

Bob Lewandowski, Township Supervisor

CLERK'S CORNER

Election Workers Wanted

2023 should be a quiet year for elections however, in preparation for 2024 we will be taking applications for Election Inspector positions. If interested please submit an application, which can be obtained at our office or on our website www.porthurontownship.org on the Elections page. Up to \$600.00 can be earned tax free annually by election workers.

Summer Rec Program

This year's summer playground program will begin on June 26, 2023 – August 4, 2023. This program is appropriate for elementary-age children and is held at the Beach Road Park. Once registered, the program is a drop-in style day camp from 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. weather permitting. Registration will be held June 23rd at Beach Road 9:00 – 1:00 or you may register the first day of attendance. Keep your child engaged through play, sport activities, crafts, and field trips this summer! Cost is \$45.00 per child.

Benita Davis, Township Clerk

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DDA NEWS

I'm looking forward to Spring this year and putting the challenges of the past few years behind us.

The Downtown Development Authority is renewing the application for another 30 years as we speak. The DDA Board and the Township Board have passed along the proper paperwork and resolutions necessary for the extension, and now the State of Michigan is in the process of granting our request.

We have opportunities for new business coming into the Township as well as some repurposing of other properties, as we work to regain the momentum we had in years past.

Please feel free to contact me with any ideas you may have for our growing community

Paul Maxwell, DDA Director

CODE ENFORCEMENT REMINDERS

Once again it is that time of year, Spring has sprung! It's important to remember to keep the grass cut and to keep our yards cleaned up.

No parking of unlicensed or inoperative vehicles is allowed outside, they must be inside a building or removed from the property. Most important to remember this time of year is that all recreational vehicles / trailers / boats / and like units cannot be stored in front of the main structure on your property.

I appreciate your cooperation in advance. If you'd like further information regarding Township Ordinances, please contact me.

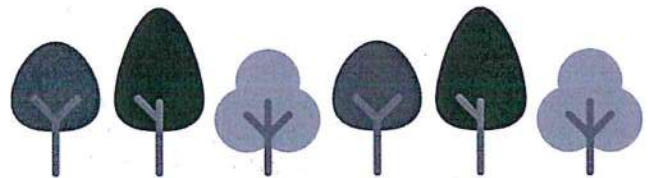
Ted Jahn, Code Enforcement Officer

BUILDING DEPARTMENT

Building, electrical and plumbing and mechanical permits are now fillable online! Once completed, forms still must be printed and brought or sent to the office.

Please keep in mind that building permits are required to be submitted and approved for all of the following projects: A new (or 2nd) layer of roofing, or the tear off and replacement of an existing roof, any improvements which involve structural or load bearing repairs, or additions, as well as swimming pools, garages or decks. (Other sheds and decks less than 200 square feet still need a zoning permit to make sure they are located the minimum distance from neighboring property lines).

Please check out our website at porthurontownship.org for details regarding the required information and copies of the permits that need to be filled out and mailed or emailed in, at least 5 to 10 working days prior to starting work. If you have any other questions or concerns, please call the Building/Planning/Zoning Department from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm, Monday thru Friday.



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DID YOU PURCHASE YOUR HOME IN 2022?

Proposal A, passed by the voters in 1994, requires that in the year following the sale, the taxable value of the property must be made equal to the state equalized value of the property. This change will result in an increase in property tax liability.

Typically, when you purchase a property, you pay into an escrow account for property taxes and insurance. The property tax amount is calculated based on the most recent property tax amounts available.

If you purchased your home in 2022, it is almost a certainty that your property tax liability will be significantly higher in 2023. This will result in a shortfall in your escrow account. If additional payments are not made during 2023, your escrow company will double the shortfall, divide it by 12, and increase your mortgage payment accordingly.

For example, a \$1200 shortfall in 2023 will need to be repaid to your escrow company. The escrow company assumes that if the account was short \$1200 in 2023, it would also be short that amount in 2024. Therefore, they add the amounts together (\$2400), divide it by 12, and increase your house payment by \$200 per month in 2024.

There is a way to get ahead of the shortfall and not experience the large increase in 2024. If you purchased your home in 2022, please call Penny at 810-987-6600, ext 20 for an estimated additional escrow payment calculation.



