



# LAKE HURON FOREVER

Engage communities and activate local solutions to sustain a healthy Lake Huron Forever.

## Alpena Area Lake Huron Forever Pledge Kick-Off and Celebration June 13, 2024

**Goal:** Increase awareness and buy-in from local project partners, decision-makers and community members for the Alpena Area Lake Huron Forever Pledge by; showcasing current projects, discussing potential projects that will move forward pledge action steps and providing hands-on opportunities to involve the community in celebrating the pledge.

### Objectives:

1. Provide multiple opportunities and audiences to participate.
2. Host a morning interactive program for specific project stakeholders to share updates and identify realistic next steps for projects.
3. Host a fun and active afternoon community celebration that provides hands-on opportunities to help advance action steps of the Alpena Area Lake Huron Forever Pledge.

### Morning Stakeholders Meeting

#### DRAFT Agenda

10am-12:30pm (Tentative)

**10:00AM** - Welcome and Introductions

**10:10AM** - Alpena Area Lake Huron Forever Pledge Overview and Case Studies

- *Tentative updates/topics include;*
  - *Results of the County-Wide Invasive Species Assessment and connections to local trails, road and recreation projects (Alpena County)*
  - *Ordinance/zoning review options for water quality protection (Alpena Charter Township)*
  - *Urban Tree Planting for Local Drinking Water Protection (City of Alpena)*

**10:50AM** - Rapid Brainstorm of Potential Projects to support Pledge Actions - Group *mapping exercise*

**11:00AM** - Project Site Tour

- *Travel to existing demonstration sites to see work that is happening as well as some potential projects to brainstorm possible next steps*

**12:00PM** - Prioritize Projects and Recap Next Steps for Coordination

**12:30PM** - Adjourn



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**Afternoon Pledge Celebration  
Community Events  
1:00pm-3:30pm (Tentative)**

**1:00PM** - Welcome and Celebration Opening

- Presentation of Lake Huron Forever Community Signs

**1:15PM** - Pledge overview and overview of afternoon activities

**1:30PM** - Hands-On Events Begin

- *Tentative projects/sites*
  - *Tree Planting - TBD location (City of Alpena)*
  - *Invasive Species Removal - TBD location (Besser Museum, River Trail potentially)*
  - *Beach Clean up w/ Great Lakes Great Responsibility (TBD location)*
  - *Mich-e-ki-wis Park - Install ADA accessible beach mats*

**3:15pm** - Wrap Up and Equipment Return

**3:30pm** - Program ends