







CULVERT SURVEY - FALL 2016



BRIEF HISTORY

- Established about 1921
- Raising of culverts without record of drainage authority approval
- Water levels raised as much as 6 feet over time
- Increased size and depth of lake
- Resulted in potential flooding of private lands and adjacent roadways

1960 water surface: 494 acres 2010 water surface: 910 acres



1960 ERA OUTLET VS. CURRENT OUTLET





PROJECT MILESTONES

- 2010 2018 Public and Project Team meetings held to discuss Project and issues associated with water levels
- 2015 Petition Received for Abandonment of JD (Judicial Ditch) #5 Tabled
- 2018 Board requested Engineers investigation of alternatives to:
 - Modify/replace existing drainage structures
 - Manage Four Legged Lake's Water Surface Elevations for each basin
 - Provide Flood Damage Reduction (FDR) benefits

PROJECT GOALS DEVELOPED WITH PROJECT TEAM

- The purpose of this Project is to reduce flood damages to Clearwater County roads, lakeshore property, and the shoreline of Four Legged Lake.
- Secondary benefits from the Project may include:
- Contribution to the regional goal of reducing peak flows downstream to Ruffy Brook and along the Red River of the North (Red River) by 20% during large flooding events
- Establishing stable water surface elevation for the benefit of flood damage reduction, wildlife, and lake aesthetics
- Establish an outlet structure and culverts that will provide operational variability and maintenance access throughout the Four Legged Lake system

STAKEHOLDER CONSIDERATIONS

RLWD

- Follow and administer appropriate drainage law procedures
- Provide storage for downstream areas to reduce peak flows (FDR)
- Manage agreeable lake levels
- Maintain lake characteristics
- Maintain water quality
- Provide maintenance of system as appropriate

Clearwater County Highway Department (CCHD)

- Maintain water levels to minimize road damages
 Minimize encroachments to the clear zone/recovery area
 Provide 5 feet of vertical separation between water levels and roadway centerline elevation
- Maintain safe roads
- Provide and maintain infrastructure to protect the integrity of the road

Landowners

- Manage water levels in an acceptable and equitable manner for all four basins
- Reduce high or flooding water levels
- Maintain lake aesthetics

Board of Soil and Water Resources (BWSR)

• Maintain or improve water quality

MnDNR

- Maintain and enhance waterfowl habitat diversity
- Maintain or improve water quality
- Establish appropriate water levels pursuant Minnesota Rule 6115

MPCA

• Maintain or improve water quality

USACE

• Follow concurrence points process

FOUR LEGGED LAKE WATER LEVEL PREFERENCES



ENGINEERING DESIGN CRITERIA

Design Element	Criteria
Roadway	Maintain vertical road separation of 5 feet for normal water surface elevations
Roadway	Minimize normal water surface infringement into the roadway clear zone
FDR	Reduce flooding and do not increase inundation of uplands or flooding downstream
Normal Pool Elevations	Establish a long-term water surface elevation that meets the goals and expectations of the Project Team in a fair and equitable manner
Feasibility	WSE must be permittable as discussed with agencies during the Project Team process

PROJECT ALTERNATIVES

Alternative	Southwest Basin Normal WSE (ft)	Northwest Basin Normal WSE (ft)	Northeast Basin Normal WSE (ft)	Southeast Basin Normal WSE (ft)		
Existing Condition ¹	1427.0	1427.0	1427.0	1427.0		
Alternative 1	1424.0	1424.0	1427.0	1427.0		
Alternative 2	1425.5	1425.5	1427.0	1427.0		
Alternative 3	1426.0	1426.0	1427.0	1427.0		
Alternative 4	1427.0	1427.0	1427.0	1427.0		
¹ Existing condition normal WSEs are shown for comparison purposes. Assumes system has no hydraulic obstructions						

TOPOGRAPHY - SOUTHWEST OUTLET



SOUTHWEST BASIN



PROJECT FEATURES - OUTLET STRUCTURE

• Outlet structure on East side of 233RD Avenue



Project Features - Roadway and Outlet Culverts

Location	<u>Existing</u> <u>Culvert</u>	<u>Proposed</u> <u>Shape</u>	<u>Propose</u> <u>d Size</u>	<u>Proposed</u> <u>Length</u>	<u>Proposed</u> <u>Material</u>
<u>CSAH 23</u>	<u>48" RCP</u>	Round	<u>36"</u>	<u>150′</u>	<u>SSP</u>
<u>CSAH 23</u>	<u>30″ CSP &</u> <u>24″ RCP</u>	Round	<u>36″</u>	<u>162′</u>	<u>SSP</u>
<u>CSAH 2</u>	<u>24" CSP</u>	Round	<u>36″</u>	<u>60'</u>	<u>SSP</u>
233 rd Avenue	<u>36″ CSP</u>	<u>Round</u>	<u>36″</u>	<u>80′</u>	<u>SSP</u>

