



SECORD LAKE ASSOCIATION

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As we begin December, here is a summary to address questions regarding the status of Secord:

The FLTF continues to actively work on Secord dam. This link will take you to a detailed progress update complete with a project list and timeline for key milestones. [Secord Dam - FOUR LAKES TASK FORCE \(four-lakes-taskforce-mi.com\)](http://four-lakes-taskforce-mi.com)

As of November 12th, everything was on schedule for Secord. For Secord, the 60% engineering plan is on schedule to be submitted by the end of year as planned, with the 90% plan due the end of March 2022 and final engineering for Secord scheduled for completion by June 2022. The detailed engineering work continues.

You can review the plans for the other lakes. You will read that Secord and Smallwood are planned to be brought back prior to Wixom and Sanford. The current work being done on the southern lakes has to do with making those dams stable. Regarding Wixom, the current work underway is designed to return the original flow of the river.

While engineering work and other studies are underway, there are things as a lake community we are waiting for.

While the interim **Independent Forensic Team Report** (appointed by FERC) has been issued, the final report is pending. Regulators need this report to gain a complete understanding of the failure so the pending dam safety legislation can consider the findings. As this is an independent group of engineers, there is no influence we can use to move this report along. https://www.four-lakes-taskforce-mi.com/uploads/1/2/3/1/123199575/investigation_failures_edenville-sanford_interim_report_sept2021_final.pdf

The other outstanding issue people are following is the funding. **The Michigan Senate on Thursday (12/2) unanimously approved \$3.3 billion in water infrastructure spending to replace lead pipes and repair aging dams** around the state while also sending money to a Detroit-area system that has struggled with flooding blamed on climate change.

[Michigan Senate Approves \\$3.3B Water Infrastructure Bill | Michigan News | US News](#)

“More than one-third of the lending for dams is set aside for a task force that oversees dams and lakes in Midland and Gladwin counties, where a “500-year” flood resulted in the failure of two dams and caused hundreds of millions of dollars in damage to property.”

In terms of next steps - - The funding bill now advances to the MI House for the same consideration. Once approved in the House, the bill is sent to the Governor for her approval / signature. We are monitoring this closely.

It is difficult for the FLTF to address the issue of the annual assessment without understanding the potential financial support from the state of Michigan. **There will be a quarterly meeting of the FLTF on December 7th at the Secord Township Hall from 5 – 7 PM.** *Please note there is a capacity limit at the Secord Township Hall of 100 participants.* **There is also an online FLTF informational session scheduled for December 6th from 5-7 PM.** More details can be obtained at this link. [Meetings - FOUR LAKES TASK FORCE \(four-lakes-taskforce-mi.com\)](http://four-lakes-taskforce-mi.com)

We realize this overview contains several links to more information. This is a complicated project, and we try to address the questions received. We hope this helps address questions and provides confidence as work continues for Secord. We will continue to monitor and update as we learn more. Please visit <https://www.four-lakes-taskforce-mi.com/> or www.SecordLakeAssociation.org for additional information.

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