



**STATE OF MICHIGAN
IN THE 21st CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE COUNTY OF ISABELLA
NOTICE OF HEARING TO AMEND LAKE LEVEL ORDER**

STEVENSON LAKE

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A petition dated November 21, 2025 was filed with the Isabella County Circuit Court to amend the lake level order for Stevenson Lake located in Vernon Township, Isabella County, Michigan. The Isabella County Circuit Court will review the petition on the date, time, and location below to receive evidence to amend the lake level order consistent with the provisions of MCL 324.30707.

DATE: February 26, 2026

TIME: 10:00 AM

LOCATION: Isabella County Circuit Court
300 N. Main Street
Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858

QUESTIONS: (989) 318-4714
isabellacountydc@gmail.com

HEARING PARTICIPATION

Property owners may submit written testimony and/or evidence regarding the petition and this matter in advance of the Circuit Court hearing. Property owners may also attend the Circuit Court hearing in-person on the above date, time, and location to provide oral testimony and/or evidence to the Court.

All property owners who wish to provide testimony and/or evidence are requested to submit a completed testimony registration form, a copy of which is enclosed and is also posted at <https://www.isabellacounty.org/>.

Because it is anticipated that a significant number of property owners may wish to attend the hearing and/or provide testimony and evidence, the Court will use the completed testimony registration forms to determine how much time for testimony is available. Please note that time for oral testimony and/or evidence during the hearing may be limited. To ensure that the Court receives all relevant testimony and evidence regarding this matter, please submit as much written information as possible using the testimony registration form.

Completed testimony registration forms can be submitted by email or mail at the information below:

EMAIL: **isabellacountydc@gmail.com**

MAIL: **Stevenson Lake – Lake Level**
 4151 Okemos Road
 Okemos, MI 48864

To ensure consideration by the Court, it is requested that all testimony registration forms be received by February 16, 2026 (please take this into consideration when mailing the form). The Court will attempt to review testimony registration forms submitted after the deadline but cannot guarantee that late forms will be reviewed prior to the hearing.

PUBLIC INFORMATIONAL MEETING

Prior to the Circuit Court hearing, the Isabella County Drain Commissioner will hold a public informational meeting on the date, time, and location below. The public meeting is intended to provide property owners with additional information regarding the lake level project and the Circuit Court hearing and provide an opportunity to ask questions.

DATE: **January 23, 2026**

TIME: **2:00 PM**

LOCATION: **Isabella County Commission on Aging**
 2200 S. Lincoln Road
 Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858

ACCOMMODATIONS

Persons with disabilities who need accommodations to attend the **Circuit Court hearing** should call the Court at **(989) 317-4213**, or by using the Michigan Relay Service at 7-1-1 (TDD) at least 24 hours in advance of the hearing to coordinate accommodations.

Persons with disabilities who need accommodations to attend the **public informational meeting** should call the Isabella County Drain Commissioner at **(989) 318-4714**, or by using the Michigan Relay Service at 7-1-1 (TDD) at least 24 hours in advance of the meeting to coordinate accommodations.

FAQs

Stevenson Lake Lake Level



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Why am I receiving this notice?

You are receiving this notice because you own lands within the historical or proposed lake level special assessment district for Stevenson Lake.

What is a legally established lake level?

Part 307 of Michigan's 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. Stevenson 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.

Why is the lake level order being amended?

The Isabella County Drain Commissioner conducted a review of the historical lake level order for Stevenson Lake and found that updates are necessary to be consistent with state law and the current operation of the lake level control structure. Specifically, the proposed amendments would:

- Update the legal lake levels in the order to match the physical levels that have been historically maintained
- Update the survey datum used to measure the lake level to the more recent North American Vertical Datum of 1988 (NAVD88)

- Establish seasonal (summer and winter) levels to reflect the winter drawdown that has historically occurred on the lake
- Clarify that the lake level is subject to temporary variations due to things like weather and natural conditions

The amendments would also confirm the boundaries of a special assessment district to fund operation and maintenance of the legal lake levels.

