



LAKE HARTWELL ASSOCIATION, INC
for the sake of the lake



Photo courtesy of J & S Shoreline

WINTER 2023



Letter from the President, Ray Fedele

Looking out my windows today I see a lake that is rising toward full pool with Spring rains on the horizon. I guess that's why you just can't really predict the weather. A few months ago, we were at drought level one now we have a surplus going into the new year. As the water rises we should become more aware of various methods to protect our shoreline. We have some articles included to help you learn more about natural and manmade methods to help protect the shoreline.

LHA has been active following a few proposed shoreline developments in the form of RV parks. Since property continues to be expensive and sought after, a solution has become a rental space at the lake with an RV parked near the shoreline. These parks will continue to be proposed so LHA has been actively learning about each proposal and getting involved with helping area residents with action plans to ensure well planned and environmentally friendly parks. Read the article about what to do if you find a park coming to your neighborhood.

Thanks for your membership "for the sake of the Lake".

HELP GROW LHA!

If you're receiving this newsletter, you already know all about LHA, and our commitment to the lake. Everything we do is to ensure that Lake Hartwell remains the jewel of the Upstate and receives the care and attention it deserves.

But what about your neighbors? We, the volunteers that manage the day to day activities of LHA, acknowledge that our members are our best membership recruiters. You already appreciate what we do and can share those details with other like-minded stakeholders.

Please do your part and share your newsletters with one of your neighbors. Encourage them to tear off the membership form on the last page or log on to our web site and join you and over a thousand others who do what we do together, **For the Sake of the Lake.**

WHY JOIN LHA?

- Learn and keep up to date on all things "Lake Hartwell"
- Keeps you current on any shoreline modifications and development that might affect your property or the lake environment.
- Adds your voice to LHA's relationship with the Corps of Engineers as well as county and state governments.
- Ensures Lake Hartwell will be kept clean, remain as full as possible and continue to be a safe place to enjoy.
- Allows you to take an active part in the future care and development of the Lake.

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There are two bills working their way through the SC State House. The two bills are very similar in that each would require everyone born after July 1, 2007, to take and pass a boating course. Accredited courses are available for free from SCDNR, United States Power Squadrons and the Coast Guard Auxiliary. This applies to all watercraft, which includes PWCs with motors of ten horsepower or greater.

To read the bills go to www.scstaehouse.gov/sess125_2023/bills/3279.htm and www.scstatehouse.gov/sess125_2023-2024/bills/96.htm

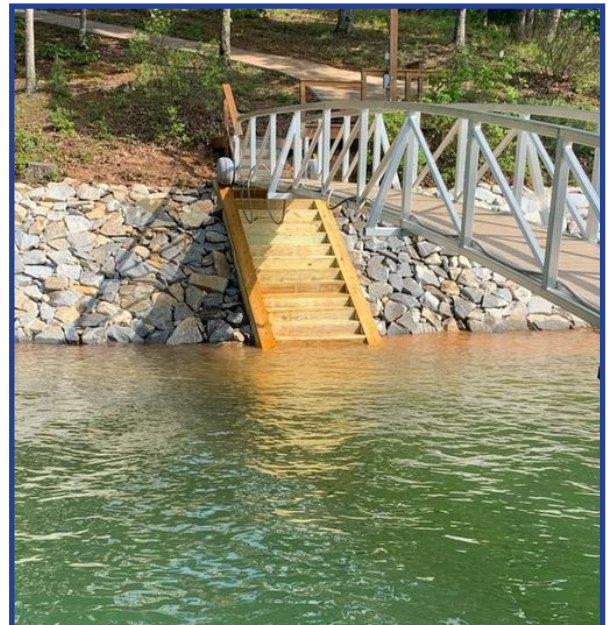
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NATURAL SHORELINE PROTECTION

Shoreline vegetation is a natural way to protect the lakes shoreline as well as helping wildlife and the climate.

The roots of trees and shrubs along the shoreline help hold soil in place, preventing erosion. The layers of vegetation present in the natural shoreline provide multiple layers of protection for the soil from the adverse impacts of hard rainfalls by slowing the velocity of the rain resulting in less impact when they strike the ground. The loss of soil nutrients is high in erosion, as the finer particles preserved by a protective vegetative barrier are high in nutrients. This vegetation also traps sediment and pollutants helping keep the water clean.

A vegetative buffer also shields the water from summer temperature extremes, moderating the temperature of the lake. The overhang of leaves and branches brings shade for aquatic wildlife. Cooler areas hold more dissolved oxygen, which fish need to breathe.

This vegetation also protects species of wildlife during their life cycle. It provides food, cover, nesting and sanctuary for these animals. 80% of the bird pollution around Lake Hartwell nests within 15 feet of the ground making underbrush vitally important to their survival.

For a list of approved native plants refer to exhibit IX in the 2020 Shoreline Management Plan.

