

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Notice of Public Hearings of Practicability and Assessment

Why am I receiving this notice?

You are receiving this notice because you may own lands within a special assessment district historically used to fund a lake improvement project on Bear Lake for nuisance aquatic plant control and other related activities.

What is a lake improvement special assessment district?

A lake improvement special assessment district is an area of lands designated to receive special assessments for a particular benefit that they receive from certain lake improvements like nuisance aquatic plant control.

What are the public hearings about?

The Bear Lake – Lake Board will consider the practicability of continuing the lake improvement project and a corresponding special assessment roll. The public hearings are required to continue the lake improvement project.

Why are you holding two public hearings for this project?

The statute that governs lake improvement board projects, Part 309 of the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act, requires two public hearings. More importantly, the Bear Lake – Lake Board wants to be as transparent as possible and solicit any input from impacted property owners.

What is my proposed assessment amount?

The proposed estimated assessment amounts are \$524.22 for lakefront parcels, \$262.11 for condominium parcels, and \$1,048.43 for commercial parcels. If approved, assessments will be placed on your winter taxes beginning in 2026 and continuing through 2030. These special assessments would continue to fund the project that has been funded using balances from expired special assessments, which will be explained at the hearing.

Do I have to attend the Public Hearings?

No, you are not required to attend the public hearings; however, you **must** protest in person or by writing in order to reserve your right to appeal any proposed special assessment. All protest/objection letters must be received by September 24, 2026 (please keep this in mind when mailing protests/objections).

How can I get more information?

Please call **(231) 744-1621**. When leaving a voicemail, please leave a detailed message including your name, address, and phone number. All calls will be returned in the order in which they are received. For additional information, visit <http://www.blb.org/>.