

We have completed dredging activities for the 2025 season. Dredge America has removed most of the pipe from the lake for winter. The barge will remain in the water, and the site is fully prepared for the winter shutdown. The contractor will return in April to complete the remaining dredging in 2026. We appreciate everyone's continued support throughout this process.

The team has fully completed the bay near Fisher Park and approximately half of the Waterfront Bay. The results look excellent, with seven feet of clear water now present. As we've shared previously, our goal is to dredge approximately 15 to 20 feet from the shoreline. One challenge, however, is that dredging requires at least four feet of water depth and a soft bottom. Recent measurements in the Waterfront Bay revealed areas of hard bottom at only three feet deep, about 50 feet from shore. While we know there is some sediment in that area, the combination of shallow depth and hard bottom means we will not be able to dredge those sections.

We also experienced a minor leak in the sediment pond. We are working with our engineers to identify the cause in that one small area of the pond. Their recommendation was to reinforce the side pond walls at that location, which we have completed, and it appears to be performing as intended. We will continue monitoring the pond closely throughout the winter. As part of our winter preparation, we are also drawing down the pond and returning that water to the lake.

Additionally, we received our first grant draw from the State through Speaker Vos' support. If you see him, please extend a thank you. We will continue receiving the remaining portion of the \$5 million grant in the coming months. As stated previously, these funds are being held in an interest-bearing account, and once dredging is complete, we will work with the Town to determine how best to use the funds to reduce costs for everyone.

Lastly, on behalf of the Browns Lake Sanitary District, thank you for your ongoing support. We wish everyone a safe and happy holiday season.