

The Smallwood Lake Association Board supports the petition below. After you read, if you agree, you may add your name to this petition to express your support.

If you have not provided your support, please do so ASAP. If you have family and friends that love our lake and agree with the petition, please ask them to add their name. If you have neighbors without computers, please use your smart phone to share the petition and ask them to add their names via your device should they agree. Together we can make a difference!

To add your name simply email the word **RESTORE** with your name (address optional) to <mailto:SmallwoodLakeAssociation@gmail.com>



*Grassroots advocacy begun in Spring 2021 by property owners in the 4 Lakes Special Assessment District to restore the Secord, Smallwood, Wixom, and Sanford Lakes. Our mission is simple, it is in our name.*

*We partner with local, state, federal officials in a collaborative manner.*

### **Petition for Support of the Four Lakes Task Force**

We support the Four Lakes Task Force in its capacity under Part 307 of the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act, 1994 PA 451, as amended (MCL 324.30701 et seq) ("Part 307") as Midland and Gladwin Counties delegated authority to acquire, repair and operate the Secord, Smallwood, Wixom and Sanford dams.

We support the path forward and the plan of financing proposed by the Four Lakes Task Force and approved by the Gladwin and Midland County Commissioners on February 6, 2024.

#### **We support the Four Lakes Task Force in their efforts to:**

- **Continue to manage costs to the lowest level possible,**
- **Seek additional funding,**
- **Restore the lakes.**

We recognize the appeals by the Heron Cove Association will cause delays to the restoration of all 4 lakes and will increase costs beyond 2024 estimates due to the delay in financing which will lead to a halt in restoration construction.

We advocate for a prompt review and denial of the Heron Cove Association appeal. This is in the best interest of the majority of the 4 Lakes Special Assessment District, to avoid further cost increases on the district or delays to lake restoration.