

**State of Michigan  
Department of Environmental Quality**

Water Resources Division  
Kalamazoo District Office  
7953 Adobe Road, Kalamazoo, MI, 49009-5025  
269-567-3500

Site Name: 80-84th Avenue, Lot 6 -Decatur  
Submission Number: HN7-VFWF-31E5J  
Date: October 11, 2017

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

Ray Howley, P.O. Box 37, Decatur, MI has applied to this office for a permit under authority of Part 301, Inland Lakes and Streams, of the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act, 1994 PA 451, as amended (NREPA). The applicant proposes to construct a marina for the use of 6 lot owners. A permanent, open pile dock measuring 80-feet long and 5-feet wide will be placed on bottomlands of Lake of the Woods. 12 spring piles will be placed to provide mooring at 6 slips, all on the southern side of the dock, which is located along the north property line. The project is located adjacent to parcel number 80-10-013-027-25 in T04S, R15W, Section 13, Hamilton Township, Van Buren County, Michigan, in accordance with plans attached to this notice.

**THIS NOTICE IS NOT A PERMIT**

The proposed project may also be regulated by one or more additional parts of the NREPA that are administered by the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ), Water Resources Division (WRD). The requirements of all applicable parts are considered in determining if a permit can be issued. When a permit application is received requesting authorization to work in or over the inland waters of the State of Michigan, pursuant to Part 301 of the NREPA, the NREPA provides that the DEQ submit copies for review to the department of public health; the city, village, or township and county where the project is to be located; the local soil conservation district; and any local watershed council organized under Part 311, Local River Management, of the NREPA. Additional notification is provided to certain persons as required by statute or determined by the DEQ.

Those persons wanting to make comments on the proposed project shall furnish this office with their written comments no later than 20 days from the date of this notice. Written comments will be made part of the record and should reference the above application number. Objections must be factual, specific, and fully describe the reasons upon which any objection is founded. Unless a written request is filed with the DEQ within the 20-day public comment period, the DEQ may make a decision on the application without a public hearing. The determination as to whether a permit will be issued or a public hearing held will be based on an evaluation of all relevant factors, including the public comments received and the effect of the proposed work on the public trust or interest, including navigation, fish, wildlife, and pollution. The specific permit decision criteria can be found in the parts of the NREPA applicable to this application and listed above. Copies of these parts of the NREPA are available on the public notice Web site. Public comments received will also be considered.

The entire copy of the public notice package may be viewed at the WRD's district office listed on the top of this public notice or online at:

<https://miwaters.deq.state.mi.us/miwaters/#/external/publicnotice/search>. To access the public notice page online, search for the public notice by location or applicant name, and view by clicking

on the "Documents" tab. Comments may be sent electronically by clicking on the "Add Comment" tab. A hard copy of the public notice may be requested by calling the above number.

cc:

Ray Howley, Applicant

DNR, Wildlife Division, Plainwell

Brian Gunderman, DNR Fisheries Division

Van Buren County Clerk

Hamilton Township Clerk

Van Buren County Drain Commissioner

Van Buren County Health Department

Van Buren County Conservation District

Local Postmaster

Van Buren CEA

Branden Edelfield, Adjacent Property Owner

Gary Herman, Adjacent Property Owner