

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
FOR
IMPROVEMENTS TO HOUGHTON LAKE, ROSCOMMON COUNTY,
MICHIGAN**

**HEARING OF PRACTICABILITY AND REVIEW OF
APPORTIONMENTS**

TAKE NOTICE that The Houghton Lake Improvement Board (HLIB) will hold a public hearing on the practicability of a 5-year lake improvement program for Houghton Lake. The lake improvement program for Houghton Lake would begin in 2022, and continue through 2026. The program is proposed to improve water quality and confer other benefits under Part 309 of Public Act 451 of 1994 through the provision of and funding for herbicide treatments, mechanical harvesting, biological control, other techniques, administration, inspections, and contingency expenses.

TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that special assessment rolls for Denton Township, Roscommon Township, Lake Township, and Markey Township have been prepared and the rolls are on file and available for public examination at the respective townships, Markey Township Hall located at 7400 East Houghton Lake Drive, Houghton Lake, Michigan, 48629; Denton Township Hall located at 2565 S. Gladwin Road, Prudenville, Michigan 48651; Roscommon Township Hall located at 8555 Knapp Road, Houghton Lake, Michigan 48629; and the Lake Township Hall located at 1380 N. Michelson Rd., Houghton Lake, Michigan 48629 during normal business hours. Said special assessment rolls have been prepared pursuant to Part 309 of Public Act 451 of 1994 for the purpose of assessing the cost of the proposed lake improvement against the properties benefited therefrom, with the special assessment district (“SAD”) consisting of those parcel types in the attached table.

Under the program as proposed, (a) the special assessment period would be five (5) years, with assessments payable in five (5) annual installments on the winter tax bill; (b) the HLIB may determine the amount of the assessment on an annual basis; (c) **but that one unit (1.0) of assessment will not exceed two hundred dollars (\$200) per year**, which is the same as one unit of assessment for the current lake improvement program; and (d) that the **actual amount assessed could be less than the proposed two hundred (\$200) per year per unit of assessment depending on the costs incurred**. For 2022, the assessment is proposed to be Column 4 in the attached table on the back of this page.

The HLIB will meet at the Markey Township Hall at 7400 East Houghton Lake Drive, Houghton Lake, Michigan, at **7:00 P.M on Tuesday, March 22, 2022** to receive public comment on the proposed project and for the purpose of reviewing said special assessment rolls and hearing any objections thereto. Appearance and protest of the special assessment at the hearing is required in order to appeal the amount of the special assessment to the Michigan Tax Tribunal or other court of competent jurisdiction. An owner of or party with interest in property to be assessed, or his or her agent, may protest continuance of the program and/or the special assessment by appearing in person at the hearing or by letter filed with the HLIB at or prior to the time of the hearing, in which case appearance in person is not required. Written objections may be mailed to the HLIB at P O Box 843, Houghton Lake, Michigan 48629 prior to the time of the hearing. If the special assessment is protested as provided above, the owner or any party having an interest in the property may file a written appeal of the special assessment with the Michigan Tax Tribunal or other court of competent jurisdiction within 30 days after the confirmation of the special assessment roll.