

FAQs

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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS about the Cedar Lake Level Hearing to Update the Lake Level to North American Vertical Datum of 1988 (NAVD 88) and to Establish the Special Assessment District Boundaries

Why am I receiving this notice?

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

What is a Special Assessment District?

A Special Assessment District is an area of land designated to receive special assessments for a particular benefit that they receive from certain public projects, like lake levels. In this case, the proposed Special Assessment District is made up of all properties that have direct access to Cedar Lake.

Is the lake level going to change?

No. There are no proposed changes to the lake level as it is currently established. The update to NAVD 88 is simply to update the elevation to current standards of measurement.

Who is responsible for maintaining the lake level?

The Alcona County Drain Commissioner is the delegated authority for Alcona County and the Iosco County Drain Commissioner is the delegated authority for Iosco County. Together, they are responsible for maintaining the established lake level.

What is the established lake level of Cedar Lake?

Currently, the established lake level of Cedar Lake is 608.5 feet above sea level. This level was established by a Court Order in 1954 and has remained at the same level since then.

What is North American Vertical Datum of 1988?

The North American Vertical Datum of 1988 (NAVD 88) is the vertical control datum of orthometric height established for vertical control surveying in the United States. NAVD 88 replaced the Sea Level Datum of 1929 as the control datum used to

measure elevations. The established lake level will be updated after the court hearing to NAVD 88 from sea level measurements.

Do I have to attend the Hearing at Circuit Court?

You do not have to attend the hearing at the Alcona County Circuit Court. However, it is your right to do so.

You may present testimony and evidence to the Court regarding the update of the lake level to NAVD 88 and the establishment and confirmation of the Special Assessment District boundaries.

When do I receive my lake level assessment?

Lake level assessments may be included on your Summer and Winter Tax bill, and are only levied when costs are incurred for the maintenance of the lake level. Assessment amounts may vary from year to year.

What is my assessment amount?

Estimated assessment amounts are available at the Public Hearing to review the Special Assessment Roll. A separate notice of this Public Hearing will be sent out to all property owners within the Special Assessment District at a later date.

Do I have to attend the Public Hearing to Review the Special Assessment Roll?

You are not required to attend the Public Hearing. However, you must protest in person or by writing to reserve your right to appeal the special assessment.

How can I get more information?

Visit the Alcona County Road Commission's website at www.alconacrc.com or call (989) 863-4367. Please leave a detailed message including your name and address. All phone calls will be returned in the order in which they were received.

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