

**COLOMA CHARTER TOWNSHIP LAKE IMPROVEMENT  
SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT NO. 1**

**RESOLUTION NO. 1A, 2016/17 # 7**

At a regular meeting of the Township Board of Coloma Charter Township, Berrien County, Michigan, held at the Coloma Charter Township Hall, 4919 Paw Paw Lake Road, Coloma, Michigan 49038, on the 11th day of May, 2016, at 7:00 p.m., Eastern Standard Time.

PRESENT: Parrigin, Kraemer, Becht, Duffield, Harper, Fulton, Moser

ABSENT: none

The following resolution was offered by Trustee Bryan Duffield  
and supported by Trustee Jim Fulton :

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Act 188, Public Acts of Michigan of 1954, as amended ("Act 188"), the Township Board may proceed to initiate and carry out lake improvements; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township Board received petitions for lake improvements to Paw Paw Lake from the record owners of certain properties; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township Board previously adopted Resolution No. 1 to initiate lake improvements for five (5) years to Paw Paw Lake in cooperation with Watervliet Charter Township; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township Board, after a public hearing, previously adopted Resolution No. 2, approving the petitions, the proposed lake improvements, the proposed location thereof, an estimate of the costs of the same in the amount of \$855,000 for five (5) years in Coloma Charter Township and Watervliet Charter Township combined, and the special assessment district against which those estimated costs were to be assessed; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township Board previously adopted Resolution No. 3 to hold a public hearing to hear any objections to the proposed special assessment roll to finance the five-year plan of

lake improvements; and

**WHEREAS**, after a public hearing on the proposed special assessment roll, the Township Board previously adopted Resolution No. 4, confirming the Coloma Charter Township Lake Improvement Special Assessment District No. 1 Special Assessment Roll; and

**WHEREAS**, the five (5) years of special assessments authorized under Resolution No. 4 expired after the last authorized annual installment, which was due on February 14, 2016; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township Board wishes to continue the Special Assessment District and initiate proposed future lake improvements to Paw Paw Lake in cooperation with Watervliet Charter Township; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township's Engineers have prepared and filed a report for the Township Board's consideration, showing the proposed future lake improvements, the proposed location thereof and an estimate of the costs of the same, with total estimated costs of approximately \$212,857.14 annually combined in Coloma Charter Township and Watervliet Charter Township in 2017 and future years, all as described on the plan attached as Exhibit A; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township Board tentatively determines that there is a need for the proposed lake improvements described in Exhibit A to serve the properties within the continued Coloma Charter Township Lake Improvement Special Assessment District No. 1, previously approved by the Township Board and described in the attached Exhibit B; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township Board desires to proceed with the proposed lake improvements to benefit the continued Coloma Charter Township Lake Improvement Special Assessment District No. 1, as described in the attached Exhibit B.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Township Board of Coloma Charter Township, Berrien County, Michigan, as follows:

1. The Township Board tentatively declares its intent to make the proposed lake improvements described in the attached Exhibit A, together with the necessary structures and other work incidental thereto, within the continued Coloma Charter Township Lake Improvement Special Assessment District No. 1, as described in the attached Exhibit B.

2. The Township Board designates the continued special assessment district against which the costs of the proposed lake improvements are to be assessed as Coloma Charter Township Lake Special Assessment District No.1, which includes the lands and premises more particularly described in the attached Exhibit B.

3. The completed plans and estimates prepared by the Engineers, are currently on file with the Township Clerk, and shall remain available for public examination during ordinary business hours and at the public hearing.

4. The Township Board shall conduct a public hearing to hear any objections to the proposed lake improvements, to the estimate of costs, and to the continued establishment of Coloma Charter Township Lake Improvement Special Assessment District No. 1 as the district proposed for the assessment of the costs of such lake improvements, at 10:00 a.m., June 4, 2010, at Watervliet High School Auditorium, 450 East Saint Joseph Street, Watervliet, Michigan 49098. Notice of the public hearing shall be substantially in the form attached as Exhibit C and shall be provided by first class mail and by publication as required by Act 188 and other applicable laws.

5. All prior resolutions and parts of prior resolutions insofar as the conflict with the provisions of this resolution are hereby rescinded.

Yeas: Parrigin, Kraemer, Becht, Duffield, Fulton, Harper, Fulton

Nays: None

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.

STATE OF MICHIGAN            )  
  ) ss  
COUNTY OF BERRIEN         )

I, the undersigned, the duly qualified and acting clerk for Coloma Charter Township, Berrien County, Michigan, DO HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of certain proceedings taken by the Coloma Charter Township Board at a meeting held on the \_\_\_ day of May, 2016, and further certify that the above Resolution was adopted at said meeting.

