

**CHESHIRE TOWNSHIP
ALLEGAN COUNTY, MICHIGAN**

EAGLE LAKE IMPROVEMENT SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT

**NOTICE OF FEBRUARY 17, 2026 PUBLIC HEARING ON 2026-2030
IMPROVEMENT PROJECT PLANS AND ESTIMATED COSTS**

TO: THE RESIDENTS AND PROPERTY OWNERS OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CHESHIRE, ALLEGAN COUNTY, MICHIGAN; OWNERS OF PROPERTY ABUTTING AND/OR WITH DEEDED ACCESS TO EAGLE LAKE IN CHESHIRE TOWNSHIP; AND ANY OTHER INTERESTED PERSONS:

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE the Cheshire Township Board is proposing an Eagle Lake improvement project in 2026-2030 for the eradication and control of aquatic weeds and plants in Eagle Lake financed by special assessments on the properties within the Eagle Lake Improvement Special Assessment District as reestablished in 2021 for an indefinite term. The Township Board is proposing to proceed with this project on its own initiative and pursuant to the request of interested property owners for the Township to continue to be involved in the improvement of Eagle Lake through multi-year projects that began in 2006 and were continued through 2025.

The existing Eagle Lake Improvement Special Assessment District within which the cost of the foregoing improvements is proposed to be specially assessed is described as follows:

All lots/parcels abutting and/or with deeded access to Eagle Lake in Cheshire Township, Allegan County, State of Michigan.

Note: This Cheshire Township special assessment district does not include any property in adjoining Bloomingdale Township in VanBuren County, within which a small portion of Eagle Lake is located, because Cheshire Township does not have special assessment jurisdiction over such properties. The Bloomingdale Township Board may administer a similar special assessment project for the portion of Eagle Lake in that township.

The Township Board has received plans for the anticipated aquatic vegetation control project in 2026-2030, together with an estimate of the costs of the project in the amount of \$85,456.80 (85.8% of \$99,600.00 for the entire lake, including the portion in Bloomingdale Township), and has placed the plans on file with the Township Clerk. The Township has added to the Cheshire Township share of the plan costs a 5% contingency for unanticipated expenses, in the amount of \$4,272.84; and the Township has further estimated the legal and administrative expenses of the 2026 special assessment process and administering the special assessment district to be approximately \$7,000. The total estimated 2026-2030 project cost for Cheshire Township is therefore \$96,792.64.

The Township Board at its January 20, 2026 meeting passed a Resolution tentatively declaring its intention to proceed with the 2026-2030 project. A public hearing on this improvement project and the estimated costs of same will be held at the Cheshire Township Hall at 471 41st just north of 104th Avenue, Cheshire, Michigan, on February 17, 2026 in conjunction with a regular meeting of the Township Board beginning at 6:30 p.m.

At this hearing/meeting the Board will consider any written objections to any of the foregoing matters which are filed with the Board prior to or at the hearing, as well as any corrections or changes to the plans or estimate of costs. The project plans, estimate of costs, and the boundaries of the existing special assessment district may be examined at the office of the Township Clerk and may further be examined at the public hearing.

If the Township Board determines to proceed with the 2026-2030 improvement project a second public hearing will be held at a later date to be set by the Township Board (tentatively March 17, 2026 at the regular Township Board meeting) for the purpose of reviewing and hearing objections to the proposed 2026-2030 special assessment roll allocating the costs of the project among the various properties included in the special assessment district. Appearance and protest at such a second public hearing or as otherwise allowed by 1962 PA 162, as amended, is required in order to preserve a right to appeal the amount of any such special assessment to the Michigan Tax Tribunal within 30 days after the confirmation of a special assessment roll. Formal notice of any such second public hearing will be published in a newspaper and mailed to affected property owners as required by law. A re-determination of the actual costs to be assessed for 2027-2030 may be made by the Township Board on an annual basis without further Notice if allowed by law. A proposed special assessment roll for a continuation project in any years subsequent to 2030 will not be approved without new cost estimates and a further hearing thereon.

Note: the Township Board tentatively anticipates proposing special assessments for the 2026-2030 project in the amount of \$1,289.73 (payable in 5 equal rounded annual installments of \$257.95) for lots/parcels abutting Eagle Lake, and \$644.85 (payable in 5 equal rounded annual installments of \$128.97) for lots/parcels with deeded access to Eagle Lake. The Township Board also presently anticipates applying to the 2026-2030 improvement project any retained revenue surplus from the improvement project in 2021-2025, after a final accounting for this project has been completed.

The foregoing hearings and all proceedings associated with these special assessment matters will be conducted in accordance with and pursuant to 1954 PA 188, as amended, the Michigan Open Meetings Act, and any other applicable law.

Cheshire Township will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aids and services at the meeting/hearing to individuals with disabilities, such as signers for the hearing impaired and audiotapes of printed materials being considered, upon reasonable notice to the Township. Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services should contact the Township Clerk as designated below.

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