

FAQs

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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS about the Cedar Lake Level Hearing to Amend the Established Lake Level

Why am I receiving this notice?

You are receiving this notice because you own lands within the Special Assessment District for Cedar Lake, and statute requires that all property owners within the Special Assessment District receive notice of the hearing to revise the lake level. Statute requires a hearing in order to make any changes to the legally established lake level.

Is the lake level going to change?

The legally established lake level will be revised, *but the physical level of the lake will not be changed.* During design of improvements to the lake level control structure, the engineers discovered that the current level of the lake differs from the legally established lake level. The legally established level must be revised to match the lake's current (and designed) level in order to obtain the necessary permits for the project.

Who is responsible for maintaining the lake level?

The Alcona County Drain Commissioner is the delegated authority for Alcona County and the Iosco County Drain Commissioner is the delegated authority for Iosco County. Together, they are responsible for maintaining the established lake level.

What is the established lake level of Cedar Lake?

Currently, the established lake level of Cedar Lake is 607.8 feet North American Vertical Datum of 1988 (NAVD 88). That level was established in 2017. The proposed change would set the lake level at 608.2 feet NAVD 88, the current physical level of the lake.

What is North American Vertical Datum of 1988?

The North American Vertical Datum of 1988 (NAVD 88) is the vertical control datum of orthometric height established for vertical control surveying in the United States. NAVD 88 replaced the Sea Level Datum of 1929 as the control datum used to measure elevations.

Do I have to attend the Hearing at Circuit Court?

You do not have to attend the hearing at the Alcona County Circuit Court. However, it is your right to do so. You may present testimony and evidence to the Court regarding the amendment of the lake level to 608.2 NAVD 88.

What is my assessment amount?

Estimated assessment amounts will NOT be available at the circuit court hearing. A separate notice of the hearing to review assessments will be sent out at a later date.

When do I receive my lake level assessment?

Lake level assessments may be included on your Summer and Winter Tax bill and are only levied when costs are incurred for the maintenance of the lake level. Assessment amounts may vary from year to year. No lake level assessments will be included in your tax bills until the hearing takes place to review the assessments.

How can I get more information?

Call (219) 232-6394. Please leave a detailed message including your name and address. All phone calls will be returned in the order in which they were received.

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