

**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING FOR
THE HURON RIVER CHAIN OF LAKES PROJECT FUNDS
BETWEEN
HAMBURG TOWNSHIP, 10405 MERRILL RD, WHITMORE LAKE, MI 48189
AND
WASHTENAW COUNTY BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS, 705 N. ZEEB ROAD, ANN ARBOR, MI
48103**

This document constitutes a Memorandum of Understanding between Hamburg Township, and Washtenaw County Board of Public Works starting 5/30/2023, and will expire on 12/31/2023.

Background:

Washtenaw County Board of Public Works established the Chain of Lakes Improvement Project (COL) on April 19, 2017. The COL required a resolution by Hamburg Township and other townships with parcels in the special assessment district. In 2022, the Lower Huron River Chain of Lakes Improvement Project through the Washtenaw County Board of Public Works was approved and will continue to provide similar services as the COL for Little Portage Lake through Whitewood Lake. A separate special assessment district administered by Hamburg Township was approved in 2022 which will provide similar services as the COL for Gallagher through Zukey Lakes.

There is \$153,381.79 remaining in the COL fund balance. PA185 allows remaining funds to continue to be spent in a manner consistent with the original intent of the project. Both the Lower Huron River Chain of Lakes Project and the special assessment district set up by Hamburg Township serving Gallagher, Loon, Strawberry, and Zukey Lakes use funds in a way that meet the original intent of the COL.

The Board of Public Works desires to distribute the remaining funds in fair and legal manner. Public Works has confirmed with legal counsel that the funds may be allocated to the two projects approved in 2022, distributed proportionally by parcel count in each of the new projects. Public Works has calculated that 57.4% of the parcels in the COL project are in the Lower Huron River Chain of Lakes Project and the remaining 42.6 % of the parcels are in the special assessment district created Hamburg Township. \$411.76 for staff time required to distribute the funds has been reduced proportionally from the remaining balance, prior to distribution.

Specifics: Terms and requirements provided in the attached process apply.

Washtenaw County Board of Public Works Agrees to:

1. Pay Hamburg Township \$65,165.23 from COL Project

Hamburg Township Agrees to:

1. Use the funds provided by this agreement for the new Hamburg Township special assessment district in a manner that is consistent with the original intent of the COL.

Example activities may include the control of aquatic invasive weeds, mechanical harvesting, enhancement of recreational opportunities for lake properties, and all studies, consulting, regulatory approvals, and related coordination costs.

By signing this document, Washtenaw County and Hamburg Township agree to abide by the terms and conditions contained in this Memorandum of Understanding for the purpose of distributing and using funds for Lake Improvements Projects.

ATTESTED TO:

WASHTENAW COUNTY

By: _____
Lawrence Kestenbaum (DATE)
County Clerk/Register

By: _____
Gregory Dill (DATE)
County Administrator

APPROVED AS TO CONTENT:

HAMBURG TOWNSHIP

By: _____
Theo Eggermont
Director of Public Works (DATE)

By: _____
Pat Hohl (DATE)
Hamburg Township Supervisor

APPROVED AS TO FORM BY

By: _____
Michelle Billard (DATE)
Office of Corporation Counsel