

Sewer District presenting Shaker Lakes findings and recommendations at public meeting on June 15

Regional Stormwater Management Program assists communities with intercommunity drainage by addressing flooding, erosion and water quality issues throughout the region.

Cleveland (June 2, 2021) – The Northeast Ohio Regional Sewer District has completed the Lake Erie Tributaries Master Plan, including a thorough study of the Doan Brook Watershed and the dams at Horseshoe Lake and Lower Lake. Sewer District officials are hosting a virtual public meeting Tues., June 15, at 6:30 p.m. to discuss its findings and recommendations. The meeting will be streamed live via Zoom at neorsd.org/shakerlakes and audience members will have an opportunity to ask questions via Zoom's Chat functionality.

The dams at Horseshoe Lake and Lower Lake are designated as "Class I" dams by the Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR), and these dams are both out of compliance with ODNR requirements.

"As 'Class I' dams, there is a probable loss of life and severe damage to public roadways if these were to fail and send water downstream uncontrolled. There's no doubt about it: the dam at Horseshoe Lake is failing and that's why ODNR ordered Cleveland Heights and Shaker Heights to drain it," said Frank Greenland, Director of Watershed Programs, NEORSD. "These stormwater master plans are detailed and document the problems and necessary solutions in the Doan Brook watershed. We must work collaboratively to address the non-compliant dams as well as chronic flooding downstream."

The Sewer District is also presenting the recommendation to a joint Cleveland Heights' Committee of the Whole and Shaker Heights' City Council Work Session at a virtual meeting June 14 at 6:30 p.m. This meeting is being streamed live via Cleveland Heights' YouTube page and available at youtube.com/cityofclevelandheights/live.

Information about the Sewer District's work at Shaker Lakes can be found at neorsd.org/shakerlakes or by contacting Customer Service at 216.881.8247.

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