



Project Notice

Pontoosuc Lake Annual Drawdown Project

Environmental Justice Community Informational Session: July 11, 2023, from 5:30-7:00 PM



Project Overview:

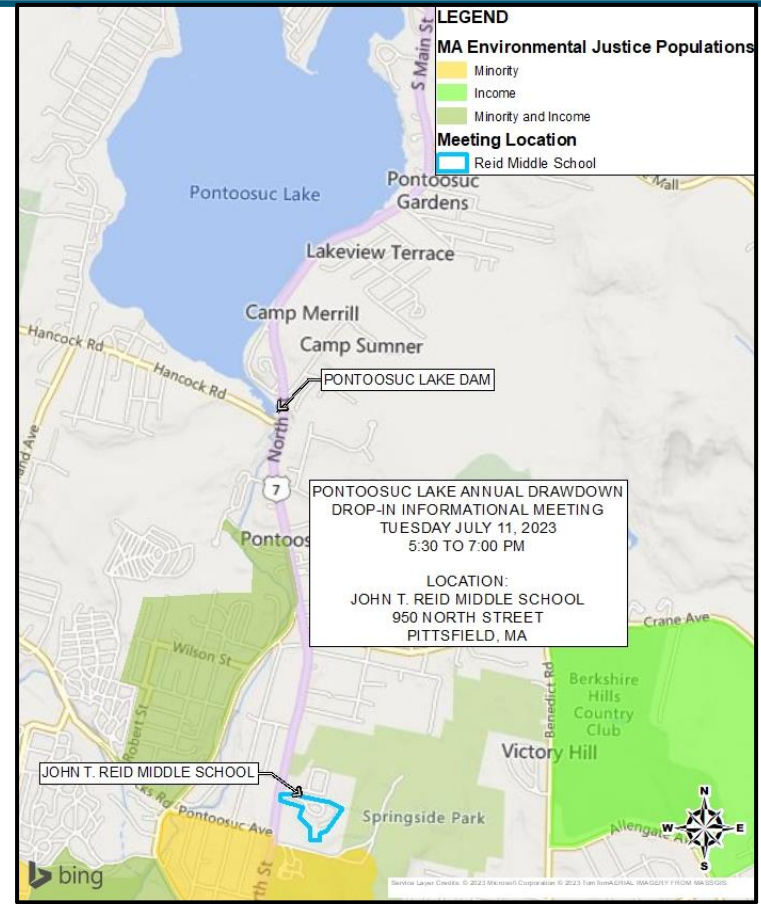
The Massachusetts Department of Conservation & Recreation – Office of Dam Safety (DCR ODS) is re-permitting the ongoing annual drawdown of Pontoosuc Lake in Pittsfield and Lanesborough. The drawdown is conducted by operating an existing slide gate in the dam designed for a 3-foot drawdown of the lake water surface.

The drawdown is performed in the fall to prevent ice damage to the dam over the winter and to provide spring floodwater storage. Damage to the dam could result in partial or complete failure which would pose significant risk to downstream communities located in the flood plain downstream of the dam.

DCR ODS is in the second stage of environmental review of the drawdown: submission of an Environmental Impact Report. Prior to submitting this document DCR ODS wishes to provide background and information about the project and process to those in Environmental Justice communities down stream of the lake and other interested individuals who live, work, and recreate in the area.

Project representatives will be available for a “drop-in” informational session on **Tuesday July 11 from 5:30-7:00 PM at the John T. Reid Middle School Main Entrance** to provide a status update and answer questions. No formal presentation will be given.

Please visit the website (link below, or scan the QR code) for more information.



For more information, to submit a comment, or request a meeting, please visit:
<https://www.gza.com/pontoosuc-lake-annual-drawdown-project>