



Secord Lake Restoration Update – August 6, 2022



Secord Gate Closure - FLTF is closing one of the two gates at Secord Dam on a temporary basis for work on the low-level intake structure. The lake is not being refilled and little change in Secord Lake level is expected. This gate will be closed for periods of time over the next several weeks while stop-logs are installed to enable work to be completed safely. The gate will be returned to its fully opened position after the work.

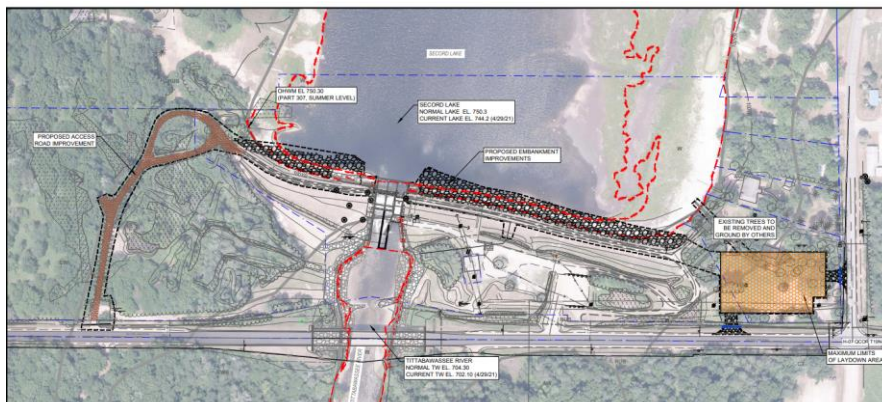
This work is for inspection and the beginning of upgrades for the restoration, which are planned to start later this year.

The gate closed early morning on Wednesday, July 27th.

Secord Engineering / Permitting Update - Secord Dam engineering has reached the 90% reconstruction design milestone and is quickly progressing to 100%. A couple of pull ahead projects are planned for this fall to get a jump start on final reconstruction (low-level outlet and the embankment cut off wall). **FLTF expects construction on those two projects to begin later this summer/early fall.** Tree clearing for construction and powerline rerouting is also expected to occur later this summer.

EGLE moves key permit forward for Secord Dam

This permit application is for a pull ahead project for the restoration of Secord Dam and is specific to the installation of a steel sheet pile (SSP) cutoff wall through the right and left embankments. The installation of the SSP will require the construction of a temporary access ramp, a temporary access drive and a temporary 24" CMP culvert. The ramp, access drive and culvert will remain in place for the duration of the project and will be removed prior to project completion. Portions of the riprap access ramp will remain in place as riprap stabilization along the upstream length of the embankment.



To learn more:

[Public Notice - Details - MiWaters \(state.mi.us\)](https://www.miwaters.state.mi.us/public-notice/details)

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Secord is on schedule to be returned in 2024 - The FLTF is committed to summer 2024 assuming no unforeseen delays. At this point we are beginning to focus on what is needed over the next 18 months to prepare Secord to return. There is planning work underway on weed / tree control and removal. **We seek volunteers to help prepare the lake for its return.** You can learn more at [Secord Lake](https://www.secordlake.org) | [Secord Lake Association](https://www.secordlake.org/association) | [Restoring Secord](https://www.secordlake.org/restoring-secord)

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