ROSS LAKE IMPROVEMENT BOARD

NOTICE OF RECONVENED PUBLIC HEARING OF PRACTICABILITY AND PUBLIC HEARING OF ASSESSMENT

GLADWIN COUNTY, MICHIGAN

Update on Project

The Ross Lake Improvement Board (the "Board") held an initial public meeting on August 27, 2026, to consider a proposed lake improvement project on Ross Lake ("Project") consisting of aquatic plant control and other related activities. Although the Board only intends to include direct access (waterfront or closest parcel to the water) parcels within the final special assessment district boundaries for the Project, several backlot parcels were mailed notice of the August 27 hearing.

To ensure that the appropriate parcels are included in the special assessment district and corresponding special assessment roll for the Project, the Board adjourned the August 27 public hearing of practicability. The Board has reviewed and updated the proposed special assessment district and corresponding proposed special assessment roll for the Project to remove backlot parcels and will hold a second public meeting, including a reconvened public hearing of practicability and a public hearing of assessment, on **September 30, 2026**, as described below.

Notice of Public Hearings

TAKE NOTICE that the Board will hold a public meeting with public hearings on the proposed Project for Ross Lake on **September 30, 2026 at 5:30 PM at the Beaverton Elementary School Gymnasium, 440 South Ross Street, Beaverton, MI 48612.** The purpose of the public hearings is to: (1) consider the practicability of the proposed Project on Ross Lake for aquatic plant control and other related activities (including, but not limited to, lake management consulting, a feasibility study (for the year 2027 only), project administration, and contingencies); and (2) consider a corresponding special assessment roll for the Project.

TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that a proposed special assessment roll for the Project has been prepared and is on file at the Office of the Gladwin County Drain Commissioner (555 West Cedar Avenue, Suite C, Gladwin, MI 48624). The special assessment roll and associated Project documents are available for public examination during ordinary business hours, at the meeting, or upon reasonable request to the Office of the Gladwin County Drain Commissioner using the telephone number below. **For most parcels, proposed special assessments are estimated to be $764.21 in 2026 and $541.73 annually from 2027-2030.** (The proposed special assessments will be used to fund Project activities in the years 2027-2031.)

TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that pursuant to Part 309 of the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act, the Board will hold a reconvened hearing of practicability to determine the practicability of the Project. If the Project is found practicable, the Board will hold a hearing of assessment immediately following the aforementioned hearing of practicability at the same meeting for the purpose of reviewing the special assessment roll and for hearing any objections thereto.

TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that appearance and protest at the assessment hearing is required to appeal any special assessment. Property owners and those concerned may attend the public hearings and offer comment. **Any person or entity objecting to the assessment roll may attend the public hearings and/or file his or her objection and protest in writing with the Board by letter addressed to the Ross Lake Improvement Board at 555 West Cedar Avenue, Suite C, Gladwin, MI 48624**. Protest letters received by the Board by no later than the assessment hearing shall be given the same effect as attendance and protest at the assessment hearing. The Board shall maintain a record of parties who appear to protest at the hearings. If the hearings are terminated or adjourned before a party is provided the opportunity to be heard, a party whose appearance was recorded shall be considered to have protested the special assessment in person. Both hearings may be adjourned from time-to-time without further notice.

TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the owner of or any party with interest in real property within the Ross Lake Special Assessment District who, having protested said special assessment either in person or in writing, may, within thirty (30) days after the confirmation of the special assessment roll has been published in a newspaper of general circulation, appeal such special assessment to the Michigan Tax Tribunal or other court of competent jurisdiction. Please review MCL 211.746 and MCL 324.30913 regarding special assessment appeals.

Persons with disabilities or otherwise needing accommodations for effective participation in the meeting should contact the Office of the Gladwin County Drain Commissioner at **(989) 426-7561** or through the Michigan Relay Center at 7-1-1 (TDD) at least 24 hours in advance of the meeting to request mobility, visual, hearing, or other assistance.

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