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## Portage Lake Watershed Forever Plan Process

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**COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT** through focus groups, other community meetings, and resident household survey and formation of Portage Lake Watershed Forever Committee, Executive Committee, and Technical Advisory Committee (Completed)

**REVIEW OF PAST STUDIES AND DATA**, other relevant information, and consultation of technical advisors and community partners (Completed)

**WATERSHED DESCRIPTION**, preliminary water quality summary, and identification of gaps in information required to meet MDEQ approval for watershed plans (Completed)

Review of state-designated uses of surface waters and **DETERMINATION OF IMPAIRMENTS** and/or threats to uses in Portage Lake Watershed (Completed)

Identification of additional **DESIRED USES** of Portage Lake Watershed as a whole (Draft)

**IDENTIFY POLLUTANTS** that are known, suspected, or have the potential to impair/threaten designated and desired uses (Draft)

Prioritization of **SOURCES OF POLLUTANTS** that are known, suspected, or have the potential to impair/threaten designated and desired uses (Draft)

**DEVELOPMENT OF SHARED GOALS AND OBJECTIVES** to maintain/improve designated and desired uses (Draft)

**IDENTIFICATION OF PRIORITY AREAS** for watershed management and protection (In progress)

**IDENTIFICATION OF ACTIONS**, including a time line and cost estimates, that help meet watershed plan goals and objectives (In progress)

**ANALYSIS** of how/if local programs, projects, and plans could help to further goals and objectives (September)

**DEVELOPMENT OF STRATEGY** for evaluating progress and updating the plan (September)

Preparation of **DRAFT WATERSHED PLAN** (September 30)

Committee/public **REVIEW** and necessary revisions (October)

**SUBMIT TO MDEQ** for approval (October 31)

*Implementation, evaluation, and updating*

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