

INDIAN LAKE



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INDIAN LAKE – LAKE LEVEL SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING TO REVIEW SPECIAL ASSESSMENT ROLL AND PROJECT COSTS

DATE: September 11, 2024

TIME: 4:00 P.M.

LOCATION: Schoolcraft County Courthouse
300 Walnut Street
Manistique, MI 49854

QUESTIONS: (906) 586-8012
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Tentative assessment factors and estimated assessments are available at schoolcraftlakelevels.net or by scanning the QR code.

PLEASE NOTE THAT THE PUBLIC HEARING WILL ADDRESS THE SPECIAL ASSESSMENT ROLL AND PROJECT COSTS ONLY. Any questions or comments related to the lake level should be directed to (906) 586-8012 or schoolcraftlakelevels@gmail.com.

Special Assessment Roll and Computation of Costs

A special assessment roll and a corresponding computation of costs are on file for public examination at the Schoolcraft County Clerk's Office (300 Walnut Street, Manistique, MI 49854) and will be available at the public hearing. The public hearing will take place for the purpose of reviewing said special assessment roll and project costs and hearing any objections hereto, and/or making a determination of whether to confirm said assessment roll and project costs. The hearing may be adjourned from time-to-time without further notice.

Objections to Special Assessment/Cost

Appearance and protest at the hearing is **required** in order to appeal the amount of the proposed special assessment. Any person or local unit of government objecting to the assessment roll shall: (1) appear at the above stated time and/or file his or her objection in writing with the Indian Lake Authority by no later than the close of the hearing; or (2) file an appearance and protest by letter addressed to the **Indian Lake Authority, 300 Walnut Street, Manistique, MI 49854**, which if received by the Lake Authority by no later than the date of hearing, no personal appearance at the

hearing is required. The Indian Lake Authority will maintain a record of parties who appear to protest at the hearing. If the hearing is terminated or adjourned for the day before a party is provided the opportunity to be heard, a party whose appearance was recorded will be considered to have protested the special assessment in person.

The special assessment roll shall be final and conclusive unless appealed in a court within fifteen (15) days after approval of the special assessment roll by resolution of the Schoolcraft County Board of Commissioners. Please review MCL 324.30714(4) for information related to lake level assessment appeals.

Meeting Accommodations

Persons with disabilities needing accommodations for effective participation in the meeting should call (906) 586-8012 or utilize the Michigan Relay Service at 7-1-1 (TDD) at least 24 hours in advance of the meeting to request mobility, visual, hearing, or other assistance.

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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS **Lake Level Special Assessment Public Hearing**

Why did I receive this notice?

You received this notice because you own land within the lake level special assessment district that was established by the Schoolcraft County Circuit Court for maintaining and operating the legal lake levels of Indian Lake.

What is a special assessment district?

A lake level special assessment district is an area of land designated to receive special assessments for particular benefits it receives from certain public projects.

Will the public hearing address the lake level?

No. The public hearing will address the assessment roll and project costs *only*. Any questions or comments regarding the lake level should be directed to **(906) 586-8012** or [**schoolcraftlakelevels@gmail.com**](mailto:schoolcraftlakelevels@gmail.com) to be shared with the Schoolcraft County Board of Commissioners.

Do I have to attend the public hearing?

You are not required to attend the public hearing, however you *must* protest in person or by writing in order to reserve your right to appeal the proposed special assessment. All protest letters must be *received* by **September 11, 2024**.

What is my assessment amount?

Your *estimated* assessment amount is listed on the enclosed notice and will be available at the Public Hearing to Review Special Assessment Roll and Project Costs. Estimated assessments are also available at [**schoolcraftlakelevels.net**](http://schoolcraftlakelevels.net).

How are assessments determined?

The assessment methodology assigns factors to each parcel based on its access type, lake frontage, and property type. A typical lakefront residential parcel with between 0 and 250 feet of lake frontage is assigned a total assessment factor of 1.50. A typical indirect access residential parcel is assigned a total assessment factor of 0.5.

When will I receive a bill for the lake level special assessment?

Lake level assessments appear on winter tax bills and are only levied when costs are incurred related to the lake level. The current assessment will be spread over two years and will appear as a line item on the winter tax bill.

Can I prepay my assessment?

You will have the option to prepay your assessment in full to avoid interest. Information regarding the final interest rate, total assessment amounts, how to prepay, and the deadline for prepayments will be posted on [**schoolcraftlakelevels.net**](http://schoolcraftlakelevels.net) when it becomes available. Please continue to monitor the website for more information.

How can I get more information?

Please visit [**schoolcraftlakelevels.net**](http://schoolcraftlakelevels.net) for more information. You may also email [**schoolcraftlakelevels@gmail.com**](mailto:schoolcraftlakelevels@gmail.com) or call **(906) 586-8012** with questions. Please leave a detailed message including your name, phone number and address. All phone calls and emails will be returned in the order in which they are received.