

FAQs

NOTICE OF HEARING TO AMEND LAKE LEVEL ORDER FOR SAND LAKE

Why am I receiving this notice?

You are receiving this notice because you may own lands within the proposed Lake Level Special Assessment District for Sand Lake.

What is a legally established lake level?

Part 307 of the Michigan Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act allows circuit courts to establish lake levels for inland lakes to, among other things, benefit property owners and preserve Michigan's natural resources. Sand Lake has a court ordered lake level under Part 307.

What is a special assessment district?

A special assessment district is an area of land designated to receive special assessments for a particular benefit received from certain public projects, like lake levels.

Will this impact the level of Sand Lake?

No. The intent of the lake level petition is not to impact the level of Sand Lake. The proposed amendments would revise the established normal lake level to reflect the level that has been historically maintained and update a surveying datum in the lake level order to the more recent North American Vertical Datum of 1988 (NAVD88).

Why is the lake level order being revised?

A comprehensive review of the historical lake level order for Sand Lake found that it requires revisions to be consistent with state law to

ensure that the court order specifies the correct lake level elevation and correctly establishes a special assessment district for lake level improvements.

Specifically, the lake level petition proposes to amend the lake level order to update the lake level elevation to reflect the level historically maintained on the lake, use the NAVD88 datum for the lake level, and properly establish a lake level special assessment district.

What is my assessment amount?

The court hearing to amend the lake level order will not consider lake level special assessments. A separate public hearing process is required to impose any lake level special assessments on property owners.

Do I have to attend the circuit court hearing?

No. However, it is your right to do so. You may present testimony and evidence to the Court regarding the proposed amendments to the Sand Lake — Lake Level Order.

How can I get more information?

Please call **(616) 632-7910**. When leaving a voicemail, please state your name, address, and phone number. We will be glad to answer any questions, and all calls will be returned in the order in which they are received.