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Dear White Lake Advocates,

It is hard to believe it is already October! The White Lake Association has had a very busy and successful year. We received a grant from the Muskegon Community Foundation in the amount of \$15,000 for “Ensuring White Lake Health and Community Prosperity”. We have contracted with the Annis Water Resource Institute to perform in-depth testing of White Lake 10 years after it has been delisted as an Area of Concern. We do not yet have the results of that testing but will share them on the website and through email when it is completed.

White Lake water testing including clarity, dissolved oxygen and temperature as well as Chlorophyll A has been performed regularly again this summer. Earlier in the year, we received a grant through EGLE to fund a continuous monitoring buoy. They thought our innovative approach, using a continuous monitoring buoy will augment our regular manual testing of the lake. This information will be uploaded via satellite and should allow for our community members and others to access the data.

We have received another grant from the Sea Tow Foundation for our Life Jacket Loaner program as we needed more life jackets. There are stands at the Montague Boat Launch and the Scenic Drive Boat Launch that have a variety of sizes of lifejackets for any lake users to borrow for the day.

The camera at the light house had been replaced this year and the internet at the White River Lighthouse updated. We have had issues with live broadcast from the camera, however. The Sable Light Keepers Association in conjunction with Fruitland Township will be taking over operations of the lighthouse camera to maintain consistent signal and viewing of the lake.

We have many other projects that we are pursuing at this time. We are working with Jeff Auch at Montague City hall to incorporate an accessible kayak launch in their plans for Maple Park Renovations. We have met with White River Watershed and would like to do some testing of the watershed as that directly influences the health of the lake. We are actively seeking to connect with the schools to educate our youth about our valuable natural resource. We are planning to reinstate our program to identify invasive species and will seek community members to help in this endeavor next summer.

Please consider joining the White Lake Association to show your commitment to the future of White Lake and our community. Your membership dues and involvement will directly support our initiatives, ensuring that our lake remains a vibrant and thriving part of our lives for generations to come.

Sincerely,

Robert Smart, President

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