

## LEGAL NOTICE

### Ryerson Lake Improvement Board Newaygo County, Michigan

#### HEARING OF PRACTICABILITY AND HEARING OF ASSESSMENT

TAKE NOTICE that the Ryerson Lake Improvement Board will hold a public hearing at 7:00 pm on Tuesday, April 18, 2023 at the Sherman Township Hall, 2168 S. Wisner Road, Fremont, Michigan to determine the practicability of a five-year improvement project for Ryerson Lake. The lake improvement project would include aquatic plant control, lake management consulting, water quality monitoring, information and education, watershed management, and project administration and contingency. The project would begin in 2024 and continue through 2028, with an annual budget of \$37,000.

**Additional information about the proposed scope and cost of the project is included on the back of this notice. Please take a few minutes to review this information.**

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that a special assessment roll has been prepared and is available for public examination during normal business hours at the Newaygo County Drain Commissioner, 306 S. North Street, White Cloud, Michigan. Said special assessment roll has been prepared for the purpose of assessing the cost of the improvement project to benefiting properties.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that, if the project is found practicable, the Ryerson Lake Improvement Board will hold a hearing of assessment immediately following the aforementioned hearing of practicability for the purpose of reviewing said special assessment roll and for hearing any objections thereto. An owner of or party with interest in real property to be assessed or his/her agent may appear in person to object to the special assessment or may protest such special assessment by letter filed with the Lake Board at or prior to the time of the hearing, in which case personal appearance is not required. Written objections may be filed with or mailed to the Ryerson Lake Improvement Board c/o Newaygo County Drain Commissioner, 306 S. North Street, White Cloud, MI 49349-0885.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the owner of or any party with interest in real property within the Ryerson Lake Special Assessment District who, having protested said special assessment either in person or in writing, may, within thirty (30) days after the confirmation of the special assessment roll has been published in a newspaper of general circulation, appeal such special assessment to the Michigan Tax Tribunal or other court of competent jurisdiction.

The above-referenced hearings are being held pursuant to Part 309 of Public Act No. 451 of 1994, as amended.

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The budget for the proposed Ryerson Lake improvement project is shown below:

**Ryerson Lake Improvement Project  
Proposed Annual Budget  
2024 Through 2028**

<u>Improvement</u>	<u>Annual Cost</u>
Aquatic Plant Control	\$20,000
Lake Management Consulting	\$7,500
Water Quality Monitoring	\$3,500
Information and Education	\$3,000
Watershed Management Coordination	\$1,000
Watershed Management and Improvements	\$0
Project Administration and Contingency	\$2,000
<b>Total Annual Cost</b>	<b>\$37,000</b>

The Ryerson Lake aquatic plant control program will focus on the control of exotic, invasive species with the select use of herbicides. Plant control activities are proposed to be coordinated under the direction of Ryerson Lake Improvement Board’s environmental consultant.

The consultant will be responsible for publishing and mailing a spring newsletter to all Ryerson Lake residents. This newsletter will contain helpful information pertaining to the status and protection of Ryerson Lake.

Water samples are proposed to be collected during spring turnover and summer stratification at 10-foot intervals from the surface to the bottom over the deep basin to monitor baseline water quality.

Watershed management and improvements would include evaluation of the watershed along with practical and beneficial watershed improvement projects to protect the water quality of Ryerson Lake. Existing surplus funds would be used to fund watershed improvement projects.

Project administration would include costs related to legal notices and hearing proceedings, postage, copies, mailings, and meetings.

The Special Assessment District for Ryerson Lake includes the following:

Lakefront parcels are assessed one unit of benefit and back lots with deeded or dedicated access are assessed ½ unit; commercial properties are assessed two units; and Camp Echo is assessed 6 units.

It is proposed that the \$37,000 annual cost of the project be assessed for a five-year period (2024 to 2028). Approximate assessments based on this approach are shown below:

**Ryerson Lake  
Improvement Project Cost Breakdown**

	<b>Assessment Units</b>	<b>2024-2028 Annual Assessment</b>
Lakefront.....	1 .....	\$194
Backlot .....	0.5 .....	\$97
Commercial.....	2 .....	\$388
Camp Echo .....	6 .....	\$1,164