DID YOU PAY OFF YOUR MORTGAGE OR ELIMINATE YOUR ESCROW?

Sometimes escrow companies continue to request tax bills for properties that they no longer service. If you have paid off your mortgage or eliminated your escrow, please contact the Treasurer's office to ensure that you receive your property tax bill.

DPW NEWS

Hello, this winter has been a crazy one to say the least. Please keep in mind that there is an excessive amount of water in the ditches. Not all puddles are water leaks, but if you have concerns please don't hesitate to call the office and we can check it out.

Some of you may already know we are upgrading our water meters. There will be an app available for those interested in monitoring their usage and other features. We are changing them out as needed for the moment. You will receive notice if we end up doing anything different.

The DPW is also currently undergoing a service line inventory required by Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes & Energy (EGLE). You may see our guys in your yards with a vac trailer, or in some cases, a mini excavator. Please don't be alarmed; we will repair any grass disturbed in the process.

With the weather getting warmer, please be mindful of any road workers. They have families as well and would like to return to them daily, so please be patient and slow down for them and emergency personnel as well.

If you have any questions or concerns, please email me at dduman@porthurontownship.org. Thank you and enjoy your summer.

Dan Duman, DPW Superintendent



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PROPERTY TAX HARDSHIP EXEMPTION

Port Huron Township offers a property tax hardship exemption to eligible homeowners. Total household income must be below the 2023 Federal Income Poverty Guidelines and assets must be below the threshold established by the Township Board.

If you feel you may qualify or have any other questions regarding the Property Tax Hardship Exemption, please contact Penny in the Assessor's Office at 810-987-6600.

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Our pantry operates because of neighbors helping neighbors. If you wish to donate, you may drop off non-perishable food items and unopened hygiene items directly to the pantry.

A special thank you goes out to the congregations of our local churches who have answered the call; donations to the pantry have certainly increased, however, the need is so great that our cupboard is still sometimes bare.

If you would like further information regarding our Food Pantry operations, please contact Penny at 810-987-6600, extension 20.

Beginning May 1st, the DPW staff's hours will be from 6:30 am to 4:30 pm. This schedule runs through September 30th.



NATIVE PLANTS FOR WATER QUALITY

What is a Native Plant?

A native plant is a species that occurs naturally in a particular region, ecosystem and/or habitat and was present prior to European settlement.

Benefits of Native Plants

- Native plants provide habitat for birds, insects, and butterflies.
- Native plants are needed for host and nectar plants for native pollinators.
- Once established, native plants are often resistant to pests and diseases, reducing the need for pesticides.
- Native plants have deep roots which absorb excess rainfall and prevent water from running directly into our rivers and streams—helping to provide clean water for everyone.
- Native plants, instead of turf lawns, help reduce our carbon footprint.

For more information, visit these following websites:

- Wild Ones
- Moving for Monarchs
- Native Conservancy – Go Wild With Native Gardening
- SOCWA – Healthy Lawns & Gardens
- Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center

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SUPERVISOR'S MESSAGE

I hope everyone had an enjoyable summer, it sure was a wet one. On that note, please keep your ditches clean of leaves and debris to keep the water flowing.

Now, as for roads; the Strawberry Lane project will be re-bid around February as only one contractor bid on it and it was 30% over estimate. Another job that was pushed back is 40th Street south of Lapeer to Thompson Pond. These projects will be done in 2024. Other roads to get work are Riverwood Heights, Maywood, Mayfield and Lindsay Lane. These roads will receive what they call cape seal treatment that will seal the road and smooth out small imperfections. One last major project will be Moak Street from 32nd to 28th which will be repaved.

As for water and sewer projects next year, the only major project we will continue with is the replacement of water meters. This will likely take three years to complete. We are continuing to look for outside funding to replace more water lines.

Well, I hope everyone has a safe and enjoyable holiday season. Please feel free to contact me by email at rlwandowski@porthurontownship.org or by phone at 810-987-6600, ext 18 if you have any comments or concerns. Thanks again for letting me serve you.

