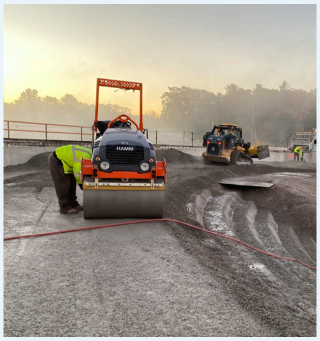
Four Lakes Task Force

FOUR LAKES TASK FORCE November News

EVENTS

December 1, 2025
Informational Webinar
5:00-7-00 p.m.
Please note the webinar moved from Dec. 3 to Dec. 1.

December 9, 2025
Board Meeting
12:00-2:00 p.m.



LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Since construction began on the dams in 2020, crews have put in over 461,000 hours of work. Their momentum remains strong and it's exciting to see tangible progress on all four dams. Favorable weather conditions into November make continued progress possible before the ground freezes.

If you would like to learn more about construction activity, I encourage you to attend our informational webinars – the next one being in December – where we share updates and photos. You can also always reach out to FLTF by going to www.four-lakes-taskforce-mi.com/contact and submitting a question.

– 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

- Finish installing gate #6 at Sanford
- Complete the capping of the auxiliary spillway at Sanford
- Demo the weir on the Tobacco Spillway
- Pour auxiliary spillway slabs and walls at Edenville
- Pour primary spillway concrete at Secord and Smallwood

SECORD DAM

Work on Secord Dam remains on schedule as crews continue to place concrete for the primary spillway. Next on the docket is to install soil anchors in the downstream spilling basin and demolish the existing stoplog. In the low level outlet, we continue to pour concrete tremie pours. A tremie is a watertight pipe used to pour concrete underwater so the concrete doesn't get exposed to turbulent water which can wash out the cement. Crews are also placing the powerhouse training walls.

SMALLWOOD DAM

The Smallwood Dam project is continuing to progress well. Work is focused on the primary spillway with demolition, installation of soil anchors and placement of concrete including downstream baffle blocks. Baffle blocks are concrete structures used in areas of flowing water to reduce the speed and force of water. Lastly, powerhouse architectural work has started. The interior of the building is nearly complete and crews are preparing for mechanical and electrical work in the powerhouse.

EDENVILLE DAM

The Edenville Dam powerhouse has been excavated and dewatered for pier and water bypass construction. Crews built forms for the right training wall footings and started concrete pours. All sheet pile I-walls are complete, and the auxiliary spillway I-wall extension walls are complete up to an elevation of 670 feet above sea level. We also finished working on drain piping so attention turned to placing upstream and downstream embankment soil. One of the Edenville environmental restoration projects that just wrapped up was to install J-hook vanes downstream. The J-hooks are constructed of stones and boulders to dissipate energy, deflect stream flow to the center of the river, reduce shoreline erosion and create pools. Pictured is the overall Tittabawassee River dam site.

SANFORD DAM

Three of the six gates at Sanford are installed and commissioned. The last three gates are timed to be commissioned by the end of November. Roller compacted concrete (RCC) work on the auxiliary spillway is completed. Work on Sanford Dam continues to be on time and under budget. We expect crews to wrap up construction in late December deeming the project substantially complete.