



## Public Notice

### Lakeshore Drive Erosion and Lane Closure

Douglas City Hall  
September 1, 2020

On the evening of Friday, August 28, 2020, torrential rains caused severe erosion on several public streets throughout the City. Of particular concern is an area on Lakeshore Drive south of Center Street where private utility work was being installed on the west side of Lakeshore Drive beyond the pavement edge. The backfilled work area eroded away with the heavy rain event and an erosive condition formed that is causing serious concern for the stability of the bluff.

The City of Douglas, in coordination with other area agencies, is working to protect the eroded area to prevent further damage; however, emergency services are being informed of the potential for road failure and utility failure if the condition persists.

In response to the erosion, the southbound lane of Lakeshore Drive south of Center Street is barricaded to thru traffic to protect the pavement edge and underground utilities. An existing four-inch water main located on the west side of Lakeshore Drive is susceptible to failure if the erosive condition is not quickly resolved. Kalamazoo Lake Sewer and Water Authority has taken preemptive steps to mark underground utility locations (water, sanitary, and gas) in the event services need to be discontinued in an emergency. The Department of Public Works has installed erosion protection measures in an attempt to further protect the area from the anticipated Tuesday evening rains.

Please contact the City of Douglas at 269-857-1438 if you have any questions or concerns. City Hall office hours are 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Call 911 for emergencies after hours.