

Drawdown/Refill Status

FULL REFILL WAS REACHED 1ST WEEK OF APRIL 2023

UPDATE 13 FEB 2023: Lake Refill has BEGUN

Once again Mother Nature has not really cooperated and with the lack of ice and cold weather, we have started the refill process.

Until earlier this week, the lake level had been held steady at or about 5-feet since early January. This past week you may have noticed that the level dropped more as there was little to no precipitation or run off entering the lake, to offset the flow through the valve which was open 20 turns. The lake level was measured at ~5-ft, 4-in (down) at the dam.

UPDATE - 9 November:

Drawdown started on Sunday, October 16, 2022. The valve was opened to allow water to flow freely downstream, however, with the rainy weather pattern at the time, we didn't see much lake level reduction until recently. As of 4 November, the lake level was down ~21-inches from the top of the dam.

At the August 30 GEIA meeting, we discussed Glen Echo's Order of Conditions (OOC) and how the upcoming fall drawdown could be limited to no more than 4-feet due to a single shallow well on the lake.

Our current OOC allows us to incrementally increase the drawdown depth each year (provided certain conditions are met) to a max drawdown depth of 7-feet. Our OOC does have a shallow well contingency plan, which states that water will be provided.

On September 13, GEIA went in front of the Charlton Board of Selectmen (BOS). At that meeting we explained the rationale behind the current OOC and requested that the BOS abide by the DEP approved methodology outlined in the OOC. After much consideration and discussion, the BOS voted to allow the increase in drawdown depth to 5-feet for the fall of 2022.

A [letter](#) was sent to all the necessary town boards and the owner of the shallow well with the decision. (see [weed control](#) section of this website) You can also watch the BOS meeting [here](#).

As in years past, drawdown will start the weekend of October 15/16, 2022 (1-2 inches per day).

Thank you for your support!

GEIA Board