

Framework for A 21st Century Lake Murray Shoreline Management Plan

By John Frick - stakeholder

What is the most essential element for Shoreline preservation?

- Acceptance and Support by all Stakeholders

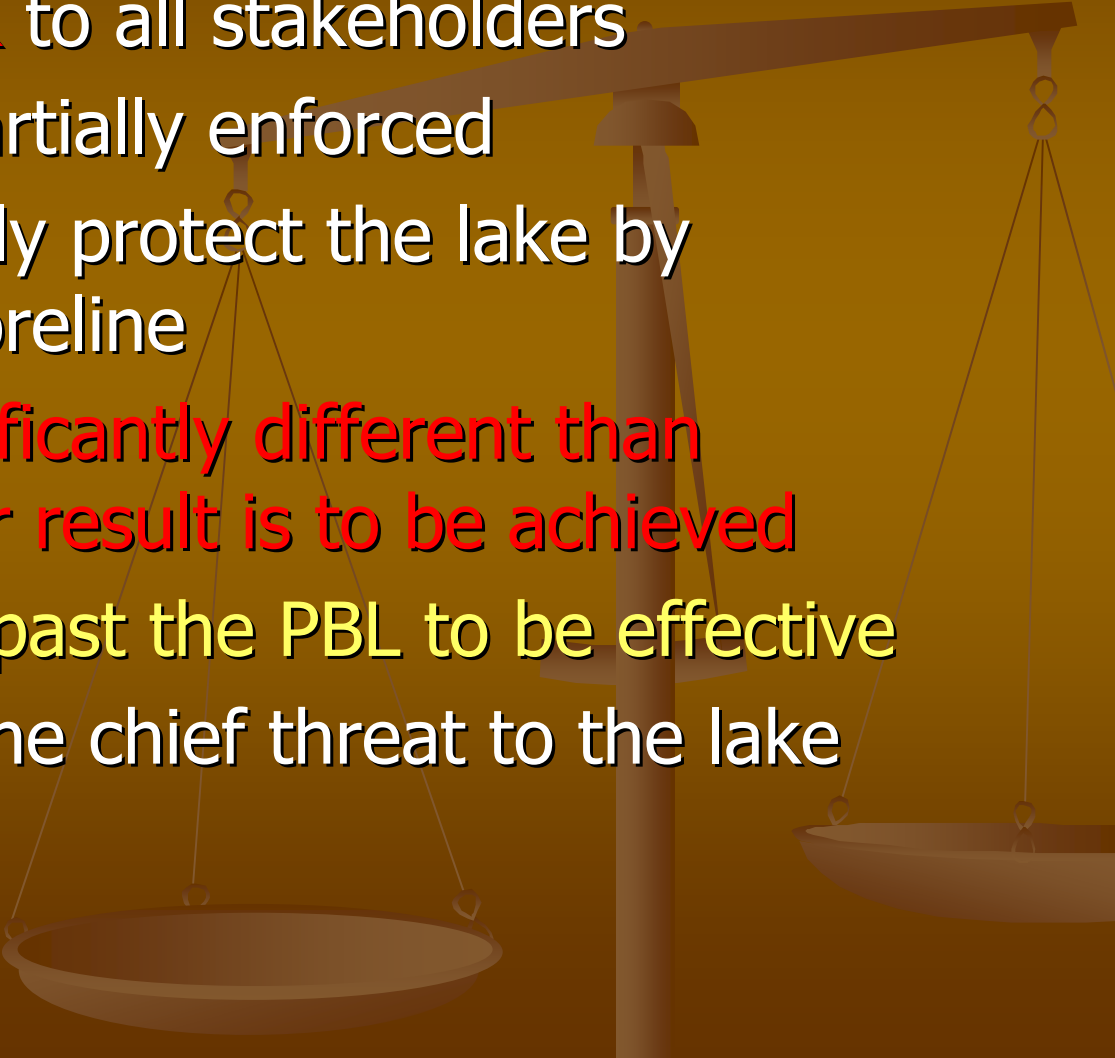


Who comprises this Group?

- General Populace
- SCANA
- Back Property Owners
- Local Governments
- State Government
- Federal Government

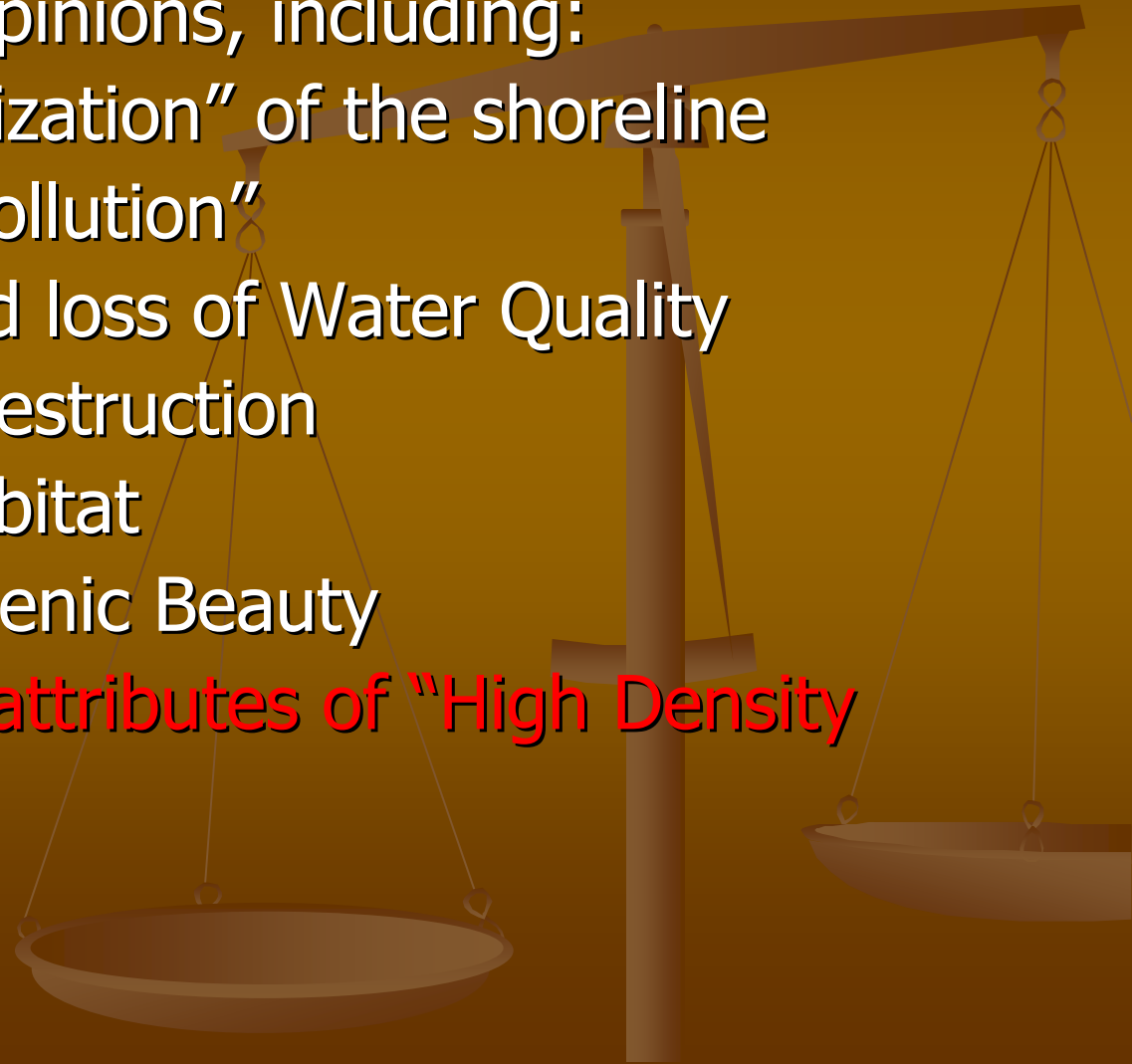


What Plan Attributes are required to achieve acceptance?

- Plan must be **FAIR** to all stakeholders
 - Plan must be impartially enforced
 - Plan must obviously protect the lake by preserving the shoreline
 - **Plan must be significantly different than existing.....if better result is to be achieved**
 - Plan must extend past the PBL to be effective
 - Plan must nullify the chief threat to the lake
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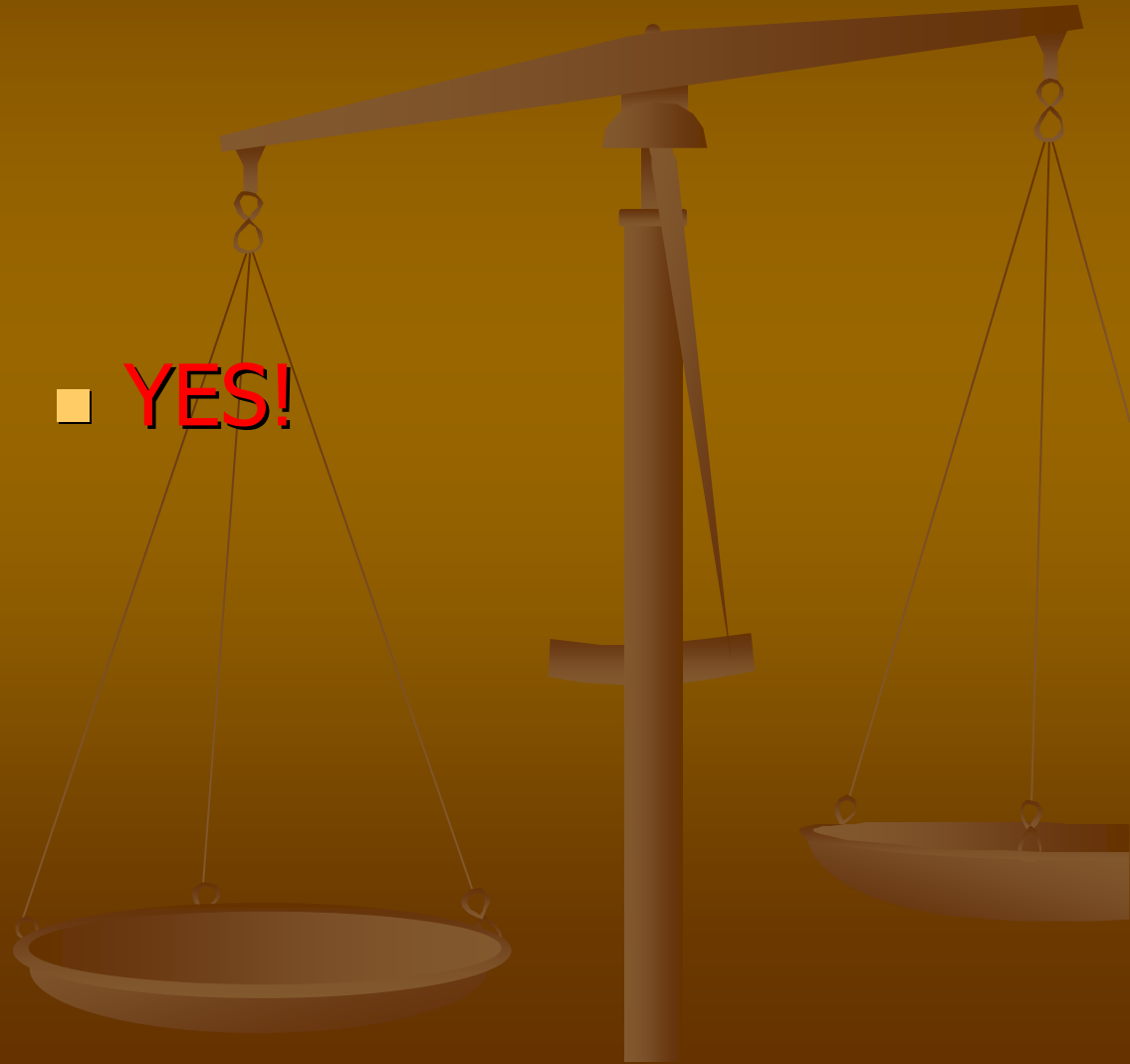
What are the biggest threats to the Lake?

- There are many opinions, including:
- Continued “Urbanization” of the shoreline
- “Urban Sourced Pollution”
- Sedimentation and loss of Water Quality
- Shoreline buffer destruction
- Loss of wildlife habitat
- Loss of Natural Scenic Beauty
- All the above are attributes of “High Density Development”

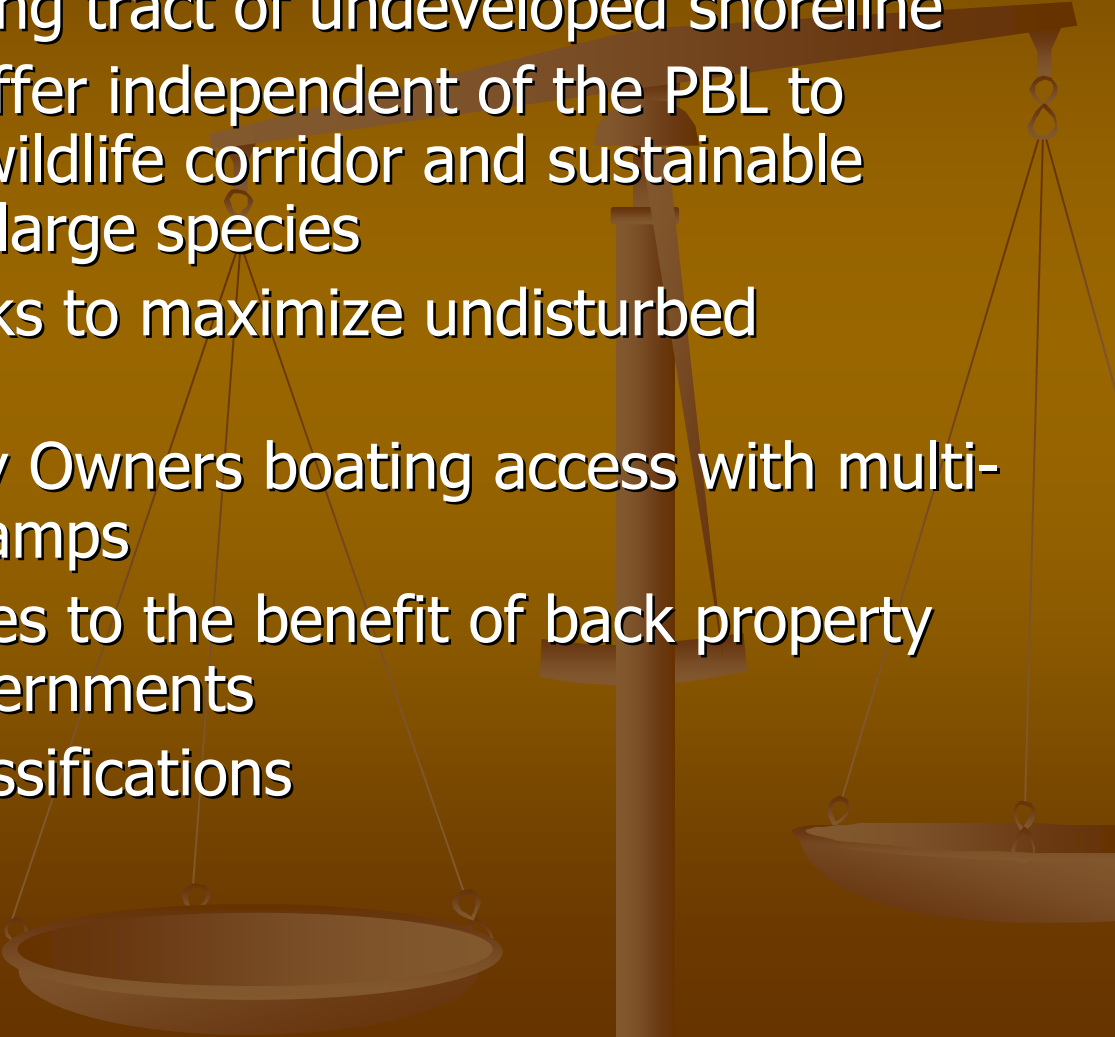


Is there a Plan that will meet all Stakeholders needs and Protect the Lake?

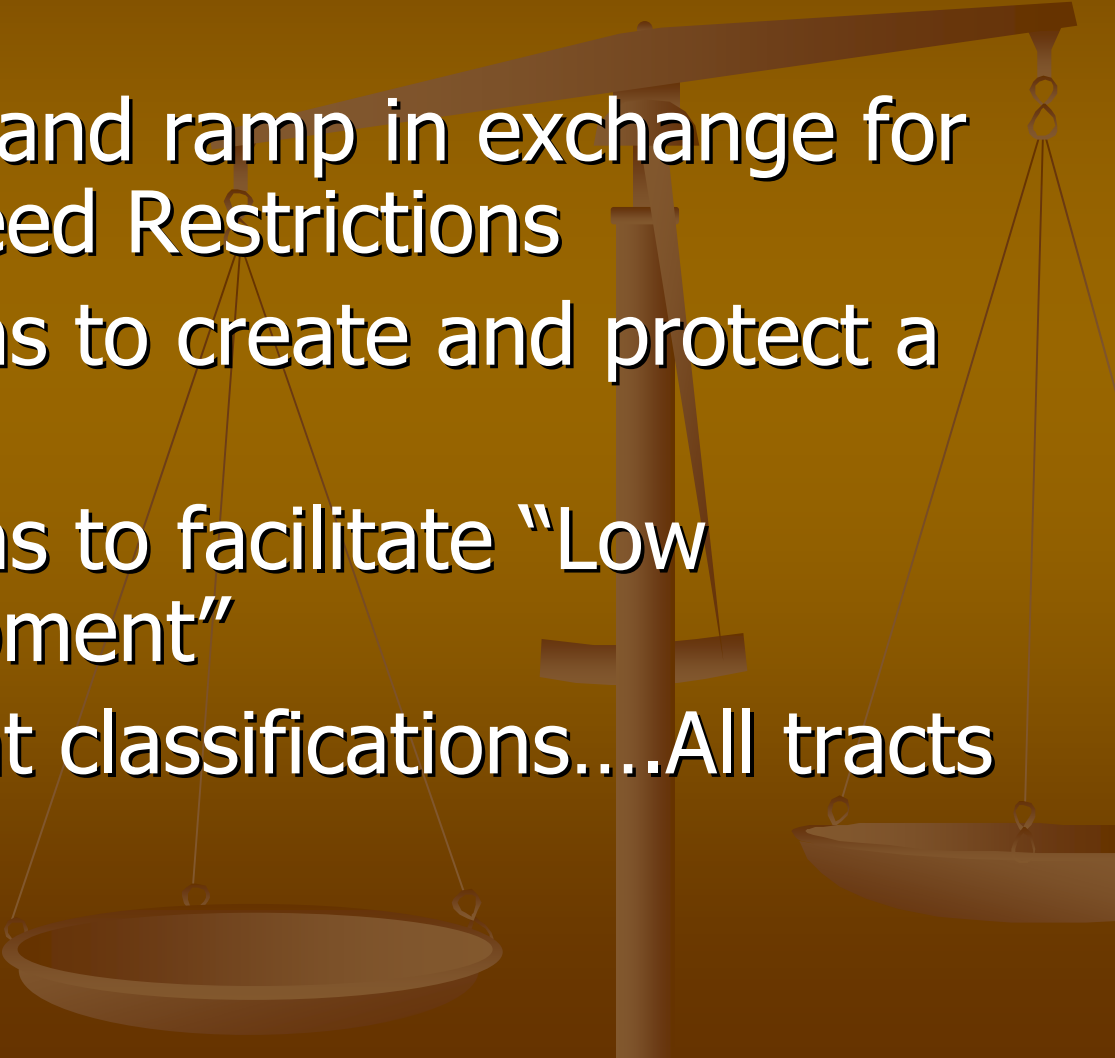
- **YES!**



Framework for an Acceptable Plan

- Protect every remaining tract of undeveloped shoreline
 - Require a uniform buffer independent of the PBL to provide an effective wildlife corridor and sustainable habitat for small and large species
 - Eliminate private docks to maximize undisturbed shoreline
 - Give all Back Property Owners boating access with multi-slip docks and boat ramps
 - Protect property values to the benefit of back property owners and local governments
 - Eliminate Current Classifications
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How can this be Accomplished?

