



# FAQs

## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS re: the Remote Murphy Lake Level Hearing to Amend Lake Level Order, Establish Special Assessment District, and Confirm Special Assessment District Boundaries

### ***Why am I receiving this notice?***

You are receiving this notice because you may own lands within the proposed Special Assessment District for Murphy Lake.

### ***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.

### ***Is the lake level going to change?***

No. However, the Tuscola County Drain Commissioner is requesting that the Circuit Court amends the current Murphy Lake level order to clarify that the Drain Commissioner must maintain the winter lake level until Murphy Lake is clear of ice and is requesting the Order to use a more commonly-used measuring datum (NAVD 88).

### ***Who is responsible for maintaining the lake level?***

The Tuscola County Drain Commissioner is the delegated authority for Tuscola County and is responsible for maintaining the established lake level.

### ***Do I have to attend the Remote Court Hearing?***

No. But, you may request to join the remote hearing on Zoom. You can also submit notarized written testimony to the Court. **Please refer to the hearing notice for the Court's contact information to join the remote hearing and to submit notarized written testimony.**

### ***What happened to the March 23, 2020 Hearing?***

The March 23, 2020 in-person court hearing was postponed due to the coronavirus pandemic. The Court rescheduled the hearing to be held remotely on June 22, 2020 at 9AM on Zoom due to the ongoing pandemic.

### ***What is my assessment amount?***

Estimated assessment amounts will be available at a separate Public Hearing to review the Special Assessment Roll. A separate notice of this future Public Hearing will be sent out to all property owners within the Special Assessment District at a later date.

### ***Do I have to attend the Public Hearing to Review the Special Assessment Roll?***

You are not required to attend the future Public Hearing. However, you must protest in person or by writing to reserve your right to appeal the special assessment.

### ***How can I get more information?***

Visit the Tuscola County Drain Commissioner's website at <https://www.tuscolacounty.org/drain/> or call **(989) 726-0286**.

Please leave a detailed message including your: (1) name; (2) address; and (3) phone number. All phone calls will be returned in the order in which they were received.

Because this hearing will be held remotely, the Drain Commissioner is posting various relevant documents on his website including the lake level petition filed in the Tuscola County Circuit Court.