

THIRD UPDATE ON LAKE RESTORATION INITIATIVE JUNE 2009

This committee is now known as The Joint Townships Paw Paw Lake Advisory Committee. In this third meeting we reviewed and discussed the two reports we have received so far in regard to the aquatic vegetation survey. As soon as the third report arrives we will be asking the 5 companies for their proposal for a "lake aquatic vegetation management" plan. Below are the 3 requests we will be sending each company.

1. Using the "supplied data" and the February 2008 Paw Paw Lake and Watershed Study develop and itemize a recommended 5 year and 10 year "best management practices" aquatic vegetation control plan. Their recommendation should include the rationale for their respective selection.

For purposes of timing the plan implementation should start in the calendar year of 2010. The exception to this would be an added vegetation study for the calendar year 2009 which should be reflected in the implementation schedule.

Should the supply data be inadequate to develop such a plan the committee should be notified of missing data requirements. They will investigate the existing data bases for a solution, authorize the gathering of the added data at the committee's expense, or take other appropriate action.

2. Develop and present an implementation schedule listing the various recommended events and appropriate timing of same.
3. Using the recommendations and schedule of 1 and 2, provide a 5 and 10 year cost projection to implement the recommendations. This projection should include all cost elements and in sufficient detail to allow the committee full understanding of costs and time lines of expenditures. (Preferably, a breakdown by month but breakdown by year at a minimum.)

The other issue that the committee agreed to move forward on was to investigate possible spot dredging. Several companies have agreed to be consulted for a study of the feasibility of dredging.

Mary Spessard, Watervliet JTPPLAC
Rick Rasmussen, Coloma JTPPLAC