



# Secord Retake Our Lake – THE FINAL COUNTDOWN

August 1, 2026

With Secord scheduled to begin to fill to summer lake level in April 2027, we have less than 9 months to prepare Secord to accept full water. While this may seem like a long time, it will pass quickly.

Aug 2026   Sept 2026   Oct 2026   Nov 2026   Dec 2026   Jan 2027   Feb 2027   Mar 2027

Here is our proposed path forward:

## PROPERTY OWNERS

- 1) **Property Owners get ready for summer level.** Please prepare your property for summer legal lake level for this coming Spring. Complete the clean up of your shore, lakebed and surrounding areas. The [Secord Lake Association Restoration Plan](#) provides information of what you can do.
- 2) **Help your neighbors as we are all in this together.** If you need assistance, please contact the **Secord Lake Association Helping Hands Team** at [SecordLakeAssociation@gmail.com](mailto:SecordLakeAssociation@gmail.com)
- 3) **Remember anything that can float should be removed from the lakebed.**
- 4) This Fall, **remove** temporary piers, docks and anything on the lakebed. **If you marked stumps, remove the marker(s).**
- 5) **If you have a hoist, lift or pier now is the time to repair, stabilize and secure your property to reduce the likelihood of it floating away during higher Spring lake levels.** Move boats, paddle boats, canoes, kayaks to **higher ground**. Remember, this Spring the lake will fill to summer level and it may happen quickly.



## PUBLIC GATHERING AREAS AND BOATING LANES

For the past five years, lake association volunteers have coordinated with Secord Township to manage nuisance trees on public gathering areas (the sand bars) and boating lanes within the township. Thank you to Secord Township! A shout out to the family and friends that have maintained the Main Sandbar for several years. There are plans in place to address additional boating lanes and public gathering locations before March 2027. Some of these areas are conducive to cutting when the lakebed is frozen.

If there is a boating lane you believe needs attention, please contact us at [SecordLakeAssociation@gmail.com](mailto:SecordLakeAssociation@gmail.com) to share your observation. We will follow up with you.

## SPRING FLOATERS

We experienced floating debris with high water this past Spring and expect more “floaters” during fill this coming Spring. If all property owners pitch in by removing anything that can float from the area in front of their lakefront, that will help tremendously. Please remove temporary docks / piers installed for the drawdown level by this Fall. Please secure docks, piers, lifts, hoists, canoes, boats, paddle boats, kayaks to reduce the likelihood of these items becoming “floaters”.

While there will be a safety boom to capture and FLTF will remove debris at the dam, we seek a more proactive approach due to the complexity and size of Secord Lake.

There is a cross functional team comprised of each of the Secord Lake townships, Gladwin County, FLTF, Secord Lake Association and local subject matter experts developing a plan to address “floaters” this coming Spring. The idea is simple → Identify and locate them; Safely remove them from the water and /or secure to shore; properly dispose of them.

We will be relying on volunteers across Secord Lake to help in this endeavor. More details to come as plans are finalized.

## SAFETY

As we all look ahead to summer lake levels, a couple thoughts regarding safety. The SLOW ROLL concept was widely adopted at Secord to help reduce shoreline erosion during the drawdown and for safety reasons should a stump be bumped. This Spring SLOW ROLL may be appropriate as there will be debris and “floaters”.

Speaking of “floaters” . . . should you spot one, please try to secure it to shore to keep it from floating to do damage to piers, lifts, hoists or boats. Use a rope to drag it to shore and secure to shore. If you can get some friends to help remove it, a camp fire may be its final resting spot. If you need help to remove it, please contact us [SecordLakeAssociation@gmail.com](mailto:SecordLakeAssociation@gmail.com) We will connect with you to learn more.



Remember those nuisance trees? While we all did our best to cut them off, there may be unsuspecting stubs under the water. A sturdy water shoe with a thick sole for wading near your place or the sandbars may become a must have item for children and adults.



If you have questions, you can drop us a line at [SecordLakeAssociation@gmail.com](mailto:SecordLakeAssociation@gmail.com)

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