



Norton Creek Watershed Management Plan

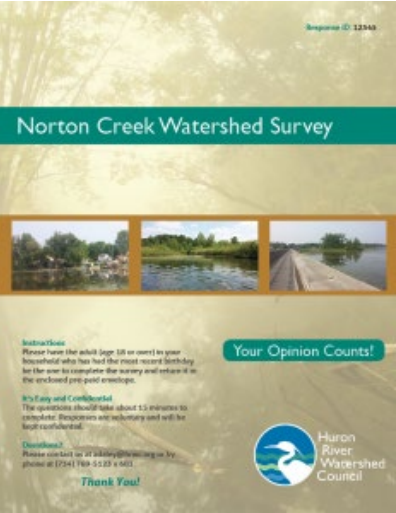
To protect and improve Norton Creek and its tributaries, we are creating a Norton Creek Watershed Plan that will outline specific recommendations to local governments, businesses, residents, and communities on ways they can reduce stormwater run-off. These recommendations will be based on research, which is being conducted by HRWC throughout this 2-year project. To create the Plan, we will:

- * Conduct field and desktop research to document the extent of damage and likely sources of pollution

- * Engage local governments and businesses
- * Assess public attitudes and awareness of local water issues
- * Develop a plan to restore and protect Norton Creek that complies with the [Clean Water Act, Section 319](#)

The Norton Creek was selected for the grant because it is listed as ‘impaired’ by the state. In November 2014, we were awarded a grant to create a stormwater run-off management plan for Norton Creek from the [State of Michigan’s Department of Environmental Quality](#) (DEQ) .

ONLINE SURVEY FORM

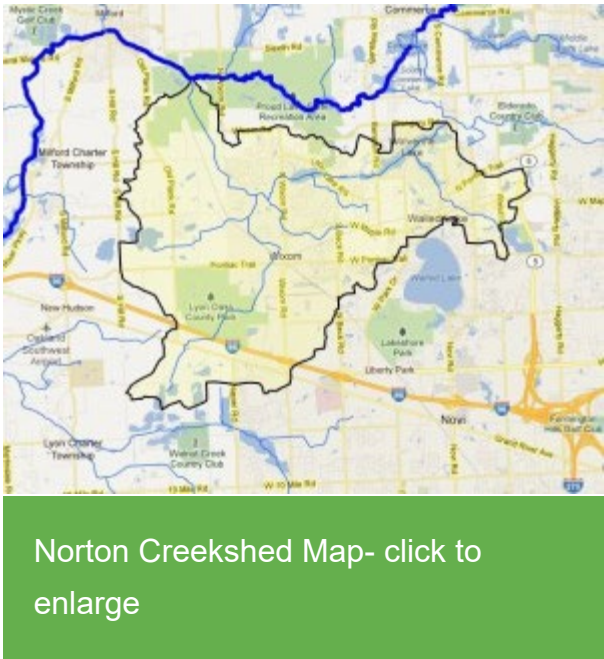


Thanks to all those who filled out our survey. The results will be included in the Watershed Management Plan, which will be available for review in March 2017.

ABOUT NORTON CREEK

Norton Creek is a tributary to the Huron River and drains 24.2 square miles of land located in portions of Commerce, Lyon and Milford Townships, and the cities of Novi, Walled Lake, Wixom and Wolverine Lake in Oakland County. There are 8 lakes and 61 ponds* that lie within the creekshed boundaries—the creek flows through some of these waters. The biggest, Wolverine Lake, is 286 acres.

** Lakes are 10 or more acres in size and ponds are less than 10 acres.*



Learn more about the [Norton Creek here.](#)

WHY NORTON CREEK NEEDS A PLAN

Norton Creek has been adversely affected by land-based activities. The watershed plan will provide strategic recommendations for local communities to address these problems. The Plan will be based on HRWC's scientific and desktop research, surveys, and knowledge built from existing programs that we've implemented in our 50+ year history. For example, the Huron River Watershed Council has done watershed plans for other areas such as [Portage Creek](#) and [Honey Creek](#).

For the Norton Creek plan, we will conduct studies to determine flow, dissolved oxygen, areas best suited for conservation, and sediments and nutrient levels. We will also conduct surveys among residents to gauge awareness of water issues. (The survey results will inform our recommendations on ways to educate those in the area on what they can do to protect the waterways.)

This watershed management plan will also fulfill a requirement by the State of Michigan and the U.S. EPA for communities to be eligible for grant funds through the Clean Water Act. The Norton Creek Watershed Plan will serve as a vital blueprint for potential future projects that can improve the health of the watershed.

HOW TO GET INVOLVED

We would love to hear from you if you are interested in supporting this project. Here are ways to get involved:

PARTICIPATE IN COMMUNITY MEETINGS


We held the first Stakeholder Meeting on October 15, 2015 in Wixom. The meeting was open to all Norton Creek residents and businesses. It was designed to get feedback and information from participants about what they would like to see improved about the creek, and what can be done to make that happen.

We also held a few advisory team meetings. The most recent was held on January 30, 2017. [Here is the presentation we gave at that meeting.](#)

If you'd like to get invites to all our Norton Creek community meetings, [email us here.](#)

SHARE YOUR THOUGHTS

If you get our Norton Creek Survey in the mail, please fill it out and send to us!
You can also:

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<h2>VOLUNTEER</h2> <p>To volunteer, go here</p>	<h2>GIVE BACK</h2> <div><div>Donate</div><div></div></div>

PARTNERS AND FUNDING

Partners: Commerce Township; City of Walled Lake; City of Wixom; MI Department of Environmental Quality, Water Resources Division; Lakes Area Chamber of Commerce; Lyon Township; Milford Township; Oakland County Water Resources Commissioner; Village of Wolverine Lake; and volunteers.

This project is funded through the [State of Michigan’s Stormwater, Asset Management and Wastewater Program](#).

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MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Join us in giving the river the love and care it needs.



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