

Previously Collected Lake Weed Special Assessment Funds

Plan and Estimated Project Costs

Public Hearing by Zoom on 8/20/2020

- The Lake Weed Special Assessment has already been set to \$0 on the December 2020 taxes for every parcel of property in the Special Assessment District (Front and Back Lots).
- There is approximately \$149,000 that has been previously collected for the treatment of weeds in the northern portion of Sanford Lake.
- The purpose of the Public Hearing is to seek feedback regarding the use of previously collected funds for erosion control projects around Sanford Lake and/or weed and tree control in the lake bed. These funds would be spent in the next 4 years prior to getting the lakes back.
- The Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) is a division of USDA. One of their charters is to issue grants for erosion control projects. These grants require a 25% local match.
- The lake weed funds could be used as a source for the local matching money for erosion control projects.
- Erosion control requests come in from the public. This info is uploaded to the NRCS database. NRCS inspectors visit and evaluate sites. The final decision on which projects get funded will be made by the NRCS.
- Weed and tree control has become a much bigger issue in the past several weeks. Large amounts of poplar trees are now growing in the lake bed. Left unchecked these trees will be 15 feet high in the next 5 years and will threaten boat traffic when the lake returns.
- The estimated cost for erosion and weed/tree control measures over the next several years exceeds \$20 million.
- The estimated amount that would come from the previously collected Lake Weed Special Assessment is \$149,000.