

TO: Hamburg Township Board of Trustees

FROM: Jason B. Negri, Supervisor
Brittany K. Campbell, Utilities/Special Projects Coordinator

DATE: December 17th, 2025

AGENDA ITEM TOPIC: Hamburg Twp. Aquatic Weed Control SAD
– **Mechanical Aquatic Plant Harvesting Contract, 2026 - 2028**
Number of Supporting Documents: **1**

Requested Action

- Approval by the Board of the new 2026 – 2028 mechanical aquatic weed harvesting contract bid proposal (this is a separate contract from the herbicide/chemical weed treatment) with Oakland Harvesters, LLC as recommended by the Township consultant, Jared Laughlin of Progressive AE.

Background

- Based upon the quality of the services provided by Oakland Harvesters, LLC for the mechanical harvesting of aquatic weeds for the Hamburg Township Aquatic Weed Control SAD, it was the recommendation of the Township Consultant, Jared Laughlin, that the contract for the mechanical weed harvesting be offered to Oakland Harvesters, LLC. A new 3-year contract should be awarded to the Contractor and signed by the Township.

Fiscal Considerations

Does the agenda item require the expenditure of funds? Yes ☒ No ☐

Are funds budgeted? Yes ☒ No ☐

Fiscal year affected: 2026/2027 through 2027/2028

Is a budget amendment required? Yes

☐ No

☒

N/A

General Ledger numbers affected:

252-000.000-803.000 paid for by the Special Assessment District (SAD).

From: [Jared Laughlin](#)
To: [Brittany Campbell](#); [Jason Negri](#)
Subject: Aquatic Plant Harvesting Bids - Hamburg Township
Date: Tuesday, December 16, 2025 8:18:10 AM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)
[image002.png](#)
[HLWC 2025 11 11 Bid Documents for Aquatic Plant Harvesting Upper Huron River Chain of Lakes.pdf](#)
[Clearwater 2025 11 11 Bid Documents for Hamburg Township-Clearwater.pdf](#)
[2025 12 15 Upper Huron River Chain of Lakes Harvesting Bid Tabs.xlsx](#)
[Oakland 2025 11 11 Bid Documents for Aquatic Plant Harvesting Upper Huron River Chain of Lakes.pdf](#)

Brittany/Jason,

We received three bids for aquatic plant harvesting. Attached are the bid forms from each contractor, along with our bid tabulations.

The two companies that stand out are Huron Lakes Weed Control, LLC and Oakland Harvesters, LLC. Both provide reputable harvesting services, and we have experience working with both contractors. I have prepared a pro and con list for each to tease out their services and scope of work as it is hard to compare apples to apples with these bids. The list can be found below:

Oakland Harvesters, LLC.		Huron Lakes Weed Control, LLC.	
Pro	Con	Pro	Con
Low Bid	Off-Lake	On-Lake	High Bid
Larger machines	One Time Cut	Flexible for small additions	Smaller machines
New Equipment	Minimal Flexibility	Available for clean-ups	Slower Cut
Reputable	for small additions	Multiple Cuts (potential)	50-acre minimum
Diverse Range of Projects		Experience on chain	
Experience on chain		History working with chain residents	

Oakland is the low bidder for the project and has been reputable on a diverse range of projects as well as prior experience on the chain of lakes. Huron Lakes are located right on the chain (Baseline Lake) and can accommodate more flexibility in cut sizes and timing. We are comfortable in working with both companies to harvest the upper chain. Please review and let me know if you have any questions or would like to discuss further. The contract documents outline that the pricing would be firm through 2028 and the contract is valid until December 31st, 2028, OR earlier, at the sole discretion of the Board.

Thank you,

Jared Laughlin
Environmental Scientist
Office 616.361.2666
Cell 616.402.4533
weareprogressive.com

**Upper Huron River Chain of Lakes
Aquatic Plant Harvesting Bid Tabulation
Bid Date: December 15, 2025**

Bidder	Acres Native Plant Harvesting	Bid Price	Subtotal	Acres Starry Stonewort Harvesting	Bid Price	Subtotal	Total
Huron Lakes Weed Control, LLC.	40	\$ 775	\$ 31,000	15	\$ 775	\$ 11,625	\$ 42,625
Oakland Harvesters, LLC.	40	\$ 600	\$ 24,000	15	\$ 700	\$ 10,500	\$ 34,500
Clearwater Harvesters, LLC.	40	\$ 850	\$ 34,000	15	\$ 1,200	\$ 18,000	\$ 52,000

