



Four Lakes Task Force

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To: Edenville Township Supervisor

From: Four Lakes Task Force

RE: At-Large Operations Assessment

As you are aware, Four Lakes Task Force has been through a comprehensive process to identify a fair assessment methodology for Operations and Maintenance of the Secord, Smallwood, Edenville and Sanford dams. This process will occur to establish the final number in 2022.

The lakes do provide benefit to townships in the District, and FLTF determined that is appropriate, and in fact common in the state, to assess these type of entities for the operations of the lakes. Therefore, part of this process involves enacting an at-large assessment for Midland and Gladwin counties, the Townships and the Village of Sanford related to the Special Assessment District. We appreciate the feedback we have received from the meetings and correspondence we have had with most of the townships.

For the 2021 to 2024 Operations and Maintenance of the Lakes, an at-large assessment of 3% of the total assessment, will be assigned to the nine townships and the Village of Sanford, as part of the assessment roll being developed. The total will be split proportionally based on the sum of parcels and their benefit factors which benefit from the lakes within the townships and Village. This amount could range between \$700 to \$9,000/year range for most entities. Generally, entities with the most parcels within the SAD are paying a higher assessment than those with fewer parcels.

Edenville Township's current assessment is estimated to be between \$4600 and \$6000. While we recognize this is may be a challenge to absorb in your Administrative Budget. We have reduced this significantly from the first pass of the methodology, and you are not being included in the capital assessments.

This assessment will take effect in Winter 2022. The Townships, just as the Property Owners, have a right to challenge this in a day of hearing, and if approved by the county, may appeal this decision.

On April 6th, there will be a Community Information Session. We plan to communicate this proposal at those meetings. You may direct your questions or comments to FLTF Controller Kayla Stryker at kaylas@fourlakes taskforce.org, or myself.

Again, this is the beginning of a process, and part of our working with the community to fund the long-term sustainability of the lakes.

Sincerely,

Dave Kepler

President

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