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## State names area leaders to study Northwestern plan

A 18-member citizen advisory committee has been appointed to work on a study of the proposed Northwestern Highway extension.

A 16-member technical advisory committee also will take part in the study.

John P. Woodford, department of state highways and transportation director, announced the appointments March 28.

Walker L. Coker, retired board chairman of Detroit Edison Co., will head the citizen advisory committee. He was recommended by the Southeastern Michigan Council of Governments.

**LOCAL MEMBERS** of the advisory committee are: Donna Lebow of Franklin, Wayland Blood of West Bloomfield, Mark Schlusiel of Southfield, Dean Hervert of Southfield representing the Southfield Chamber of Commerce, Edward Lane of Farmington Hills, executive director of Farmington Hills Chamber of Commerce, Charlie Peterson of Southfield, representing the Michigan Federation of Business and Professional Clubs, James Fanczy of Pontiac, representing the Greater West Bloomfield Chamber of Commerce.

Janet Lynn of West Bloomfield, member of the Citizens Council on Land Use, Research and Education, John Farnate of Southfield, Sheila Gately of West Bloomfield, member of Concerned Citizens of West Bloomfield, Ann Beattie of Orchard Lake, Frederick N. Doner of Franklin's Concerned Citizens, Jody Soreen of Farmington Hills, and Randolph J. Friedman of Southfield.

**AREA MEMBERS** of the Northwestern Highway Technical Advisory Committee are: William Foght, director, transportation and environmental concerns, Oakland County Road Commission, Philip Dondoro, deputy director, Oakland County Department of Planning and Physical Development, Frank Reynolds, director of planning, West Bloomfield Township, Ralph Magid, director of public service, City of Farmington Hills, Roger Smith, deputy director of public service, City of Southfield, William Wagoner, City of Berkley planner, and Bernard Isenberg, certified public accountant, Village of Franklin.

## DNR announces grants for clean lake project

Applications for \$15 million of nationwide "clean lake" grants are being accepted by the federal government from local units working on restoration and protection of inland lakes according to the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR).

"We'd like as many people as possible to know that these funds are available, although the grants (which must be matched) will be given to projects on a nationwide priority basis only," said Albert Massey, director of the state's inland lakes management program.

Massey said grant requirements are stringent. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, which administers the fund, announced that the priority list will show highest preference to projects for the reduction or prevention of polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs) in lake waters.

"High priorities will be made to projects aimed at reducing contaminants such as nitrogen, phosphorus and potassium in lakes," said Massey.

Current techniques include controls of storm water, farm and feedlot runoff, dredging and construction of sediment traps.

Massey said projects definitely not to be considered for funding include temporary improvement efforts, such as lake herbicide treatment and aquatic plant harvesting.

"The EPA indicates that clean lake funds will not be available for construction of 'point source' wastewater treatment facilities, since these projects are funded under a separate grant program," said Massey.

For more information, contact the Inland Lakes Management Unit, DNR, Mason Building, Lansing 489

## County drafts 1977 budget

Oakland County's proposed allocation budget for 1977 has been submitted to the finance committee of the County Board of Commissioners by County Executive Daniel T. Murphy.

The allocation budget, after approval by the Board of Commissioners, will be submitted to the County Tax Allocation Board for use in determining the county's share of the 15-mill general property tax.

The county's share is currently \$20 million. The remainder of the 15 mills is used to fund other governmental units.

Murphy said the total allocation budget of more than \$67 million represents an 11 per cent increase over the 1976 adopted budget. He said the present increase in allocation budgets does not have much meaning because it is too early in the year to make accurate estimates of revenues and costs for 1977.

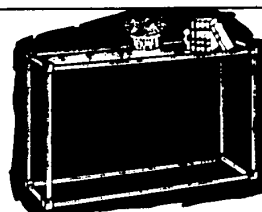
Nevertheless, Murphy said, the 11 per cent increase is far below the 18 per cent figure used in last year's allocation budget and is one of the smallest increases in the last decade for an allocation budget.

The county's fiscal year begins Jan. 1 and the actual budget for 1977 will not be adopted until late fall or early winter of this year.

## Republicans to hear 5 senate candidates

The Farmington Republican Club will host members of the Republican Clubs of Southfield, Livonia, Redford, Northville, Westland and Plymouth at a special meeting at 8 p.m. Wednesday in Bedford Inn, Grand River at Eight Mile.

The purpose of the meeting is to hear and evaluate Republican candidates for the U.S. Senate seat being vacated by Sen. Philip Hart. Scheduled to attend are: Thomas Brennan, Marvin Eich, Deane Baker, Louis Ingram and Robert Huber. Students and senior citizens especially are invited. Any senior citizen needing transportation, phone Barbara Bowman at 349-7189.



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