- Multi-slip docks and ramp in exchange for the following Deed Restrictions
 - Deed Restrictions to create and protect a uniform buffer
 - Deed Restrictions to facilitate “Low Density Development”
 - Eliminate current classifications....All tracts to be protected
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Benefits of this Plan

- Large Net Gain in conserved acreage
- Conservation of Resources necessary for wildlife preservation
- Protection of water quality
- Enhancement of the aesthetic scenic beauty of the shoreline
- Protection of property values
- Protection of tax base for local governments
- Enhanced public compliance



Welcome to Wingfield — by Dee

Dee Simmons



Wingfield



...a new vision
for Lake Murray living

Why is Wingfield different?



Wingfield vs traditional lake developments

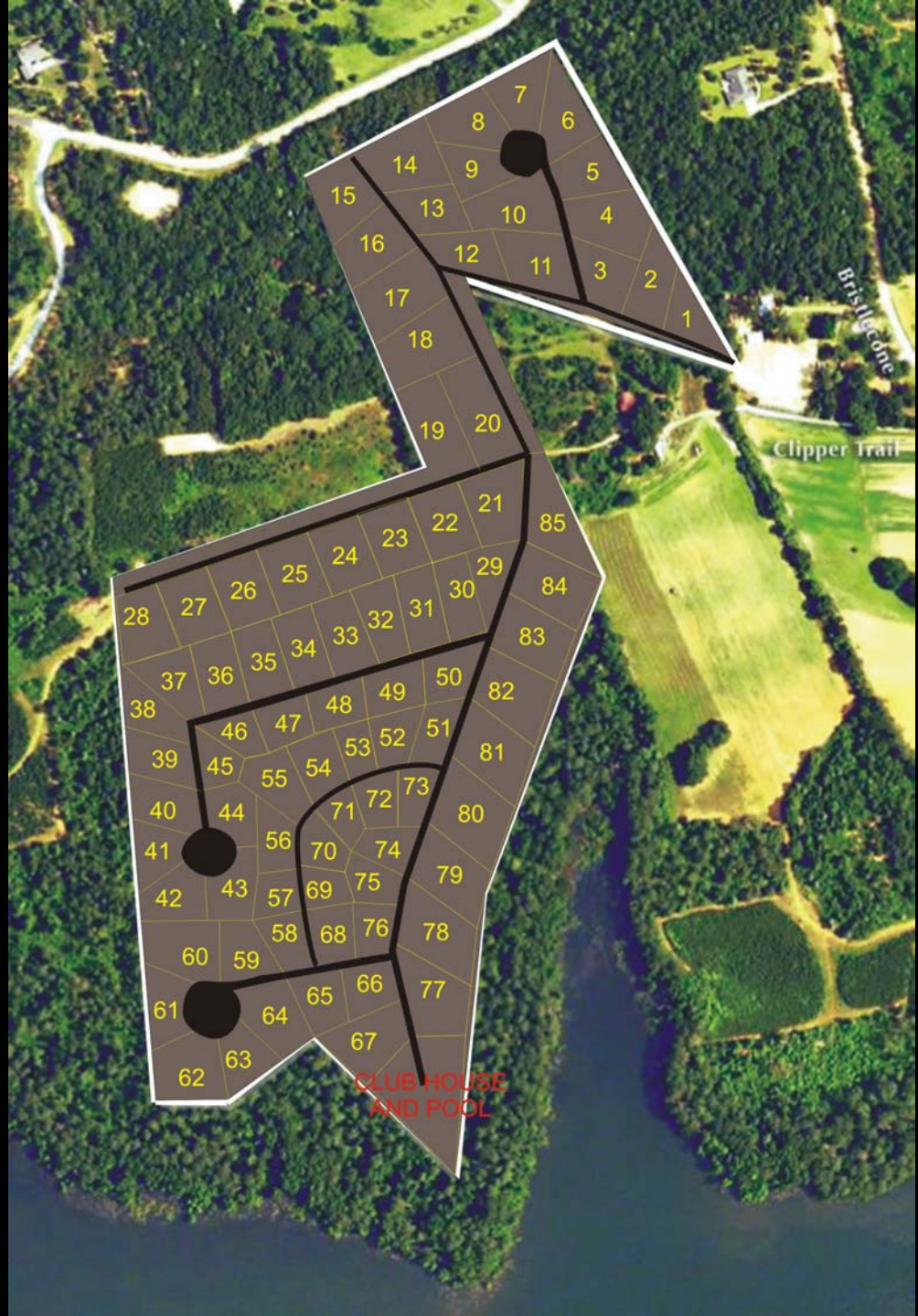
32 acres

2200 feet shoreline

High Density - 85 lots
(not the maximum number of lots allowed in this area)

22 individual docks*

**This does not take into consideration other restrictions imposed on the property such as ESA's.*



Wingfield

Low Density

(11 homes on 32 acres)

10 slip boat facility

Ramp

Dry Boat Storage
located on property



Wingfield vs traditional lake developments

Wingfield

- Low Density
- 10 slip facility
- Ramp so boats can be removed
 - Dry storage on property
 - Natural Habitat Area (NHA) surrounding perimeter of every lot which can not be touched by homeowner*
- Heavy restrictions on clearing of lot
 - Less than 2% of "fringe land" disturbed
 - Wildlife preserved
- Shoreline, lake, and ESA's protected

Traditional Developments

- Highest Density Possible
- 22 docks (accommodating 44 boats)
- Boats not removed from lake unless necessary
 - Land is clear cut at the beginning of the construction with no regard to wildlife or resources lost
- No restriction on lot clearing
- Majority of "fringe land" cleared
 - ESA's destroyed
 - Lake polluted
- Shoreline vegetation and wildlife destroyed

Wingfield is different from traditional developments on Lake Murray because it:

- does not pollute the lake*
- conserves the shoreline / “fringe” land*
- protects the natural wildlife*
- preserves the way of life for Wingfield residents*



Wingfield...

A place where

people and nature

can live in harmony.



Conservation is the cornerstone of this pristine community.



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limiting the number of homes on the back property therefore decreasing the amount of pass through traffic over the fringe land as well as at the waters edge



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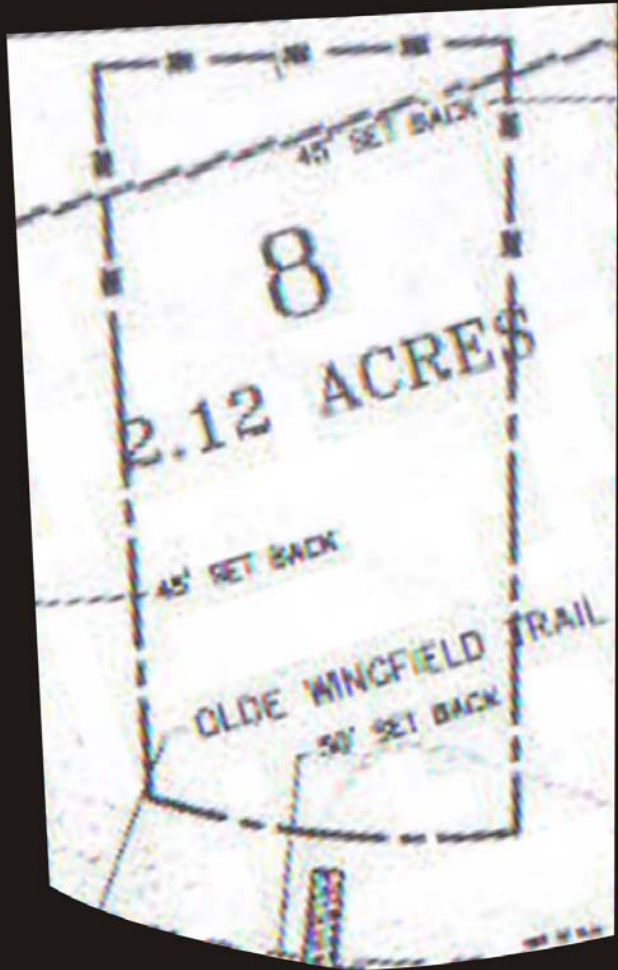
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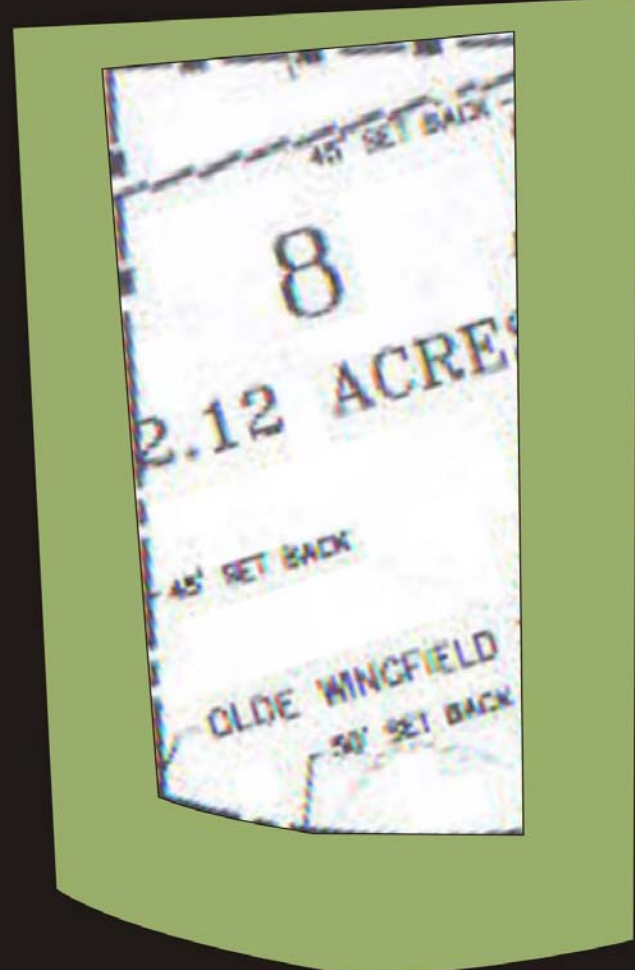
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Lot 8 property lines



Shaded area represents NHA



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Restricted Clearing:

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One 10 slip facility vs 22 individual docks:

Allowing one access area with 10 slips will prevent additional traffic through the rest of the property keeping the fringe land cleaner and less disturbed than if there were one dock every 100 feet. There is over 2200 feet on the water so the theoretical potential would be 22 docks* which would mean at least 22 paths through the fringe land.

**This does not take into consideration other restrictions imposed on the property such as ESA's.*

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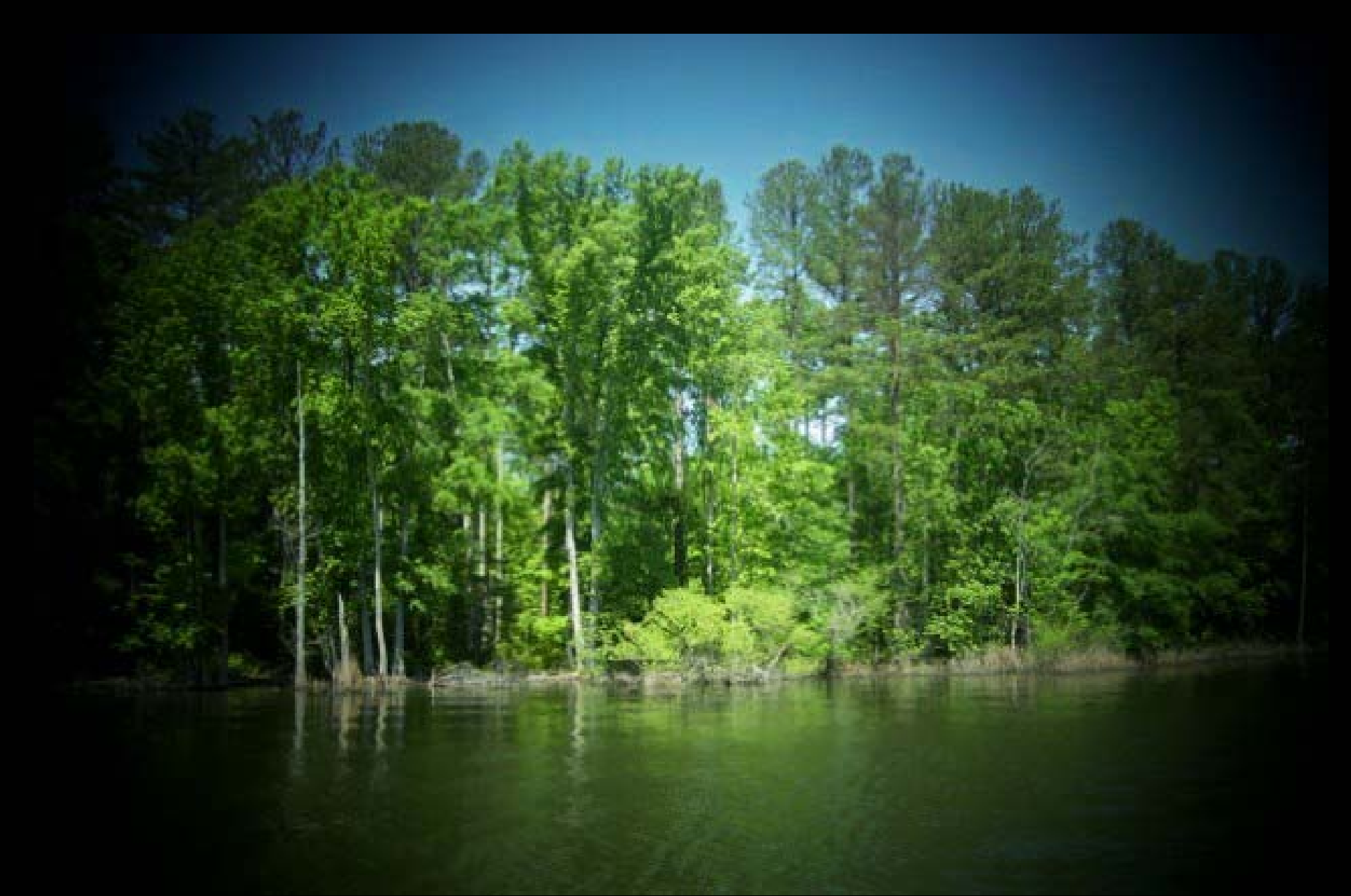
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Storm water run-off controlled on property through EPSC requirements preventing erosion.



“The shoreline will remain naturally pristine as it serves as a sanctuary to the wildlife calling it home.”



The new Wingfield...

Over 40 acres and 3500+ feet of shoreline.

This nearly doubles the shoreline conservation efforts on this property or it can have the reverse effect and be twice the destruction and lost of wildlife.

The entire cove could be destroyed or enhanced.

SUPPORT OR OBJECTIONS





**Wingfield is not simply a place to reside...
it is a place to experience.**

Commerce Association of Lake Murray

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Southshore Marina

Jakes Landing

Lighthouse Marina

Lake Murray Marina & Yacht Club

Lake Murray Boat Club

Sea Ray

Sea Tow Lake Murray

HydroTech Marine

Siesta Cove

Big Birds Landing

Quality Marine

Holland's Marina

Putnam's Landing

Acapulco USA

Interested Businesses

Dockside Resturant
Palmetto Graphix
Marine Surveys Inc.
Benchmark Marine Services
Advanced Docks
Jacks Docks N Decks
Ray Clepper Inc.
Nationwide Insurance
Spinners Marina
Breakwater Docks
Carolina Boatworks
Mid Carolina Marine
Outdoor RV & Marine
Lake Tours/ / Southern Patriot

Brown Marine&LM Boat Rentals
Dexndox, Inc.
Captain's Choice Marine
Mobile Trailer Service
Turner's Point
Carolina Inboard
Southlake Marine
Columbia Powersports
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Communications

One point contact to and from the
business community

SCE&G

DNR

**Governmental Agency's
Cap. City/ Lake Murray Country**

News Media

Residents and Visitors

Homeowner's Associations

Other Associations/Clubs

Local Schools

Involvement in Issues that Impact the Lake Murray area

Re-License Lake Access

**Economic Impact of Regulations
Supporting existing Marinas and Landings
Favorable business environment
Avoid unintended consequences
Offer Help and expertise**

Long Term Goals

Expand season

More activities

Promote Clean/Safe Boating

Destinations

Points of Interest

Grow Boating

Short term Goals

Clean Marina Certification

Expand group

Get the word out

Formalize organization

Align with other groups

- a. Home owners groups
- b. SC Marine Associations
- c. **Business** Associations
- d. Capital City / Lake Murray

Country

- e. National Grow Boating Initiative

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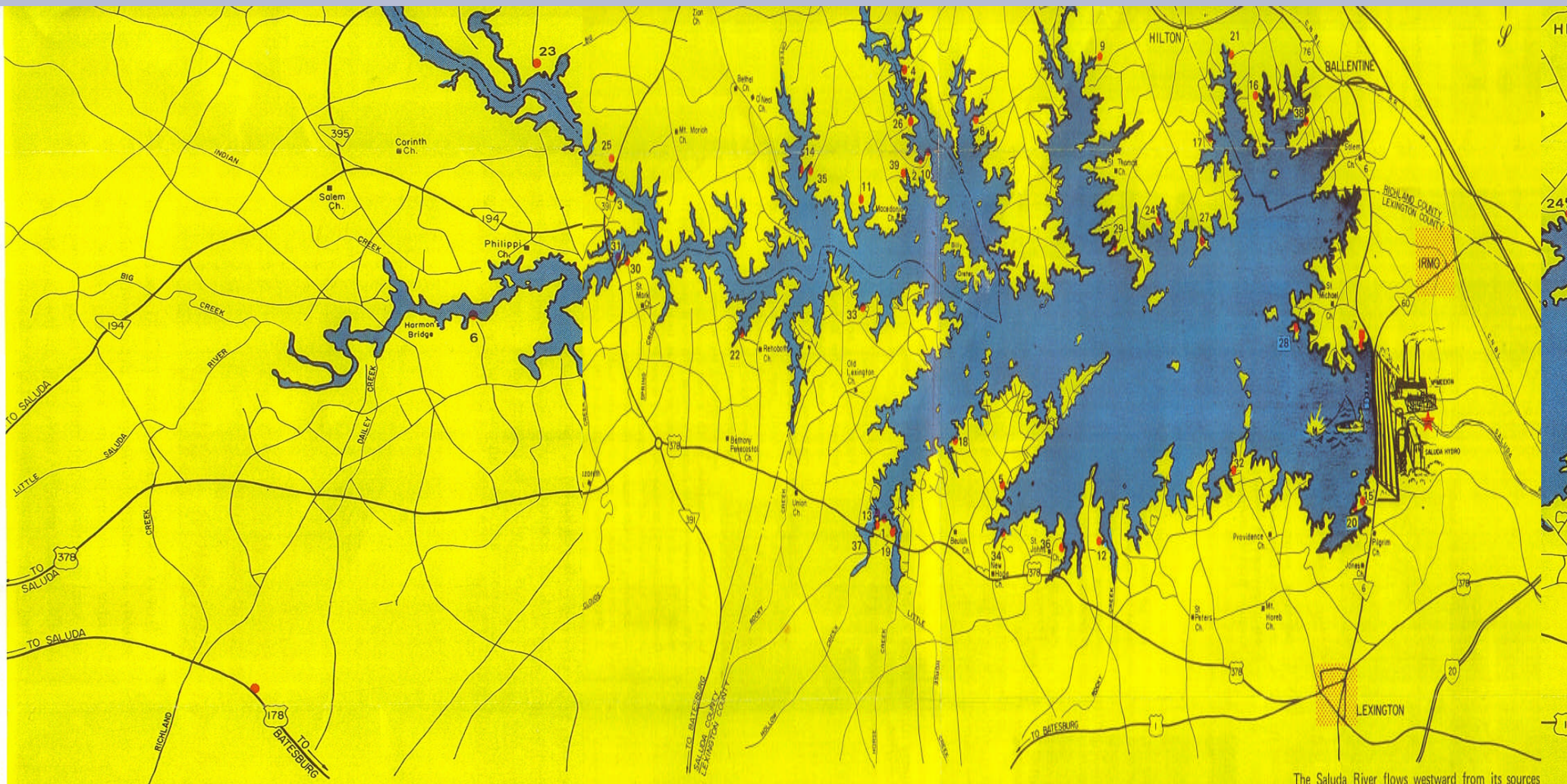
Marinas improve our economy.

