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OPEN HOUSE ON FUTURE OF LOWER HURON RIVER WATERSHED

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Participate in charting the future of your environment! The Lower Huron River Watershed Advisory Committee and the Huron River Watershed Council invite you to an open house to learn about and share your input on the development of the watershed management plan for the Lower Huron River Watershed. The meeting will take place on Thursday, November 4 from 7:00 PM -9:00 PM in the Brownstown Community Center, Room A, 21313 Telegraph Road, Brownstown Township, Michigan.

The meeting will begin with an 'open house' forum where attendees can talk with representatives from non-profit and government organizations that will be on hand to answer questions and share information on how individuals can help improve water quality in their rivers, lakes, and streams. A brief presentation will describe the background and purpose of the planning efforts and summarize progress in developing the plan, followed by a session to solicit public input on issues the watershed management plans should address.

In the Lower Huron River Watershed, county and local governments are working cooperatively to develop the watershed management plan as required under the federal Clean Water Act. The purpose of this plan is to foster cooperation among various public and private entities to establish a comprehensive, long-term plan for implementing actions to address water quality and quantity concerns within the watershed.

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The Lower Huron River Watershed consists of all or parts of the following communities: in Monroe County — Ash Township, Berlin Charter Township and Village of South Rockwood; in Wayne County — the cities of Belleville, Flat Rock, Gibraltar, Rockwood, Romulus, and Woodhaven; the townships of Brownstown, Huron, Sumpter; and Van Buren Charter Township.

To learn more about the watershed planning efforts in the Lower Huron River Watershed, contact Elizabeth Riggs with the Huron River Watershed Council at (734) 769-5123 x4 or eriggs@hrwc.org.

HRWC is a public, nonprofit coalition of local communities and residents established under Michigan's Local River Management Act in 1965 to protect the Huron River and its tributary streams, lakes, wetlands and groundwater. HRWC works to inspire attitudes, behaviors and economies that effectively protect, rehabilitate and sustain the Huron River system.

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