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Here is a summary to address questions regarding the status to RestoreTheLakes.

**The FLTF continues to actively work on all 4 dams.** This link will take you to a detailed progress update complete with a project list and timeline for key milestones. [november update on progress final.pdf \(four-lakes-taskforce-mi.com\)](#)

You can review the plans for each of the lakes or simply review your lake. While work and other studies are underway, there are things as a lake community we are waiting for.

While the interim **Independent Forensic Team Report** (appointed by FERC) has been issued, the final report is pending. Regulators need this report to gain a complete understanding of the failure so the pending dam safety legislation can consider the findings. As this is an independent group of engineers, there is no influence we can use to move this report along. [investigation failures edenville-sanford interim report sept2021 final.pdf \(four-lakes-taskforce-mi.com\)](#)

The other outstanding issue people are following is the funding. **The Michigan Senate on Thursday (12/2) unanimously approved \$3.3 billion in water infrastructure spending to replace lead pipes and repair aging dams around the state while also sending money to a Detroit-area system that has struggled with flooding blamed on climate change.**

[Michigan Senate Approves \\$3.3B Water Infrastructure Bill | Michigan News | US News](#)

“More than one-third of the lending for dams is set aside for a task force that oversees dams and lakes in Midland and Gladwin counties, where a “500-year” flood resulted in the failure of two dams and caused hundreds of millions of dollars in damage to property.”

In terms of next steps - - The funding bill now advances to the MI House for the same consideration. Once approved in the House, the bill is sent to the Governor for her approval / signature. We are monitoring this closely.

It is difficult for the FLTF to address the issue of the annual assessment without understanding the potential financial support from the state of Michigan.

We realize this overview contains several links to more information. This is a complicated project, and we try to address the questions received. We hope this helps address questions and provides confidence as work continues to RestoreTheLakes.

We will continue to monitor and update as we learn more. Please visit [Four Lakes Task Force website](#) or your lake association web site for additional information.

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