

**CHESHIRE TOWNSHIP
ALLEGAN COUNTY, MICHIGAN**

SWAN LAKE IMPROVEMENT SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON ESTABLISHING PROPOSED SWAN LAKE
IMPROVEMENT SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT, AND 2027-2036 IMPROVEMENT
PROJECT PLANS AND ESTIMATED COSTS AT MAY 16, 2026 TOWNSHIP BOARD
SPECIAL MEETING**

TO: THE RESIDENTS AND PROPERTY OWNERS OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CHESHIRE, ALLEGAN COUNTY, MICHIGAN; OWNERS OF PROPERTY WITH FRONTAGE ON SWAN LAKE AND/OR WITH DEEDED/SPECIAL ACCESS TO SWAN LAKE IN LAND SECTIONS 15, 16, 21 AND 22 OF CHESHIRE TOWNSHIP; AND ANY OTHER INTERESTED PERSONS:

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE at the request of residents and owners of property with frontage on Swan Lake and/or with deeded/special access to Swan Lake the Cheshire Township Board is proposing to establish the Swan Lake improvement Special Assessment District for the purpose of lake management, aquatic vegetation control, and related services to improve Swan Lake, and is considering a specific Swan Lake Improvement project proposed to be undertaken in 2027-2036 pursuant to a comprehensive study of Swan Lake by Restorative Lake Sciences (RLS), to be financed by special assessments levied in 2026-2035.

The 2027-2036 improvement project recommended by RLS pursuant to the comprehensive study and the resulting report includes, among other things, the following components proposed to be undertaken in 2027-2036:

- the deployment of TimberChar filters at selected inlets/drains and other locations on the lake, under the technical expertise and guidance of RLS;
- water quality data acquisition and analysis by RLS;
- strategic weed control;
- technical support by RLS for remediation technologies (including permitting).

The proposed Swan 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 or portions thereof in land sections 15, 16, 21 and 22 of Cheshire Township with frontage on Swan Lake, and all backlots/parcels or portions thereof in those land sections with a deeded or other special right of access to Swan Lake pursuant to a dedicated outlot or other private access, as shown on the proposed special assessment district map.

The Township Board has received plans for the proposed lake improvement project in 2027-2036, together with an estimate of the costs of the project in the amount of \$361,000, which includes a 5% "buffer" for inflation-related adjustments, and legal/administrative fees of \$7,500 for the 2025-2026 special assessment process.

The Township Board at its March 26, 2026 meeting passed a Resolution tentatively declaring its intention to establish the special assessment district and proceed with the legal process for the 2027-2036 project. A public hearing on the proposed special assessment district and 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 **May 16, 2026** in conjunction with a special meeting of the Township Board beginning at 10:00 a.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 proposed special assessment district boundaries or the plans or estimate of costs. The RLS study and report, project plans, estimate of costs, and the boundaries of the proposed 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 establish the special assessment district and proceed with the 2027-2036 improvement project, a second public hearing will be held at a later date to be set by the Township Board for the purpose of reviewing and hearing objections to the proposed 2026-2035 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 specially assessed in 2026-2035 for the improvements in 2027-2036 may be made by the Township Board on an annual basis without further Notice if allowed by law (increase of 10% or less). A proposed special assessment roll for a continuation project in any years subsequent to 2036 will not be approved without new plans and cost estimates and a further hearing thereon.

The Township Board tentatively anticipates proposing special assessments for the 2027-2036 project as follows, but subject to change at the public hearing:

- \$4,454.40 for each non-commercial lot/parcel or portion thereof with frontage on Swan Lake (with all contiguous lots/parcels in the same ownership specially assessed as one benefit unit), levied and payable in 10 equal annual installments of \$445.44) in each of years 2026-2035.
- \$2,227.20 for each backlot/parcel or portion thereof with deeded or other special right of access to Swan Lake pursuant to a dedicated outlot or other private access to Swan Lake (with all contiguous lots/parcels in the same ownership specially assessed as one-half benefit unit), levied and payable in 10 equal annual installments of \$222.72) in each of years 2026-2035.
- Each of the following commercial properties abutting Swan Lake with multiple mobile home dwelling sites and/or recreational vehicle/tent sites are each proposed to be specially assessed one benefit unit (\$4,454.40, plus \$210.00

for each mobile home and/or recreational vehicle/tent site), levied and payable in 10 equal annual installments in each of years 2026-2035 (parcel numbers 03-016-003-01, 03-016-012-00, and 03-016-009-00). Note: the specific special assessment amounts on each of these three properties will be calculated subsequent to the May 16 public hearing/meeting and will be included in the legal Notice for the second public hearing on the proposed 2026-2035 special assessment roll.

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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