



2022 YEAR IN REVIEW

The Secord Lake Association (SLA) continues to focus on restoring Secord in 2024. In 2021 we partnered with the Four Lakes Task Force (FLTF) and the other lake associations to focus efforts to generate awareness and funding from elected officials via the RestoreTheLakes campaign. We began 2022 with optimism that the State of Michigan grant and other funding would become a reality in the New Year. We are grateful for the \$200 Million State of Michigan Grant for all 4 Lakes and the \$750,000 Federal grant for dam safety equipment on Secord and Smallwood. As we exit 2022 and look forward to the New Year, Secord Dam has achieved 100% engineering, the construction permits have been issued, pull ahead projects regarding the embankment are underway and a qualified bid has been awarded. Our Association is proud of the work of volunteers to make this a reality. Here is a recap of key events over the past year along with links to SLA updates published on the subject.

FEB	Funding plan to restore the dam outlined. Without the funding plan, to cover <i>both</i> construction and ongoing operations/maintenance, there is no permit approval for restoration. Read full update here
MAR	Senate Bill 565 in the Michigan House. Gladwin and Midland Board of Commissioners approved a plan that allows the projects to continue pending the passage of Senate Bill 565. Congressman John Moolenaar announces \$750,000 grant for Secord and Smallwood dams. Read full updates here and here
APR	Award of the \$200 Million State of MI grant to help fund the restoration of the 4 lakes. Every property owner in the Four Lakes Special Assessment District will have a lower cost than if they funded through lake-by-lake financing without state grants. Read full updates here and here
MAY & JUNE	Secord Lake Association held several informational sessions focusing on the restoration of Secord Lake. Focus was on how the grant will aid the timeline to restore Secord, how the grant will reduce the burden on property owners on all 4 lakes, along with the need for and timing of the special assessment.
JUNE	Additional learning of how the Tittabawassee Water System is viewed as a connected waterway and that each dam is reliant on the other to operate properly and safely. Midland and Gladwin counties will be assessed an “at large assessment” for dam maintenance and operations. Additional grants are being sought to cover costs which are not covered by the \$200 million grant. Read full update here
JULY	Gladwin and Midland County Commissions approve both the construction budget and the operations/maintenance assessment. Secord Lake is on schedule to be returned in 2024. Restore The Lakes campaign played an integral role in securing the \$200 million grant from the State of Michigan. Read full update here
AUG	Secord Dam engineering reached 90% reconstruction design milestone. EGLE moves key permit forward for Secord dam. Read full update here



SEPT	Weed control efforts continued with the spraying by PLM to the areas around the sandbars. Homeowners are responsible to cut from their shoreline or seawall out 40 feet. Read full update here
OCT	Members of the Secord Lake Association attended the Engineering and Technical Symposium hosted by the FLTF. Secord is on schedule to be returned in 2024. Read full update here
NOV	FLTF receives EGLE permit for the Secord Dam project. Agreement from EGLE was also obtained for several pull-ahead projects. Read full update here
DEC	Lake property owners will see the annual Maintenance and Operations special assessment on their winter tax bill. Read full update here FLTF awards construction contract for Secord and Smallwood dams. Read the full Secord Lake Restoration Update here Several very successful fundraising events took place in 2022. We were very pleased to report a total of over \$19,000 was raised which will help directly with the weed & tree control efforts on Secord Lake! Read all about the events here

The FLTF, the Counties and our Association has accomplished a lot in a relatively short time. As we look forward, the Secord Lake Association has an initiative called **Retake Our Lake**. This volunteer initiative is focused on preparing the 69 miles of shoreline and 1100 acres of Secord Lake to receive water in 2024. This is a volunteer effort, and we seek help. You do not need to be a member to volunteer. To learn more please visit <https://www.secordlakeassociation.org/restoring-secord>