



FOUR LAKES TASK FORCE May News

EVENTS

May 13, 2026

Introduction to Natural Shorelines Webinar
6:00-8:00 p.m.

July 8, 2026

Informational Webinar
5:00-7:00 p.m.

July 16, 2026

Board Meeting
12:00-2:00 p.m.

July 30, 2026 and August 25, 2026

How to Build Your Natural Shoreline Training Sessions
6:00-8:00 p.m.



LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

In April we continued to face challenges due to high water levels and rainfall amounts. At Secord Dam, high water levels flooded the primary spillway work area. This setback caused us to change Secord's schedule performance indicator (SPI) to yellow. We will try to regain momentum in May to maintain our estimated substantial completion date (included below).

The high water levels helped us when it came to refilling Sanford Lake in April, giving us a 9-foot headstart. In the beginning of May we will resume refill of Sanford Lake for the remaining 3 feet of water.

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

Dam	Estimated Substantial Completion Date <i>As of February 2026</i>
Secord	September 2026
Smallwood	July 2026
Edenville	September 2027
Sanford	February 2026

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

Edenville Dam right training wall and water control structure

Completion of the auxiliary spillway structural concrete on Edenville auxiliary spillway

Left training wall and center pier at Secord

Upstream pier extension concrete at Smallwood

Sanford Lake refill to summer level

SECORD DAM



Progress on-site has continued steadily throughout the month despite challenges with increased headwater elevations. All upstream piers were completed at the end of April. In the primary spillway, crews are continuing work on the final weir steps. Following completion of the weir steps, crews can begin installing the spillway gates. Within the low level outlet, we made progress on installation of the heated beam plate and the control gate wall. The heated beam plate will prevent the formation of ice, or melt existing ice, on the dam gates.

SMALLWOOD DAM



Progress inside the primary spillway was slow this month due to the large amount of rain. Crews redirected their attention to making the steel sheet pile on the left embankment taller, as well as preparing permanent stoplogs. The remaining work on the left training wall and center pier will progress quickly once headwaters recede and construction crews can return to the primary spillway. The dedicated crew continues layout work for bay two, with work scheduled to return to bay one once water levels return to normal conditions.

EDENVILLE DAM



Work at the Tittabawassee and Tobacco spillways, and the Edenville (Tittabawassee) auxiliary spillway continues despite recent spring flooding events. Construction of the training walls, labyrinth walls, baffle blocks, end sill and chute blocks in the auxiliary spillway started in April and are halfway complete. Crews poured the Tittabawassee spillway final training wall section and the water bypass control structure is now 75 percent complete. Construction on the Tobacco spillway slowed in April due to high water levels which demanded additional work to dewater the area and strengthen the cofferdam. The Tobacco spillway demolition is complete along with the temporary excavation supports required for the new training wall construction.

SANFORD DAM



The Sanford Lake refill process started on April 15th! The rainfall in April assisted in the refill and the lake is already within its normal legal level range. We paused refill for two weeks to monitor the dam and finished refill in early May.