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To: Residents of the Burton Lakes Dam area  
Re: Burton Lakes Dam Updates

The Geauga County Department of Water Resources, in response to Chief's Orders from the Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR), is planning to conduct emergency measures to reduce the pressure on the dam. ODNR has indicated this is an emergency situation and therefore the County is ordered to perform an emergency measure immediately.

Starting Monday August 6, 2018, Geauga County (County) will be excavating a small emergency trench in an effort to lower the lake level which will relieve pressure on the dam and the earthen spillway (as required by ODNR). The location of this trench will be on the north side of the dam, north of the wastewater treatment plant located at the site.

This trench excavation will be evaluated by both ODNR and the Ohio EPA. Because of the continued emergency conditions at the site, the County continues to monitor the Burton Lakes Dam to ensure the safety of the surrounding areas.

Due to the increased safety concerns of the dam, we are enforcing that nobody but ODNR, Ohio EPA, County personnel or those hired by the County evaluate the dam structure, or walk around the dam structure. The embankments on both sides of the dam are County property and as a reminder there must be no trespassing on these properties. If anyone would like to view the dam please contact this office directly.

If you have any questions regarding the Burton Lakes Dam or if you notice any issues with the dam, please contact our office at (440) 279-1970.