

**SHAVEHEAD LAKE GOVERNMENTAL LAKE BOARD  
CASS COUNTY, MICHIGAN**

**NOTICE OF SPECIAL ASSESSMENT PUBLIC HEARING  
SHAVEHEAD LAKE WEED AND AQUATIC PLANT CONTROL DISTRICT 2022-2025**

TO: THE RESIDENTS AND PROPERTY OWNERS OF PORTER TOWNSHIPS,  
CASS COUNTY, MICHIGAN, AND ANY OTHER INTERESTED PERSONS:

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that upon motion of the Shavehead Lake Lake Board, as authorized by PA 451 of 1954 part 309, as amended, the Shavehead Lake Governmental Lake Board proposes to undertake an aquatic plant control project (with associated activities) in Shavehead Lake in Porter Township (including all lands with frontage and backlots on Shavehead Lake in Porter Township) and to create/recreate/continue a special assessment district for the recovery of the costs thereof by special assessment against the properties benefitted.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the special assessment district within which the foregoing improvements are proposed to be made and within which the costs thereof are to be specially assessed is more particularly described as "all of those properties in Porter Township, Cass County, Michigan with frontage on Shavehead Lake and backlot owners".

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the Shavehead Lake Governmental Lake Board has received plans showing the proposed aquatic plant control project, associated activities, any proposed improvements, and locations thereof, together with an estimate of the cost of the project. The Shavehead Lake Governmental Lake Board proposes to create a new said special assessment district.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the Shavehead Lake Governmental Lake Board has placed the project plans and costs estimates on file with the Chairman of the Shavehead Lake Governmental Lake Board and said plans, cost estimates and special assessment district may be examined at the office of the Shavehead Lake Governmental Lake Board from the date of this Notice to the date of the public hearing and may further be examined at such public hearing.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the Shavehead Lake Governmental Lake Board proposes to make a per-parcel special assessment each year for a period of five years (2022 - 2026 inclusive) in an amount to be determined periodically, which amount will be based on the scope of work planned for that year. The annual assessment is proposed to range between \$20,500 to \$25,000 per year, which will be split between all the parcels in the district. Additionally, the Shavehead Lake Governmental Lake Board reserves the right to not levy an assessment or to levy a lesser assessment amount in any year that there are more funds in the special assessment fund than the amount needed for that year's aquatic plant control work and associated activities. The Shavehead Lake Governmental Lake Board proposes to annually assess benefitted properties for the costs of the aquatic plant control project (with associated activities), with only published notice each year, unless the amount to be specially assessed increases by more than 10% in any one year. If the amount to be specially assessed increases by more than 10% in any one year, then mailed notices of the public hearing on the reassessment would be provided to owners of record of property to be specially assessed.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that a public hearing on the plans, district, and cost estimates for the 2022-2026 Shavehead Lake Aquatic Weed Control Special Assessment District will be held at the Porter Township Hall 69373 Baldwin Prairie Rd, Union MI 49047 commencing at 5:00 p.m. on September 6th, 2022

At the hearing, the Shavehead Lake Governmental Lake Board will consider any written objections and comments to any of the foregoing matters which are filed with the Shavehead Lake Governmental Lake Board's office at or before the hearing, and any objections or comments raised at the hearing; and at the hearing (or any adjournment of the hearing which may be made without further notice), the Shavehead Lake Governmental Lake Board may revise, correct, amend or change the plans, cost estimates or special assessment district.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that if written objections to the project are filed with the Shavehead Lake Governmental Lake Board at or before the hearing, signed by the record owners of land constituting more than 20% of the area within the proposed special assessment district, then the Shavehead Lake Governmental Lake Board may not proceed unless petitions in support of the project, signed by record owners of more than 50% of the area to be made into a special assessment district, are filed with the Shavehead Lake Governmental Lake Board. Written comments or objections may be filed with the chairman at the address set out below or at the office of the Cass County Drain Commissioner 340 N O'Keefe Cassopolis Mi. 49031

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that appearance and protest at the public hearing is required in order to appeal the amount of the special assessment to the State Tax Tribunal within 30 days after the special assessment roll is confirmed.

An owner or party in interest, or his or her agent, may appear in person at the hearing to protest the special assessment, or shall be permitted to file at or before the hearing his or her appearance or protest by letter and his or her personal appearance shall not be required. All interested persons are invited to be present in person or by representative and to submit comments concerning the establishment of the special assessment district, the plans, and cost estimates.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that if the Shavehead Lake Governmental Lake Board determines to proceed with the special assessments, it will cause a special assessment roll to be prepared and another hearing will be held, after notice to record owners of property proposed to be specially assessed, to hear public comments concerning the proposed special assessments. Shavehead Lake Governmental Lake Board will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aids and services, such as signers for the hearing impaired and audio tapes of printed material being considered at the hearing, to individuals with disabilities at the hearing upon four (4) days' notice to the Shavehead Lake Governmental Lake Board. Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services should contact the Shavehead Lake Governmental Lake Board.

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