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SECOND PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETING ON THE LOWER HURON RIVER WATERSHED MANAGEMENT PLAN

WAYNE COUNTY, MI — May 4, 2005 The Lower Huron River Watershed Inter-Municipality Committee (LHRWIC) and the Huron River Watershed Council invite you to the second public information meeting on the development of the watershed management plan for the Lower Huron River Watershed. The meeting will take place on Thursday, May 19, 2005, from 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM at the Brownstown Township Community Center located at 21311 Telegraph Road (southeast corner of Telegraph and King), phone 734.675.0920. The LHRWIC initiated an 18-month project to develop a comprehensive watershed management plan in partial fulfillment of the State of Michigan Phase II Watershed-based Storm Water General Permit (MIG619000). The purpose of the Second Public Information Meeting is to briefly review the purpose of the project, discuss the goals, objectives and action plan, and gain public input regarding development of the plan. The evening will begin with an open house where LHRWIC representatives will be available to answer questions and share information one-one-one with attendees. The LHRWIC is working toward completing the plan in Fall 2005 and is seeking input on the draft plan as developed to date.

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The LHRWIC, in developing the plan, has collected and reviewed existing studies, reports and data, completed targeted field investigations and road-stream crossing inventories, developed long-term goals and short-term objectives such as protecting natural features, stabilizing river flows and reducing pollution, and drafted action plans to achieve the goals and objectives. The project website at www.lowerhuronriver.net contains more information about the watershed, meeting schedules and topics, and opportunities for public input and involvement in improving watershed health.

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.

A watershed is an area of land that drains to a common point. Watershed management seeks to protect and improve our water resources by properly managing watersheds and raising the level of awareness about activities and practices we all do that affect the quantity and quality of our water resources. Watershed planning brings together the people within the watershed to address those activities, regardless of political boundaries. By working together, a coordinated watershed management plan can be developed that builds upon the strengths of existing programs and resources, and addresses water quality and quantity concerns in an integrated, cost-effective manner.

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