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Muskegon Lake Action Plan

Stewardship and Hands-On Opportunities Implementation Framework

- Goal:** A culture of environmental stewardship is established and stewardship activities are common and undertaken by public and private organizations.
- Outcome:** Students and adults have a variety of appropriate opportunities for stewardship related education
- Action Plan:** The numbers following each initiative, relate to recommendations in the **Muskegon Lake Action Plan** Stewardship and Hands-On Educational Opportunities Chapter

MAJOR INITIATIVES

Shoreline Stewards

Volunteers and landowners “adopt” a restored shoreline habitat, receive training, participate in periodic work bees and learn to care for native plantings while enjoying nature. For more information, visit the Face Book Pages of *Muskegon Lake Watershed Partnership Shoreline Stewards, Friends of Grand Trunk, Friends of Ryerson Creek and Friends of Heritage Landing.*

If you are interested in the Shoreline Stewards program, please contact Kathy@muskegonlake.org.

Grand Trunk at Lakeshore & McCracken	Ryerson Creek at Yuba Street
Ruddiman Creek in McGraft Park	Ryerson Creek at Spring St/United Way
Lakeshore Trail near Ruddiman Creek	Veterans Memorial Park
Hartshorn Peninsula on Lakeshore Trail	Muskegon Lake Nature Preserve
Rotary Park at Heritage Landing	Bear Creek Wetlands on Witham Road
Heritage Landing – Three locations	Lower Muskegon River Wetlands

Muskegon Lake Shoreline Cleanup

Volunteers participate in this annual spring cleanup. To receive an e-mail notification, sign up with Kathy@muskegonlake.org and “like” the Muskegon Lake Watershed Partnership Face Book Page.

RESOURCES FOR VOLUNTEER STEWARDS and LANDOWNERS

There are a variety of helpful resources available for those who wish to learn more about establishing, monitoring and maintaining native plant habitats along rivers, lakes, streams and wetlands:

Michigan Natural Shoreline Partnership	www.mishorelinepartnership.org
Shoreland Stewards Signage Program	www.mishorelandstewards.org
Bird Studies Canada Great Lakes Marsh Monitoring Program	www.birdscanada.org/volunteer/glmmp
Aquatic Invasive Species Education (MDNR)	www.michigan.gov/invasives

Midwest Invasive Species Information Network (MISIN)

www.misin.msu.edu

Michigan Lakes and Streams Association

www.mymlsa.org

Eat Safe Fish Program (MDHHS)

www.michigan.gov/eatsafefish

West Michigan Conservation Network

www.wmconservation.net

Michigan Invasive Species Coalition

www.michiganinvasives.org

MUNICIPAL PARTICIPATION and DEVELOPERS

An important method for protecting Muskegon Lake water quality and natural resources is through plans and ordinances that support green infrastructure, stormwater management and water quality.

These plans can be used during site plan reviews to ensure that development incorporates best management practices to support master plan and stormwater plan goals

Muskegon Lake Resiliency Plan, 2017 https://muskegonlake.org/documents/Muskegon-Lake_Resiliency-Plan.pdf

Muskegon Lake Vision 2020, 2016 <http://wmsrdc.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/01/Muskegon-Lake-Vision-2020.pdf>

Imagine Muskegon Lake (2019) www.muskegon-mi.gov/cresources/17200929_IML_ReportFinal_Rev_1.pdf

Muskegon Lake Stormwater Management Plan, 2017

<http://wmsrdc.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/03/Muskegon-Lake-Subwatershed-Stormwater-Management-Plan.pdf>

Muskegon County Stormwater Standards www.co.muskegon.mi.us/496/About-Us

Low Impact Development Manual for Michigan: A Design Guide for Implementers and Reviewers (2008)

<https://semcog.org/Reports/LID/index.html#>

Michigan Sea Grant - Clean Marina Program www.miseagrant.umich.edu

HANDS ON EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING

The Muskegon Lake Watershed Partnership encourages programs, incentives and educational programs that help residents, volunteers, property owners and the public love their watersheds. Outdoor recreational activities such as kayaking, eco-tours of the lake and natural areas are encouraged.

West Michigan Great Lakes Stewardship Initiative (MAISD, Math & Science Center)

www.westmichiganglsi.org

GVSU Annis Water Resources Institute, W.G. Jackson Research Vessel Classroom

www.gvsu.edu/wri/education/wg-jackson-25.htm

Watch Us Go Boating – “Like” the Watch Us Go Boating Facebook Page

Kayak Launch/Lock Racks www.michiganwatertrails.org

Eco Tourism/Guided Tubing/Kayaking/Sailing www.mycsailingschool.org <https://visitmuskegon.org>

Izaak Walton League of America www.iwla.org/conservation/water/save-our-streams



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