Bob Lewandowski, Township Supervisor

CLERK'S CORNER

Changes for 2024

With the passage of Proposal 2 in 2022 the following changes are now in effect:

Permanent Ballot – This is an option for those who like to vote by absentee ballot. Rather than first getting an application in the mail for every election you only need to sign up once, and from that point on, you will automatically be mailed a ballot for every election. However, please note that if you use this option and you temporarily leave your registered address, you must inform our office when needing to use another mailing address. The State is working on a way to keep “snowbird” addresses and effective dates in their system, but it will not happen for 2024. If you vote using the Permanent Ballot option you will be receiving a card from our office asking which ballot style you would like for the Presidential Primary in 2024. All voters must designate either a Democrat or Republican ballot. This may change in the future, but is what is needed at this time.

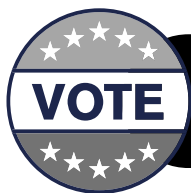
Early Voting – The Township Office will be our Early Voting Center and will be staffed from 8:30 -4:30 for nine days preceding each election in 2024. This will include the two Saturdays and two Sundays before the Tuesday Election.

Election Workers Needed

We're looking for community-minded individuals that have some time to commit to learning the election processes and have availability during the election seasons of 2024.

You may complete the application found on the Clerk's page on our website or stop by the office and pick one up. Must be 16 years of age or older.

Benita Davis, Township Clerk



Presidential Primary

February 27, 2024

August Primary

August 6, 2024

November General

November 5, 2024

Verify your voter registration or find other helpful info at Michigan.gov/vote.

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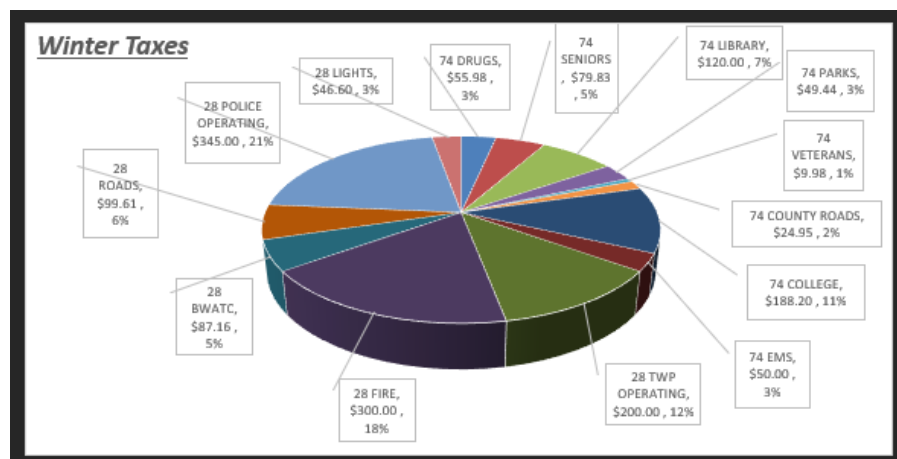
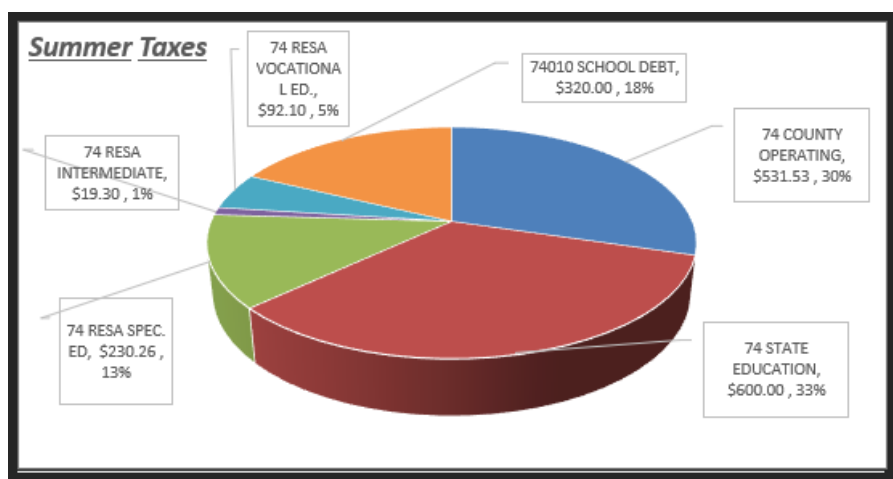
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OUR PROPERTY TAXES, WHERE DO THEY GO?