BID FORM

BID DATE: 12 December 2025

BID TO: Hamburg Township Board
c/o Jared Laughlin
Progressive Companies
1811 4 Mile Rd NE
Grand Rapids, MI 49525

BID FROM: (Company Name of Bidder)
Oakland Harvesters LLC

(Company Address)
840 Sherbrooke St

Commerce Twp MI 48382

248.886.4465

(Telephone Number)

In compliance with your invitation for bids, bidder hereby proposes to perform all work related to aquatic plant harvesting of Gallagher Lake, Long (Loon) Lake, Strawberry Lake, Zukey Lake, and their connecting waters, Hamburg Township, Michigan, in strict accordance with the contract documents, within the time set forth therein, and at the prices stated below.

By submission of this bid, the bidder certifies that this bid has been arrived at independently without consultation, communication, or agreement as to any matter relating to this bid with any other bidder or with any competitor.

Further, the bidder also certifies that they have examined the contract documents and the location of the work described herein and is fully informed as to the nature of the work and the conditions relating to its performance.

The bidder understands that the acreage listed is approximate only and subject to either increase or decrease. The bidder agrees that the unit prices named will be used if additions or deductions are made to the quantity of work.

The bidder shall include and be deemed to have included in their bid all Michigan sales and use taxes currently imposed by legislative enactment and as administered by the Michigan Department of Treasury on the bid date.

All work described in the contract documents and required for completion of the project shall be considered as incidental work unless designated as a pay item on the Bid Form.

The undersigned, having familiarized themselves with the instructions to bidders and the specifications, hereby proposes to perform everything required and to provide and furnish all of the labor, materials, equipment, and all utility and transportation services necessary to perform and complete all the work required for aquatic plant cutting and removal on Gallagher Lake, Long (Loon) Lake, Strawberry Lake, Zukey Lake, and their connecting waters in a workmanlike manner, all in accordance with the specifications at and for the following named price to wit:

ITEM DESCRIPTION	QUANTITY	UNIT BID PRICE	TOTAL
Native Plant Harvesting	40 Acres	\$ <u>600.00</u> Per Acre	\$ <u>24000.00</u>
Starry Stonewort Harvesting	15 Acres	\$ <u>700</u> Per Acre	\$ <u>10500.00</u>
Sum Total: _____ Dollars			\$ <u>34500.00</u>

Statement of plant harvesting equipment proposed to be utilized on Gallagher Lake, Long (Loon) Lake, Strawberry Lake, Zukey Lake, and their connecting waters: Trucks (model, year, and date of purchase); harvesters (state manufacturer, model, year, depth of cut, width of cut, and date of purchase); conveyers (if any are to be used); and personnel to be used. Also include estimated time each machine requires to harvest one acre.

3-4 2022 ILH250 Harvesters 7' wide cut 6' Max depth Cut Purchased spring 2022

(2) 2019 F250 Purchased spring 2023

2024 Aquamarine Conveyor purchased 2024

5-6 staff will be working on this project

Payment in 2026-2028 will be made based on the bid unit price.

In the interest of expediting the award of this contract, the undersigned may be required to show that they have performed work similar to that included under the proposed contract for which this bid is offered.

In submitting this bid, it is understood that the right is reserved by the Hamburg Township Board to reject any and all bids and to waive defects in the bids.

Signed this 12th day of December, 2025.

SIGNATURE

NAME AND TITLE: Ty Nuottila Owner Oakland Harvesters LLC
840 Sherbrooke St Commerce Twp MI 48382
(Printed) 248.886.4465