Meeting the needs of
the community:

Commerce Association of Lake Murray
is formally requesting that SCE&G
make an amendment to the
moratorium on multi slip dock permits
to allow permit applications at existing
commercial marinas.

A serene sunset scene over a body of water, likely a lake or bay. The sky is filled with soft, colorful clouds in shades of orange, pink, and blue. The sun is low on the horizon, casting a warm glow across the water. In the foreground, the dark silhouettes of bare tree branches frame the left and bottom edges. In the middle ground, a marina with several boats is visible, and a dense line of trees forms a dark silhouette against the bright sky. The overall mood is peaceful and contemplative.

Questions?



KEY TO LANDINGS AND CLUBS			
1. ADAMS' LANDING	F-5	16. JOHNSON'S MARIA	I-3
2. AMICK'S LANDING	F-3	17. LAKE MURRAY B ³ & SPTS. CLUB*	I-3
3. BLACK'S BRIDGE MARINA	D-3	18. LAKE MURRAY F.M. CAMPGRD.	G-5
4. BUCK'S MARINA	F-3	19. LAKESIDE MARIN	F-5
5. CIRCLES CLUB *	G-5	20. LEXINGTON BOA CLUB *	J-5
6. COLLUM'S LANDING	C-4	21. LOCKHART'S LANING	I-3
7. COLUMBIA SAILING CLUB*	J-4	22. MARTIN'S LANDI ^G	E-4
8. CRYSTAL LAKE FAM. CAMPGRD.	G-3	23. MAYER'S LANDIN	C-3
9. EPTING'S CAMP	H-3	24. MILLS' LANDING	H-3
10. FRIENDLY BOATING CLUB *	F-3	25. MORRIS' LANDIN	D-3
11. HAMM'S LANDING	F-3	26. NEWBERRY LION CLUB *	F-3
12. HENDRIX'S LANDING	H-5	27. PALMETTO LANDI ^G	I-4
13. HOLIDAY SHORES LANDING	F-5	28. PINE ISLAND CLU *	I-4
14. HOLLAND'S LANDING	E-3	29. PUTMAN LANDIN	H-4
15. JAKE'S LANDING	J-5	30. RIKARD'S LANDI ^G	D-4
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		32. SNELGROVE'S LANDING	I-5
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		37. WEED'S LANDING	F-5
		38. WELL'S MARINA	J-3
		39. WILSON'S LANDING	F-3
		40. RAY'S MOTEL	F-7
		41. NEWBERRY EXCHANGE CLUB *	F-3
		42. CRAYNE'S LANDING	F-3
		43. SNUG HARBOR	F-3
			PRIVATE CLUB *

LANDINGS AND CAMP SITES SHOWN ARE FOR GENERAL INFORMATION ONLY AND ARE IN APPROXIMATE LOCATION.

MAP OF
LAKE MURRAY
AND VICINITY

SOUTH CAROLINA ELECTRIC AND GAS CO.
CORRECTED TO JUNE 1, 1968

GRAPHIC SCALE IN MILES

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COMPILED FROM AERIAL PHOTOGRAPHS & S.C. HIGHWAY DEPT. COUNTY MAPS
LAKE OUTLINE INDICATES 354 FOOT LAKE LEVEL

REVISED MAY 1, 1969

The Saluda River flows westward from its sources the Blue Ridge Mountain chain, turns south, enters Lake Murray, spins the turbines of Saluda Hydro, and winds its way to confluence with the Broad River Columbia.

Map Legend

- Indicates S. C. E. & G. Co. ■
- Public Parks
- McMeekin Steam and Saluda Hydro Generating Complex ★



Adaptive Management in the Context of FERC Licenses

Recreation RCG
February 7, 2007



What is Adaptive Management?

A type of natural resource management in which decisions are made as part of an ongoing science-based process.

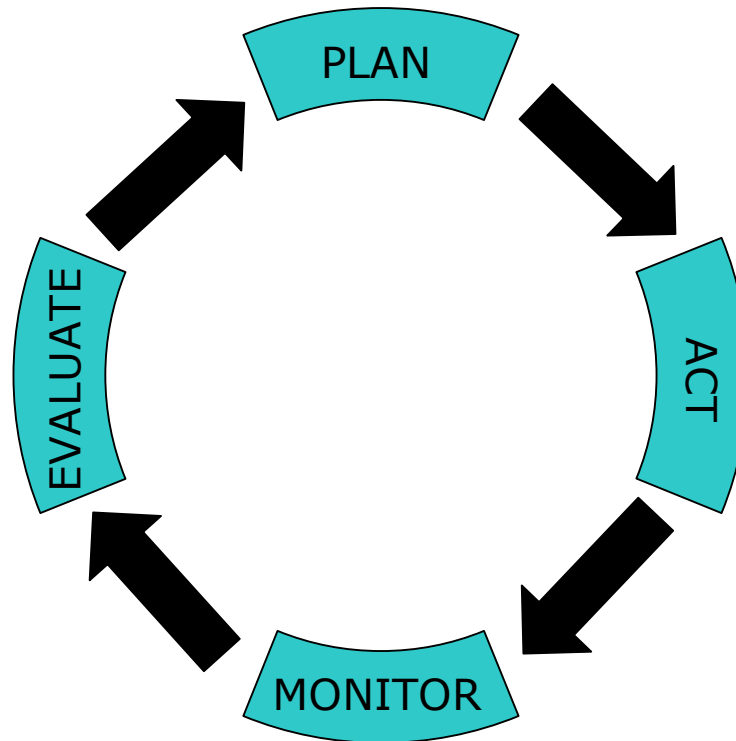
Source: Unified Federal Policy for a Watershed Approach to Federal Land and Resource Management



Adaptive Management Basic Steps

- 1. Determine the goals for the resource.
- 2. Method to test or evaluate if goals are met.
- 3. Ability to change based on evaluation.

The Cycle of Adaptive Management



Adapted from Pajak, 2000



Plan

- Clarify goals
- Assess status and trends of related indicators
- Develop and compare management alternatives
- Seek consent and plan actions



Act

- Implement planned actions
- Reward integrity and results



Monitor

- Monitor all indicators
- Communicate results



Evaluate

- Compare actual vs. planned results
- Analyze indicator relationships
- Adapt and repeat cycle



What does FERC think?

- “Adjustments to measures required during the license term will be based on information gleaned from ongoing monitoring or other post-license studies”

Source: Policy Statement on Hydropower Licensing Settlements



FERC License Examples

- Sinclair Project (FERC No. 1951)
- Clark Fork Project (FERC No. 2058)
- Mokelumne River Project (FERC No. 137)
- Carpenter-Remmel Project (FERC No. 271)
- Baker River Project (FERC No. 2150)



FERC Concerns

FERC may modify adaptive management measures to:

- (i) ensure limitations on changes
- (ii) provide for FERC review and approval of decisions.



Where are we?

- Still in planning stage
- Establishing baseline of management indicators
- Planning actions

Rebalancing Shoreline Uses on Lake Murray: The DNR Perspective

South Carolina Department of
Natural Resources



Lake Issues Related to Shoreline Classification

- Wildlife and Fisheries
- Habitat Protection
- Water Quality
- Recreation
- Aesthetics



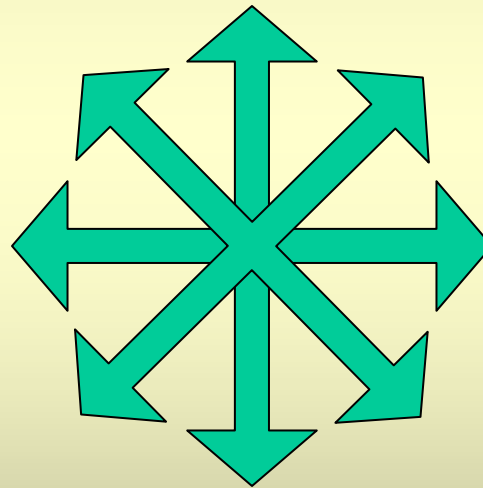
What constitutes a “good” lake shore?

Ecology

- Diverse flora and fauna
- Good breeding, foraging and nursery habitat
 - Refuge for wildlife
- Rare, T & E species (sometimes)

Values

- Hunting and fishing
- Aesthetics



Functions

- Filtration
- Flood attenuation

Water Quality

- Pollution free
- Appropriate temperature
- Adequate DO levels
- No pesticides, herbicides, oil, etc...

Morphology

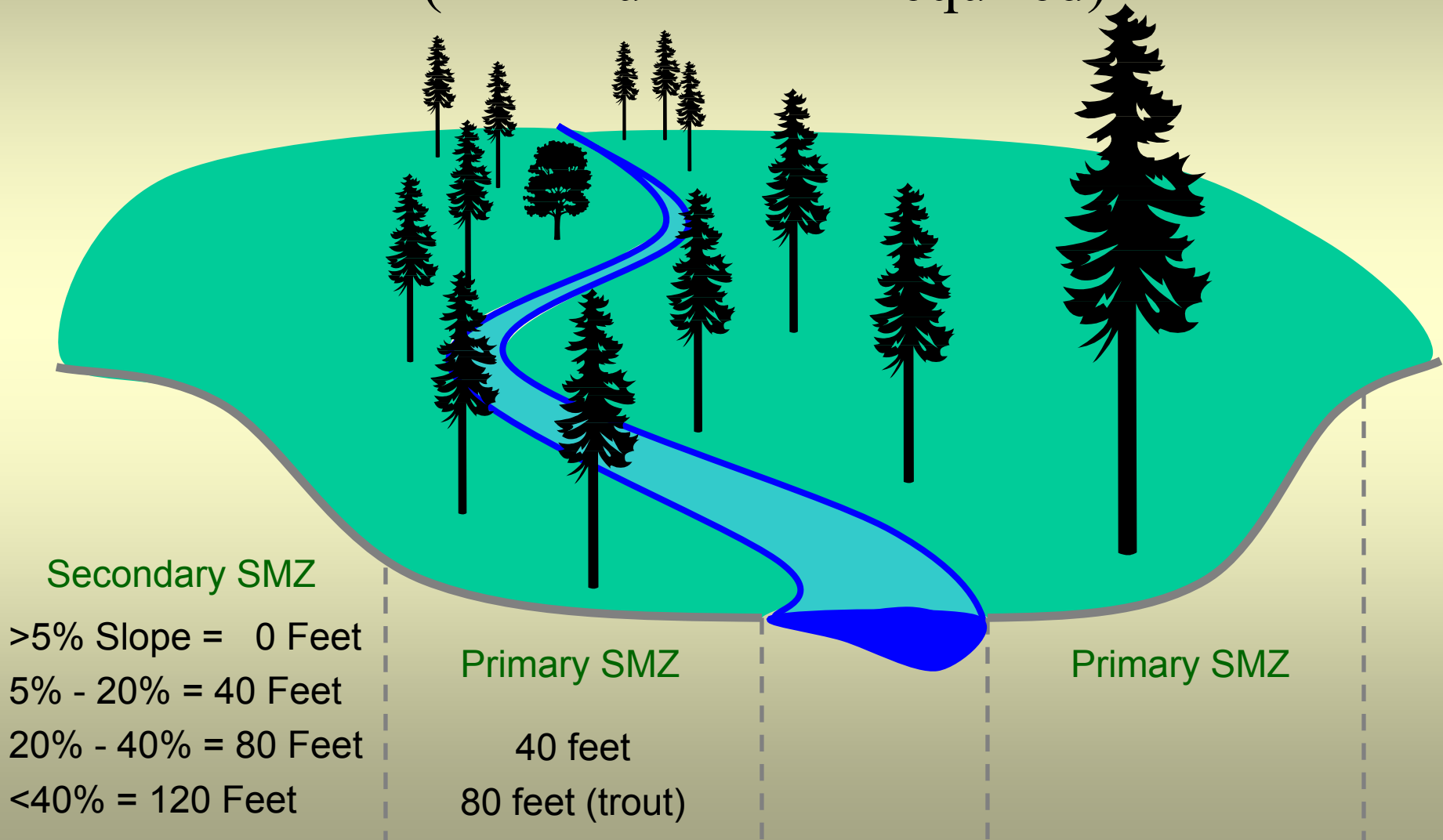
- Stable shoreline
- Diverse near-shore habitat

Benefits Of Riparian Setbacks

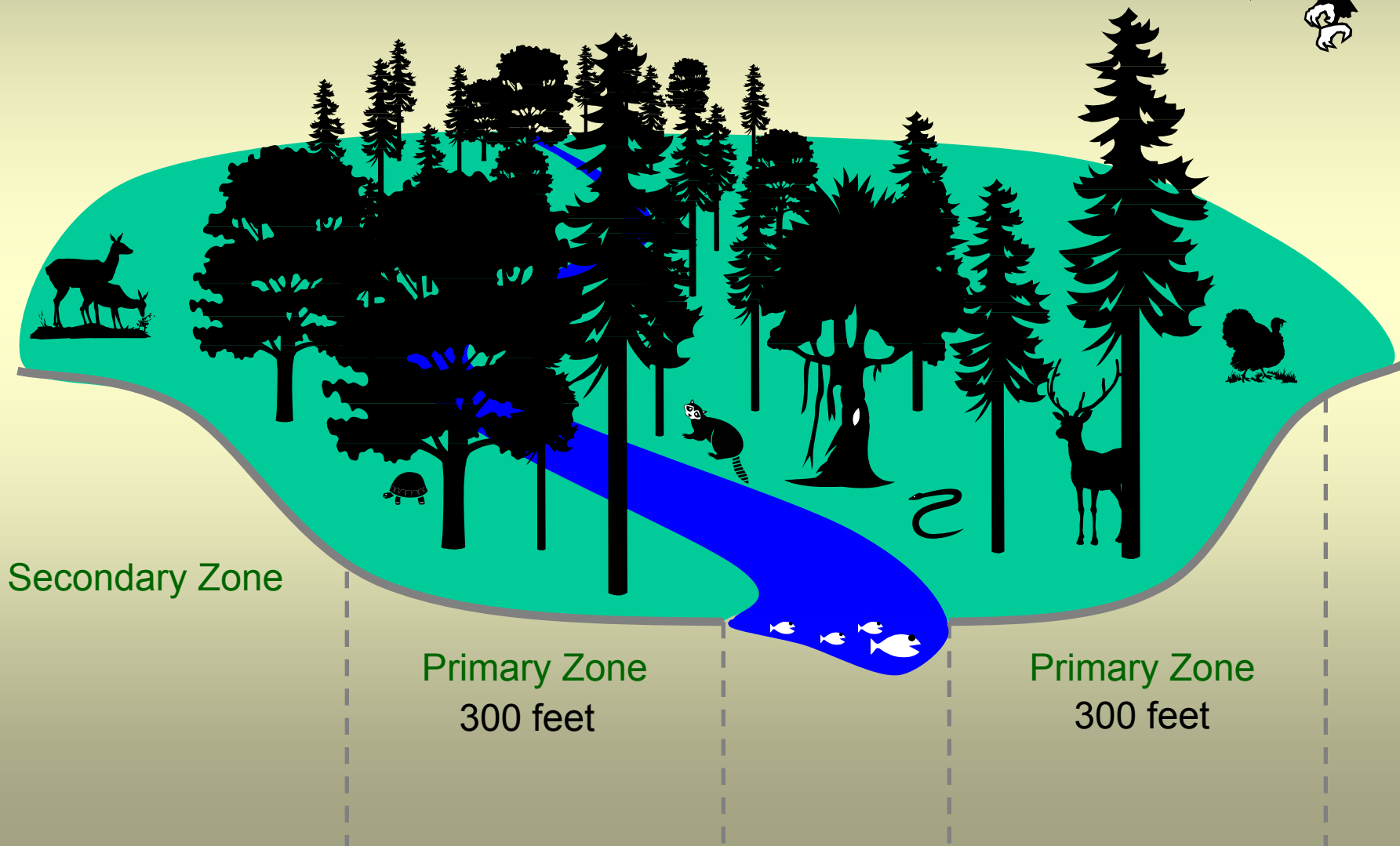
- Erosion control and sediment retention by slowing runoff.
- Surface and ground water quality protection through nutrient cycling through nitrogen fixation and the storage of sediment bound phosphorus.
- Ecosystem protection by providing habitats for resident and transient plant and animal populations.
- Recreational services including hiking, picnicking, and the protection of resources for sport fishing.
- Cultural services by providing opportunities for noncommercial uses such as aesthetic, artistic, educational, or scientific uses.

Streamside Management Zones

(Minimum BMP Required)



Buffers Maximized for Wildlife



Secondary Zone

Primary Zone
300 feet

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Table 4: Recommended Buffer Width for Birds

Article	Width Studies (feet)	Minimum Width Recommendation (feet)
Hodges and Krementez (1996)	118-6849	328
Keller et al (1993)	82-2624	328
Kilgo et al (1998)	82-1640	Both Narrow and Wide
Kinley and Newhouse (1997)	46-230	230
Smith and Schaefer (1992)	65-492	No Recommendation
Spackman and Hughes (1995)	82-656	492-574
Thurmond et al (1995)	49-164	49
Triquet et al (1990)	49-75	No Recommendation

(Wenger, 1999)

Federal Power Act Considerations

Section 4(e) requires the Commission, before making a decision on land sales, to consider if the hydropower project has given "equal consideration to the purposes of energy conservation, the protection, mitigation of damage to, and enhancement of fish and wildlife (including related spawning grounds and habitat), the protection of recreational opportunities, and the preservation of other aspects of environmental quality."

Section 18 CFR § 2.7 (a) states that the licensee must "include within the project boundary enough land to ensure the optimum development of recreational resources afforded by the project including those for sport fishing and hunting".

