

CHESHIRE TOWNSHIP
ALLEGAN COUNTY, MICHIGAN

2026-2030 EAGLE LAKE IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED 2026-2030 SPECIAL ASSESSMENT
ROLL AT MARCH 26, 2026 RESCHEDULED REGULAR MEETING
(RESCHEDULED FROM MARCH 17, 2026)

TO: THE RESIDENTS AND PROPERTY OWNERS OF THE EAGLE LAKE
IMPROVEMENT SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT ENCOMPASSING ALL
LANDS ABUTTING EAGLE LAKE OR HAVING DEEDED ACCESS TO EAGLE LAKE
IN CHESHIRE TOWNSHIP, ALLEGAN COUNTY, MICHIGAN; AND ANY OTHER
INTERESTED PERSONS:

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE the Supervisor/Assessing Officer of Cheshire Township has reported to the Township Board and filed in the office of the Township Clerk for public examination a proposed 2026-2030 special assessment roll/special assessment column in the regular tax roll pertaining to the Eagle Lake Improvement Special Assessment District prepared pursuant to the Resolution Approving Plans and Cost Estimates for 2026-2030 Improvement Project adopted by the Township Board at the February 17, 2026 meeting following the public hearing held at that meeting on the proposed plans and costs.

The proposed special assessment roll prepared pursuant to the February 17, 2026 Township Board Resolution proposes to allocate the costs of an aquatic vegetation control project for 2026-2030 in the approximate total amount of \$96,793 over the five-year project to the various lots and parcels within the Special Assessment District pursuant to a benefit factor of 1.0 for each lot/parcel abutting Eagle Lake, and a benefit factor of 0.5 for each lot/parcel with deeded access to Eagle Lake. The proposed costs for the project include a 5% contingency and administrative and legal expenses incurred by the Township in connection with the special assessment process.

A public hearing on any objections to the proposed 2026-2030 special assessment roll as prepared by the Assessor pursuant to Township Board direction in the Resolution adopted at the February 17, 2026 meeting, and as may be revised by the Township Board as discussed below, will be held at the Cheshire Township Hall at 471 41st Street, just north of 104th Avenue in Cheshire Township, Michigan, on **March 26, 2026**, in conjunction with a rescheduled regular meeting of the Township Board (rescheduled from March 17) beginning at 6:30 p.m.

Subsequent to the February 17, 2026 Township Board meeting the Township Clerk and Township Attorney conducted a detailed review of the status of the Eagle Lake SAD accounting fund, in anticipation of closing-out the accounting for the 2021-2025 project after collecting the special assessment revenues for the last year of that project, and determined that by mid-year 2026 that accounting fund will have an accumulated net surplus of approximately \$41,750 from the 2021-2025 project and all prior 5-year Eagle Lake improvement projects going back to 2006. The Township Board may choose to apply

this entire anticipated accumulated surplus towards the costs and expenses of the 2026-2030 improvement project and therefore reduce the new revenue necessary to cover the above-estimated costs/expenses of the 2026-2030 project from approximately \$96,793 to approximately \$55,043.

The Township Board will therefore consider at the March 26, 2026 meeting the proposed 5-year special assessment roll for the 2026-2030 project prepared by the Assessor in response to the direction of the Township Board in the Resolution adopted at the February 17, 2026 meeting, and will also consider at the March 26, 2026 meeting revising that proposed special assessment roll so as to levy no special assessments for the last two years of the 5-year special assessment roll for the 2026-2030 project.

If the Township Board approves the original proposed special assessment roll prepared by the Assessor pursuant to the Board direction in the Resolution adopted at the February 17, 2026 meeting, the resulting total amount of approximately \$96,793 will be specially assessed against each lot/parcel of land within the Eagle Lake Improvement Special Assessment District as follows:

- \$1,290.58 for each lot/parcel abutting Eagle Lake in Cheshire Township (with all contiguous lots/parcels in the same ownership specially assessed as one benefit unit), levied and payable in five equal annual installments of \$258.12 in each of years 2026-2030.
- \$645.29 for each lot/parcel with deeded access to Eagle Lake in Cheshire Township (with all contiguous lots/parcels in the same ownership specially assessed as one benefit unit), levied and payable in five equal annual installments of \$129.06 in each of years 2026-2030.

If the Township Board approves a revised proposed special assessment roll as indicated above, the resulting total amount of approximately \$55,043 will be specially assessed against each lot/parcel of land within the Eagle Lake Improvement Special Assessment District as follows:

- \$733.91 for each lot/parcel abutting Eagle Lake in Cheshire Township (with all contiguous lots/parcels in the same ownership specially assessed as one benefit unit), levied and payable in three equal annual installments of \$244.63 in each of years 2026-2028; and a special assessment of \$0.00 on each such lot/parcel in both of years 2029 and 2030.
- \$366.95 for each lot/parcel with deeded access to Eagle Lake in Cheshire Township (with all contiguous lots/parcels in the same ownership specially assessed as one-half benefit unit), levied and payable in three equal annual installments of \$122.32 in each of years 2026-2028; and a special assessment of \$0.00 on each such lot/parcel in both of years 2029 and 2030.

If the Township Board approves a 2026-2030 special assessment roll at the March 26, 2026 meeting, whether as originally prepared, or as revised, the annual special assessments are subject to a redetermination by the Township Board on a yearly basis as may be necessary to account for the actual incurred costs and any relevant legal/administrative expenses, as compared to the estimated costs and expenses (and, if applicable, to account for the actual surplus from the improvement projects in prior years, as compared to the presently anticipated surplus). Unpaid special assessments will be subject to interest at a rate to be determined by the Township Board but not exceeding 8.0% per annum.

The proposed 2026-2030 special assessment roll, and the project plans, estimate of costs, the boundaries of the Eagle Lake Improvement Special Assessment District, and the Resolution of the Township Board adopted at the February 17, 2026 meeting directing the Supervisor/Assessing Officer of the Township to make the proposed Special Assessment Roll, may be examined at the office of the Township Clerk and may further be examined at the public hearing.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE THAT APPEARANCE AND PROTEST AT THIS HEARING IS REQUIRED IN ORDER TO APPEAL THE AMOUNT OF A SPECIAL ASSESSMENT TO THE STATE TAX TRIBUNAL. AN OWNER OR PARTY IN INTEREST OR HIS OR HER AGENT MAY APPEAR IN PERSON AT THIS HEARING TO PROTEST A SPECIAL ASSESSMENT, OR MAY FILE AN APPEARANCE OR PROTEST BY LETTER WITH THE TOWNSHIP CLERK BEFORE THE CLOSE OF THE HEARING OR WITHIN SUCH FURTHER TIME AS THE TOWNSHIP BOARD MAY GRANT, IF ANY, AND IN SUCH CIRCUMSTANCES A PERSONAL APPEARANCE AT THE HEARING SHALL NOT BE REQUIRED. THE OWNER OR ANY PERSON HAVING AN INTEREST IN THE REAL PROPERTY WHO PROTESTS IN PERSON OR IN WRITING AS PROVIDED ABOVE MAY FILE A WRITTEN APPEAL OF A SPECIAL ASSESSMENT WITH THE STATE TAX TRIBUNAL WITHIN 30 DAYS AFTER THE CONFIRMATION OF THE SPECIAL ASSESSMENT LEVY OR WITHIN SUCH OTHER TIME AS MAY BE ALLOWED BY LAW.

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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