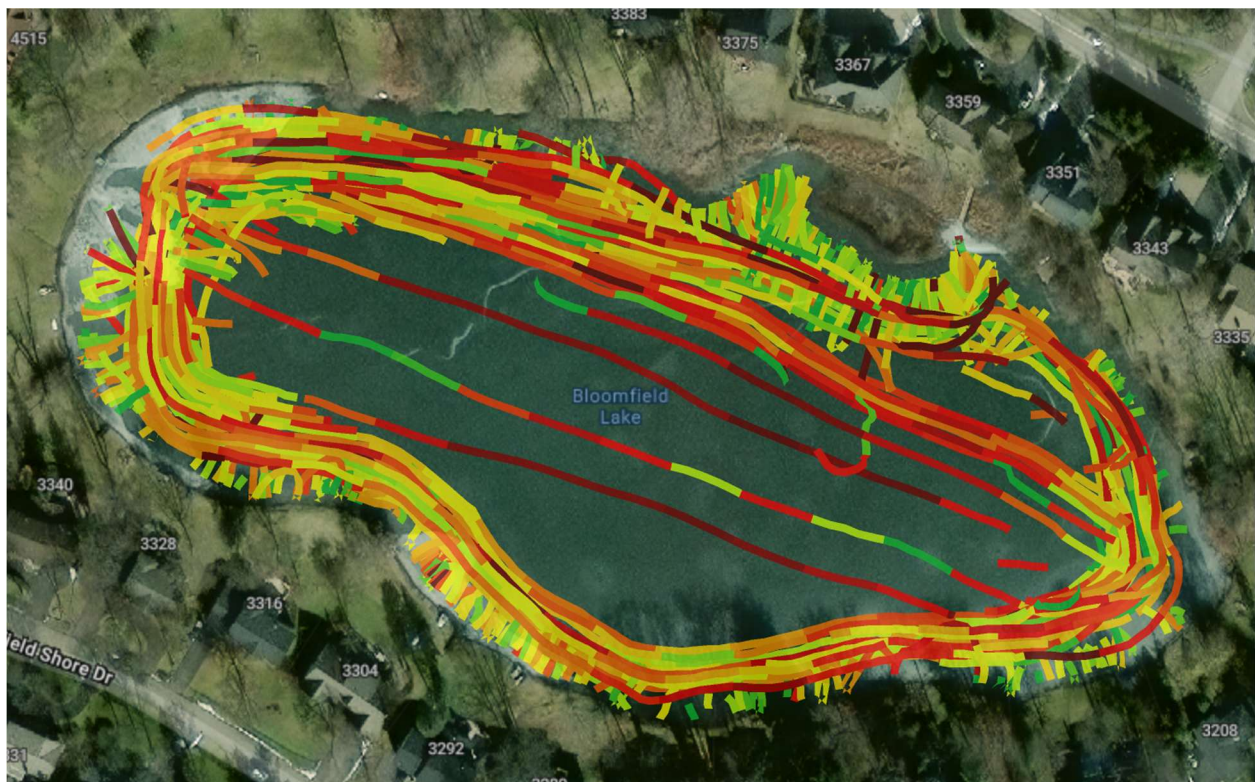
Oakland Harvesters is Michigan's premier aquatic weed harvesting firm, with a fleet of (7) new modern state of the art 7' wide aquatic harvesters equipped with GPS tracking.

Simply put we get the job done cleaner, quicker and more efficiently than anybody else.

We have the equipment and professional staff to accommodate most large and small projects.

Oakland Harvesters does not play guessing games with your vegetation harvesting project. We utilize hyper accurate GPS tracking software which guarantees you 99% coverage on the designated harvesting areas. Post Harvest you will also receive a final report detailing harvest coverage and yield.

See GPS track history example:



New State of the art equipment runs all day, no breakdowns, repairs, leaks or downtime.



Experienced and professional Crew works hard smart and long days to get off your lake quickly and efficiently. Oakland Harvesters is a PROFESSIONAL COMPANY with professional results.





BID FORM

BID DATE: December 01 2025

BID TO: Hamburg Township Board
c/o Jared Laughlin
Progressive Companies
1811 4 Mile Rd NE
Grand Rapids, MI 49525

BID FROM: (Company Name of Bidder)
HURON LAKES WEED CONTROL LLC
(Company Address)
11865 Durston Street
Pinckney, Michigan 48118
734-878-9960
(Telephone Number)

In compliance with your invitation for bids, bidder hereby proposes to perform all work related to aquatic plant harvesting of Gallagher Lake, Long (Loon) Lake, Strawberry Lake, Zukey Lake, and their connecting waters, Hamburg Township, Michigan, in strict accordance with the contract documents, within the time set forth therein, and at the prices stated below.

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Native Plant Harvesting	40 Acres	\$ <u>\$775.00</u> Per Acre	\$ <u>\$31,000.00</u>
Starry Stonewort Harvesting	15 Acres	\$ <u>\$775.00</u> Per Acre	\$ <u>\$11,625.00</u>
Sum Total: <u>Minimum of 50 Acres total</u>		Dollars	\$ <u>\$42,625.00</u>

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[2] H5-205 AquaMarine Harvesters 2013 & 2014 [1] Senwtec Conveyer 2015

1 Henning Maring AT 6090 Transporter 2018 2013 Ford F550 Dump Truck 4WD

1 Avolon 2014 Pontoon Work Boat 4 HLWC employees M.Bauer T.Bradley M.Purdy Jr & III

Harvesters cut width 5 feet Harvester cut depth 5 1/2 feet Appox. 1 1/2 hr. per acre

Payment in 2026-2028 will be made based on the bid unit price.