Current Shoreline Protection Measures

- Protection of emergent vegetation below the 360 elevation
- 75 foot setback
- Conservation areas
- Environmentally sensitive areas
- Shoreline erosion management
- Lake elevation



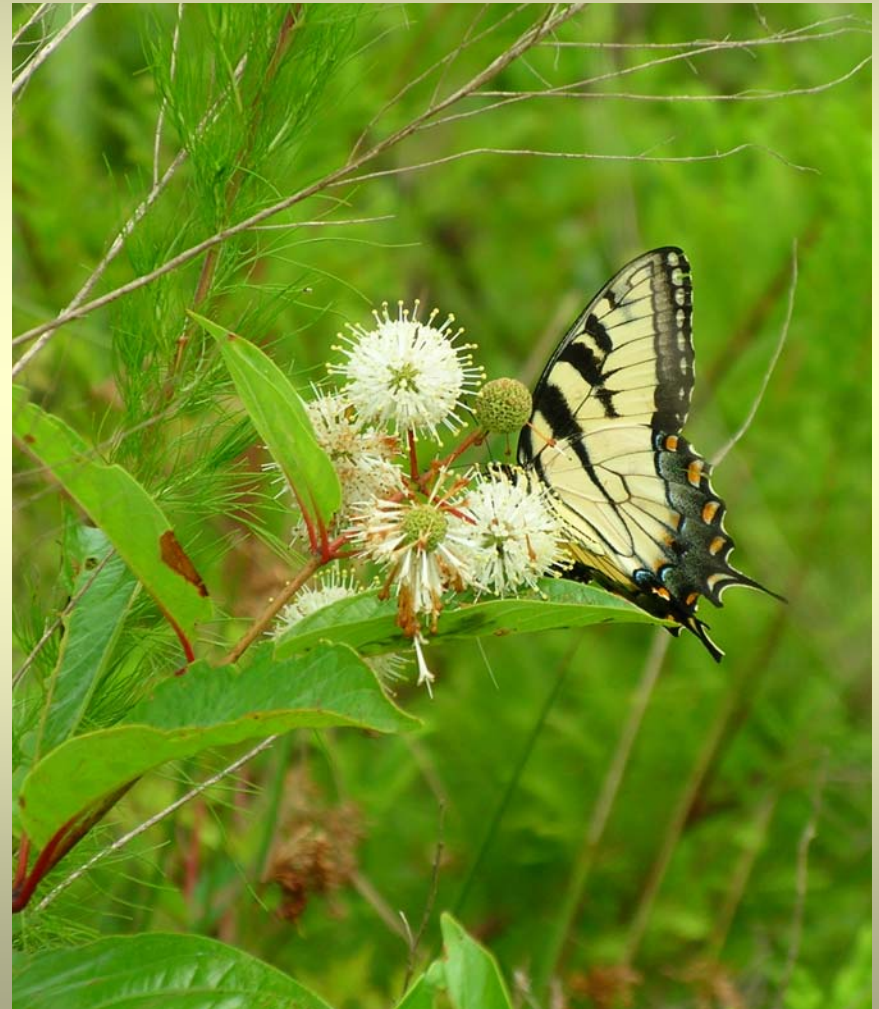
Setback after years of understory clearing and diseased and hazardous tree removal

Can the 75 foot setback be improved?

- Widen to 100 feet
- Increase the “no clearing zone”
- Maintain a closed canopy by replacing diseased and hazardous trees.
- Increase penalties and fines
- Improve educational outreach
- Involve stakeholders in monitoring

Environmentally Sensitive Areas

- Shallow Coves
- Bottomland Hardwood and Wet Flats
- Vegetated shoreline

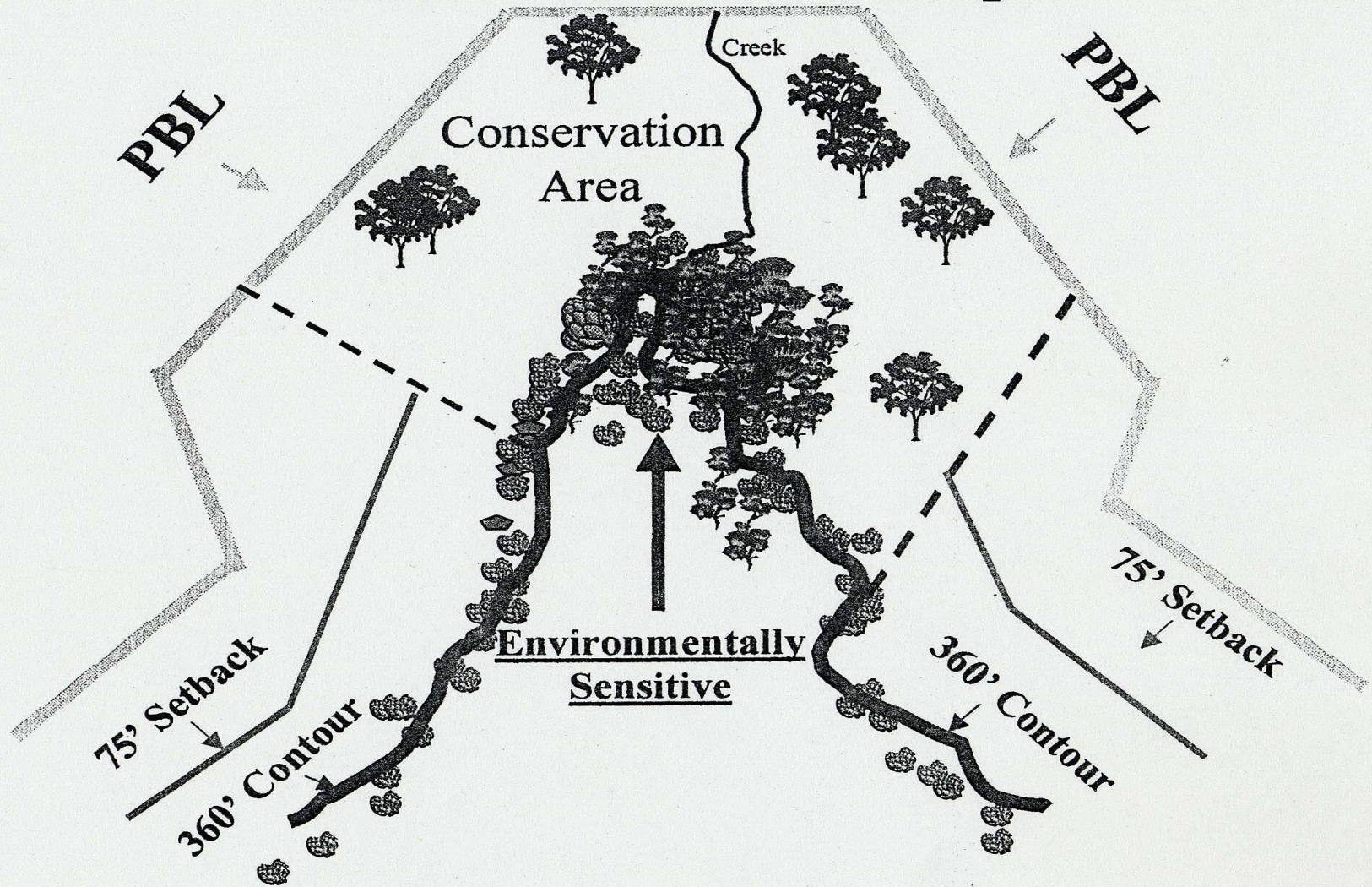




Can the Vegetation be protected?



Conservation Area Example



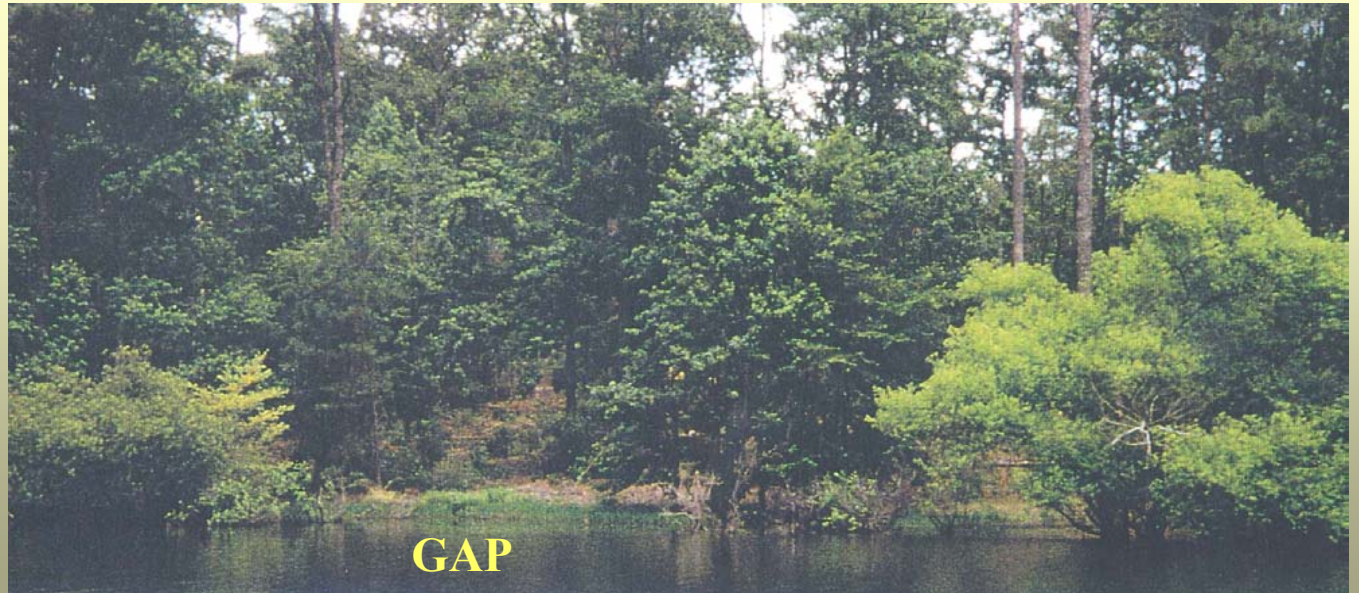
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Lake Murray (FERC Project 516)

Vegetated Shoreline



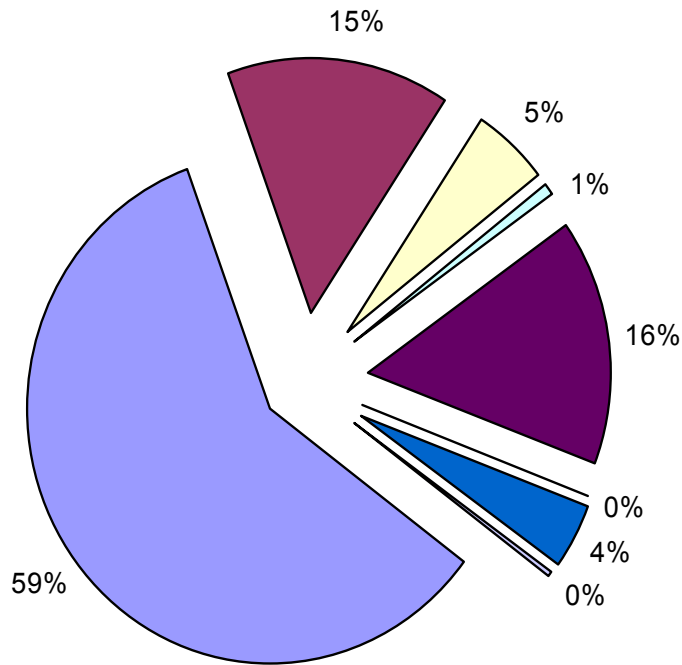
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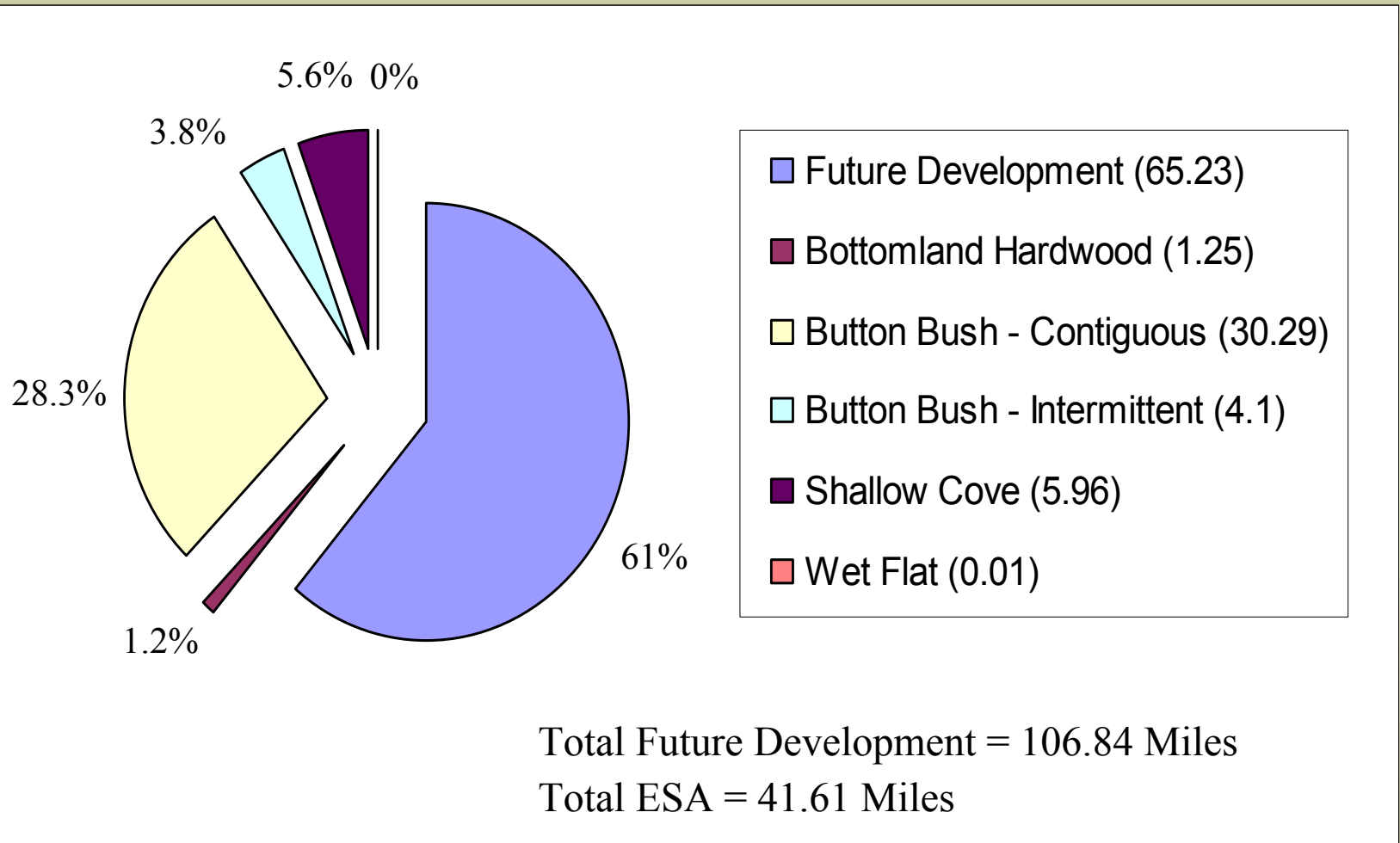
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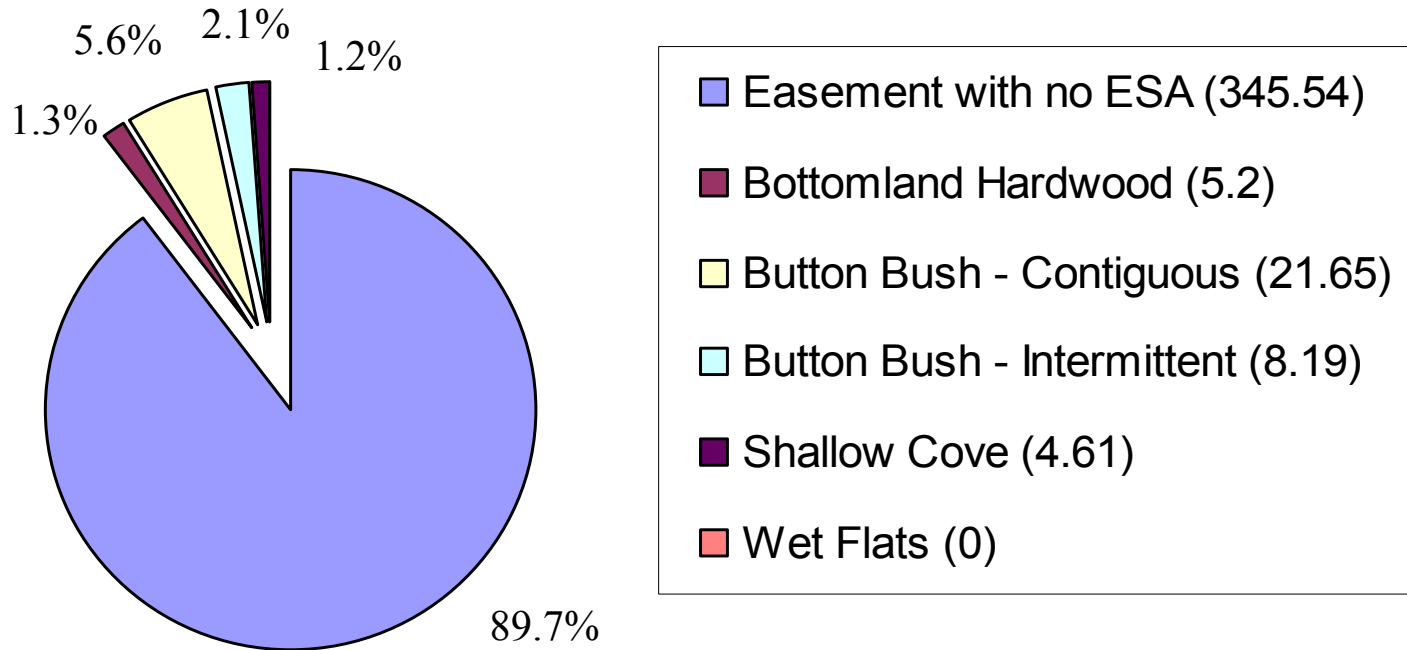
- Easement (385.19)
- Forest & Game Mngt (98.23)
- Public Recreation (32.14)
- Commercial Recreation (5.81)
- Future Development (101.33)
- Conservation Areas (0.71)
- 75-Foot Setback (27.3)
- Project Operations (1.63)

