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VIA EMAIL

Ms. Sharon Marie, Chair
Portage Lake Watershed Forever Council
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Ms. Marie:

The United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) has completed their review of the September 2019 Portage Lake Watershed Management Plan and deemed it approvable under Section 319 of the federal Clean Water Act. Accordingly, the Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy (EGLE) staff is pleased to hereby approve the Portage Lake plan for the purposes of the Section 319 Nonpoint Source Pollution Control Program.

Congratulations on preparing a well-written document that provides a thorough approach for implementing actions needed to protect the watershed's water quality. The document does a good job of addressing the water quality issues in a rural lake watershed where water quality protection is the focus. The plan is thorough, easy to understand, and the numerous photos are helpful in providing visual information and issue context. The efforts of Portage Lake Watershed Forever, Spicer Group, and your partners, to preserve and protect Michigan's surface water resources are appreciated.

The USEPA did not have any comments requiring plan revisions. Nor is it necessary at this time to address any of the minor EGLE review comments conveyed to the Portage Lake Watershed Forever Council in a March 13, 2020, email from Mr. Greg Goudy, but those comments should be considered during the next plan update process. One additional printed copy of the September 2019 plan is needed for EGLE files and should be mailed to Mr. Goudy at the address on this letter.

If you have questions about the Section 319 plan approval, please contact Mr. Greg Goudy by phone at 231-876-4472; by email at goudyg@michigan.gov; or you may contact me directly by phone at 231-429-0982; or email at jankowskib@michigan.gov.

Sincerely,

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