In the interest of expediting the award of this contract, the undersigned may be required to show that they have performed work similar to that included under the proposed contract for which this bid is offered.

In submitting this bid, it is understood that the right is reserved by the Hamburg Township Board to reject any and all bids and to waive defects in the bids.

Signed this 01 day of December, 2025.

SIGNATURE Michael E Bauer *Michael E Bauer*

NAME AND TITLE: Michael E Bauer Operation Manager

(Printed) _____

BID FORM

BID DATE: 12-15-2025

BID TO: Hamburg Township Board
c/o Jared Laughlin
Progressive Companies
1811 4 Mile Rd NE
Grand Rapids, MI 49525

BID FROM:

(Company Name of Bidder)

Clearwater Plant Harvesters LLC

(Company Address)

5062 Rockrose Ct #56

Roscoe, IL 61073

(815) 378-8698

(Telephone Number)

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ITEM DESCRIPTION	QUANTITY	UNIT BID PRICE	TOTAL
Native Plant Harvesting	40 Acres	\$ <u>850.00</u> Per Acre	\$ <u>34,000.00</u>
Starry Stonewort Harvesting	15 Acres	\$ <u>1200.00</u> Per Acre	\$ <u>18,000.00</u>
Sum Total:	<u>fifty two thousand and 00/100</u> Dollars		\$ <u>52,000.00</u>

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Trucks 2022 Chevy 3500 pur 2022, 2011 F350 pur 2012
Harvesters - 2026 Aquarius 300ft Depth x 7ft wide cut w/ Trailer Conveyer
2011 Aquarius 200 5ft depth x 5ft wide cut w/ Trailer Conveyer
Personnel - Bill & Amy Morris owners, Joe Belinder 4 yrs exp Tom Morris 5 yrs exp
350 Harvests / Acre in 1.5 hrs 200 Harvests / Acre in 2 - 2.5 hrs
 Payment in 2026-2028 will be made based on the bid unit price.

In the interest of expediting the award of this contract, the undersigned may be required to show that they have performed work similar to that included under the proposed contract for which this bid is offered.

In submitting this bid, it is understood that the right is reserved by the Hamburg Township Board to reject any and all bids and to waive defects in the bids.

Signed this 15 day of December, 2025.

SIGNATURE

NAME AND TITLE:

(Printed)

PROPOSED CONTRACT

THIS AGREEMENT, made and entered into this _____ day of _____, 2026 by and between the Hamburg Township Board, hereinafter called the "Board," and _____, hereinafter called the "Contractor," to wit:

1. That the bid form, instructions to bidders, insurance requirements, specifications, and addenda hereto attached or herein referred to, shall be and are hereby made a part of this agreement and contract.
2. That the Contractor shall furnish all labor, materials, and equipment necessary and do all the work as set forth in the bid according to the specifications and contract documents, which have hereinbefore been made a part of this contract in a manner, time, and place as herein set forth.
3. That the Contractor shall indemnify the Board, its officers, agents, servants, volunteers, and employees from any and all liabilities, claims, liens, demands, and costs, including Contractor's own employees and for loss or damage to any property in connection with or in any way incidental to or arising out of the occupancy, use, service, operations, performance or non-performance of work in connection with this contract resulting from negligent acts or omissions of Contractor, any Subcontractor, or any employee, agent or representative of Contractor.
4. That the term of the contract is effective from the date above written until December 31, 2028, or earlier, at the sole discretion of the Board.

IN CONSIDERATION WHEREOF, said Board promises and agrees to compensate said Contractor the unit price provided in the attached bid, dated _____, 2025.

Payments shall be made upon satisfactory completion of the harvesting work based on a review of the payment submittal forms and approval by the Consultant.

For the faithful performance of all of the stipulations, terms, and conditions of this agreement, said parties respectfully bind themselves and their successors, heirs, executors, administrators, and assigns.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have hereunto set their hands, the day and year first above written.

HAMBURG TOWNSHIP BOARD:

By: _____
(Signature)

Name: _____
(Printed)

Title: _____
(Printed)

CONTRACTOR:

By: _____
(Signature)

Name: _____
(Printed)

Title: _____
(Printed)