



# **2018 DAM INSPECTION REPORT FOR SILVER LAKE LEVEL CONTROL SYSTEM**

Submitted to:  
**GRAND TRAVERSE COUNTY DRAIN COMMISSION**  
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## TITLE SHEET

Name of Dam: Silver Lake Level Control System

I.D. Number: 955

County: Grand Traverse

Location: Blair Township, Section 07, Town 26N,  
Range 11W

Stream: Tributary to Beitner Creek

Operator: Grand Traverse County Drain  
Commission  
2650 LaFranier Road  
Traverse City, Michigan 49686  
Tel. (231) 922-4807

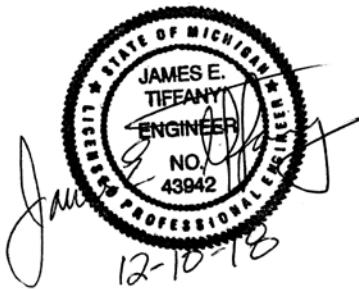
Hazard Potential Classification: N/A

Inspection Date: October 23, 2018

### Professional Engineer in Responsible Charge of Inspection:

Name: James E. Tiffany, P.E.  
Address: J.E. Tiffany and Sons, LLC  
1707 N. 39 Road  
Manton, Michigan 49663

Signature & Professional Seal:





**MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY**  
**WATER RESOURCES DIVISION**  
**DAM INSPECTION REPORT**

This form is to be used for inspection reports required by Part 307, Inland Lake Levels, for those dams that do not meet the size criteria as defined by Part 315, Dam Safety, of the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act, 1994 PA 451, as amended. Dams six (6) feet or more in height, as defined by Part 315, and impounding five (5) acres or more at the design flood elevation, must meet the inspection report format as outlined in Section 31518 of Part 315.

A person failing to comply, or falsely representing dam conditions, is guilty of misconduct in office.

DAM NAME		DAM ID	COUNTY
Silver Lake Level Control System		955	Grand Traverse
DATE OF INSPECTION	NAME OF WATERBODY	SECTION, TOWN, RANGE	LEVEL THIS DATE
10/23/2018	Silver Lake/Trib. to Beitner Creek	Sec. <u>07</u> T <u>26N</u> R <u>11W</u>	861.38
DATE ELEVATION SET BY COURT 3/25/1987	LEGAL LEVEL 862.00	DRAWDOWN LEVEL N/A	HIGH WATER MARK ELEVATION N/A

**EARTH EMBANKMENTS** LEFT EMBANKMENT N/A FT.    RIGHT EMBANKMENT N/A FT.    TOTAL LENGTH N/A FT.  
 (LOOKING DOWNSTREAM)

	UPSTREAM	CROWN	DOWNSTREAM
VEGETATIVE COVER	*	*	*
EROSION	*	*	*
SEEPAGE			*
SLIDES, SLUMPS & CRACKS	*	*	*
ANIMAL BURROWS	*	*	*
WAVE ACTION PROTECTION	*		*
REMARKS*	*	* No embankment, natural high ground, 730' between intake and discharge.	*

**CONTROL STRUCTURE**

TYPE 6' dia. fixed crest riser structure & butterfly valve on downstream 14" dia. discharge pipe	YEAR CONSTRUCTED 1987	STRUCTURAL HEIGHT (top of dam elevation minus stream invert): 24.5' +/-
LENGTH OF SPILLWAY N/A	FREEBOARD 18' +/-	HYDRAULIC HEIGHT (design flood elevation minus stream invert): 6.5' +/-
VERTICAL PIPE SIZE 6' dia. concrete	HORIZONTAL PIPE SIZE 14" dia x 730' long ductile iron	HEAD (normal headwater minus normal tailwater): Approx. 5.6'

**DESCRIBE CONDITION OF THE FOLLOWING ITEMS.**

STOPLOG VALVES AND GATES (open and close to check condition): Check location of top stoplog in relation to top of riser pipe intake box or fixed crest, for leakage, and condition of stoplogs, valves and gates.  
 14" diameter butterfly valve with riser stem and operating wheel in valve building approximately 75' downstream of the intake/riser structure. Has been operated in the last year.

OUTLET PIPE: Check for damage from ice, logs, vandalism; inside discharge pipe for settlement and/or joint separation; condition of pipe coating.

14" diameter class 50 cement lined ductile iron pipe. Video recording of pipe in last year indicates that the pipe is in good condition overall.

## CONTROL STRUCTURE (continued)

**CONCRETE STRUCTURE:** Check for erosion; location of cracking or spalling. If old or new; settlement; need for crack repairs.  
 6' dia. concrete intake/riser structure with trash rack cover. All appear to be in good condition. Vortex forms when water is significantly above the rim of the structure decreasing discharge efficiency leading to higher than necessary lake levels during periods of high runoff.

