

FOREST LAKE DAM SPILLWAY UPDATE

July 13, 2020

Updated information regarding the spillway is as follows:

- On July 10, 2020 the FLPOA Board met with the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service regarding our application for financial assistance under the Emergency Watershed Protection (EWP) Program. Representatives from the Arenac County Board of Commissioners, State of Michigan EGLE Dam Safety Unit and our consulting engineer, Lapham Associates, were also in attendance. The next steps required for USDA/EGLE evaluation of the project were reviewed in order that all parties understood their responsibilities and the required timeline. A preliminary design concept for replacement of the spillway, and related cost opinion, are scheduled to be delivered to USDA for review in approximately two weeks.
- Some FLPOA Board members will be meeting with FEMA representatives in the near future to explore other funding options for the spillway project and possibly for lake dredging. Other funding options are also being investigated.
- Soils investigation work by our consulting engineer is complete and completion of the soils report is anticipated this week. If the report indicates that the embankment soil conditions are acceptable the dam road will be reopened to traffic with speed, parking and load limit restrictions. A schedule for reopening the road is not available at this time.
- The engineer is scheduled to start a topographical survey of the spillway area this week.
- The lake will remain at the current level for the remainder of the summer season. Watercraft with motors are not allowed except for dock/seawall repair contractors that have temporary permission from the Board to launch their equipment.

Forest Lake Property Owners Association Board of Directors