

SID UPDATE on Levee Restoration Project JUNE 17, 2022

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Filling the lake will not be started this week. They are now hoping for early next week. We will let you know as soon as we get anything new to report. With at least 20 days of filling the lake, it is looking like there will not be enough time to fill the lake to recreational boating level by the 4th of July weekend. We will have a better indication once we have been filling for a few days.

The contractors are getting close to completion of bringing in the fill sand. There is even more sand needed than initially calculated. It has been determined that some of this sand can come from the borrow area. The next few steps are to contour the shoreline and ready it for geofabric and rip rap. There will be a point soon (we still have not been given a specific date) when the contractors will get confirmation that what has been done to date is correct and they will then give us the work to start filling the lake. Keep checking back here for updates that may happen more frequently than once per week. Once we have word, we will communicate the plan and timeline for filling the lake and allowing boat traffic.

CONTINUING Daily....the LEVEE ROAD will be CLOSED at 7AM along the river from the yard waste area to Bull Frog Bay Rd. This applies to **EVERYONE!!!** This means **EVERYTHING** (cars, ATV's, motorcycles, bicycles and pedestrians). This restriction will be in place during working hours while the contractor is working on site. If you need access to the dump site you must access it from West Shore Dr.

We absolutely need everyone's cooperation. This decision is based on a few things. First and foremost is safety. We want to minimize the amount of traffic encounters with the public and the contractors' trucks. Also, we are asking the truck drivers to drive in the MIDDLE of the road. This will help lessen the damage to the road. We recognize that if the weather is hot and if the trucks or cars are driving on the edges of the road, we will sustain significantly more road damage than we might otherwise. Please give way as you encounter construction traffic.

Weather permitting, the plan is for somewhere between 20 and 40 trailers moving sand in from Gretna. Depending on how many round trips per day and how many trucks are actually doing this, there will be 80 to 120 deliveries per day. That means approximately one truck entering and driving up East Lake Dr. AND one truck leaving and driving down West Shore Dr. every 3 to 7 minutes or so.

We will update this report next Wednesday after this has been going for a couple days. We will inform you of any changes to this plan.

KEU continues to work on other areas of the project while they wait for direction from the engineers.

The SID has CLOSED THE LAKE (water surface) to all motorized craft EXCEPT by permission. We will reopen to motorized traffic once we have brought the lake up to a safe operating level.

KEU is currently working 7am-7pm Monday-Saturday (and Sunday if work days lost to weather). We are asking **EVERYONE to remain off of the earthen levee** and away from construction activity while workers are present. This means no bicycles, pedestrians, motorized vehicles, etc. PLEASE OBEY ALL SIGNAGE.

PLEASE NOTE:

The SID is also very concerned for the safety of the community and visitors to Waconda and for the protection and respect for the construction materials and equipment of KEU. During our preliminary discussions, the SID informed both the CORPS and KEU that we will do all we need to expedite the project and are willing to close, restrict, reroute, traffic (vehicular and pedestrian) when and where we may need to. We will keep everyone posted on any of these decisions as they are made.

There is a lot of moving parts with this project and the SID, CORPS and KEU are going to do all we can to complete this in a timely and safe manner. We all are asking for everyone's cooperation, understanding, and patience as this project progresses.

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If you have any questions, you can contact Jim Noerrlinger, Matt Burnham, or Jon Meyers via phone or email. Contact information is on the contacts tab at www.sid1.org

Watch for continued updates here.

On behalf of the SID board, we thank you.

Jon Meyers