

SID UPDATE on Levee Restoration Project May 18, 2022

Here are some highlights of the weekly meeting with the CORPS, KEU, and the SID:

This week KEU is doing what they can where they can. They have been bringing in loads of dirt for the part of the project on the river side of the levee up near Bull Frog Bay, this cut-off wall is scheduled to be started around the middle of June. They have again encountered soils that do not meet the required specification for compaction and moisture. The CORPS is attempting to expedite the necessary steps to find suitable materials, obtain clearances, and contract modifications. This continues to go at a fast pace for government standards but appears to be going slowly by everyone else's hopes and expectations. The SID's intent with these weekly updates is to try to be as matter of fact as we can, provide you with accurate information, not defend the CORPS or its contractors, etc. We are also hoping to convey to everyone that this is not as simple as it may seem and that our goal is to convey realistic expectations and to get the lake back to recreational boating levels as soon as we are able.

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.

Please be careful this weekend if you are on the road for anything including the Waconda Garage Sale event. KEU will be running some equipment during this time. We consulted with KEU and they felt it would be okay for us to proceed with the event.

The plan is that KEU will NOT be working from approximately Noon Friday until Tuesday morning of Memorial Day weekend. We may adjust that decision based on progress of work and weather patterns.

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.

At this time we will allow all traffic to continue on the road but will need to yield to truck traffic crossing the road especially up near Bull Frog Bay Dr. PLEASE slow down in this area and stop for construction vehicles and equipment.

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.

PLEASE share this information with family members and guest of ALL AGES. It will take a commitment from all of us to get the best results possible.

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