Cass Road Bridge & Boardman Dam Removal

FAQ Property Owners

Who owns the bottomlands?
As Boardman Pond is dewatered, the newly exposed land, referred to as “bottomlands,” is owned by Grand Traverse County.

How will adjacent landowners access the river during bridge construction and dam removal?
For the safety of residents and construction workers, the project construction area will be closed. River traffic will be limited during both the 2016 and 2017 construction seasons. During bridge construction, river traffic is closed downstream of Lone Pine to Sabin Dam. During dam removal, river traffic will be closed at Beitner Road downstream to Sabin Dam.

How will adjacent landowners access the river post construction?
The project team is developing a plan to address access and will be communicating directly with adjacent landowners.

What if damage is caused to my property during bridge construction?
In the event of property damage during bridge construction, property owners should contact the Grand Traverse County Road Highway Engineer at the Grand Traverse County Road Commission.

What if damage is caused to my property during dam removal?
In the event of property damage during dam removal, property owners should contact the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers’ onsite project representative (contact TBD).

How will my property value be impacted?
It is difficult to predict how exactly property value will be impacted because property values are influenced by other issues including the real estate market and characteristics of each property.

Will my well be jeopardized?
The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers completed a Feasibility Study and Environmental Assessment which evaluated the potential impacts of the dam removal project on groundwater near Boardman and Sabin dams. The analysis did not identify any well screens (the intake portion of wells) that would be above the predicted post-dam removal groundwater level. Based on the analysis and known locations of wells, no impact on private wells is expected from the Boardman Dam removal.

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