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## ***Funding Update and Opportunities to Learn More!***

With the approval of the funding to help rebuild the dams, there is heightened excitement to learn more.

To summarize the recent funding announced:

- A Federal Grant for **\$750,000** to install required dam safety equipment at the Secord and Smallwood dams. <https://preview.mailerlite.com/b0z3v8v7j8>
- State of MI Grant for **\$200 MILLION** to assist all property owners to repair and rebuild the 4 dams. [State Grant Approved by House & Senate \(mailerlite.com\)](#)

In addition to the \$200 million state grant for the Four Lakes restoration, **\$15 million** was appropriated (to EGLE) for department resources and expenses related to permitting, inspection, review and consultation for projects associated with flooding and dam management related to the dam failure in May 2020.

Here are opportunities in April to learn more about the process to RestoreTheLakes:

- **FLTF ENGINEERS Preliminary Days of Review - - April 19 and 20, 2022:** The in-person preliminary Days of Review will continue on April 19 (Jerome Township Hall – 9am – 4pm) and **April 20 (Secord Township Hall – 4:30pm – 9:30pm)**. FLTF encourages you to attend and review your property with the FLTF team working on the SAD. The maintenance & operations assessment methodology will be applied using the property tax records as provided to FLTF from each county and will be formally adopted at the Four Lakes Special Assessment Hearing in June of 2022. (NOTE: The wait times tend to be longer at the beginning of the session due to attendance).

**FLTF SURVEY IN MAILBOXES WEEK OF APRIL 11<sup>TH</sup>** - In January 2021, property owners received a survey that sought to better understand how the 2020 dam failures impacted them and to gauge property owners' willingness to pay an assessment to rebuild the dams. There has been significant progress towards stabilizing and rebuilding the dams, including securing \$200 million in state funding to pay for a substantial portion of the rebuilding costs. A new survey is in the mail that is designed to gauge if property owner opinions have changed over the past year.

To learn more please visit: [Upcoming Important Special Assessment Dates - FOUR LAKES TASK FORCE \(four-lakes-taskforce-mi.com\)](https://www.four-lakes-taskforce-mi.com)

Please visit Secord Lake Association at [www.secordlakeassociation.org](http://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.***

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