

FLPOA Board of Directors Report
Spillway Project Update
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[FLPOA Members: My apologies for not getting this update posted. I shared this report with the Board at the beginning of the month and my intention was to share it the following day. Many phone calls, emails and meetings followed, and I never circled back to get this posted. Please be assured we are constantly working on this project and we will do a better job with keeping you updated - Dan]

On December 7th the FLPOA received a phone call from Spicer Group indicating that GEI has completed their preliminary peer review of the Lapham Associates spillway design. GEI is recommending revisions to the current design in order to address the remaining EGLE issues. The report was disappointing but not completely unexpected, as there have been several correction requests issued by EGLE during the past two years in connection with our efforts to complete repairs. Spicer Group did report that the design documents, and supplemental information, submitted by Lapham is extensive and will be valuable in our efforts to achieve a workable design. Our plan going forward is as follows:

1. FLPOA will review the proposed design revisions with Lapham Associates and determine if they have sufficient qualified staff available to complete the proposed revisions in a timely fashion. In addition, the FLPOA Board has requested a proposal from Spicer Group to revise the design and we expect to receive their feedback on costs and timing next week;
2. After receiving the GEI report, we had conversations with USDA-NCRS and EGLE and both organizations were receptive to our proposed course of action;
3. We intend to request that USDA cover the additional Spicer/Lapham engineering costs under the Technical Assistance portion of our existing grant which provides 100% funding for eligible costs;
4. We continue to have a permit request for demolition and site balancing during the winter months on hold with EGLE pending additional information;
5. We have asked Spicer Group to work with GEI and Fisher Contracting to determine the costs/benefits of a phased approach noted in #4 or if it is more beneficial to focus on a full permit;
6. The FLPOA Board will meet on December 10th to review the current status of the project and refine our action plan as needed.