



# Ohio Department of Natural Resources

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## RE: Notice of Intent to Conduct Property Survey

Dear Buckeye Lake Resident:

The Department of Natural Resources is actively moving forward on plans to begin construction of a new dam at Buckeye Lake. Recently, we have selected a design concept, hired an engineering firm, submitted requests for construction firm bids and received emergency declaration from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to start construction.

One of the preliminary steps needed before starting construction is conducting a property survey to establish reliable boundary lines for the project. To help this effort, ODNR has secured the services of a surveying consultant whose task will be to accurately determine property boundaries on the crest of the dam and complete a topographic survey of the embankment. Precise property boundaries will protect your interests as our immediate neighbor by helping guard against inadvertent encroachment on your property during this improvement project.

The survey work will begin on August 11, 2015 and is expected to be completed by the end of October. There will be several teams of surveyors working on the dam during this time, and we will take steps to minimize the impact of this temporary inconvenience to your neighborhood. It may be necessary at times for survey crews to walk onto your *outside* property (*not indoors*) in order to obtain field data for this survey. We expect there will be no need to enter homes or buildings for the purposes of this survey.

We understand some property owners may feel somewhat guarded about having surveyors in their backyards, and we are sensitive to your concerns as our neighbor. We assure you that the survey crews will work fast, efficiently, and as unobtrusively as possible. For ease of identification, each survey team member will be instructed to wear a brightly colored vest and to be ready to show their work credentials at your request.

As this property survey is among the first steps of the Buckeye Lake Dam Improvement Project, work crews will not be able to answer many of the questions you may have about specific project details. However, we have a system in place for you to get the information you need:

- For up-to-date information on this or any other aspect of the Buckeye Lake Dam Improvement Project, we encourage you to visit our project website at <http://engineering.ohiodnr.gov/buckeyelake>.
- If you have a specific question or concern you would like to share with us about this project, please email us at [DamRiskReduction@dnr.state.oh.us](mailto:DamRiskReduction@dnr.state.oh.us). We will read all emails and respond to them promptly.

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- If you have additional questions or concerns, please call us at (614) 265-6755 during weekday business hours (Mon.-Fri., 8 a.m.-4 p.m.). An ODNR representative will get the answers you need as soon as possible.

Buckeye Lake has long been one of the state's most popular lakes for recreation and is vital to the economic health of the region. With the Buckeye Lake Dam Improvement Project, ODNR is committed to achieving a comprehensive solution that will both serve and safeguard the people of Ohio for the next century. Thank you for your attention and your patience as we move to get this project started as soon as possible.

Respectfully,



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