How will this impact the level of Stevenson Lake?

The intent of the proposed amendments is **not** to impact the physical lake levels that property owners are used to seeing on Stevenson Lake.

What is my assessment amount?

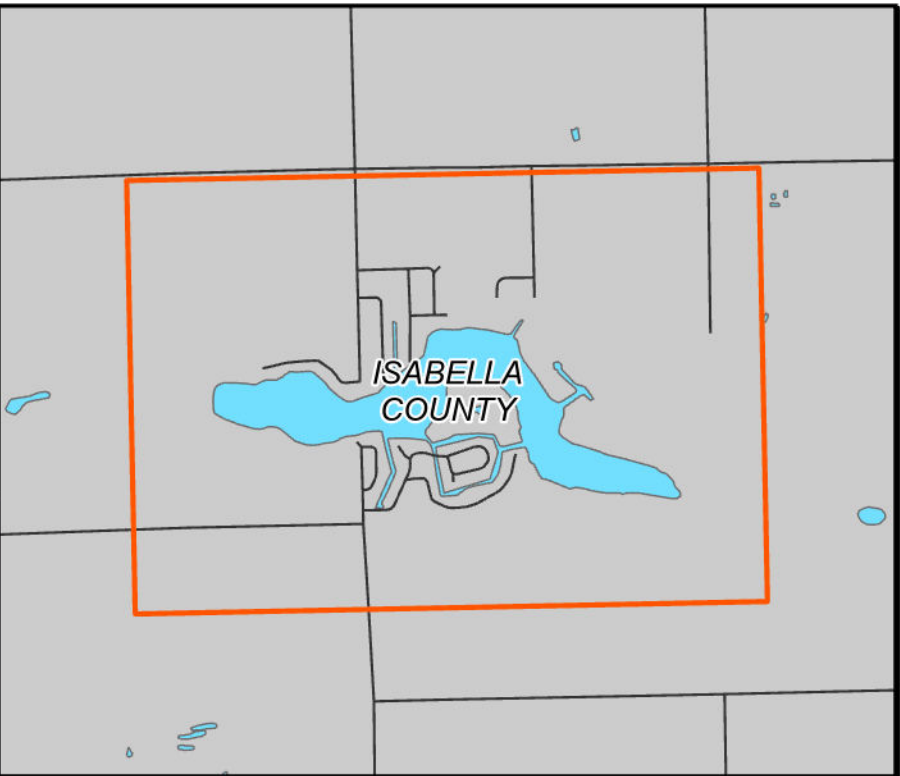
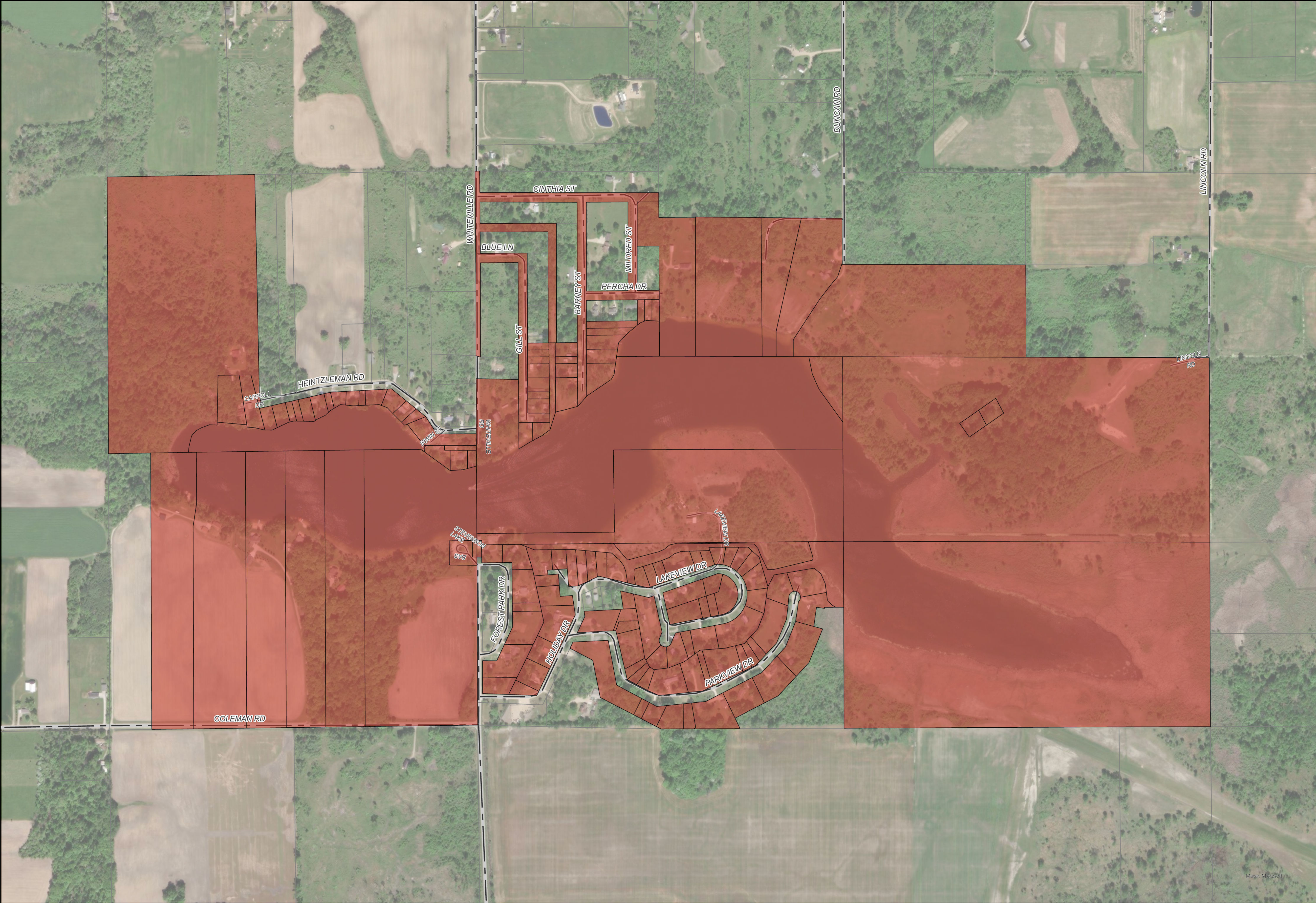
The court hearing to amend the lake level order will **not** consider special assessments. A separate public hearing process is required to impose any lake level special assessments, and all property owners will be mailed notice of the hearing.

Do I have to attend the Circuit Court hearing?

You are **not** required to attend the Circuit Court hearing; however, it is your right to do so. You may also present testimony and evidence to the Court regarding the proposed lake level order amendments. All property owners who wish to provide testimony and/or evidence are requested to submit a completed testimony registration form by **February 16, 2026**, a copy of which is enclosed and is also posted at **<https://www.isabellacounty.org/>**.

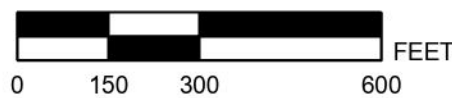
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ISABELLA COUNTY, MICHIGAN



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- PARCELS
- STATE ROADS
- COUNTY ROADS
- LOCAL ROADS

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**Hearing To Amend Lake Level Order
Testimony Registration Form
*Stevenson Lake***

Name: _____ **Phone:** _____ **Email:** _____

Mailing Address: _____

Lake Address (if different): _____

1. Are you providing written testimony and/or evidence? Yes ☐ No ☐

If yes, please provide written testimony and evidence below and attach additional sheets/materials if necessary:

2. Do you wish to provide oral testimony and/or evidence to the Court during the February 26, 2026 Hearing to Amend Lake Level Order? Yes ☐ No ☐

INSTRUCTIONS

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