



## FOREST LAKE *Lake Level*

### Lake Level Special Assessment District

- Arenac County is in the process of establishing boundaries of a **lake level special assessment district** for Forest Lake
- A special assessment district will provide a consistent funding mechanism to help ensure Forest Lake can be maintained at its **legally established level**
- Boundaries of the proposed special assessment district will include properties **with private legal access** to the lake (lakefront, deeded, platted, etc.)
- **Your property is currently under consideration for inclusion** in the special assessment district
- Throughout Michigan, **almost every lake** that has a legally established lake level has a corresponding special assessment district

### Learn More

- The public is invited to attend a webinar where representatives for the lake level project will present information about the project and special assessment district and will be available to answer questions:

Register by going to <https://bit.ly/ForestLake-webinar-713>

or scanning the QR code

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- Visit [forestlakelevel.com](https://forestlakelevel.com) to learn more about the lake level project and to view a copy of the presentation after the webinar takes place
- Contact us with questions by emailing [forestlakelevel@gmail.com](mailto:forestlakelevel@gmail.com) or leaving a voicemail at 989-318-4241

# FAQs

## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS ABOUT FOREST LAKE RESTORATION PROJECT

### ***Who is responsible for maintaining the legal lake levels of Forest Lake?***

Arenac County has the responsibility to maintain the established legal lake levels of Forest Lake under state law. The original legal lake level for Forest Lake was set in 1967 by the Arenac County Circuit Court. The Arenac County Board of Commissioners has named the Forest Lake Level Authority Board as the delegated authority to maintain the lake levels on behalf of the County.

### ***Why does Arenac County need an easement for the dam?***

Because the Lake Level Authority Board (on behalf of Arenac County) is responsible for maintaining the lake levels, it is also technically responsible for maintaining lake level infrastructure including the dam. Accordingly, it is necessary to memorialize that the County can access the dam for limited reasons, including but not limited to, required maintenance, operations, and inspections as well as to construct the restoration project.

### ***Will an easement for the dam allow the public to use the dam as a park?***

No. The intent of the County obtaining an easement is to set clear expectations between the FLPOA and the County of how the County can access the dam for activities necessary for lake level maintenance. The County has no intent to try to obtain an easement to open the lands by the dam up for public access.

### ***What is necessary in Court for the Forest Lake Level Restoration Project?***

The Lake Level Authority Board on behalf of the County will need to amend the order in the Arenac County Circuit Court to properly establish the boundaries of a lake level special assessment district and to ensure that the order provides the correct elevations of the legally established lake levels.

### ***How will the Lake Level Authority Board plan to work with the FLPOA on this project?***

The Forest Lake Restoration Project will require significant infrastructure repairs/improvements. FLPOA and the FLLAB are working together to ensure proper use of grant funds to offset potential assessments to property owners for the project, among other cooperative tasks.

### ***How can I get more information as the project progresses?***

In an effort to promote full transparency, the Lake Level Authority Board authorized creation of a website to inform stakeholders here: <https://www.forestlakelevel.com/>. Interested persons may also call **989-318-4241** or e-mail [forestlakelevel@gmail.com](mailto:forestlakelevel@gmail.com).