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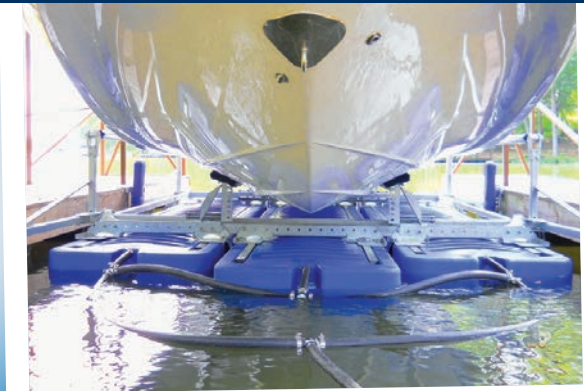


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November - Jan Hencely



December - Tonya Johnson

Save the Date, April 22, for the Lake Spring Cleanup Event

What a year it has been. We as members of Lake Hartwell Association are grateful for your participation at our annual meeting, as well as your hours of service at this fall “Lake Clean Up” event. And looking forward to working with all of you through our year-round “Adopt a Shoreline” program.

We are inviting you to all “Save the Date” for our next big cleanup effort. Mark your calendars for April 22, 2023, to attend. As we did for the fall program, we are planning on setting up once again at 7 boat ramps and state parks for cleanup supplies distribution. (Refer to the flyer below) Our hope this spring is to not only work on cleaning up our shorelines, but to clean up our islands. We need your help in making this a huge success! Start by asking your neighbors to help, then perhaps your pickle ball group? How about students out there looking for volunteer hours for college applications? Or even youth groups wanting to make a difference in their town. We need all of you.

There are many of you that do lake clean up routinely. We want to help you as well. Please reach out to us through our adoptashoreline@lakehartwellassociation.org. We can help with supplies and locations. As well as drop off locations.

Looking forward to 2023 and a successful year of keeping Lake Hartwell beautiful for our use as well as our visitors.



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7. Tugaloo State Park

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Is a proposed RV park coming to your area?

By Terry Jackson, Jr

It seems that this past year has seen an uptick in proposals going forward for an RV park, or similar development. And as Lake Hartwell continues to be noticed and get national attention, these proposals will only increase. In the absence of zoning, it can be kind of wild for what is being proposed or implemented. You typically notice things like these being proposed by either signs posted on the site where a new development is being considered, or the County Planning Commission website. This website has the future Planning Commission meetings agendas posted and those agendas list developer items coming for approval by the County Planning Commission (with some details). The public has input into the items discussed before the Planning Commission and therefore has some bearing on the thoughts the Commissioners have before making a decision. Here are some suggestions to consider if a development is coming into your area and going before the Planning Commission:

- Organize a community meeting of those most near the proposed development. Get thoughts and concerns identified. Get organized---is anybody going to speak at the public comments portion of the Planning Commission meeting on this subject? Identify what's going to be said, who will say it, etc. Generally public comments are limited to 3 minutes per person.
- Recognize that 'meaningful' comments will bear the most weight on the Commissioners. This is not intended to be inconsiderate, but something like "I just don't want it in my area" won't cut it.
- Statements to the Planning Commission should be factual, data-based (where possible), and logical.
- Try to reach out to the developer before the Planning Commission meeting to see if you can come to an agreement and therefore be supportive of the development being proposed. You can't really stop development, just manage it. Why not try to do it together?
- Consider traffic. Again, have data, if possible, for the public comments, don't just state the roads are too small, for example.
- Look at what the developer answered on the Land Use Questionnaire. This is part of what is prepared for Planning Commission use in making a decision. Are the developer's answers realistic? Many times they are not. So push back during your public comments on those answers that don't seem accurate on the form from the developer. Otherwise the Commissioners may not know.
- The County has Land Use Maps. Is the proposed development consistent with the County's future vision according to the Future Land Use Maps? If deviating from the future land use, the Planning Commission should acknowledge this and list specific reasons for this deviation. So state this discrepancy



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to the future land use, if applicable, in the public comments and request an explanation from the Planning Commission on why they may grant this proposed development that goes against the future land use.

- It's critical to get everything (mainly data-based) brought out in an organized fashion at the Planning Commission meeting. These comments are the public records that may be used later on, if a question arises.

These are some tips to consider if something is being proposed. And finally, consider championing an effort to implement zoning in your area. Zoning is created and approved for each voting precinct level. It is not a county-wide initiative. It's voting precinct level only. Zoning may not be as bad as it sounds....it does offer an alternative to having things go forward basically unchecked. **Zoning does not necessarily have to be overly restrictive. For example, as a starting point, zoning could only be as broad based as stipulating Land Use via an Ordinance.** Zoning would have to be initiated, and **initially approved**, by people living in a particular voting precinct.

Note that the above article is known to be relevant for Anderson Co. It is expected that other counties around the lake function similarly, **but some may work directly through Council Meetings.**

*LHA
Annual Meeting
September 2022*



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