WALKWAY & RAILING: Check if in place or removed, condition, and if adequate protection provided.  N/A	TRASHRACK OR LOG BOOM: Check if operable.  Trashrack over top of concrete intake/riser structure is in good condition. Fencing/mesh is used surrounding structure to catch leaves & debris.
EMERGENCY SPILLWAY: Size, type, and condition.  N/A	

### INLET & OUTLET CHANNELS

	INLET	OUTLET
SIZE	Pond	Cox Pond
EXISTING CONDITION	Good	Good
EROSION	None	None
DEBRIS & OBSTRUCTIONS	None	Small shrubs and grass in outlet channel but not of significant concern at this time.
RIPRAP PROTECTION	None	Some riprap in bed of outlet channel downstream of discharge pipe.
REMARKS*	Recent project to place filter fabric and stone in bed of pond surrounding the intake/riser structure	The 36" dia. CSP downstream of the Cox Pond is failing. A sliplining project is recommended.

### RECOMMENDATIONS

List work needed, how to be done, by whom, estimated cost, source of funds, recommended completion date. If emergency, to what extent. ADDITIONAL COMMENTS.

1) Sliplining 36" dia. CSP downstream of Cox Pond \$115,000  
 2) Improvements to prevent vortex formation \$ 3,500

Inspection Ordered By:

\_\_\_\_\_ County Delegated Agent

James E. Tiffany  
 INSPECTOR'S NAME (PRINTED)

ADDRESS: 1707 N. 39 Rd.



SIGNATURE

CITY, STATE, ZIP CODE: Manton, MI 49663

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 P.E. REGISTRATION NO.

