

Why be concerned?

The water level of Lake Beulah could drop significantly. One impartial expert's estimate, derived from data of the Village, points to a drop of 2 feet in the water table adjacent to the lake after only two years of pumping.

If the water table drops:

- The level of the lake surface could drop.
- Private wells may be damaged.
- Water flow over the dam will be disrupted.

Sadly, water pumped from the proposed well will be **lost** to Lake Beulah **forever**, with wastewater being discharged away from the watershed.

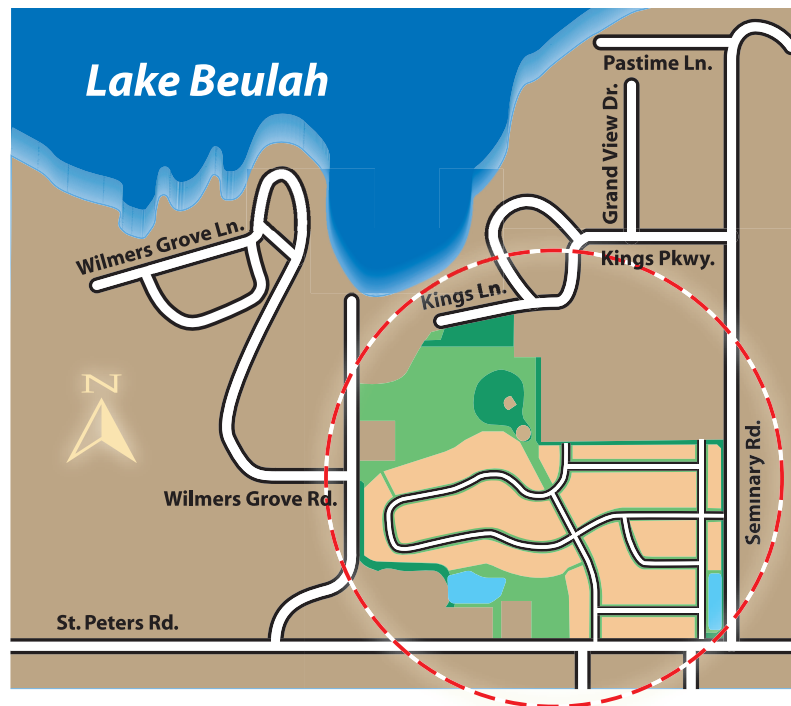
Despite the fact that the Attorney General's office has offered other options, the Wisconsin DNR claims its hands are tied and has indicated that the sighting of a municipal well takes precedence over concerns about the well's effect on the lake.

The Village of East Troy has **refused to complete the testing necessary** to best evaluate the potential effects of the well on the lake environment. Village contractors performed only a 3-day test, even though a longer test would have provided more certainty as to the well's potential impact.

Every professional hydrogeologist without a financial stake in this issue who has been approached for an opinion has stated that **more testing needs to be done**.

There has been **no independent study** to determine the potential effect of the well on the lake.

Without proper testing, this well cannot exist!



Village officials aim to locate a high capacity well in this proposed densely packed 149-lot subdivision.

What do impartial third party experts say?

*"It is recommended that the well **construction be deferred** until such a time as a reasonable estimate of the impacts of the proposed actions is determined and that, if appropriate, alternatives to the proposed actions be considered."*

— SE WI Regional Planning Commission

*"Because Wisconsin views itself as water rich, we've been lax as to how we manage our groundwater resources, particularly as to how they relate to lakes and streams. The groundwater system really needs to be understood **before** it's developed. We should have more information on this system before it's activated. **Once the well is up and running, it's too late.**"*

—Doug Cherkauer, UW-Milwaukee Hydrogeologist

*"Excessive pumping of our aquifers has created an environmental **catastrophe** known only to a handful of scientists... as well as those unfortunate enough to have suffered the direct consequences."*

—Robert Glennon, Water law expert

What is at stake?

- Property values could drop significantly.
- The beauty and natural state of the environment could be disrupted.
- Your well could be affected.
- Tax Revenue for local government and schools could decline.
- The local economy could decline due to less spending by the lake community.
- Fish populations could decline.

Everyone who has an interest in Lake Beulah and the surrounding community needs to step forward and oppose the ill-planned and potentially ruinous well proposed by the Village of East Troy. Area fishermen, businessmen, environmental advocates and property owners must stand together and demand that the Village do the right thing and pursue adequate testing.

What can you do?

- Complete and return the enclosed opinion postcard.
- Stay informed. Visit www.lakebeulah.org for the latest information.
- Support the Lake Beulah Management District and Lake Beulah Protective & Improvement Association in their efforts to protect your interests and those of the lake environment.
- Contact Village representatives to register your concerns.

Keep in mind that this issue will be satisfactorily resolved only with the direct involvement of those who care enough to act.



This pier is a symbol of an environmental disaster that has been caused by **over-pumping groundwater** from beneath Lake Merced, in effect draining it. Though an extreme example, it points to the clear and present danger of rushing to tap a water source before adequate testing.

What will be our legacy?

The consequences of the proposed development, especially the well, will resound over and under the Lake Beulah community for a long, long time. As concerned property owners, sportsmen, businessmen and stewards of our land and water, it is **our responsibility** to insure that Lake Beulah remains the treasure that today draws us to its shores.

With so much at stake, the wise and prudent thing to do is be sure that the **BEST possible information** is used in making big decisions like where to put a well. We owe this to ourselves and to future generations.

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Don't Pull the Plug on Lake Beulah!



Shallow groundwater likely supplies as much as half of Lake Beulah's water. It is this groundwater that contractors for the Village of East Troy are proposing to tap for a new municipal well able to pump 1,000 gallons per minute.

*Why should you be **concerned** that the Village is rushing to complete the job before adequate testing can be done?*

What does this mean for you, and for the lake?

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