Total Shoreline = 652.34 miles

Future Development Classification



Easement ESA

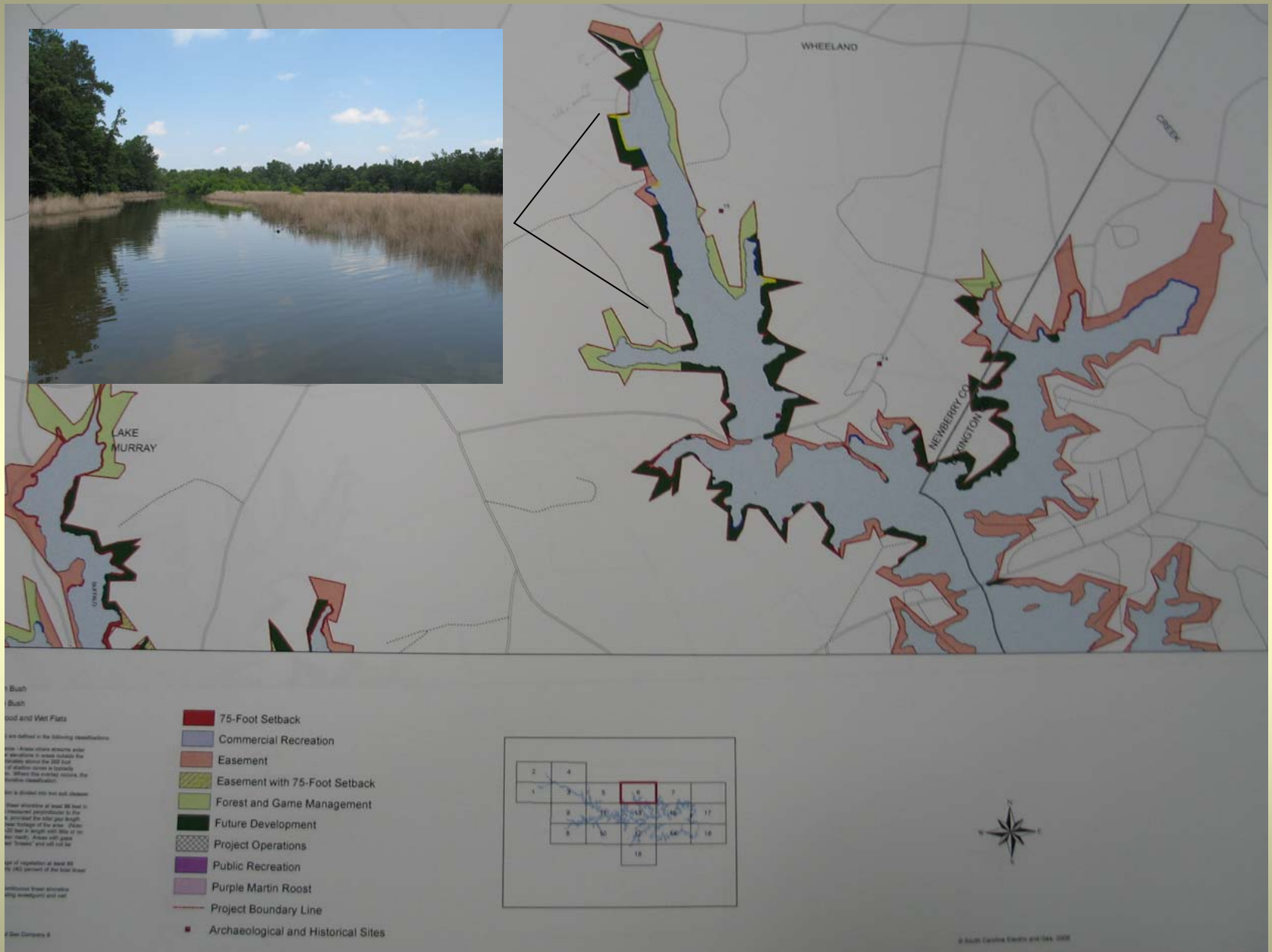


Total Easement Shoreline = 385.19 Miles
Total ESA = 39.66 Miles

SCDNR Land Protection Proposal

Selection Criteria

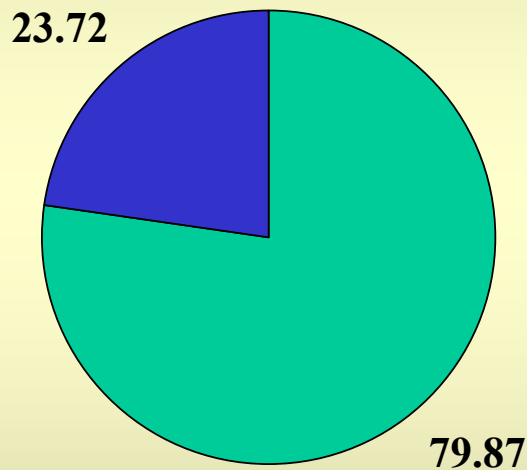
- General habitat quality
- Fish spawning and nursery habitat
- Length and depth of undeveloped shoreline
- Waterfowl hunting opportunities
- Habitat in surrounding region
- Aesthetics
- Recreational values
- Adjacency



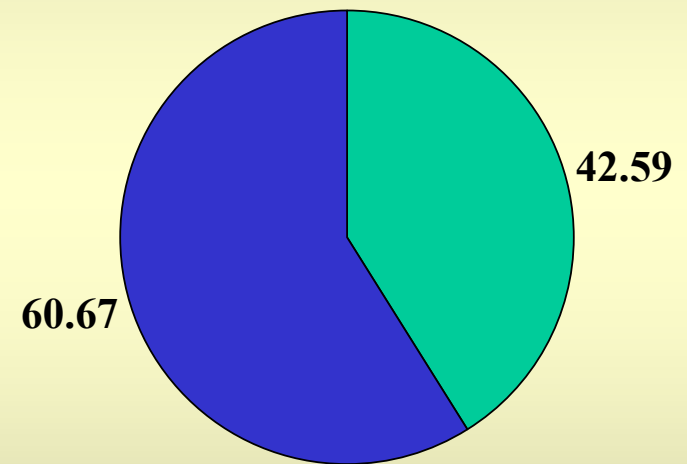
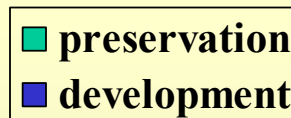
Example of a shoreline management plan (Camping Creek)

Past Rebalancing Efforts

Miles of Shoreline Classified Future Development



DNR proposal
(August 23, 2004)



SCE&G proposal
(April 18, 2005)

Two-bird Cove

SCE&G proposal




SCDNR proposal



Public Outreach Programs for Shoreline Management

Various Examples from
Hydro Operators Around
the United States

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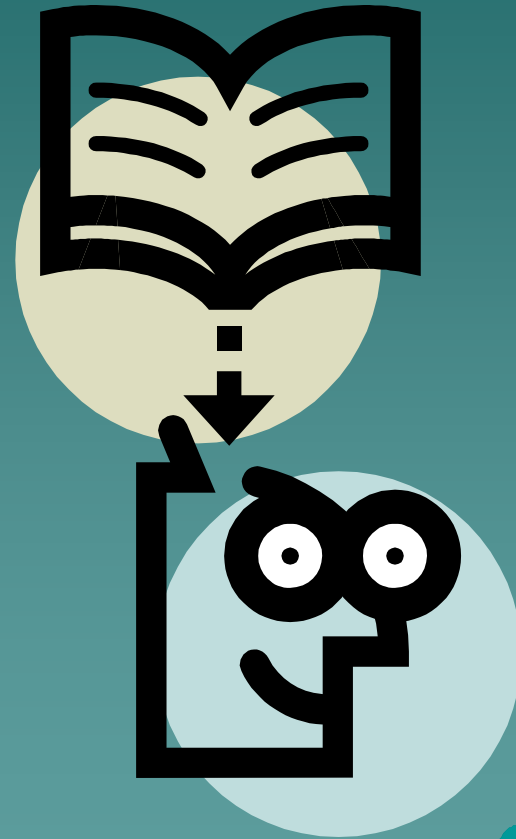
Discussion Points

- ◆ General Methods for Public Outreach
- ◆ General Examples of Public Outreach
- ◆ Public Outreach Specifically for Shoreline Management



General Methods for Public Outreach

- ◆ Newsletters
- ◆ Bill Stuffers
- ◆ Videos
- ◆ Website Information
- ◆ Seminars/Tours

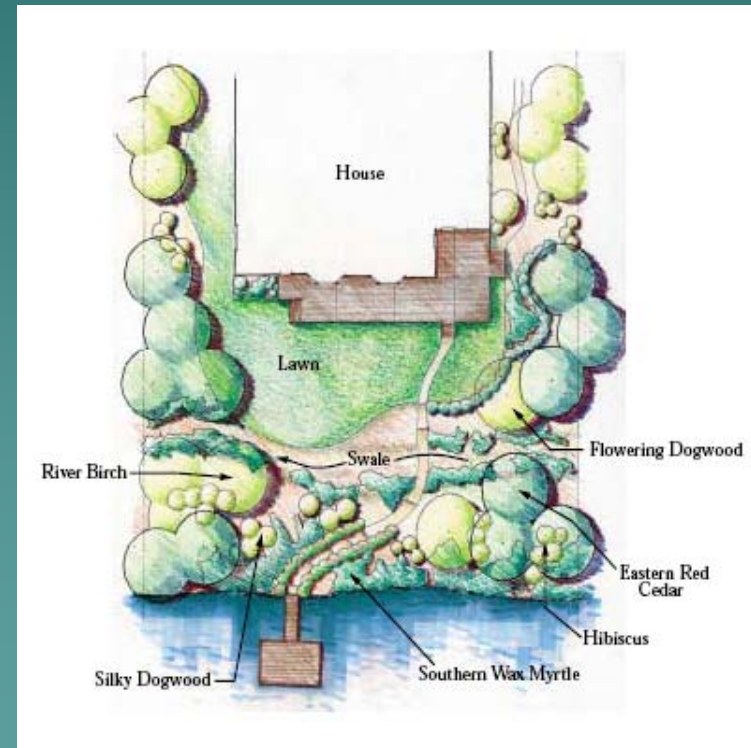
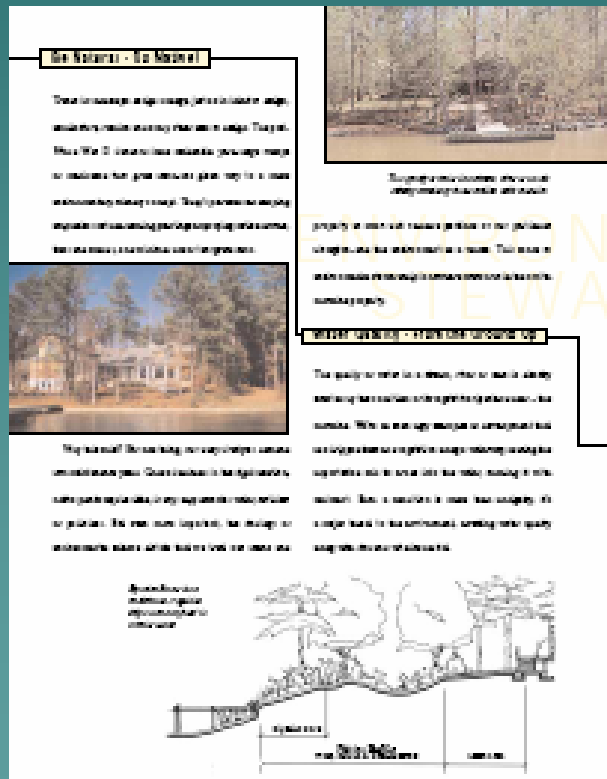


General Examples of Hydro Outreach

- ◆ Northern States Power Company
 - Winter Ice Fishing Safety Tips
- ◆ Massachusetts Electric Company
 - Bill Stuffers Detailing Recreation Opportunities
- ◆ Georgia Power Company
 - Children's Coloring Sheets Explaining Hydro
- ◆ Alabama Power Company
 - Newsletter for Lakefront Property Owners
- ◆ New York Power Authority
 - Videos Explaining the Functions of each Dam

SMP Focused Outreach: Georgia Power

◆ Illustrated Shoreline Management Pamphlet



Themes And Focal Points Of This Program

- ◆ **Focuses primarily on environmental stewardship**
 - Strongly encourages native plantings
 - Explains water quality issues and the benefits of a vegetated buffer
 - Provides landscaping and shoreline stabilization examples
 - Provides a short explanation of permitting processes and contact information. However this is not the primary focus of the document

SMP Focused Outreach: Alabama Power Company

- ◆ Quarterly Newsletter - Mailed to lakeshore residents

Shorelines
THIRD QUARTER 2006
PUBLISHED QUARTERLY BY ALABAMA POWER COMPANY FOR LAKESHORE RESIDENTS VOL. 13, NUMBER 3

Company manages lake levels during drought

If there's no news to anyone in Alabama that it's hot, dry, and we're in a drought. Some areas, such as Montgomery, are almost 9 inches low on rainfall for the March to July period, as compared to its average 25.6 inches of rain for this time of year. Lack of rain is also causing lower lake levels at some Alabama Power reservoirs. For instance, on the Tallapoosa and Coosa River systems are also expected to continue to drop.

SPECIAL OPERATIONS UNDER WAY
Since May, Alabama Power has been adjusting its reservoir operations to try to ease the effects of the hot, dry conditions on lake levels. While these actions have resulted in reduced hydrogenation, they have proven effective in keeping lake levels higher despite the below-normal rainfall. Alabama Power must balance all of the various requirements for water and lake storage to meet the multiple uses of its hydroelectric projects. The company works with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, the Alabama Control Center. Without sustained rainfall, lake levels on the Tallapoosa and Coosa River systems are also expected to continue to drop.

LOWER-WATER CONTROL
Lower-than-normal lake levels have been seen this summer at Logan Martin, Weiss, Smith, Harris, Murkin and other reservoirs due to scant rainfall. This photo shows low levels at Logan Martin reservoir, directly below Neely Hydro Dam.

Volunteers remove 7 million+ pounds of debris from waterways

To Alabama Power's Willard Brown, there's nothing more amazing than seeing volunteers come out to clean the lakes during Renew Our Rivers events.

But on July 18, Environmental Affairs Specialist Doug Powell reported something even more astonishing. Since 2000, volunteers have removed more than 7,100,000 pounds of litter and debris from waterways in Alabama, Florida, Georgia and Mississippi. By June 17 this year, Alabama Power had already completed 16 lake cleanups.

RENEW OUR RIVERS VOLUNTEERS GET BIG JOBS...
Skylar Christopher, Canfield, son of Alabama Power Communications Specialist Ailee Gordine, leads the among 75 cleanup volunteers who gave Bimble Lake a spring cleaning.

ALABAMA HYDRO
Proposed By Nature
See Volunteers on page 4

Company continued from page 1

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and other agencies. The company also meets frequently with the state Office of Water Resources.

Charles Stowe, System Operations supervisor, Hydro Services, said the company is currently meeting all of its responsible duties: providing water for municipal needs, obligations on the Alabama River, to supply adequate water levels for navigation of barges and to protect jobs and environmental requirements that protect fish, wildlife and the overall health of our watershed.

Stowe, who has worked in company Hydro Operations for 25 years, said Alabama Power is all practical in dealing with drought, such as those that occurred in the 1970s and in 2002, and we're much wiser.

"The amount of water released from company reservoirs has been reduced to the minimum amount required by our hydro project licenses with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission," Stowe said. Limited flows are affecting Alabama Power's hydro-power generation, which is currently producing less than half of a normal amount for this time of year.

In efforts to deal with low rainfall, on June 21 the company suspended its weekly water releases used for recreation below Jordan Lake on the Coosa River. Since 1987, the Alabama Control Center has made those releases below Jordan Dam from mid-June to the end of October to accommodate kayakers and other water enthusiasts, with the agreement that these releases will be suspended during times of drought.

"We're making sure we're getting water to other more critical purposes later in the year," Sheppard said. "Though we recently had to terminate the weekend releases at Jordan, there were opportunities all spring for boaters to enjoy high releases, with flows increasing from 2,000 cubic feet per second to 4,000 cfs on April 1 and continuing through the first part of June."

However, Jordan Dam Superintendent Harlan Baker said that homeowners and the general public aren't seeing any difference in Jordan Lake levels.

"As a run-of-the-river dam, our levels are highly dependent upon, including Weiss, Neely Hydro and Logan Martin," said Baker, who has served as the plant superintendent 15 years. "We're monitoring the FERC-mandated minimum flows and water levels around 252 feet, any variation is less than a foot."

CHANGING WEATHER PATTERNS
The National Weather Service (NWS) is keeping a close eye on the weather, said Roger McNeil, senior hydrologist, NWS Birmingham Office.

"We've been in a dry weather pattern so far this summer - you don't go into a drought overnight and, normally, you come out of a drought gradually," McNeil explained. "It will take substantial rainfall to get us back in the right direction. We're seeing some signs that the dry weather pattern may be starting to ease up, with periodic precipitation expected during the next couple of months. During August to September, we're hoping to get back into a normal pattern of rainfall."

Protect your reservoir's lake bed

As a lake resident, you're probably familiar with seasonal lowering of lake elevations conducted by Alabama Power as a flood-control measure under the direction of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

While lower water levels make way for the usual winter and spring rains, they sometimes expose the lake beds to undesirable activities - ATV's, dirtbikes, four-wheeled tractors and other motorized vehicle use - in areas usually covered by water, said Alabama Power Environmental Affairs Vice President Willard Brown.

With concerns about the increasing use of all-terrain vehicles in the beds, Brown has discussed the fact that the lake beds are owned by Alabama Power and these unauthorized users are trespassing. Brown has noted that these activities are damaging the lake bottom and, in some cases, are damaging plants and other facilities permitted by Alabama Power.

"It is our responsibility to protect the overall integrity of our lakes for public use and all-terrain vehicle riding is not one of those uses," Brown said. "In some areas, Alabama Power is installing signs to prohibit these uses which are authorized for our projects."

Accordingly, the company will prosecute anyone using all-terrain vehicles for recreational riding. If this occurs in your area, please call the Corporate Real Estate representative for your lake at the appropriate phone number under "Call Before You Build" in this publication. You can also report the activity to Alabama Power by calling 1-800-LAESTEE, using the number(s) for your lake under the section entitled "Lakeshore Use Program."

Themes And Focal Points Of This Program

- ◆ **Focuses primarily on lake management with recreation components**
 - Provides updates on lake levels
 - Provides updates of volunteer efforts
 - Every issue includes a section pertaining to permitting, with contact information for lake management personnel

SMP Focused Outreach: Duke Energy

◆ SMP "Quick Tips"

Duke Energy and the Catawba Riverkeeper Foundation are providing this document as a way to encourage lake residents and business entities (contractors, landscapers, builders, etc.) to conduct activities around the lake responsibly. This document should be used as a guide to better understand how to protect the shoreline and who to contact prior to doing any work around the lake. The brochure does not replace Duke Energy's Shoreline Management Guidelines (SMG), the Shoreline Management Plan (SMP) or state and local regulations. The SMG and SMP will be used by Duke Energy Lake Management to evaluate any requests for activities within the project boundary.



Duke Energy operates the Catawba-Wateree Hydroelectric Project with a license granted from the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC). FERC is responsible for issuing licenses for the construction, operation and maintenance of lakes and hydroelectric facilities not owned or operated by a federal agency.

The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission gives Duke Energy the authority and responsibility to manage "project" and "non-project" uses within the project boundary of the lake. Project uses include hydroelectric facilities operation, public recreation access and certain wildlife enhancements. Non-project uses include activities such as piers, docks, marinas, excavation and conveyances such as line crossings and shoreline stabilization.

The "project" boundary is a geographic boundary (generally represented on Catawba River lakes by "100 feet" or the "full pond" elevation around the lake) which outlines the hydroelectric project property. To identify the project boundary line on your property, Duke Energy recommends referencing the registered survey of your property. Project boundary questions can also be directed to Duke Energy's Lake Management representatives by calling 1-800-443-5193.

Through the Shoreline Management Guidelines and Shoreline Management Plan, Duke Energy allows property owners and other interests to apply for a permit for certain activities within the project boundary. These activities include but are not limited to:

- Multi-slip marina facility construction and operation.
- Residential facilities – private access from a lot adjacent to the lake boundary.
- Private facilities (i.e., piers) construction.
- Shoreline stabilization – rip-rap, seawalls, bio-engineering, etc.
- Excavation – removing material from within the lake boundary.
- Conveyances – bridge crossings, water intakes, utility line crossings, wastewater outfalls, etc.
- Miscellaneous lake uses – fish attractors, water ski courses, etc.

Prior to conducting any activity within the project boundary, Duke Energy Lake Management should be notified.

Protect the Lake – Preserve the Riparian Zone!

The Riparian Zone is the vegetated area adjacent to the lake. The Riparian Zone consists of four zones: submersed (underwater), emergent (usually underwater), shrub (underwater only part of the time) and terrace (rarely underwater). The Riparian Zone provides critical habitat to fish and wildlife, helps reduce erosion of soils into the water and serves as a filter for runoff of fertilizers and other chemicals. Several counties and the state of North Carolina have a buffer ordinance that regulates activities outside the project boundary that may impact activities an individual may desire to conduct on their property. Only through direct written authorization does Duke Energy allow vegetation to be removed from within the project boundary.

