

FAQs

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS about the Notice of Public Hearing to Review Special Assessment Roll and Project Costs

Why am I receiving this notice?

You are receiving this notice because you may own lands within the Lake Level Special Assessment District that was previously established by the Kalamazoo County Circuit Court for maintaining the legal lake levels of Crooked and Eagle Lakes.

Who is responsible for this project?

State law makes Kalamazoo County and the County Drain Commissioner responsible to maintain the lake levels. However, in this case, the project to construct lake level infrastructure is a joint project between Texas Charter Township and the Drain Commissioner.

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 it receives from certain public projects, like lake levels. Lake level special assessment districts (like for Crooked and Eagle Lakes) are established by circuit courts.

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 to reserve your right to appeal the proposed special assessment.

What is my assessment amount?

Your estimated assessment amount is listed on your attached notice and will be available at the Public Hearing to Review the Special Assessment Roll and Project Costs.

Are lake owner assessments solely paying for this project?

No. Texas Charter Township and the project's engineers worked diligently to secure approximately \$1,679,475 in Federal Emergency Management Agency grant funds to contribute to this project. Moreover, the proposed assessment roll proposes Kalamazoo County general funds paying for 12% of project costs and Texas Charter Township general funds paying 10% of project costs. These contributions help offset property owner assessment liability to pay for the project.

When do I receive my lake level special assessment?

Lake level assessments may be on Winter Tax bills and are only levied when costs are incurred for the maintenance of the lake level.

Can I prepay my assessment?

You may prepay your assessment in full to avoid interest. Please provide all prepayments by Thursday, June 23, 2023. Kindly call 269-290-1363 to coordinate prepayments.

How can I get more information?

Please visit the websites of Texas Charter Township at www.texastownship.org or the Kalamazoo County Drain Commissioner at www.kalcounty.com/drain/. You may also call a dedicated call-in number at 269-290-1363. Please leave a detailed message including your name, phone number and address. All phone calls will be returned in the order in which they were received.