

PRESS RELEASE

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**PORTAGE AND BASELINE LAKE LEVELS TO BE LOWERED
BEGINNING NOVEMBER 16, 2009**

The lake level at Portage and Baseline Lakes will be lowered twelve to fifteen inches beginning on November 16, 2009, and will reach its winter level by November 23, 2009 (conditions permitting), according to Janis A. Bobrin, Washtenaw County Water Resources Commissioner.

Bobrin said that each winter the lake level is lowered to reduce frost damage and erosion at the lake. In the winter, homeowners in the Portage and Baseline Lake areas are cautioned to prepare for the lowering of the lake level, which is coordinated with closing of the boat launch facilities. Dennis M. Wojcik, P.E., Chief Deputy Water Resources Commissioner, will answer inquiries and can be reached at (734) 222-6860.