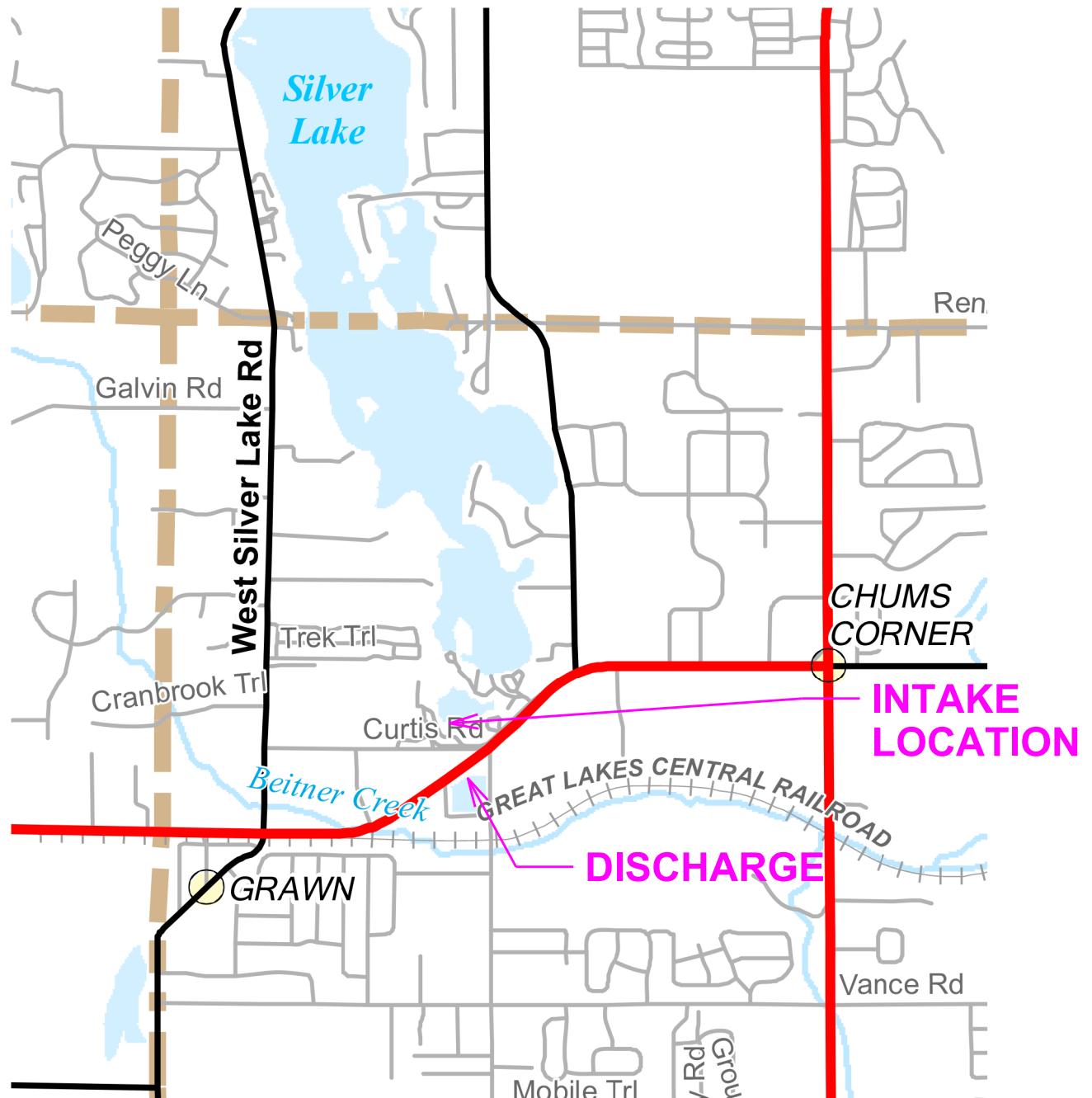
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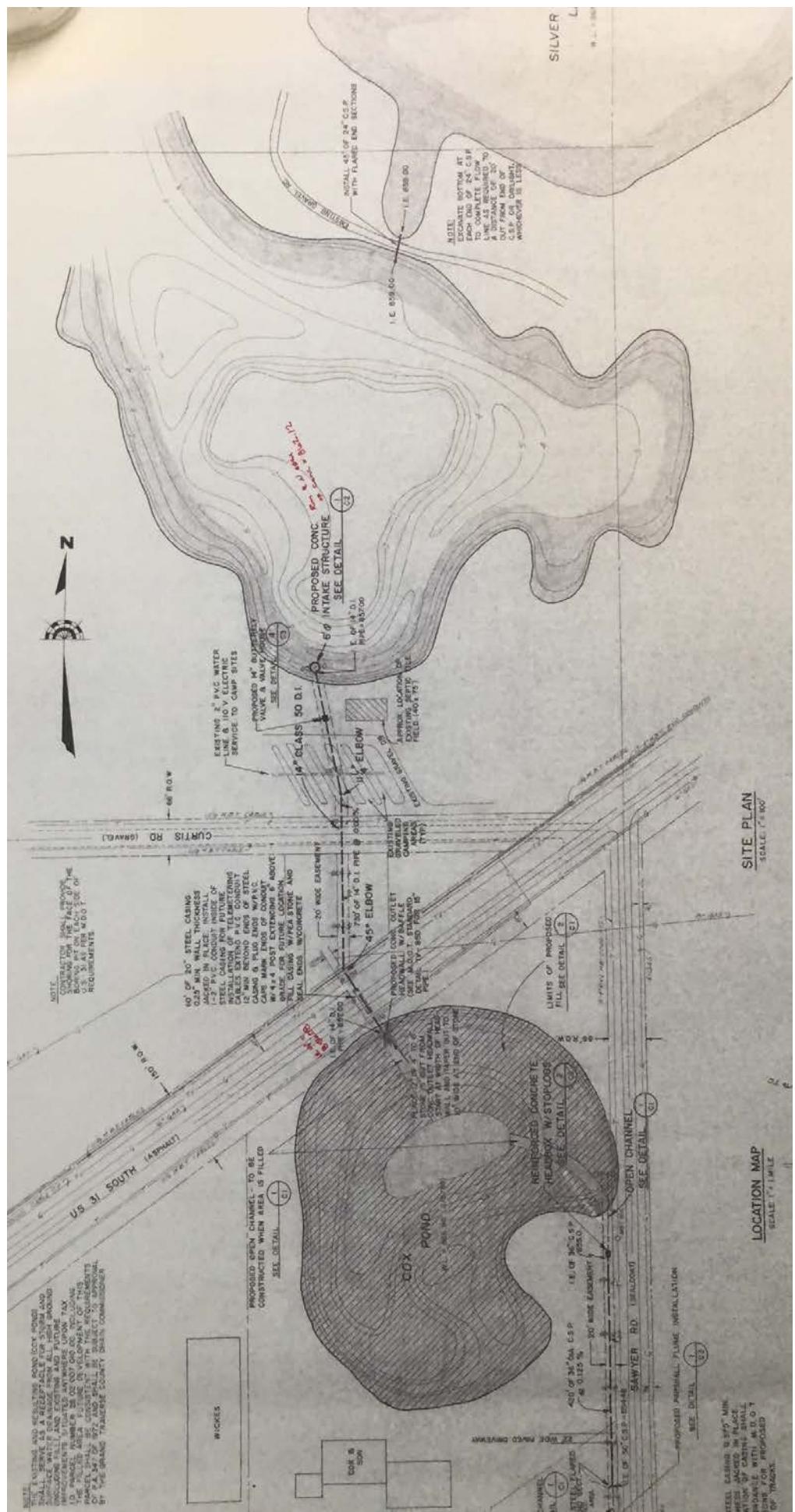
Please submit this completed report and photographs of the dam, downstream channel, and deficiencies cited in the report to:

DAM SAFETY PROGRAM  
 WATER RESOURCES DIVISION  
 MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY  
 PO BOX 30458  
 LANSING MI 48909-7958

\*NOTE: If space is inadequate for remarks, attach additional sheets as needed.

## **A. LOCATION MAP**





## **B. PHOTOGRAPHS**



Silver Lake



Riser/Intake Structure in Pond Connected to Silver Lake



Trash Rack Over Riser/Intake Structure



Valve House Above Discharge Piping



Valve Well



Valve Operator



Downstream End of 14" Diameter Discharge Pipe



Interior of 14" Diameter Ductile Iron Discharge Pipe



Channel to Cox Pond & Cox Pond Downstream of Discharge



Culvert at Outlet of Cox Pond



Failing Culvert Downstream of Cox Pond



Staff Gauge in Silver Lake

