

# Restore The Lakes

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The purpose of this guide is to provide contact information for key elected officials. While their email addresses are included, please also consider sending your written comments in a letter format via US Mail. There is something about a letter that helps emphasize your message.

You can do both, email your thoughts and then mail a letter with them as well. A stamp cost 55 cents and is a powerful means to be heard. A book of stamps is \$11 and enough to mail 20 letters.

To write your letter, start from a place in your heart, share a memory or a story. Then ask for their assistance to secure financial support to restore the lakes. We provide suggested key points for your letter to help you frame your thoughts. While we each think about “our lake”, **the government views this as the Tittabawassee water system (be sure to reference this into your request for restoration help). In the subject line please type: RESTORE MID MICHIGAN LAKES**

There are sample letters available for your review and consideration at [www.restorethelakes.org](http://www.restorethelakes.org)

You can revise these to make them your own.

Thanks for taking time to write and mail your letters. You can help restore the lakes; restore property values; restore the local economy and keep the lakes alive for generations to come.

Downstate Elected Officials	Suggested Key Points of Your Letter
<p>If you live down state, or are a friend of the area, you can contact your local state and federal elected officials.</p> <p>You can let know you have friends in Mid-Michigan that need their help.</p> <p>Here are some links to help you find your state representatives or senator along with your local congressional official.</p> <p>To look up your US Congressional representative: <a href="https://www.house.gov/representatives/find-your-representative">https://www.house.gov/representatives/find-your-representative</a></p> <p>To look up your MI State Senator: <a href="https://senate.michigan.gov/fysbyaddress.html">https://senate.michigan.gov/fysbyaddress.html</a></p> <p>To look up your MI State Representative: <a href="https://www.house.mi.gov/mhrpublic/frmFindaRep.aspx">https://www.house.mi.gov/mhrpublic/frmFindaRep.aspx</a></p> <p>Thanks for your support. Please send us a copy of the letters send to <a href="mailto:RestoreTheLakes@gmail.com">RestoreTheLakes@gmail.com</a></p> <p>We want to keep track of letters and will post some of the best ones we receive for others to see.</p>	<p>I am writing to seek your support to restore the lakes in Mid-Michigan. We have friends and family that were impacted by this disaster through no fault of their own. They need your help to rebuild and restore the lakes.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The May 2020 failure of the mid-Michigan dams was caused by the failure of federal regulators to hold a private dam owner in compliance.</li><li>• Is not fair to hold property owners, who did nothing wrong, with footing the entire bill to restore the lakes.</li><li>• Federal / state financial assistance is required to help restore the lakes. Earmarks may allow you to move quickly.</li><li>• Restoring the Lakes will restore the local economy, restore property values, keep the local tax base from collapse and create jobs for Michigan.</li><li>• The Four Lakes Task Force (FLTF) is finalizing a shovel ready \$300 million infrastructure project that will help tens of thousands of Michiganders.</li><li>• We support the FLTF plan to restore the lakes; but the investment is high and property owners should not be expected to shoulder the full burden.</li><li>• We need your help to secure federal infrastructure funds to restore the lakes.</li><li>• Financial support can be funds, grants, and earmarks.</li></ul>

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