



Secord Lake Restoration Update – July 26,2022

A key milestone was reached on July 12th when the Counties approved both the construction budget and the operations / maintenance assessment. With these pieces in place, complemented by the \$200 Million Grant, **the construction phase for Secord moves forward** (funding is required to obtain many essential permits).

Secord Gate Closure - FLTF is closing one of the two gates at Secord Dam on a temporary basis for work on the low-level intake structure. The lake is not being refilled and little change in Secord Lake level is expected. This gate will be closed for periods of time over the next several weeks while stop-logs are installed to enable work to be completed safely. The gate will be returned to its fully opened position after the work. **This work is for inspection and the beginning of upgrades for the restoration, which are planned to start later this year.** The gate will tentatively close early morning on Wednesday, July 27th.

Secord Engineering / Permitting Update - Secord Dam engineering has reached the 90% reconstruction design milestone and is quickly progressing to 100%. A couple of pull ahead projects are planned for this fall to get a jump start on final reconstruction (low-level outlet and the embankment cut off wall). **FLTF expects construction on those two projects to begin later this summer/early fall.** Tree clearing for construction and powerline rerouting is also expected to occur later this summer.

With the funding plan approved, permits have been applied for and are expected to be returned later this summer.

Secord is on schedule to be returned in 2024 - The FLTF is committed to summer 2024 assuming no unforeseen delays.

The Secord Lake Association advocates for our lake while providing timely information to members and the Secord Lake community via the web site, emails, Facebook posting and monthly meetings. We recently completed 7 Secord Specific Town Hall meetings over several weeks in May / June where we covered a lot of detail and answered questions. The materials and meetings are available to all. New members welcomed as we can do more together!

At this point we are 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](#)

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We thank everyone from all 4 Lake Associations who volunteered and wrote letters during the campaign that helped secure the \$200 Million Grant from the State of MI. We continue to use our relationships to seek additional financial support to help reduce costs for property owners and the counties. We recently meet with Annette Glenn to thank her for her sponsorship of the legislation for the Michigan Grant and to seek insight on additional areas to explore for more funding as we move forward.



Joel Vernier, Secord Township Supervisor, Karen Moore, Chair Gladwin County Board of Commissioners, Annette Glenn, Jeff Sorensen, Secord Lake Association