



Secord Lake Restoration Update – Dec 3, 2022



The sheet pile is nearing completion on the West side of Secord dam to the shore.

They will be disassembling the crane and moving it along with the other equipment to the East side of the dam.

They will place about 500 sheets of piling from the dam to Lake Shore Drive. These are interlocking pieces about 65 feet long by 31 inches wide. They can do this in the winter months.

Deliveries of the sheet piling are scheduled.

3 By 3 - - - Recall, to obtain required construction permits, 3 things need to be in place.

- 1) 100% Engineering with detailed construction and regulatory plans, **and**
- 2) Funding for construction, **and**
- 3) A flow of funding in place for long-term operations, repairs, and maintenance.

The required special assessment for operations, repairs and maintenance will appear on the December 2022 tax bill for properties in the special assessment district. This special assessment allows the restoration efforts for all 4 lakes to move forward. The Secord project has received final Permitting from the regulatory agencies.

With the Permit approved, the bidding process has begun. As this is a public contract, the normal process of government public bids will be followed. The FLTF plan is to award the Secord project in January 2023.

To obtain the regulatory agreement to fill Secord, at a high-level 3 things need to be completed:

- 1) The length of the Secord Dam earthen embankment needs to be strengthened, **and**
- 2) An appropriate auxiliary spillway needs to be constructed, **and**
- 3) The gates need to be upgraded.

The FLTF obtained agreement from EGLE for “pull ahead” projects at Secord. The installation of the rock and steel sheet piling is underway. Once completed, the rock and sheet piling will strengthen the embankment. These steel pieces are 65 feet in length and are being installed by construction engineers into the glacial till below the surface.



At this point, barring raw material or other unforeseen issues, the FLTF and their Engineers project the Secord Dam reconstruction improvements will be completed by spring 2024.

Due to the number of boat lifts; portable piers and other property that could be damaged by ice, the plan is to allow Mother Nature to fill Secord Lake with the Spring thaws / rains in 2024. This assumes the filling of the lake will meet the required Minimum Flow Requirements.

Secord is on schedule to be returned in 2024 – The Secord Lake Association is beginning to focus on what is needed over the next 18 months to prepare Secord to return. There is planning work underway on weed / tree control and removal. **We seek volunteers to help prepare the lake for its return.** You can learn more at [Secord Lake | Secord Lake Association | Restoring Secord](#)