

Lake Pulaski Improvement District  
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Re: DNR Permit number 1987-3002  
Lake Pulaski

Dear Roger:

The Lake Pulaski Improvement District, on behalf of the residents of Lake Pulaski, are requesting an amendment to the permit number shown above to allow discharge to Buffalo Lake even though Buffalo Lake elevation is above 915.50 current permit limit. This elevation was selected in the original Lake Stabilization Project by the Army Corp of Engineers in 1985, however we are experiencing different hydrological and land use conditions over the past 12 years that we believe justify an amendment.

As you are aware, this year has been extremely wet beginning with the wet fall of 2010, heavy snow fall from the past winter, followed by spring and summer. Our current permit requires that we are prohibited from pumping until Buffalo Lake reaches 915.50 or below. As of this date, Buffalo Lake has not yet reached that level and consequently Lake Pulaski continues to be landlocked and rise with no relief even though there are times when Buffalo is draining to the Crow River.

Our request is to be able to pump, to participate in the draining to the Crow as long as Buffalo Lake is continuing to drain, or the LID can document insignificant impacts to lakeshore downstream. This in effect allows us to participate in an outflow as if we were not a land locked lake. Our belief is that the effect of pumping during this time would not negatively affect the outflow of Buffalo and at the same time provide relief and start the lowering process of Lake Pulaski until we could pump in accordance with our permit number 1987-3002.

Since the original permit went into effect and subsequent amendments were granted, there has continued to be development within the Lake Pulaski watershed area resulting in more surface runoff into Lake Pulaski. We have worked with the city and although in most instances the holding ponds for developments have been providing treatment for water quality, in years or wet periods of a few years the rising groundwater and above average rainfall prohibit our inability to manage the lake level in accordance with the original goals of the project which was to prevent property damage and not impact downstream owners.

We have asked our engineering firm, Wenck and Associates, to provide the necessary data to substantiate this request and trust that this is sufficient to grant the request. Additionally, we are requesting that this be expedited due to the continuation of the rising water levels and increasing

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damage to property, shoreline and the degradation of the lake due to soil, fertilizer and other materials that are falling into the lake during storms and high winds.

We expect to have the requested data to you shortly but wanted to submit our request ahead of time in the event there were additional requirements we could fulfill in the interim.

Please advise at your earliest convenience.

Respectfully,

Kathryn Hoy

Kathryn Hoy/Treasurer  
On behalf of the Lake Pulaski Improvement District  
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