The following activities within the project boundary require **PRIOR WRITTEN APPROVAL** from Duke Energy:

- beginning any shoreline stabilization activity,
- clearing or cutting trees, shrubs or other vegetation within the project boundary,
- beginning construction or rebuilding piers or any other structure,
- planting or introducing vegetation and
- all excavation.

Generally, the following activities are **NOT ALLOWED** within the project boundary of Duke Energy lakes:

- advertising signs, except for inconspicuous manufacturer's labels on permitted structures or "For Sale" signs on boats,
- depositing any refuse (trash), leaves or burnt brush,
- satellite antennas/dishes or other fixed communications antennas,
- any part of a permanent dwelling,
- swimming pools,
- earth fill,
- septic tanks and associated drain fields,
- abandonment of personal property including, but not limited to cars, boats, boat trailers and building materials,
- pens, kennels or other facilities for the housing or care of pets,
- fences, except to confine live stock,
- wells,
- planting any plant that is not native to North Carolina and/or South Carolina and
- any other use determined unacceptable by Duke Energy.

Why are buffers (existing trees, shrubs, ground covers, and leaf litter) important?

Vegetated buffers collect sediment and digest waste, chemicals and other pollutants while providing wildlife habitat and adding scenic beauty.

Wider vegetated buffers along tributaries, streams and the shoreline offer better protection of water quality in the lake. The state of North Carolina and many counties in North Carolina and South Carolina require permanent buffers. Prior to disturbing any vegetation adjacent to the project boundary, the homeowner or developer should contact your local county planning office or for North Carolina lakes also contact the North Carolina Department of Environment and Natural Resources (NCDENR).

What can you do to protect the Buffer and Riparian Zone?

To protect the buffer on your property:

- Contact your local county planning office or in North Carolina the NC Department of Environment and Natural Resources to educate yourself on the buffer laws in your area.
- If you are using a contractor, make sure they know how important protecting the buffer and reducing sedimentation is to you and the lake overall.
 - Contractors should install and properly maintain a silt fence to reduce the amount of storm-water run-off and silt that reaches the lake.
 - Monitor progress as your lot is being cleared, your pier is being built or the shoreline is being stabilized. Talk to your contractor if you see activity that seems to be disturbing the buffer.

Protecting the Riparian Zone!

Nature has a keen sense of what is needed to stabilize the shoreline and protect buffered areas. The best and most cost effective ways to protect the buffer and riparian zone along your property are also the most natural, aesthetically pleasing and environmentally sensitive. Here are a few techniques:

Bio-engineering

- Live stakes are live, rooted vegetation planted into the shoreline.
- Live fascines are large bundles of branches bound and used to fill shallow benches and planted with native vegetation.
- Brushmatresses are a combination of live stakes, live fascines and branch cuttings, which provide immediate protection against erosion.
- Coir Mats are bio-like interlocking arrangements of unrooted logs filled with suitable growing soils and layers of live branch cuttings rooted inside the structure.
- Reed Clumps are rooted divisions wrapped in geo-textile fabric and staked down in benches at the water's edge.
- Coconut fiber rolls and hay bales are used to break water and reduce the energy and speed of the water hitting the shoreline.

Vegetation

- The right vegetation for your property will depend on a number of factors including, but not limited to:
 - lake level fluctuations (contact 1-800-829-LAKE or www.duke-energy.com for lake level information),
 - slope of the shoreline,
 - vulnerability to wave energy and
 - soil types.

Hard structures such as rip-rap and seawalls can also be used to protect the shoreline from waves and wind. Hard structures can be a good alternative where there is:

- wave action, either from boats or wind,
- unsuitable soils for plant growth,
- inadequate sunlight to stimulate plant growth and
- bank height too great to re-grade to an acceptable slope.

BEFORE YOU BEGIN ANY WORK ALONG THE WATER'S EDGE ON YOUR PROPERTY:

CONTACT YOUR LOCAL COUNTY PLANNING OFFICE OR IN NC THE NC DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES TO BETTER UNDERSTAND BUFFER LAWS

AND

CONTACT DUKE ENERGY LAKE MANAGEMENT TO DETERMINE IF WRITTEN APPROVAL IS REQUIRED FOR ACTIVITIES WITHIN THE LAKE BOUNDARY.

The following numbers are provided for additional information about requirements regarding lake activities.

Duke Energy
Lake Use Permitting – 1-800-443-5193
Lake Level Use – 1-800-829-LAKE
Waste Management – 704-382-0169

NC Division of Water Quality – 704-963-1969
NC Division of Land Resources – 704-616-1899
SD Department of Health & Environmental Control
Columbia – 803-864-6300
Catawba/EIC – 803-785-7491
Central/Lake/EIC – 803-863-6300
Wateree/EIC – 803-776-8548

Surge County – 808-438-4383
McDowell County – 828-882-7101
Caldwell County – 828-338-6552
Alexander County – 828-832-4000
Catawba County – 704-663-6264
Iredell County – 704-876-3118
Lincoln County – 704-738-3446
Gaston County – 704-622-4181

Mecklenburg County
Environmental Protection – 704-236-5536
Engineering and Building – 704-238-3720

York County – 803-660-3524
Lancaster County – 803-686-2252
Cherokee County – 828-561-6942
Fayette County – 803-712-5888
Rowan County – 803-622-2154

Lake Norman Marine Commission – 704-372-2419
Mountain Lake Marina Commission – 704-372-2419
Lake Wylie Marina Commission – 704-348-2705

Duke Energy Lake Management will issue STOP WORK orders for any violations detected within the project boundary. Consequences for those violations include one or more of the following:

- Unwanted construction delays.
- Loss of security deposits.
- Suspension or cancellation of approved applications.
- Increases in fees.
- Modifications or removal of non-complying structures and restoration of disturbed sites at the owner's expense.
- Loss of any consideration for future lake use applications.

Violations of state and local rules and regulations could also result in additional consequences from those organizations.

Themes And Focal Points Of This Program

- ◆ **Focuses primarily on permitting policies, however includes an emphasis on buffer zone protection and shoreline stabilization**
 - Explains permitted and non-permitted activities within the project boundary
 - Includes contact information for Duke Energy and local agencies
 - Explains why buffer zones are beneficial and includes buffer zone protection measures
 - Describes a variety of bank stabilization measures

SMP Focused Outreach: Southern California Edison

- ◆ Tree Care Information
 - Included on company website
 - Provides information on proper planting techniques and care
 - Includes a “Photo Gallery” of recommended species



Washington Hawthorn (Crataegus spp.)
summer blooming, white flowers; fall color; winter fruiting, attracts birds
Mature height: 35 feet
Mature spread: 20 feet
Sunset Zones 1-11, 14-17
[Click here for more information](#)



Citrus Fruit Trees (Citrus)
summer fruiting (lemon, lime, grapefruit, orange, tangerine)
Mature height: 30 feet
Mature spread: 15 feet
Sunset Zones 8, 9, 12-14
[Click here for more information](#)

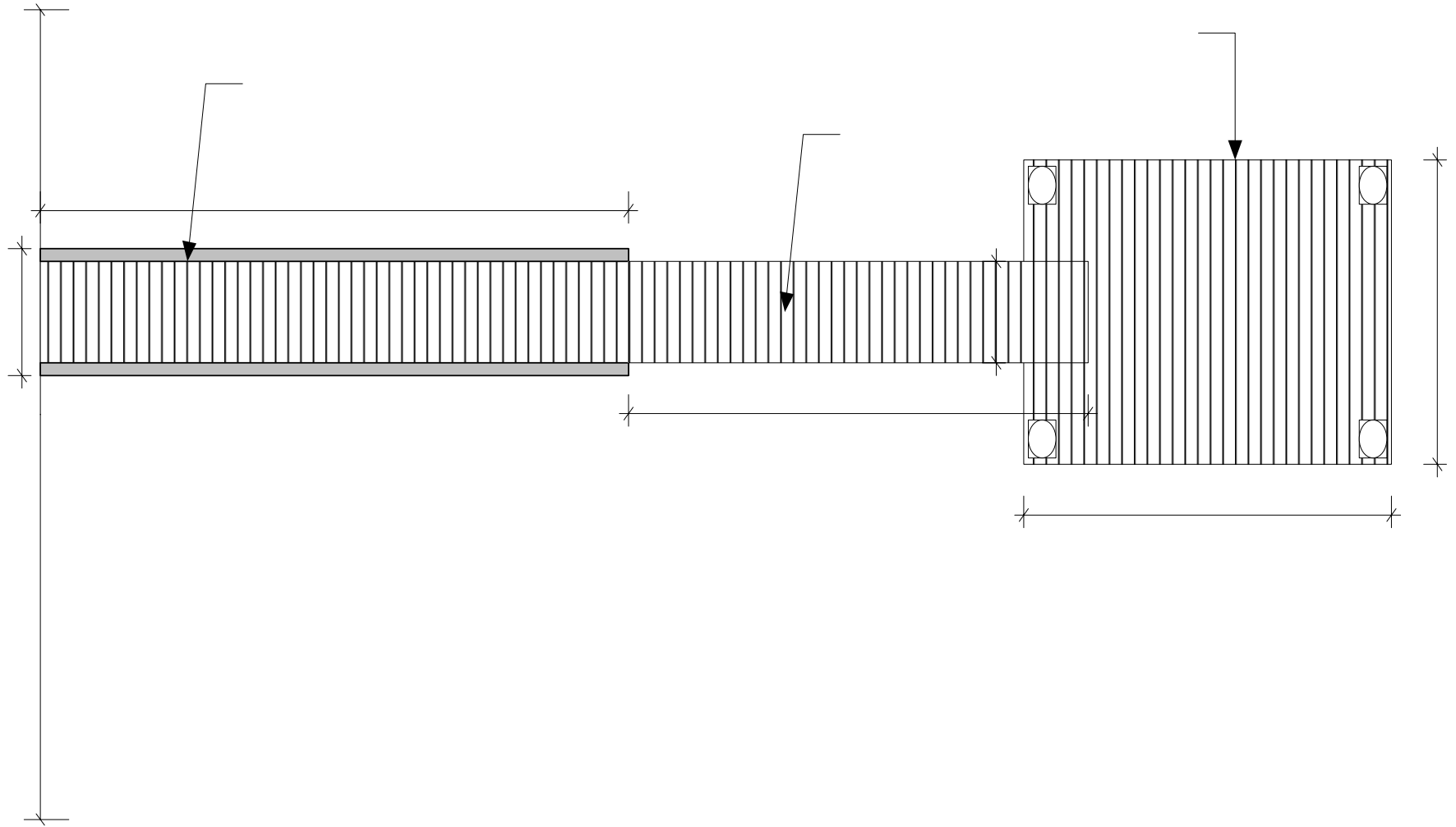
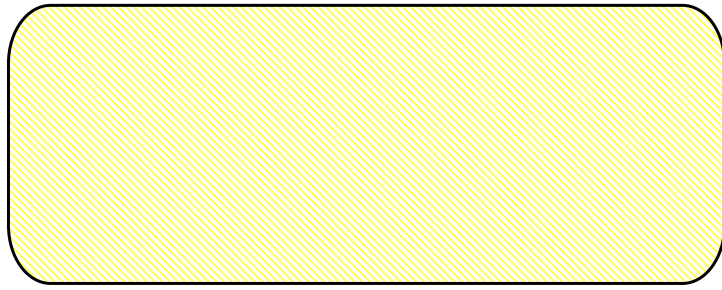


Questions?



Lake Murray Dock Permitting

Project 516





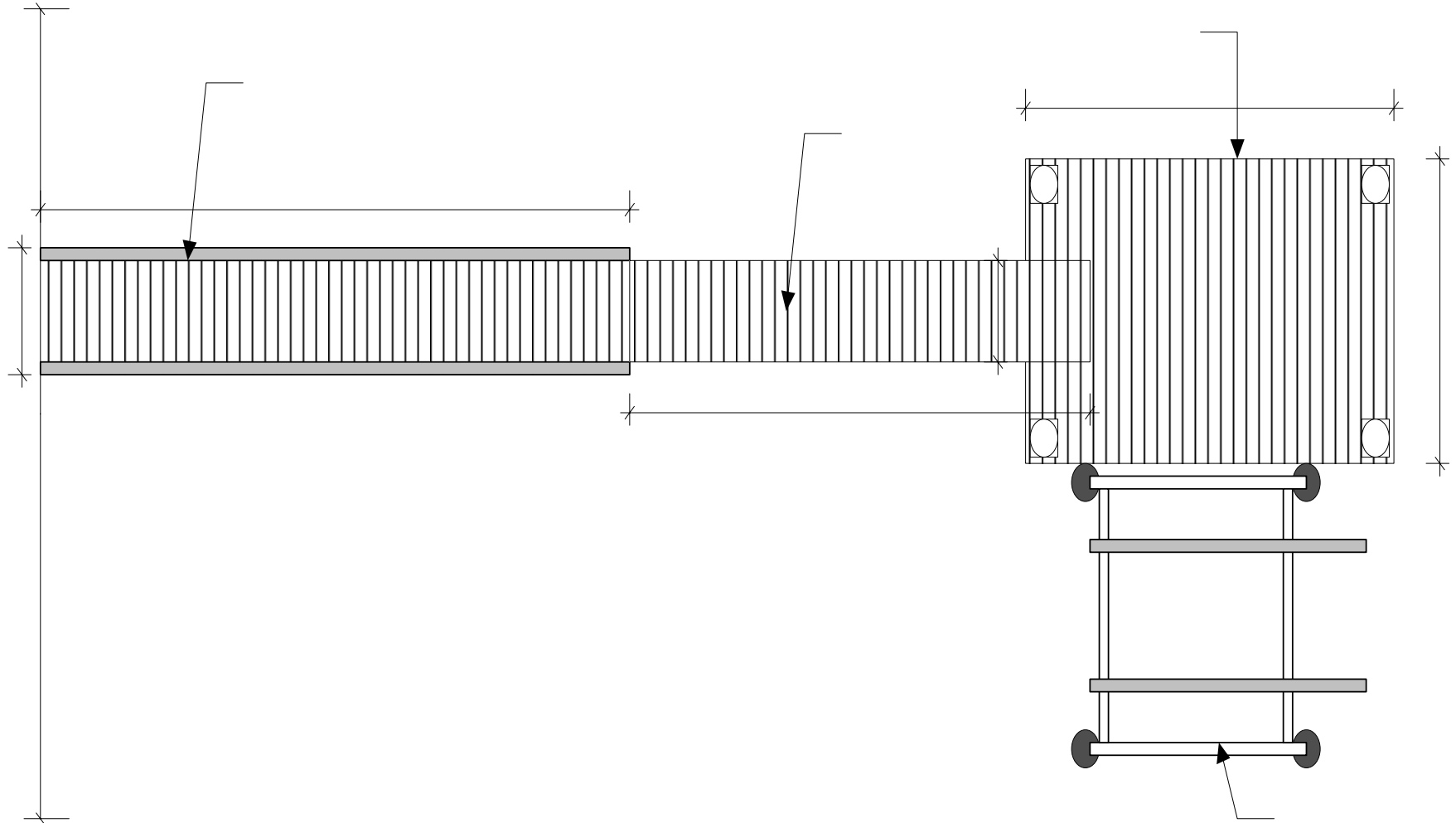
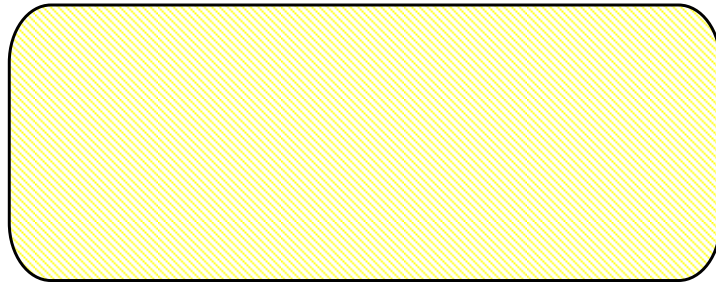
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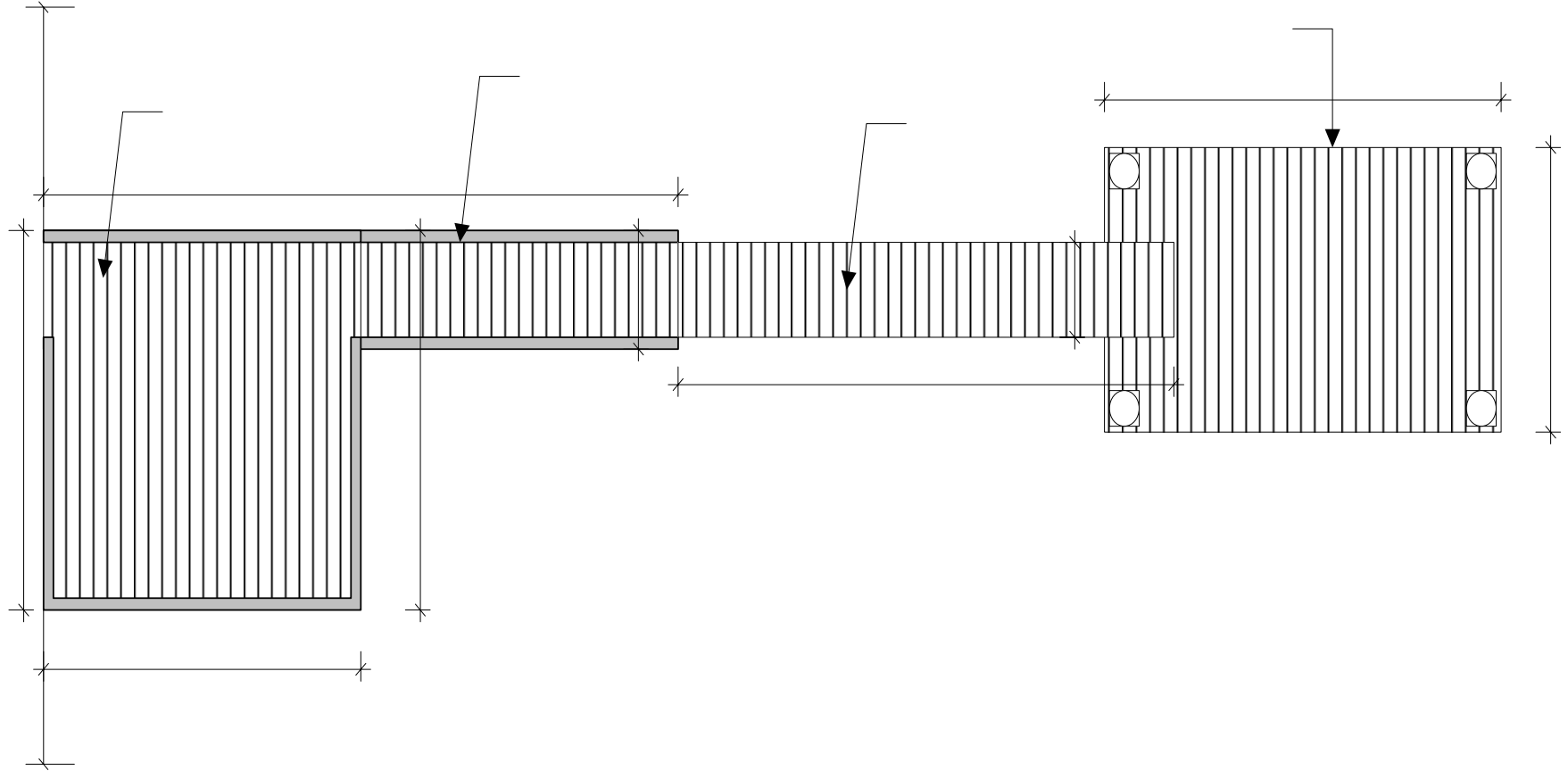
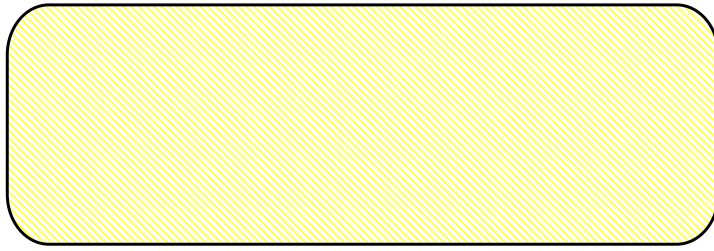




