



FOUR LAKES TASK FORCE March News

EVENTS

July 8, 2026
Informational Webinar
5:00-7:00 p.m.

July 16, 2026
Board Meeting
12:00-2:00 p.m.



LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Several days of mild temperatures in February allowed crews to catch up a little to maintain the construction schedules. We continue to make solid progress on construction schedules and cost performance on each dam. Crews are continuing restoration work, and we hope to see the pace increase when the weather improves. I encourage you to review the recorded webinar from March 4th, where there is a helpful narrative on construction milestones and financing. We are preparing for all aspects of safe operations and maintenance of the new infrastructure. Operations readiness and environmental performance are key tracks along with construction.

– Dave Kepler, *President, Four Lakes Task Force*

KPIs

Dam	Cost Performance Indicator (CPI)	Schedule Performance Indicator (SPI)	Quality Performance Indicator (QPI)
Secord	●	●	●
Smallwood	●	●	●
Edenville	●	●	●
Sanford	●	●	●

KEY	CPI	SPI	QPI
Green ●	Costs are on target or lower than estimated	Work is on or ahead of schedule	No significant quality issues or concerns
Yellow ●	Costs are anticipated to exceed the estimate by LT 10% (are recoverable)	Work is projected to go past the estimate (is recoverable)	Minor quality issues or concerns
Red ●	Costs are anticipated to be significantly over the estimate (requires intervention)	Work is significantly behind schedule (requires intervention)	Major issues or concerns (requires intervention)

UPCOMING MILESTONES

Pour auxiliary spillway concrete on the base slab and slopes at Edenville

Demolition of the Tobacco spillway

Left training wall and center pier at Secord

Upstream pier extension concrete at Smallwood

SECORD DAM



Mild temperatures last month created conditions for consistent construction progress. All spillway gates and other related components were delivered to the site. Installation of the gate components will begin in late spring. The upstream powerhouse pier is complete. We anticipate the center pier, right training wall pier and left training wall pier will be completed near the end of March. Coming in April, mechanical and electrical work will begin on the control building.

SMALLWOOD DAM



Crews completed another section of the left training wall. The final left training wall segment and the center pier have an expected finish date of end of March. Electricians continue to work diligently, relocating the control panels from their temporary setup to their permanent positions inside the control building. All spillway gates and accessories are on-site. Installation preparations are underway, starting in bay one.

EDENVILLE DAM



As the weather improves, we are beginning to ramp up construction of the Tittabawassee primary and auxiliary spillways and Tobacco spillway. The auxiliary spillway sloped slabs are 100 percent complete. The crest slab and training wall forms, rebar installation, and concrete pours began in February. The primary focus at the Tittabawassee River dam site is on constructing the forms and rebar for the water control structure and preparing for cofferdam construction. The Tobacco spillway upstream and downstream cofferdams are complete and dewatering has started. Crews also began construction of the right-side downstream embankment retention which will enable training wall construction.

SANFORD DAM



The crest gates were fully commissioned in January. Last month, the crews completed wet testing protocols on the gates to ensure all are functioning properly. To perform a wet test, we pump water into the crest gate and if any water leaks through the gates, we can quickly fix the problem. All gates passed the wet testing protocols. The Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy will be on-site in a few weeks to perform a final inspection of the dam.