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Be On the Look Out for a FLTF Mailing with Funding Update

Property owners will be receiving a mailing from the Four Lakes Task Force (FLTF). Due to an error in the initial mailing list, if you already received one, you can expect another one shortly. You can click on this link to read the letter now should you desire. [sad notice of public info sessions final.pdf \(four-lakes-taskforce-mi.com\)](#)

This letter is good news in the journey to return the lakes. It outlines the funding plan to restore the dam.

After \$2 Million of investments to stabilize Secord and Smallwood, the FLTF has submitted permits for Secord. Without permits, there is no construction. Without a funding plan, there is no permit approval. It's a "Catch 22" - - - but in the process to restore the lake, this is a good place to be.

The big piece is Construction funding (Capital Improvements). This is being pursued via grants from the State of Michigan. There is legislation passed by the Michigan Senate, currently in the House that can significantly reduce this funding burden from property owners. This legislation is still in process and is being tracked.

Regardless of how the restoration construction is financed, there will be annual operations and maintenance costs. In reading these materials, the intent of this letter is to inform property owners of this methodology and allow a process for us to learn more. The mailing contains 6 pages of detail including frequently asked questions and how to obtain more information. The annual cost of operations and maintenance to property owners has a range of \$95 to \$265 per year depending on the property.

Remember, without a funding plan, to cover both construction and on-going operations / maintenance, there is no permit approval for restoration. This letter is a positive step toward this objective.

This link will take you to the Secord Lake Association 2021 Year In Review - - it provides key updates and links to learn more. [cd86dd_570e7e8bc4f6454cabafaf3c0eeb16c0.pdf \(secordlakeassociation.org\)](#)

We are fortunate to have the volunteers from each lake that make up the FLTF Board. These people, along with others from the lake associations, townships, and county are working to restore the lakes. These volunteers work countless hours to work through the complexity and details needed to fix this issue for all of us.

Here are some links to documents / plans you may wish to review:

[2021 Year in Review - FOUR LAKES TASK FORCE \(four-lakes-taskforce-mi.com\)](#)

[restoration_path_forward_final_5.17.21.pdf \(four-lakes-taskforce-mi.com\)](#)

[Mailing & Jan. 25 Meeting \(mailerlite.com\)](#)

[Meeting recap & Sanford flood maps \(mailerlite.com\)](#)

For updates, please visit [FOUR LAKES TASK FORCE - Four Lakes Task Force \(four-lakes-taskforce-mi.com\)](#)

Please visit Secord Lake Association at www.secordlakeassociation.org for more on the efforts to restore Secord. You can sign up for email updates as they become available. ***We welcome our members to help focus our collective energy to restore Secord Lake.*** < END >