

First off we would like to say thank you to everyone for their patience, support and understanding over the last 3 years and helping make this project a success.

The Surrey Lake Improvement Board talked about having a meeting this past fall or in the spring of 2012 when we would have final numbers for cubic yards removed. After consideration, it would be impossible to pick a day and time for the whole Lake assessment district to attend, and we felt this would be unfair. The lake board has decided to send everyone the facts of the dredging project in a letter, so everyone would have the same information first hand.

As you know it took 3 years to finish our dredging project. There was a total of 11 phases to be dredged in our original contract for a total of 55,300 cubic yards to be removed. We were able to go into extra areas and dredge that were not originally going to be touched. We tried to make as many people happy as possible. We tried to dredge as many problem areas as we could and stay within budget. Surrey Lake Improvement Board's goal was to do what was best for the life of Surrey Lake. Total cubic yards of sediment, muck and wood that was removed from Surrey Lake was 55,813 cubic yards. That was an additional 513 cubic yards that was removed over the contract amount of 55,300.

You can now maneuver in all the coves or bays with the deeper water which helps keep and create better oxygen for the fish. With everyone's support the life of Surrey Lake has been extended for many years to come. As part of maintenance every few years we will continue to drag line the inlet for a sediment trap to help keep down the amount of sediment that will enter the lake.

The sediment basin back on Brian Wilson's property was covered and finished back in December 2011. Brian is very happy with the way it was cleaned up and finished.

Restoration of the boat launch area and neighboring property is now completed. That was the last phase of our clean up.

A map is enclosed showing the original findings before the dredging project began. A colored copy of the new depths of our lake can be picked up at Beverly Pizzimenti's home at 3161 Huckleberry Trail, Farwell, MI. 48622. The maps will be available through Labor Day Weekend, after which time they will be mailed to those who have not picked one up. We are also going to put PDF files of both maps on the County's website – [www.clareco.net](http://www.clareco.net) under the Drain Commissioner page in the Departments tab.

Again thank you to everyone for your patience. It's nice to have an open lake again and all the barrels out of the way. Any questions, please feel free to call Carl Parks at 989-539-7320 Clare County Drain Commissioner.

Respectfully,

Carl J. Parks

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