

SAVE OUR LAKES



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BLACK CREEK PROJECT MOVING FORWARD



Black Creek Pump Station Site Plan

THE SHEET PILING at the Pump Station Construction Site extend some 40 feet into the earth. To de-water the site, well points have been placed on the inside and the outside of the sheet piles. The water is pulled into the PVC pipe manifolds by pumps (painted red) and discharged into a sediment tank (painted yellow). Here the water is separated from the other material. The collected water and sediment are removed from the site for proper disposal. Neither will be allowed to contaminate Black Creek. When the water on the inside of the sheet pilings reaches the required level, work will begin to remove the dirt and clay within. This will be done in stages until a foundation for the riser pipe can be built at the level of the horizontal pipe from Black Creek. (Cont. Pg 3)



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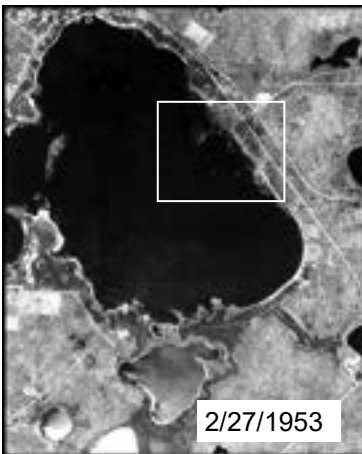
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The Geneva Project



In some areas of Lake Geneva, the slope of the bottom of the lake is quite shallow. The loss of a single foot in the lake's elevation can potentially lead to the exposure of 200 feet of lake bottom. When the lake was at its lowest in 2012 (below 82.0 FT. NAVD88), some properties ended up 1/2 mile from the high water mark to the shore of the lake. As seen in the Google Earth photo on the right above, some

resources to keep mowing the newly exposed bottom which kept pine trees (and other vegetation) from establishing themselves in the newly exposed bottom. As evidenced by the smaller pines in the photo above, even some of these property owners, over time, were not able to keep up the fight to keep nature at bay. All of this excess vegetation needs to be removed before the normal water levels return to Lake Geneva.

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Please feel free to check us out!

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At the Black Creek Inlet Facility Construction Site, on the left side of the photograph, sheet pilings are seen in place and dewatering equipment is being installed. Note that additional water filtration equipment (the white rectangular tank) is being employed. The close proximity of Black Creek, just on the other side of the black silt fence at the far edge of the construction site, is the likely reason for these extra precautions.



Black Creek Inlet Facility Site

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Next meeting: 7PM, March 14th at the First Baptist Church. We will met in the Fellowship Hall. Look for meeting signs posted around (but not in) Keystone Heights. We look forward to seeing you in 2023!

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