

FAQs

NOTICE OF HEARING TO AMEND LAKE LEVEL ORDER - WOLF 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 Wolf 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. The Lake County Circuit Court previously established a legal lake level for Wolf Lake in a historical court order.

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.

How will this impact the level of Wolf Lake?

The intent of the lake level petition is to **not** impact the level of Wolf Lake. The proposed amendments would update the datum used to measure the lake level to the more recent North American Vertical Datum of 1988 (NAVD88) and reconfirm a special assessment district boundary to fund lake level infrastructure necessary to maintain the established lake level of Wolf Lake.

Why is the lake level order being revised?

The County reviewed the historical lake level order for Wolf Lake to ensure that it is consistent with state law and correctly

established a special assessment district to fund lake level improvements for Wolf Lake. As a result of this review, the County observed that the map attached to the historical lake level court order showing the boundaries of the special assessment district was not clear. Thus, the County decided to update the lake level order with this court hearing.

What is my assessment amount?

The court hearing related to amending the lake level order will not consider imposing special assessments on property owners. A separate public hearing process (with required mailing notice) is required to impose any lake level special assessments on property owners.

Do I have to attend the circuit court hearing?

You are not required to attend the hearing at the Lake County Circuit Court; however, it is your right to do so. You may present testimony and evidence to the Court regarding the proposed amendments to the Wolf Lake Level Order.

How can I get more information?

Please contact Lake County by calling the dedicated Wolf Lake—Lake Level call-in number at **(231) 268-4794**. When leaving a voicemail, please state your name, address, and a phone number to reach you. Calls will be returned in the order that they are received.