

To: Hide-A-Way Hills Club Members

From: Jim Krygier, on behalf of the Management Committee

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Subject: Lake of Four Seasons Dam Remediation Progress Report

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Now that I have some updates, I would like to take this opportunity to brief the Members of the Hide-A-Way Hills Club on the status of the remediation project being proposed for the Lake of Four Seasons dam (LOFS). When I last reported on this topic in late January, we had recommended a proposed contract with 2LMN, a local civil engineering firm with whom we have had a long and productive relationship, and a subcontract with DLZ, a geotechnical consulting firm. This project specified that the engineers would analyze the cracks or “slips” discovered in the LOFS dam, investigate the underlying causes, and develop a remediation plan to be submitted to the Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR) to correct the deficiencies. This contract was approved at the February Board of Trustees meeting for a total of \$43,562.

In the last two months, a significant amount of activity on the dam has been underway. The dam is being monitored multiple times weekly by HAH staff, 2LMN engineers, and ODNR engineers. Four trenches have been dug in the location of the slips, and material samples and photographs have been recorded. The surface of the dam has been extensively surveyed. There have also been numerous borings performed at depths ranging from 25 feet to 40 feet by DLZ. Soil samples have been gathered, and measurements of soil density, composition and structure have been obtained. These samples are being analyzed in a laboratory with computer models utilized to aid in the determination.

Our original goal was to finish the first phase of the project this Spring and then submit our plan to ODNR after review and approval. Currently there are ongoing substantive discussions between our consultants that are not yet complete. Progress is being made and various scenarios to repair the dam are being considered. We are making a concerted effort to include ODNR in the process as they will ultimately pass judgment on our proposal. The current schedule projects a submission date to ODNR of May 20. We are working with 2LMN to develop the project time line in its entirety. The extended time line will include all phases of the project including engineering, construction, inspection and acceptance.

We are also taking precautionary steps to minimize the risk of damage to the shoreline around LOFS. Since we are still under direction from ODNR to not refill the lake, exposed banks are visible and vulnerable. To protect these banks, the Management Committee recently announced that boating on the Lake is restricted to electric trolling motors and non-powered watercraft. This is clearly an inconvenience but we hope you understand we are making every attempt to preserve the valuable resource that we all share, LOFS.

This is also a great time for homeowners around the LOFS to undertake repair of their docks and shoreline if they are needed. Please coordinate with the Club Office for the necessary approvals.

To ensure that you remain informed of progress on this project, we will continue to provide briefings at every Management Committee meeting and Board meeting. We will also provide updates on the HAH website as events unfold.

As fellow members of this community, the Management Committee is working hard to bring this project to an effective and expedient conclusion so that we can all return to enjoying LOFS soon.

Thanks for your patience as we forge ahead.

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