Table Colors Correspond to Arrows

Red Dash Is approximate Outlet Structure Location



Results for 100 Year 24-Hour Storm Event

Characteristics	Leave as is	Alt. 1	Alt. 2	Alt. 3	Alt. 4
East Normal Pool WSE (Ft)	1427.0	1427.0	1427.0	1427.0	1427
West Normal Pool WSE (Ft)	1427.0	1424.0	1425.5	1426.0	1427
Southeast Peak WSE (Ft)	1428.8	1428.4	1428.4	1428.5	1428.7
Northeast Peak WSE (Ft)	1428.8	1428.4	1428.3	1428.4	1428.6
Northwest Peak WSE (Ft)	1428.4	1427.0	1428.0	1428.1	1428.6
Southwest Peak WSE (Ft)	1428.0	1426.9	1427.9	1428.1	1428.6
¹ Discharge Reduction	-	36%	36%	41%	47%
¹ Compared to Abandon as-is alternative (existing condition)					

* Denotes an increase in downstream discharge



RECOMMENDATION OF ALTERNATIVE

ALTERNATIVE 3

- West Basins at normal pool elevation 1426.0'
- East Basins at normal pool elevation 1427.0'

BENEFITS

- Provides greatest average reduction in discharge downstream while reducing peak WSE of basins
- Addresses design criteria responsibly
- Reduces potential damages to Clearwater County roads
- Improves roadway safety
- "Best fit " compromise between Project Team stated goals and interests
- Achieves compromise between maintaining lake aesthetics and reducing area of upland inundation



PROBABLE COST

Item Description	Units	Total Estimated Quantities	Unit Price	Total Price		
Control Structure Items						
Mobilization	LS	1	\$20,000	\$20,000		
Clearing and Grubbing	AC	0.5	\$4,000	\$2,000		
Cofferdam	LS	1	\$20,000	\$20,000		
Common Excavation	CY	200	\$8.00	\$1,600		
Structural Concrete	CY	24	\$3,500	\$84,000		
Install 36" RC Pipe	LF	80	\$95.00	\$7,600		
Sluice Gate	EACH	1	\$20,000	\$20,000		
Stop Log Bay	EACH	1	\$20,000	\$20,000		
Catwalk and Steel Handrails	LF	25	\$500	\$12,500		
	\$187,700					
Roadway Items – Jack and Bore Pipes						
Traffic Control	LS	1	\$5,000	\$5,000		
Common Excavation	CY	2000	\$4.00	\$8,000		
Remove Existing 36" CSP	LF	32	\$15.00	\$480		
Install 36" CS Pipe	LF	172	\$70.00	\$12,000		
Install 4' Drainage Structure	EACH	2	\$7,000	\$14,000		
Jack and Bore 36" Lake Connection Culverts	LF	200	\$350	\$70,000		
Culvert Bedding	TON	150	\$10.00	\$1,500		
Plug Existing Culverts	EACH	3	\$2,000	\$6,000		
Aggregate Surfacing	TON	300	\$10.00	\$3,000		
Random Riprap	CY	120	\$75.00	\$9,000		
Turf Establishment	AC	0.2	\$6,000	\$1,200		
	\$130,180					
	\$317,880					
Materials Testing (construction)	\$6,000					
Contingencies	\$79,470					
	\$403,350					
Engineering and Administration 25% of Construction Subtotal				\$100,837		
	\$504,187					

RECOMMENDED ALTERNATIVE – CONSIDERATIONS AND CHALLENGES

- Flood Damage Reduction Up to 1,800 acre-ft of storage (gated potential versus existing ungated)
- Wildlife Habitat DNR Wildlife has documented prime waterfowl habitat in the past..would like lake lower?
- Road Design Standards and Public Safety Improved
- Aesthetics Reasonable
- Flooding Damage Reduction Flooding Reduced
- Risk Factors Limited
- Drainage, Permitting and Watershed Laws Under Mn Statute 103D, Mn Rules (DNR public waters) apply, and % landowner approval required....Project may be difficult to implement based upon Project history and diverse opinions and water level preferences

