



## Secord Lake Association MEMBER Grant Program for Lake Improvement Permits

Questions: SecordLakeAssociation@gmail.com

We are pleased to offer a program to Secord Lake Association MEMBERS where a grant of \$50 is available to help with permitting costs for individual lake improvement projects. This program is limited to 100 Member grants and began on July 15, 2023.

These projects may include adding sand to the lake bottom; dredging; sea wall repair / build; private boat ramps or other projects where a permit from EGLE and / or other regulatory agencies is required. Page two contains some common FAQ's regarding permits.

### Requirements:

- 1) Be a MEMBER of the Secord Lake Association.
- 2) Secure the permit.
- 3) Complete the work.
- 4) Take Before and After photos of your project.

### How to apply for the \$50 grant:

Come to a Secord Lake Association meeting, with the form below, provide a copy of the permit and before / after photos. You can also email the same information to [SecordLakeAssociation@gmail.com](mailto:SecordLakeAssociation@gmail.com) The Retake Our Lake committee will review the request, if all the requirements are met, the Secord Lake Association will issue a check for \$50 to the Member.

### What if I am not a Member now?

This program is available to Members of the Secord Lake Association with dues paid for the timeframe. Should someone want to join the Association with a 2-year commitment (\$25 / yr x 2 = \$50) the individual can qualify. You can learn more at [www.secordlakeassociation.org/membership](http://www.secordlakeassociation.org/membership)

## Secord Lake Association MEMBER Grant Request Form (please print clearly)

MEMBER Name \_\_\_\_\_

MEMBER Address \_\_\_\_\_

MEMBER Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

MEMBER Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

Please provide a copy of the permit and before / after photos. Do you give the Secord Lake Association your permission to use the photos in Association publications or materials? YES \_\_\_\_\_

No Thank you \_\_\_\_\_

## EGLE Permitting FAQ's

As a service to SLA MEMBERS, if you seek coaching on how to proceed, send an email us, a member of our Retake Our Lakes Team will contact you - - [SecordLakeAssociation@gmail.com](mailto:SecordLakeAssociation@gmail.com)

An option is a Pre-Application Meeting with our local EGLE representative to solicit input on the project, what can be done and suggested next steps. We can help you with this process if you'd like.

[Pre-application Meeting - Wetlands and Inland Lakes and Streams \(michigan.gov\)](#)

Most lake bottom projects require a permit from EGLE and perhaps other agencies. Please check with your service provider for details or you can use the following resources to learn more.

[EGLE Permits \(michigan.gov\)](#)

[Do I Need a Land and Water Interface Permit decision tree \(michigan.gov\)](#)

In simple terms, any disruption to the lakebed soil or shoreline may need a permit from EGLE and/or other agencies.

Here is a schedule of fees for various permits. We encourage you to seek guidance from EGLE for details regarding your specific project. [JPA Fee Schedule \(michigan.gov\)](#)

### **Adding Sand to a beach area**

[DEQ Swim-Fills-Beach-Sanding=Handout 06.08.2023.pdf](#)

If the Sand is to be added on the shoreline, above the historic water level on the shoreline at full lake level, no permit is required.

If the sand is to be added to a swimming area on the lakebed, a permit is required. If a property owner follows the guidelines provided in the link above, the EGLE permit should qualify as a minor permit with a cost of \$100. If the lakebed area for sand placement exceeds the guidelines outlined in the DEQ Swim Fills Beach Sanding Handout link above, this may be a major permit with an estimated cost of \$500. Please consult EGLE for specific permit fees.

### **Dredging -- What about dredging of the lake bottom? Who do I contact to learn more about permits?**

Lake bottom dredging is covered by EGLE and requires permits. [Dredging Projects \(michigan.gov\)](#)

A good place to start is the Gladwin Drain Commission. While they do not have authority to issue permits, they are a great resource. Terry Walter (Drain Commissioner) and Lucy Zeestraten (Deputy Drain Commissioner) can be reached at 983-426-7561 with their office at 555 W. Cedar Ave in Gladwin. Hours M-F 8:30 to 4:00. When reaching out to them, please have specific location information.

Regarding EGLE permitting, Lucy and her husband live here on Secord. They live on a cut. They just went through the process with EGLE to get a permit to dredge as they want to be able to have boat clearance when the water returns. She mentioned the permitting for their project is around \$500. The permitting fees are based on the project and how much soil needs to be removed. She can be a wonderful resource to anyone seeking to obtain an EGLE permit. You can reach Lucy at the Gladwin Drain Commission office or [zeestraten@gladwincounty-mi.gov](mailto:zeestraten@gladwincounty-mi.gov)

### **Sea Walls**

Your service provider will be able to answer your questions based on your project.

### **Private Boat Ramps**

In reviewing materials from EGLE, there are requirements to repair an existing launch that are relatively straight forward. For more extensive launch expansion, the requirements are more complex. We can help point you in the right direction.

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