




# Residents Working Against Huron River Flooding

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Thursday, June 4 , 2026  
7:00 p.m.  
Organization Meeting



# Meeting Agenda

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- Welcome and Introductions
- Updates
  - FEMA Grants
  - 501c3 Application Status
  - Draft Organization Purpose
  - New Organization Name
- New Business
  - Weed Harvesting
  - River Launch Challenges
- Announcements/Upcoming Events
- Next Meeting
- Other

# Organization Updates - FEMA Grants

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- **HMGP Home Elevation Grant: \$1.4 million to elevate 9 homes around Ore Lake**
  - FEMA Awarded in March, 2026
  - Support by Hamburg Township - Board of Trustees Approval May 19, 2026
  - Press Release forthcoming
- **Swift Currents Home Elevation Grant: Elevating 2 homes around Ore Lake**
  - In Process
- **Benefits to the Community**
  - Improves safety for homeowners during high water and flood events
  - Improves property values for the community
  - Increases new opportunities for future grant funding

# 501c3 Progress: DRAFT Purpose Statements

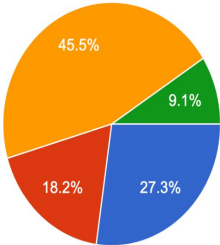
- **Flood Mitigation**
  - Develop, support, and promote science-based flood mitigation and water-level management processes affecting Ore Lake, Little Ore Lake, and the adjacent portions of the Huron River within Livingston County.
- **Community Flood Management Support**
  - Provide community education and collaboration with local residents, Hamburg Township, Livingston County, and State and Federal agencies regarding flood mitigation.
- **Wetland and Environmental Preservation**
  - Provide community education and collaboration that promotes wetland restoration and preservation.
- **Grant Procurement and Resource Development**
  - Seek and administer grants, charitable contributions, and public funding to support flood mitigation initiatives, environmental preservation efforts, and community education programs aligned with the organization's mission.

# 501c3 Progress: New Organization Name Results

## “HURON-ORE FLOOD COALITION”

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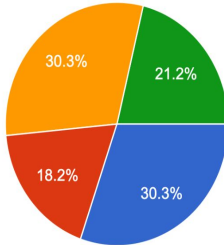
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# Weed Harvesting Summer 2026

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- Hamburg Township is planning to harvest downstream of the Hamburg Road bridge in July, depending on the river level
  - Downstream of Hamburg Road Bridge
- Donations will be collected again for a Resident-Funded Weed Harvest - hosted by Ore Lake Preservation Association
  - Upstream of Hamburg Road Bridge
  - Harvest the flat area of the Huron River channel from the river bend at Hidden Lake (upstream of the Little Ore outlet) to the Hamburg Road bridge (which includes in front of the Little Ore outlet)
- **Link to donate to the Resident-Funded Weed Harvesting will be emailed soon!**

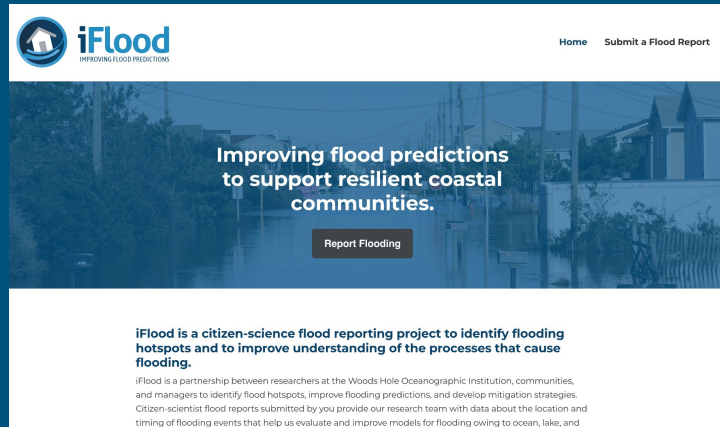
# Weed Harvesting - Challenges with Launch Site

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- Harvester is launched on private property - based on kind approval from a Hamburg resident
  - Hamburg Township funded weed harvesting
  - Resident-Funded weed harvesting
- Only public launch on Huron River is 9 miles downstream (Portage Lake DNR launch)
  - Too far for the harvester to travel upstream to harvest near our lake - where it is most beneficial for mitigating flooding
- **We need a long term solution that allows for future weed harvesting!**

# Organization Development and Information

- Continue to need a Social Media Volunteer for the Organization
- During High water and Flooding events continue to use I-Flood App to document: [www.iflood.org](http://www.iflood.org)



The screenshot shows the homepage of the iFlood website. At the top left is the iFlood logo, which consists of a house icon inside a circle, followed by the text "iFlood" and "IMPROVING FLOOD PREDICTIONS" below it. To the right of the logo are two links: "Home" and "Submit a Flood Report". The main content area features a background image of a flooded street with a house in the background. Overlaid on this image is the text "Improving flood predictions to support resilient coastal communities." and a dark brown button with the text "Report Flooding". Below the image, there is a white box containing the following text: "iFlood is a citizen-science flood reporting project to identify flooding hotspots and to improve understanding of the processes that cause flooding." and a paragraph: "iFlood is a partnership between researchers at the Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution, communities, and managers to identify flood hotspots, improve flooding predictions, and develop mitigation strategies. Citizen-scientist flood reports submitted by you provide our research team with data about the location and timing of flooding events that help us evaluate and improve models for flooding owing to ocean, lake, and

# Upcoming Events

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- River Clean Up Event:
  - July 25, 2026 @ 8:00am-1:00pm
  - Meet at Freedom River
  - **An online sign-up will be shared soon!**
  
- HRCOLA Sponsored Events
  - Saturday, July 25, 2026 at 9:30 am
    - Tour of Baseline Farm, 7861 Strawberry Lake Road, Dexter - just south of Baseline Lake, cattle farm
  - Friday, August 7, 2026 at 6:00 pm
    - Annual Pizza Party at American Legion Hall, 9807 Whitewood Road, Pinckney - pizza & salad and we will be playing The Watershed Game with MSU Educators
  - Saturday, September 19, 2026 at 10:00 am
    - Tour of Hamburg Township Wastewater Treatment Plant

# Next Organization Meeting

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- August 22, 2026 at 10:00 a.m.
- IN PERSON
- Location TBD