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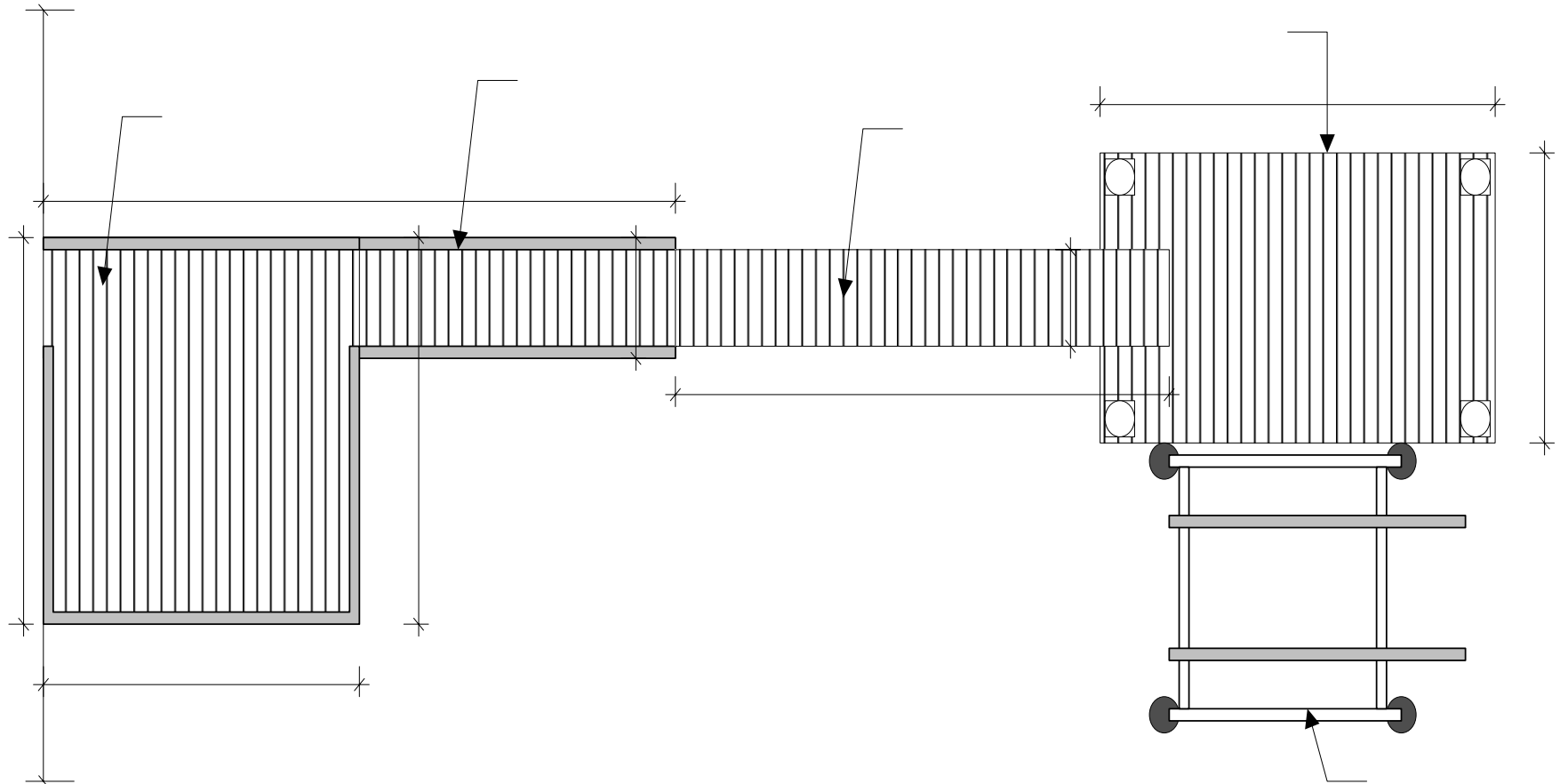
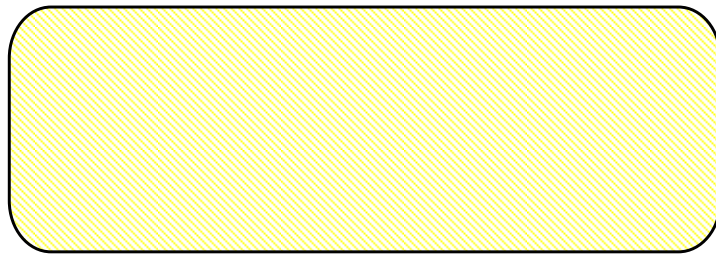
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White car parked on the grassy bank.

Red and white motorboat on a lift. The name 'MOTORCRAFT' is visible on the side of the boat.

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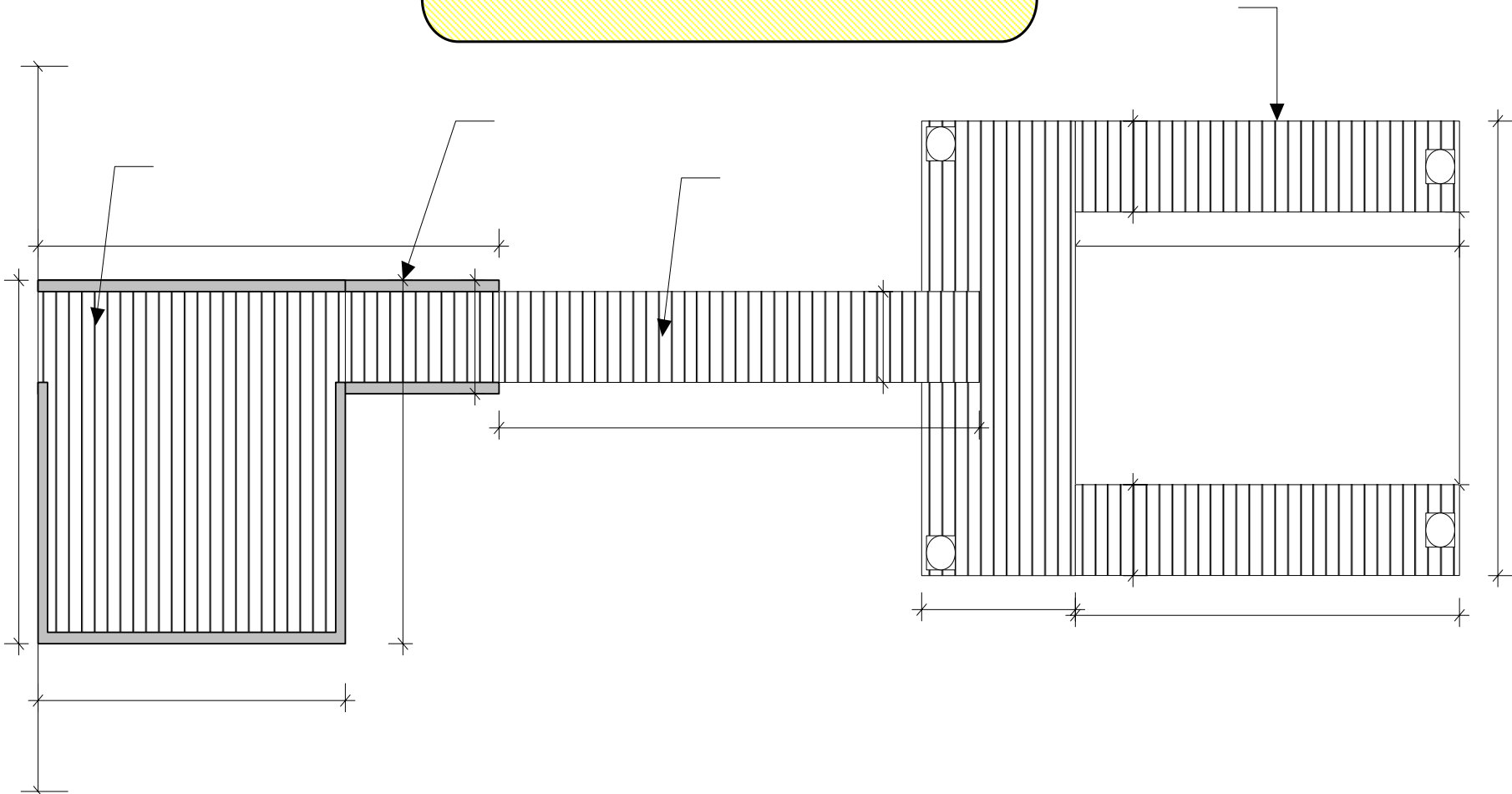
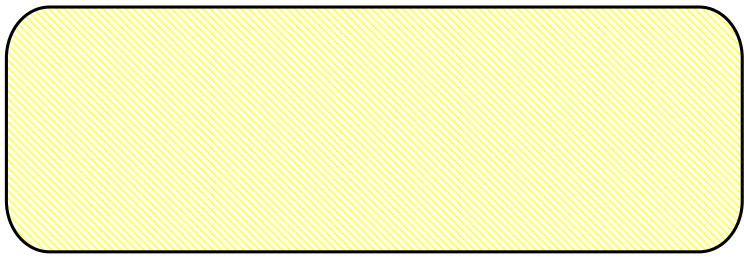
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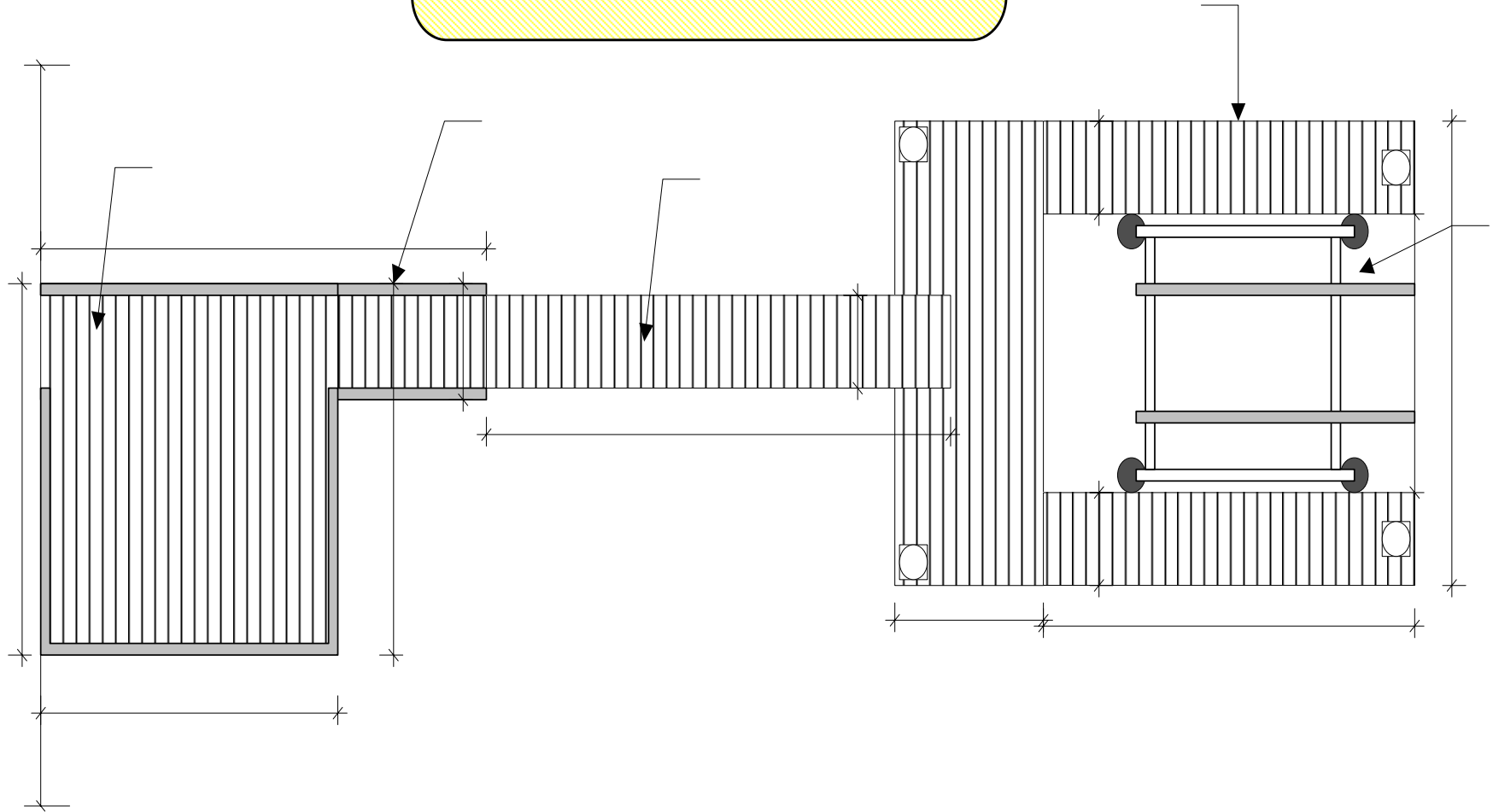
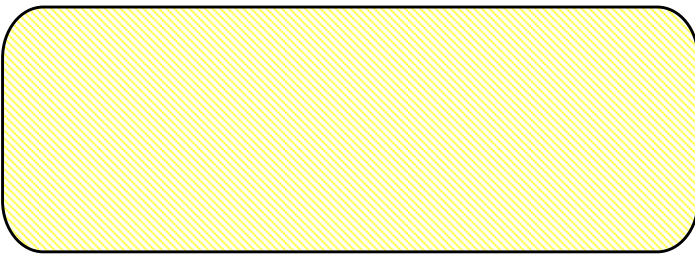


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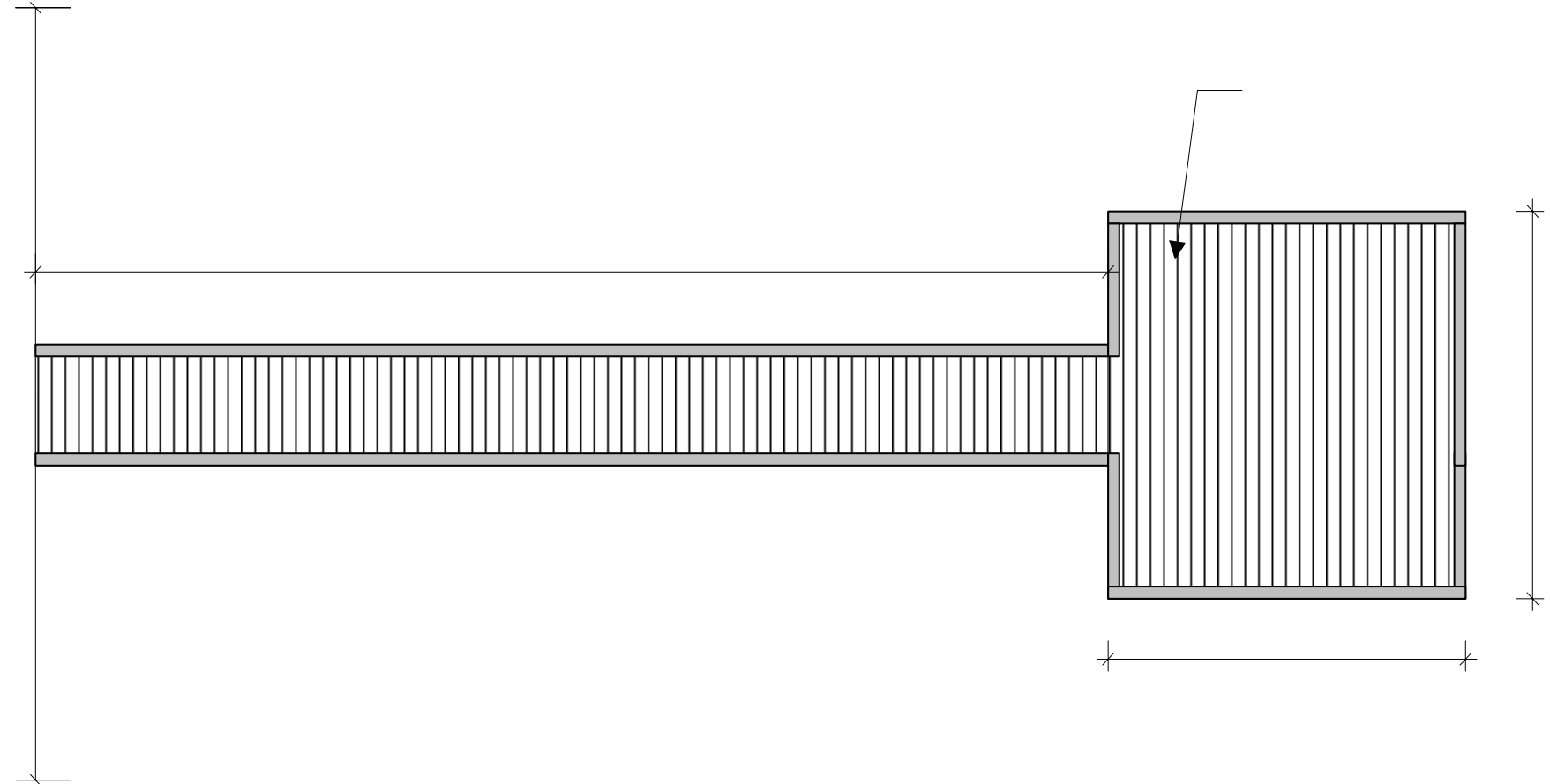
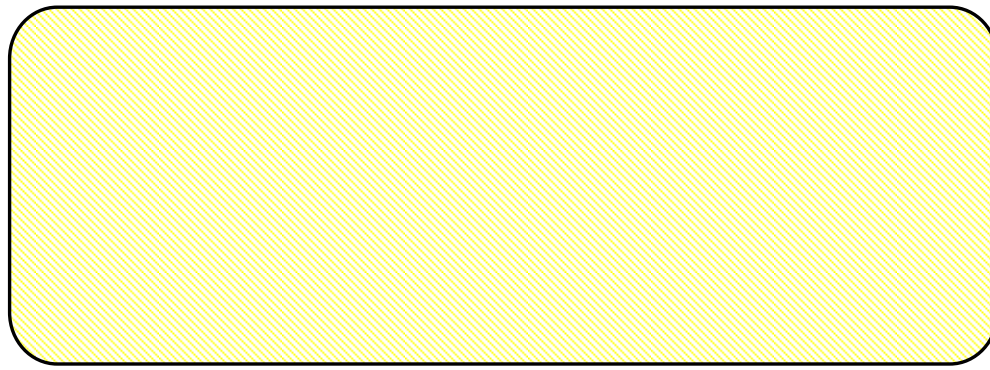
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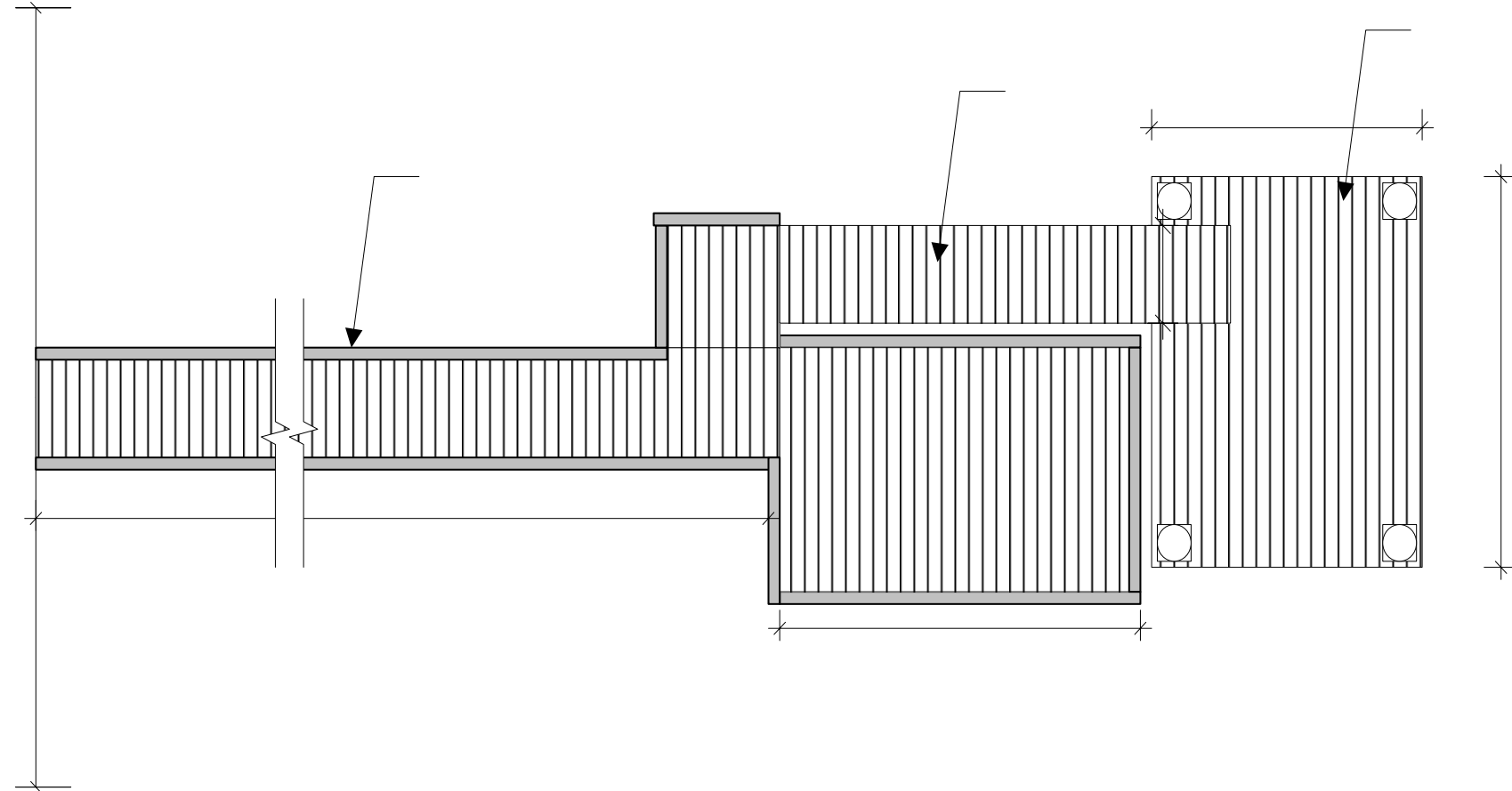
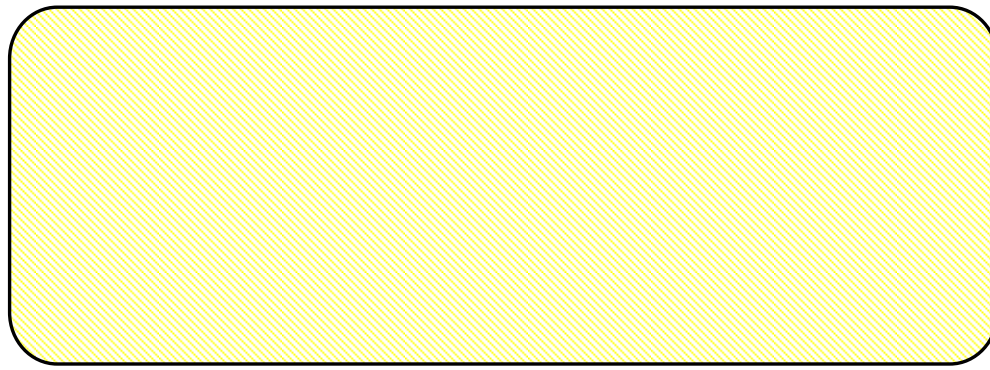


