



## NEWS YOU CAN USE – 10,000!!



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This past Saturday's Secord Lake Association meeting saw the number 10,000 to mark two milestones!

**\$10,000** - - Thanks to the successful fundraising generated through the support of members and the lake community, the Secord Lake Association members and board of directors in attendance overwhelmingly agreed to **donate \$10,000 to the FLTF Secord Only Restoration Fund**. As a voluntary organization we are pleased to provide this financial support to help restore our lake. Thank you to the many volunteers and supporters for making this possible. ***This is our second contribution in the past 9 months bringing our total to \$15,000.***

**Secord Dam** - - An update was provided that mirrored the recap provided by the FLTF this past Wednesday. The FLTF will be creating a "check list" of all the items needed to restore each individual dam. We realize people like the News You Can Use updates, but sometime there is more information than we can condense. If you have not listened to the recent FLTF update, we encourage you to visit [Registration \(gotowebinar.com\)](https://gotowebinar.com). The webinar is very informative, and you can listen to it at your convenience.

**Elections** - - We held our elections for the next year. Continuing in their board roles are Tami Johanson and Gregory Scharf. Joining the board is Jenny Combs. We appreciate all the Secord Lake volunteers! Thank you!!

**RestoreTheLakes** - - The campaign goal is to reduce the capital improvements special assessment by securing state and federal funds. There is bipartisan legislation introduced in both the Michigan House and Senate to provide \$500 Million for Dam Repairs and Restoration. This legislation includes significant funding for the Four Lakes Task Force (FLTF) plan to restore the lakes. **We support the request of the FLTF for \$225 Million from this fund to help rebuild and replace the Sanford, Wixom, Smallwood, and Secord dams.**

**RestoreTheLakes 10,000 Hard Copy Letters** - - The initiative reached a milestone at this meeting. The Secord Lake Association sponsored another "live" letter writing event to send letters to key legislators. While we know most people send emails to elected official, we do not have a count on the emails and letters sent by individuals. We do count the hard copy letters provided and signed at these "live" events. **We exceeded 10,000 hard copy mailed letters at this meeting.** These letters were generated with support of the Secord Lake Association and the Sanford Lake Association. With all 4 Lakes participating we look forward to quickly reaching the next milestone with your continued help and support.

**How Can You Help?** - - You can email / write elected officials to express your support for this legislation. This grass roots effort, started here on Secord, is designed to make letter writing easy. A website contains everything you need -- who to contact, email addresses, key points for your letter. There are sample letters as well for your review.

[www.RestoreTheLakes.org](http://www.RestoreTheLakes.org)

**Golf Fundraiser** - - Since we mentioned fundraising at the top of this update, please mark your calendar for September 25<sup>th</sup> for the **SECORD LAKE FUNDRAISER GOLF SCRAMBLE**. You can sign up to golf or just join us for a fun dinner and evening afterward. To learn more [CLICK HERE](#)

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 new members to help focus our collective energy to restore Secord Lake.***

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