Peter Shonka, Township Treasurer

We have had many inquiries as to where all that property tax money goes. I have made some charts to help explain this often-asked question. All values are based on an owner-occupied home with a taxable value of \$100,000.00

Summer taxes go to the above places, St Clair County for operations, State Education, RESA (Regional Educational Services Agency), and the Port Huron Area School District. These monies are allocated to the various activities broken down by percentage of the summer tax bill on the pie chart above. The millage dollars which go to the county all start with "74" on your tax bill and on the chart. The school funds are designated with a "74010" on the chart. These are displayed as a dollar value and percentage of your summer tax bill.



Winter tax monies are used for other county and local township services which were voted on by the residents of the township. The county funds Drug Enforcement, Library, Seniors, Veterans, Parks, County roads, EMS, and the College. These millages all Start With a "74" on your tax bill. The township also funds various services on your tax bill as shown on the chart above. These all start with "28". The township also funds Township Operating, Fire, Police (Sheriff), Township Roads, Blue Water Area Transit (BWATC), and Lights. The chart shows you how much in dollars and as a percentage of your winter tax bill is allocated to these activities here in the township.

BENEFITS OF LEAF MULCHING

Here are some of the main benefits mulching can offer your lawn:

- **Soil enrichment:** leaf mulch is excellent for returning nutrients back to the soil and causes your lawn to require less fertilizer and other additives as a result.
- **Water conservation:** mulching can help to retain moisture in your lawn. When you cover soil with leaf mulch, the mulch reduces the soil's exposure to sunlight and wind, which reduces water evaporation.
- **Insulation:** mulch insulates your plants' roots from the heat in the summer, the cold during winter, and wind all year long. It also prevents soil compaction and erosion from wind and rain.
- **Weed control:** leaf mulching can help prevent weeds from growing in your lawn by covering the surface of your lawn. You should add a thick layer of mulch (two to three inches) in gardens to reduce the need for herbicides.
- **Reduces waste:** leaf mulching reduces yard waste that is then utilized for compost or taken to a landfill.

Leaves can be mulched simply by mowing dry leaves onto your lawn or raking them into the lawn. A shallow layer of leaf fragments will decompose quickly and contribute organic matter and nutrients to the soil system.



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RETIREMENT TIME!

For nearly 15 years, Carol Maxbauer has been the helpful voice on the line in the Utility Billing Office, and most residents have sought her expertise. Whether you had a garbage pick up question, wanted to better understand your utility bill, or were a tenant in a rental unit, Carol has been there to lend a helping hand.

Carol is retiring at the end of December. She will certainly be missed by staff and residents alike. In her final few months, she has spent her time imparting her considerable knowledge to Ed Brennan, our new Utility Billing Clerk.

Please join us in thanking Carol for her dedicated service, and in wishing her nothing but the best in her retirement. Congratulations Carol! You've earned it!



REDUCING POLLUTION THIS WINTER

How can you prevent stormwater pollution on your property?

Shovel as soon as possible after a snowstorm
This allows less ice to form, thus reducing the need for as much salt or de-icer.

Understand the limitations of salt
Salt is not effective below 15 degrees Fahrenheit. Avoid over-salting during especially cold periods.

Plant native species that are salt tolerant near paved areas

These plants will be able to survive despite the road salt, and will act as a protective buffer to local waterways. Visit grownative.org/salt-tolerant-native-plants for more information.

Ensure that storm drains closest to your property are clear of snow and other debris
Do NOT shovel snow into storm drains as they empty directly into local waterbodies.

WELCOME NEW FACES

In the past 3 months, if you contacted the office, you may have heard a new voice on the phone. Ed Brennan was hired in July to replace outgoing Utility Billing Clerk Carol Maxbauer.