  
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Sandra Kraemer, Coloma Charter Township Clerk

## **EXHIBIT A**

### **ENGINEERS' REPORT SUMMARIZING PROPOSED LAKE IMPROVEMENTS, LOCATION OF PROPOSED IMPROVEMENTS AND ESTIMATE OF COSTS**

The improvements of Paw Paw Lake are based on the Paw Paw Lake Improvement Plan, prepared by Spicer Group, Inc. and GEI Consultants of Michigan, Inc. In summary, the improvements will involve measures designed to:

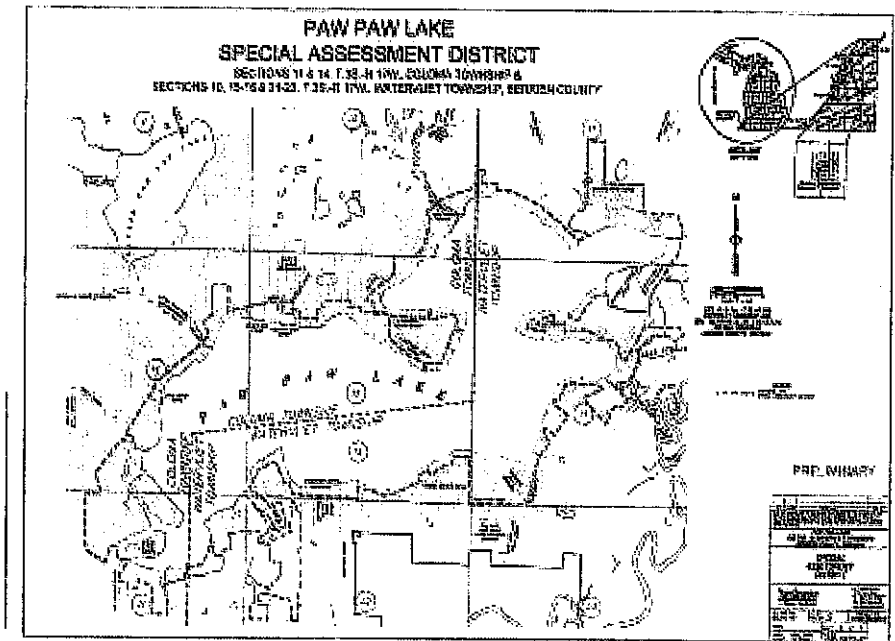
- Reduce Percent Cover of Invasive and Nuisance Species
- Reduce Total Phosphorus in the Water Column
- Reduce Algal Blooms
- Decrease Nutrient Inputs into the Lake
- Increase Percent Cover and Diversity of Native Vegetation
- Document and assess existing resources and fish and wildlife habitat, along with recreational and aesthetic values associated with the lake to identify areas of potential improvement, enhancement or restoration

The estimated costs of the improvements are \$212,857.14 per year in Coloma Charter Township and Watervliet Charter Township combined.

**EXHIBIT B**

**DESCRIPTION OF COLOMA CHARTER TOWNSHIP LAKE IMPROVEMENT  
SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT NO. 1**

The continued special assessment district includes all buildable parcels in Coloma Charter Township that have direct access via frontage along Paw Paw Lake, or that have indirect access via deeded or dedicated lake access or canal access to Paw Paw Lake, or that have access via boat piers or boat slips along Paw Paw Lake. A map of the continued special assessment district is shown below:



**EXHIBIT C**

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS IN COLOMA CHARTER TOWNSHIP AND  
WATERVLIET CHARTER TOWNSHIP, BERRIEN COUNTY**

**COLOMA CHARTER TOWNSHIP LAKE IMPROVEMENT  
SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT NO. 1**

**WATERVLIET CHARTER TOWNSHIP LAKE IMPROVEMENT  
SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT NO. 1**

**TO: ALL RECORD OWNERS OF OR PARTIES IN INTEREST IN LAND IN THE  
SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICTS DESCRIBED BELOW:**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the Township Boards of Coloma Charter Township and Watervliet Charter Township, Berrien County, Michigan, will hold joint public hearings at 10:00 a.m., June 4, 2016, at Watervliet High School Auditorium, 450 East Saint Joseph Street, Watervliet, Michigan 49098, to hear objections to the proposed improvements, estimate of costs and continued special assessment districts for lake improvements to Paw Paw Lake, at an estimated cost of \$212,857.14 annually in 2017 and future years in Coloma Charter Township and Watervliet Charter Township combined, in the continued special assessment districts described herein. At the public hearings, the Township Boards will consider any objections, revisions, corrections, amendments or changes to the plans, estimate of costs or continuation of the special assessment districts. The proposed lake improvements and the continued special assessment districts against which the cost of the proposed lake improvements is to be assessed are generally described as follows:

**Proposed Lake Improvements:** The improvements of Paw Paw Lake are based on the Paw Paw Lake Improvement Plan, prepared by Spicer Group, Inc. and GEI Consultants of Michigan, Inc. In summary, the improvements will involve measures designed to: Reduce Percent Cover of Invasive and Nuisance Species; Reduce Total Phosphorus in the Water Column; Reduce Algal Blooms; Decrease Nutrient Inputs into the Lake; Increase Percent Cover and Diversity of Native Vegetation; and Document and assess existing resources and fish and wildlife habitat, along with recreational and aesthetic values associated with the lake to identify areas of potential improvement, enhancement or restoration

**Coloma Charter Township Lake Improvement Special Assessment District No. 1:** The continued special assessment district includes all buildable parcels in Coloma Charter Township that have direct access via frontage along Paw Paw Lake, or that have indirect access via deeded or dedicated lake access or canal access to Paw Paw Lake, or that have access via boat piers or boat slips along Paw Paw Lake. See map below.

**Watervliet Charter Township Lake Improvement Special Assessment District No. 1:** The continued special assessment district includes all buildable parcels in Watervliet Charter Township that have direct access via frontage along Paw Paw Lake, or that have indirect access via deeded or





a party whose appearance was recorded shall be considered to have protested the special assessment in person. Coloma Charter Township and Watervliet Charter Township will provide auxiliary aids or services to individuals with disabilities. Persons needing such services should contact the office of the township clerk by writing or calling the clerk not less than four days before the public hearing.

**BY ORDER OF THE TOWNSHIP BOARDS**

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