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## Asylum Lake Future To Be Discussed Here

State legislators are among those expected to attend a Wednesday night session at Kalamazoo City Hall on the future of Asylum Lake and the land nearby.

June Copeland of 1325 N. Church, speaking for Citizens For Asylum Lake, said State Sen. John Welborn and State Rep. Howard Wolpe are to attend the session.

Mrs. Copeland said the informal group favors keeping the lake and frontage, now owned by the Michigan Department of Mental Health, as much in its natural state as possible.

Wednesday's meeting in the commission chambers begins at 7 p.m.

Both Kalamazoo city and county parks officials have sought the lake and nearby woods for a park. Recently Kalamazoo State Hospital officials said they consider the land surplus, and Sen. Welborn has introduced a bill to permit leasing the property to local government for a park, at \$1 a year.

The state owns all the frontage on Asylum Lake — at points this only

goes back 20 feet from the shoreline — and about half on little Asylum Lake nearby.

Littering and motorcycles ripping up plant cover on the land are reportedly widespread and Mrs. Copeland said her group hopes the property can be fenced in the near future.

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