Muskegon Lake Habitat Focus Area

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Muskegon Lake HFA Objectives

Objective 1: Ensure the delisting of the Muskegon Lake as an Area of Concern (AOC) by contributing to the removal of the remaining beneficial use impairments as specified in the AOC’s Remedial Action Plan.

Objective 2: Continue to improve the ecosystem health of Muskegon Lake and its watershed following the delisting from AOC status.

Objective 3: Increase community support for long-term stewardship of the Muskegon Lake watershed by developing collaborative research partnerships and strengthening outreach and communication of needs and successes to local stakeholders.
MUSKEGON LAKE HFA

HFA Contribution (Total to date in AOC)
Softened Shoreline – 7,011 linear feet (24,000 lf)
Emergent Wetland – 61 acres (86 ac.)
Open Water Wetland – 41 acres (65 ac.)
Unnatural Fill Removed – 26 acres (96 ac.)

2019 Delisting!!!
Muskegon Lake AOC Partners and Stakeholders

- Grand Valley State University AWRI
- Great Lakes Commission
- Lake Michigan Forum
- Michigan DEQ and DNR
- Muskegon Area Intermediate School District
- Muskegon Conservation District
- Muskegon Lake Public Advisory Council
- Muskegon Lake Watershed Assembly
- Muskegon Save Our Shoreline
- NOAA Great Lakes Environmental Research Lab (OAR)
- NOAA National Centers for Coastal Ocean Science (NOS)
- State Public Advisory Council for Michigan’s AOC
- Timberland RC & D Council
- USEPA Great Lakes National Program Office
- West Michigan Shoreline Regional Development Commission
- West Michigan Region Environmental Network
Life After Delisting

- Long-term Monitoring Plan (under development)
- Long-term Maintenance Plan (under development)
- Collaborative Research Partnership through Long-term Monitoring and Assessment
  - Lake Michigan Nearshore (NOAA)
  - Muskegon Lake (AWRI)
  - Muskegon River Watershed (UM, USGS, M-DNR)