

SUMMARY OF WOLA LAKE DAM INSPECTION 2025

BACKGROUND

The WOLA Lake dam needs to be inspected every five years to meet state requirements. It was inspected this year on May 23 by engineering firm Mauer–Stutz. Before that it was last inspected on October 14, 2020.

The dam was found to be in relatively good condition, but the report included a list of things that should be addressed in the next year or so and the WOLA Board voted to make the repairs by the end of 2026 if the expenditures were approved by Members at the 2025 Annual Meeting.

In the meantime, the board decided to move ahead with one item on the report, clearing brush that had grown up on the east and west sides of the dam that might, over time, compromise the earthen dam's structure, and removing brush that had grown up around a small plunge pool at the back of the dam. This was completed on September 21 by Abie Wiegand, a company that specializes in maintaining dams like White Oak Lake's.

VOTE TO APPROVE \$24,000 IN ADDITIONAL REPAIRS

Your vote YES to approved spending up to \$24,000 in 2026 on all other report items listed as minor maintenance and or repairs needed within the coming year. We may not spend the entire \$24,000, but it gives a cushion if costs run higher than expected or if something comes up that isn't expected. **WOLA has the \$24,000 to cover this work now, even before the 2026 dues are received.**

They include:

- Addressing erosion under an outlet pipe on the backside of the dam with a new concrete base that would extend beyond the observed problem. Work would and create a 3' deep, 5' wide, 1' thick toe footing into ground at pipe end to stop the undercutting.
- The beach parking lot and boat launch also serve as an emergency outlet in case of flooding. Inspectors would like to see erosion at the far end of the lot addressed by filling it in with compacted dirt and riprap. For the best access to this area, the utility shed would be moved to the east.
- Replacing and adding riprap in other areas.