

Tuesday, July 2nd Update on North Sioux City/McCook Lake Flood Recovery

In Progress

The Blue Cell LLC arrived 6/29/2024 and has established the following objectives:

1. Provide for the safety of personnel and public
2. Continue infrastructure restoration
3. Continue law enforcement control patrolling and create relief plan
4. Assess donation and volunteer management
5. Begin planning for debris management
6. Provide timely and accurate information to the public/new media and other agencies providing help.
7. Provide controlled access to Northshore Dr. and Penrose Dr. See City's website for the [Northshore Dr.](#) and [Penrose Dr.](#) access plan for July 1st.
8. Allow and monitor for safety residential shoring operations.
9. Plan for additional resources (recovery).

Access Points:

- Resident Access: A restricted access order remains in effect for the impacted area with limited access to certain streets beginning June 30th. Access is restricted to protect the lives and safety of residents, first responders, and contractors constructing critical infrastructure in the area.
- McCook Lake Access: McCook Lake remains closed per SD Game, Fish, and Park
- Hwy 105 updates: Highway 105 remains closed due to water on the roadway. Work is being done to unplug a culvert to drain the area and re-open the road.

Donations/Volunteer Management: donations and volunteer opportunities are being coordinated through Renae Hansen at the Ike's club.

Roadways:

- A temporary roadway along Northshore Dr. has now been constructed. This temporary road will be used only by contractors working to construct critical infrastructure in the area.
- Controlled access for some residents on Penrose Dr. and Northshore Dr. has begun.
- Construction on a temporary road to the north side of Penrose Dr. has begun. Anticipated completion is later this week.

Electric:

- Electric restored to the west area of McCook Lake in the Suncoast Dr. area
- Electric has been restored to the school buildings.
- Electric has been restored to homes which can take power on Penrose Dr.
- Electric has been restored to homes which can take power on Westshore Dr.

Gas:

- Temporary gas (bottle services) to serve the west area of McCook Lake (Suncoast Dr.) area was completed on 6/30.
- Gas infrastructure construction will follow the forcemain construction project on Northshore.

Water and Sewer:

- **Penrose:** Water and sewer have been restored to several homes. A boil advisory remains in effect for this area through 5pm on July 8th.
- **Northshore Drive:** No updates
- **West McCook Lake Area:** Water had been restored. Boil Advisory expired 7/1 at 5pm.
- Force main being laid now on Northshore Dr. Intention to be operational by the 4th of July holiday.

Police:

- Police are having an issue with residents not following the check in and check out process. This is putting residents, first responders, and contractors at risk. Additional personnel have been added to secure Northshore Dr. and Penrose Dr. and protect lives and safety.
- Police continue to prioritize safety, especially with the recent rain.

Fire:

- Discharge of fireworks west of Exit 4 in city limits will be prohibited.

Other updates:

- Game, Fish, and Parks is working with NSC PD to provide boat retrievals on McCook Lake. 18/22 boats were retrieved on 6/30. Boat retrieval will occur again on 7/2 from 5:30pm - 7:30pm. Only operational boats will be retrieved.
- A debris management plan is in the process of being finalized. Information will be distributed when possible.
- The impacted area around McCook Lake is being monitored for safety as rain moves through the region.
- All operations and mission are pending favorable weather.

Next update: A public update at the McCook Lake Izaak Walton League will not be held on 7/3 due to the Special City Council meeting on 7/3 at 7:00pm at City Hall.