

## SID UPDATE on Levee Restoration Project April 20, 2022

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

The biggest takeaway from the last week is that there was a miscalculation by the design engineers for the lake level during construction. The plans required that we bring the lake to 935 feet, which we did. This week we were asked by the CORPS and KEU to lower the lake as much as we could. We did this and now the current lake level is elev. 934.1 feet (we are unable to efficiently lower the level any further). This is approximately 4 feet below our Normal Summer level. This has caused a change in the sequencing and methodology of the construction plan. KEU is now working on the north end of the lake and the inlets on both sides of Bull Frog Bay Dr. all simultaneously. This means that they will need to be to a point where they are working up and out of the water before we can begin to fill the lake. We do not know how long this will take. KEU will have a better idea of timeline by next week's meeting. Again, all time estimates are weather dependent. Continue to watch the [www.sid1.org](http://www.sid1.org) website for updates.

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.

Construction traffic is picking up substantially in volume. Semi loads of sand and material are coming in the main entrance and driving on the levee at the south end and stockpiling the materials in the Noerrlinger farm area at the south end of East Lake Dr. Empty Semis will proceed up toward the COBB center and exit to the south along East Lake Dr and off the lake road. This material will be moved in dump trucks to the north end of the lake. They will travel ON and ALONG the levee (mostly on the river side) up to the north and will CROSS the road up near Bull Frog Bay. The dump trucks will then travel back to the south end of East Lake Dr. ON the road.

***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](http://www.sid1.org)

Watch for continued updates here.

On behalf of the SID board, we thank you.

Jon Meyers