

PAW PAW LAKE ASSOCIATION HISTORY AND PERSPECTIVE

Paw Paw Lake – River Ventures was formed by lake property owners, both residential and commercial, in 1981. The original goals of the organization were:

1. Develop an environmental program to establish a flood control project designed to control flooding in the Paw Paw Lakes and the Paw Paw River flood plain in Coloma and Watervliet Townships.
2. Establish monitoring programs designed to promote clean water in the lakes and the adjacent river.
3. Establish a program to control aquatic weeds in Paw Paw lakes.
4. Participate in Michigan Department of Natural Resources fishery studies, and planting of sport fish in the Paw Paw lakes and river.
5. Promote tourism and help in expansion of local businesses.
6. Work with local and state governments as well as private organizations to develop recreational and public fishing areas, and work with local government and individuals to eliminate blight.

Paw Paw Lake – River Ventures was dissolved and Paw Paw Lake Association was established in 1995.

PPLA is an association of lake property owners that conducts and supports efforts to protect riparian rights and property values, maintain and improve the health of Paw Paw Lake and it's watershed, promotes safe recreation and use of the lake, and builds cooperation between lake property owners and the greater lake communities. PPLA provides a forum for members to address issues and determine appropriate actions that are in the interests of all property owners.