Ed has quickly picked up on the intricacies of the Utility Billing Office and is a welcome addition to our staff. We are confident that his enthusiasm and customer service skills will serve our community well. If you have utility billing related questions, please contact Ed at ebrennan@porthurontownship.org.

Mike Hernandez is our newest office employee. Mike replaces Building Department Clerk, Amy Hurd, who resigned in July.

Mike is a township resident who comes to us with a building background and a readiness to learn the position and add his own touch to the processes.

If you need questions answered about any building issue and the permits required, please give Mike a call or email him at mhernandez@porthurontownship.org.

DPW NEWS

Greetings. So, this has been a busy yet productive year in the DPW. As many of you know, we kicked off our meter change out program. We are already seeing where the older meters that have been in the system for years make up a big part of our water loss that we have been dealing with since I took over in 2020. If you have had a new meter installed, there is an app available for download called "Eye On Water". Once you have downloaded the app, enter your meter account number, and you will be able to track your water usage at your convenience.

For those of you that remember the DSMI (Distribution System Material Inventory) we touched on in the spring newsletter, work continues on that as well. We will be bringing in some outside contractors to help accomplish this after the first of the year. We are required to have a certain percentage complete by January 1st 2025. In the near future, you may see contractors or the DPW guys in your yard. Please keep in mind that any necessary yard restoration work will be done once it a bit.

We will be out early this fall flushing and checking fire hydrants to ensure they are in good working order if the fire department needs them for any circumstance. Keep in mind not to plant shrubs, trees, or flowers around fire hydrants because they need to be accessible to them and us. That goes for water shut offs and sewer cleanouts as well. If either of those items are sticking up out of the ground or are a problem, please reach out to the Water Office and we can see what we can do to remedy the situation.

In closing, please be watch and be cautious regarding emergency vehicles and utility vehicles. Everyone would like to make it home safely. Stay safe and have a great winter.

Dan Duman, DPW Superintendent

SUMMER REC WORKERS

Right around Spring Break time, any teens going into 10th grade in the fall can apply to work for our Summer Rec Program as a Leader for elementary-aged children, 6 hours per day M-F, for 6 weeks.

Applications can be found on our website or stop into the office during Spring Break.

Port Huron Township 2023 Free Fishing Clinic



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Port Huron Township
2024 ERP/IDEP Summary

Illicit Discharges Identified: None

Illicit Connections Identified: None

- 2 outfalls were eliminated from our list in 2023 (PHT-2 and PHT-3), at the RV Park. The park was sold to a private investor in late 2022.
- Outfall Investigations were performed in 2017 and 2020. Outfall investigations and TMDL sampling were conducted in 2020. No illicit discharges or connections were found. Additional wet weather TMDL sampling will be conducted in Spring/Summer 2024.
- The Township catch basin (at the Fire Station) and outfalls at the cemetery are inspected bi-annually by our Certified Storm Water Operator.
- Dye testing was conducted at all Township facilities in 2023. No illicit connections were found.
- Pet waste, the SCCHD Hotline, and other IDEP issues are available on our website and we periodically post this information on social media.

IDEP Training (2021) Administered by SCCHD

Attendees:

- 2 DLZ staff attended
- 3 DPW Staff watched Good Housekeeping/Stormwater Awareness videos in March 2021
- 4 DPW Staff watched Good Housekeeping/Stormwater Awareness videos in March 2022
- Training videos will be viewed by DPW staff in late February 2024

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Good Housekeeping/Pollution Prevention Summary

GH P2/IDEP Training

DPW staff will be viewing GH and IDEP videos in late February 2024.

Progress Toward Meeting Measurable Goals

Below, we've provided progress towards meeting our measurable goals, which were provided in our 2019 permit application.

Long-Term Operation & Maintenance of BMPs – Continue to work with the SCC Drain Commissioner's Office to require maintenance agreements to increase O&M on structural and non-structural BMPs throughout the Township.

Municipal Facility & Structural Stormwater Control Inventory – No new facilities were installed during the permit period. Interior trench drains at the DPW were cleaned in February, June, and September 2022 and February and October 2023. The oil/water separators were inspected in May 2023.

