

Transportation & Utilities Department

April 15, 2015

The Honorable Mayor and City Council
City of Portage
City Hall
7900 S. Westnedge Ave.
Portage, MI 49002

Dear Mayor and Council:

The Environmental Board's proposed goals for the coming year are as follows:

- Make a recommendation to City Council on single-stream recycling. Promote increased recycling in the City.
- Continue a program to control selected invasive plants (garlic mustard, purple loosestrife (PLS), and phragmites) on city-owned property including parks. This coming year, continue to improve the city's management of invasive plant species by performing at least 6-8 PLS beetle releases, conducting preliminary mapping of selected invasive plants in one park, and facilitating burning of the phragmites in the Consolidated Drain.
- Continue to work with the city to monitor and control the invasive thistle and weeds in the wet prairie restoration at the Celery Flats Water Treatment Plant.
- Investigate deer predation, to determine if controlling the deer population should be a priority for the City.

Please let me know if you have any questions, or need additional information.

Sincerely,

Ruth Caputo, Chair
Environmental Board