



STEVENSON LAKE – LAKE LEVEL SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING TO REVIEW
SPECIAL ASSESSMENT ROLL AND COMPUTATION OF COSTS**

DATE: Thursday, July 30, 2026

TIME: 10:00 A.M.

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

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

Special Assessment Roll and Computation of Costs

A special assessment roll and a corresponding computation of costs for the Stevenson Lake – Lake Level are on file for public examination at the Office of the Isabella County Drain Commissioner (510 W. Pickard Street, Mount Pleasant, MI 48858) and will be available at a public hearing on the above date, time, and location. The public hearing will take place for the purpose of reviewing said special assessment roll and computation of costs and hearing any objections thereto, and/or making a determination of whether to confirm said assessment roll and computation of costs. The hearing may be adjourned from time-to-time without further notice.

Objections to Special Assessment/Cost

Appearance and protest at the hearing (through one of the below methods) **is required** in order to appeal the amount of the proposed special assessment. Any person or local unit of government objecting to the assessment roll must protest by doing one of the following:

- 1. Attending the public hearing on July 30, 2026;**
- 2. Emailing a written objection to isabellacountydc@gmail.com; or**

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3. Submitting a written objection by mail addressed to:

Stevenson Lake – Lake Level
4151 Okemos Road
Okemos, MI 48846

All written objections must be received by the date of the hearing (please keep this in mind when mailing an objection). If a written objection is received by the date of the hearing, no personal appearance at the hearing is required. A record of parties who appear to protest at the hearing will be maintained. If the hearing is terminated or adjourned for the day before a party is provided the opportunity to be heard, a party whose appearance was recorded will be considered to have protested the special assessment in person.

The special assessment roll shall be final and conclusive unless appealed in a court within fifteen (15) days after approval of the special assessment roll by resolution of the Isabella County Board of Commissioners. Please review MCL 324.30714(4) for information related to lake level assessment appeals.

Hearing Accommodations

Persons with disabilities needing accommodations for effective participation in the hearing should call **(989) 318-4714** or utilize the Michigan Relay Service at 7-1-1 (TDD) at least 24 hours in advance of the hearing to request mobility, visual, hearing, or other assistance.



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS **Lake Level Special Assessment Hearing**

Why am I receiving this notice?

You are receiving this notice because you own lands within the lake level special assessment district that was previously established by the Isabella County Circuit Court for operating and maintaining Stevenson Lake's legal lake level.

What is a special assessment district?

A special assessment district is an area of land designated to receive special assessments for particular benefits it receives from certain public projects, such as lake levels.

Will the public hearing address the lake level?

No. The public hearing will address the special assessment roll and computation of costs only. Please direct questions or comments regarding the lake level to the Drain Commissioner using the information at the end of this document.

Do I have to attend the public hearing?

You are not required to attend the public hearing; however, you **must** protest in person or by writing in order to reserve your right to appeal the proposed special assessment. All protest/objection letters must be received by July 30, 2026 (please keep this in mind when mailing protests/objections).

What is my special assessment amount?

Your estimated assessment amount is listed on the enclosed notice and will be available at the public hearing.

How is the special assessment determined?

The assessment methodology assigns factors to each parcel based on its access type, property type, and lake frontage. A typical direct access parcel with up to 200 feet of frontage is assigned

a total assessment factor of 1.3. A typical direct access canal parcel is assigned a total assessment factor of 0.75. A typical indirect access parcel is assigned a total assessment factor 0.5.

What will the special assessment be used for?

The special assessment will cover costs related to administration, operation, and maintenance of the lake level. These costs include:

- Lake Level Control Structure Inspections
- Maintenance & Repairs
- Development of District Boundaries & Lake Level Order Updates
- Preparation of Assessment Methodology & Levying Assessments
- Notices & Landowner Mailings
- Contingency

Can I prepay my assessment?

You will have the option to prepay your assessment in full to avoid interest. Information regarding your final assessment amount and how to prepay will be mailed to you.

Is there interest on the assessment?

For those who choose not to prepay, the assessment will show up as a line item on the Winter tax bill in years 2026-2030 and will include interest of approximately 5%.

How can I get more information?

Please call (989) 318-4714 or email isabellacountydc@gmail.com. When leaving a voicemail or sending an email, please include your name, address, and phone number. All calls and emails will be returned in the order in which they are received.