Facility-Specific Stormwater Management – Monthly and bi-annual inspections are performed at the DPW facility and fire station. The catch basins and outfalls at these locations are also inspected bi-annually.

DPW vehicles are taken to a commercial maintenance facility for major maintenance. Oil changes are performed at the DPW building. The DPW building interior trench drain is inspected at least twice per year and cleaned out at least once per year.

The Fire Station vehicles are washed inside the fire station. Fire vehicles are taken to a commercial maintenance facility for maintenance. The fire station interior trench drain is inspected at least twice per year and cleaned out at least once per year.

Structural Stormwater Control Operation & Maintenance Activities – No new structural controls have been installed within the permit period. We have 1 catch basin located behind Town Hall. This catch basin is inspected bi-annually and cleaned out as-needed.

- Approximately 3,000 lbs of salt are used annually for our parking lots, drives, and sidewalks
- The oil/water separator was cleaned in 2014 and 2022.

Municipal Operations & Maintenance Activities – Parking lots and sidewalks are inspected each spring for sediment buildup, potholes, trip hazards, etc. Paved surfaces are hand swept as needed. The Township's catch basin is inspected twice annually and cleaned as needed.

Managing Vegetated Properties – The Township only applies fertilizers to the Woodland Cemetery. The Township mows turf at 3. We have been continuing to apply chemicals to 40th Street Pond to eliminate Phragmites and Eurasian milfoil.

Contractor Requirements & Oversight – Directives are provided in the bid specifications regarding proper good housekeeping and pollution prevention of BMPs and stormwater management. FOG information was also provided on our website and Township Facebook page.

Program Effectiveness Evaluation

We have made good progress this permit period through employee and contractor training, facility inspections/pollution prevention, and operations and maintenance.

**Port Huron Township
2024 MS4 Progress Report
Post-Construction Controls / Construction Summary**

Number of Plan Reviews in 2023: 1 (4110 Griswold)

- 1 detention basin installed; maintenance agreement not yet in place

Number of PCC BMPs installed (Township-owned) in 2023: None

The Township's engineering consultant reviews development and redevelopment plans to ensure that all post-construction BMPs are installed as required and stormwater management controls are in place, per the St. Clair County Storm Water Rules.

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Facility changes: The Township sold the RV Park in 2022. This information was identified in the 2023 permit application.

The St. Clair County Drain Commissioner's Office requires maintenance agreements and keeps track of compliance issues with these agreements. In areas outside of the County drainage district, the Township makes recommendations to the County to require these agreements.

The Township continues to coordinate with the County and EGLE as needed regarding SESC issues and complaints.

Monthly and bi-annual inspections are performed at the Township DPW complex and Fire Station. Inspection reports are available upon request. The facility PIPP is reviewed annually by our Certified Storm Water Operator.

Program Effectiveness Evaluation

We are making good progress, through site plan reviews and proper coordination with the SCC Drain Commissioner's Office.

**Port Huron Township
2024 MS4 Progress Report
TMDL Work Plan**

Total Maximum Daily Load Implementation Plan – Port Huron Township has a Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) for *E. coli* in the Black River.

The known sources of pathogens in the subwatershed include stormwater runoff from urban areas, illicit discharges and connections into the storm sewer system, sanitary sewer and combined sewer overflows, other wastewater treatment issues (e.g., septic systems). Suspected sources of pathogens include wildlife, pet waste, and possible sediment resuspension related to altered hydrology.

E. coli TMDL Priorities – The Township has identified and prioritized the following ongoing and future activities to address TMDL pollutant reduction for *E. coli*:

1) The following information is posted on the Township website and in newsletters:

- Pet Waste
- 24-Hour SCCHD Pollution Hotline
- SEMCOG Protect Our Waterways
- RV Waste

2) Wet Weather E. coli Sampling/Monitoring:

Wet weather investigations will be conducted at 6 outfall locations (50%) in 2024. Wet weather samples will be collected during a rain event where there is anticipated discharge.

Methods of effectiveness will be developed following lab analysis. Wet weather samples will be collected during a representative rain event (i.e., >0.25" and <1.5") over a 24-hour period and within 30-60 minutes of the start of the wet weather event in order to capture first flush.