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Environmentally Sensitive Areas

- **Shallow Coves with Stream Confluence**
- **Bottomland Hardwoods and Wet Flats**
- **Vegetated Shoreline**
 - **Continuous**
 - **Intermittent**



Shallow Coves with Stream Confluence – Areas where streams enter the lake and form coves where water elevations in areas outside the historical stream channel are predominately above the 355' contour line. The upgradient portion of shallow coves is typically vegetated with button bush and willow. Where this overlap occurs, the shoreline will be given a vegetated shoreline classification

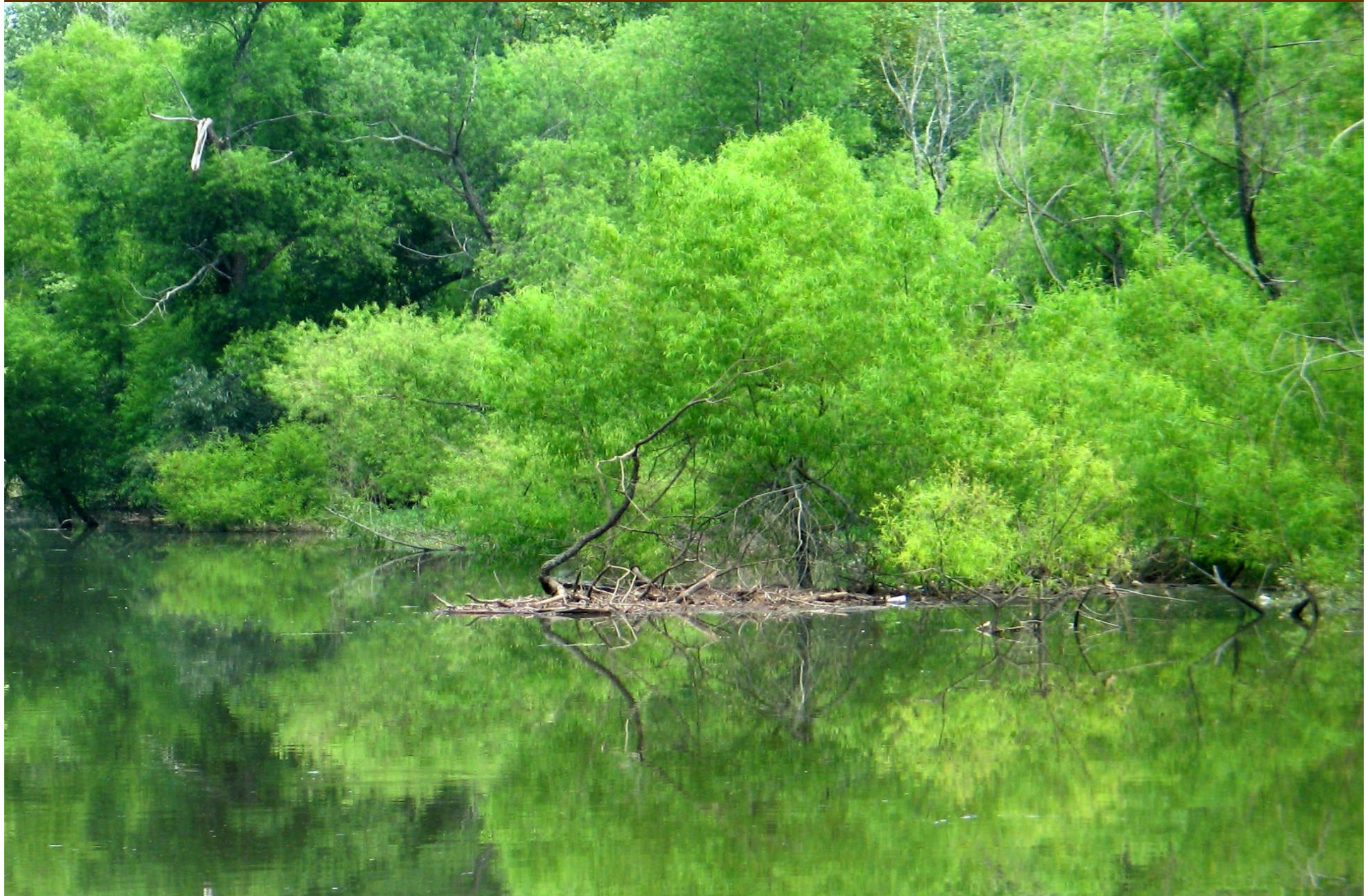


Bottomland Hardwood and Wet Flats - Continuous linear shoreline coverage of bottomland hardwood (excluding sweetgum) and wet flats at least 66' in length.

Buttonbush



Black Willow





Continuous – Continuous vegetated linear shoreline at least 66 feet in length with vegetation >5' wide measured perpendicular to the shoreline. This class can have gaps, provided the total gap length is less than 16 percent of the total linear footage of the area.



Intermittent – Linear shoreline coverage of vegetation at least 66’ in length where sixteen (16) to forty (40) percent of the total linear footage is gap. (Note: Gap is defined as an area at least 8-20’ in length with little or no vegetation below the normal high water mark). Areas with gaps larger than 20’ in length are termed “breaks” and will not be considered vegetated shoreline.



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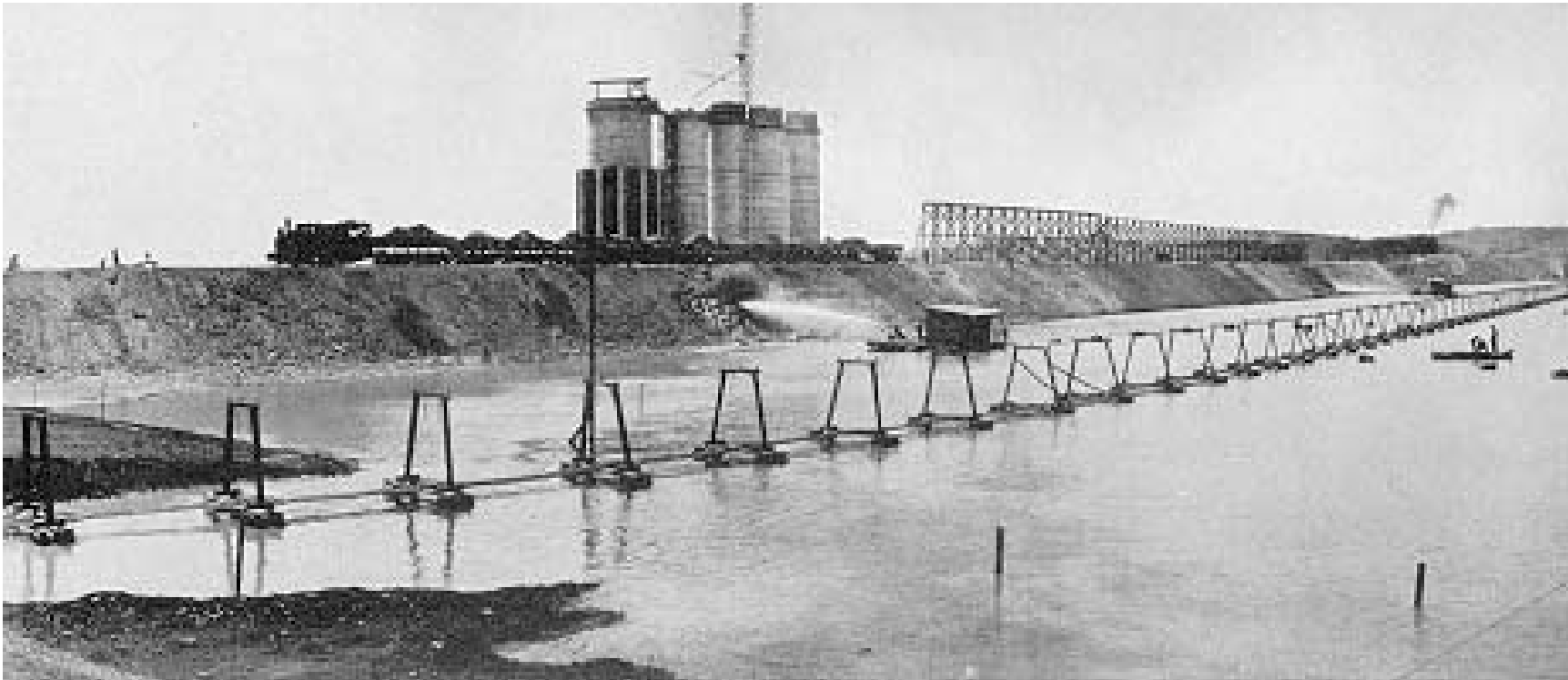
History

- Land purchasing and logging began in the spring of 1927.
- Work on the Dam began in September 1927.
- The Dam and power house were completed in 1930.
- First generation started at 7:00 a.m. on December 1, 1930.

Saluda Construction - Loading



Saluda Construction - Dumping



Facts About Lake Murray

- Covers 78 square miles
- 48,239 surface acres
- 41 miles long
- 14 miles wide
- Provides storage for 763 billion gallons of water
- 650 miles of shoreline

Lake Management and Recreation

- SCE&G Shoreline Management Plan was developed in 1975 with the Federal Power Commission, now the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC), to ensure compliance with the licensing requirement for the Saluda Hydro Project.
- FERC is the Federal Agency responsible for the overseeing, maintenance, and operation of the license for the Saluda Hydro Project.

SCE&G operates its shoreline permitting activities under a general permit issued by the US Corps of Engineers and the S. C. Department of Health and Environmental Control.

This permit authorizes SCE&G to be the residential permitting agency on Lake Murray.

Commercial requests are submitted and approved by DHEC, Corps of Engineers, and FERC.

Lake Murray Shoreline Permitting Requirements

- Booklet
- Permit Application
- Vegetation Protection Agreement
- Flotation Requirements

Approved Shoreline Activities

- Dock
- Dock Modification
- Boat Lift
- Boat Ramp
(Concrete)
- Marine Railways
- Water Removal
(for irrigation only)
- Excavation
- Limited Brushing
- Erosion Control
 - Rip-Rap
 - Retainer Wall
 - Bio-engineering



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Lake Murray Public Recreation

■ Public Parks (existing)	16	408 ac.
■ Future Parks	11	726 ac.
■ Impromptu Areas	23	
■ Public Marinas & Landings	31	
■ Private Marinas/Common Areas	57	
■ Islands Open to the Public	65	575 ac.



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Land Use Management Classification

- **Project Operation**
- **Public Recreation**
- **Commercial Recreation**
- **Forest Management**
- **Forest and Game Management**
- **Future Development**
- **Easement Property**

Land Use Management

- P.B.L. - Project Boundary Line
A property line surrounding the hydroelectric project that delineates the project boundary location and separates project property from non-project property.
- Project Property
Land located within the Project Boundary Line and under the jurisdiction of the FERC.

- 360 Contour

The high pool elevation of Lake Murray.

- Vegetative Buffer Zone or 75 Foot Setback Area

A strip of land 75 feet wide (horizontally from the 360 contour). Creates a vegetative, aesthetic buffer along the lake shoreline.

- ESA

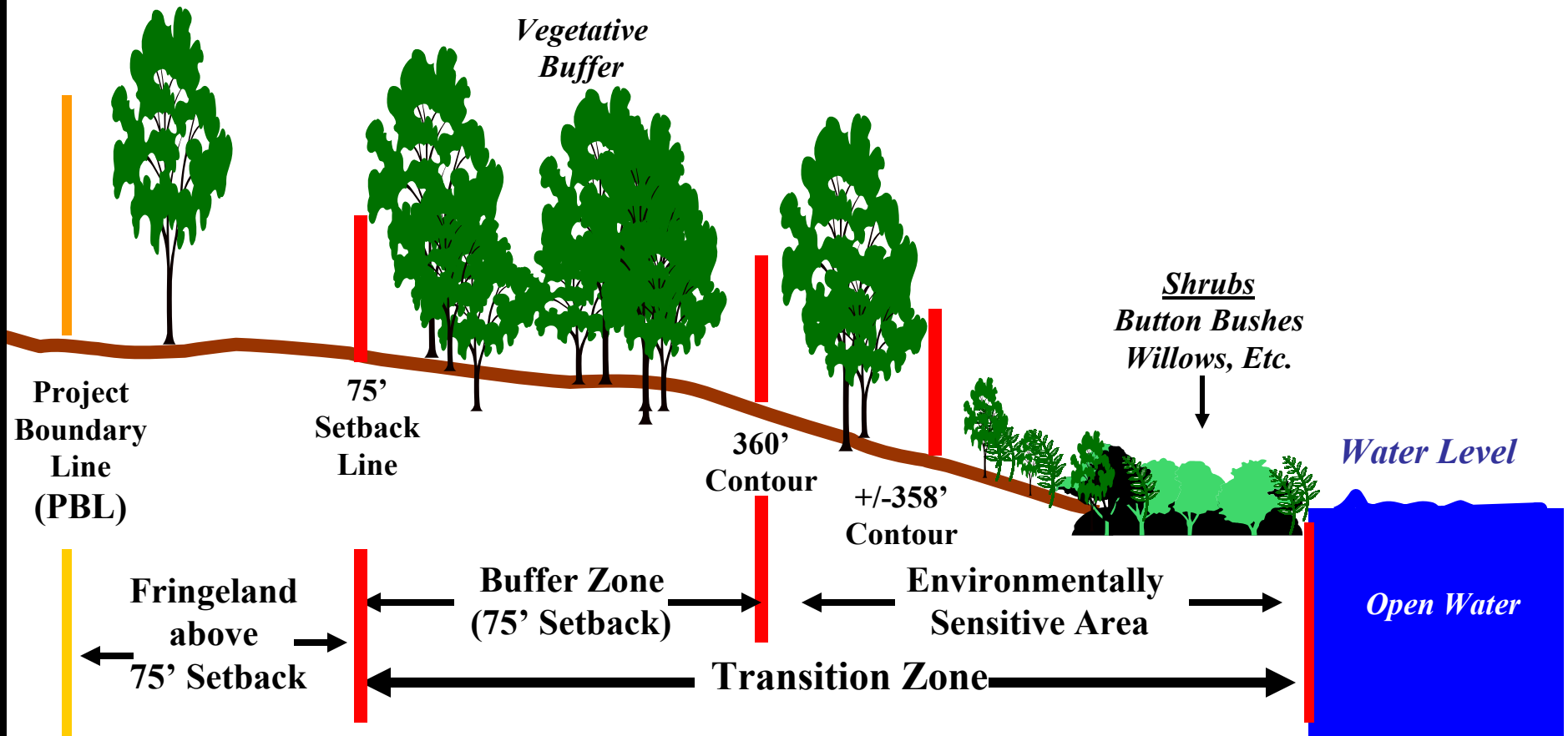
Located between the 360 contour and deemed as environmentally sensitive in an extensive shoreline inventory. Developed as a reference tool to prescribe management alternatives on SCE&G-owned fringeland.

**SCE&G
Vegetative
Buffer Zone
Protected Area**

Lake Murray
FERC
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Future Development Fringeland Classification Example Lake Murray (FERC Project 516)





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Aquatic Plant Management

- Hydrilla
- Brazilian Elodea
- Illinois Pondweed
- Yellow Primrose
- Alligator Weed
- Curly Leaf Pondweed

Control Methods

Lake Level (Draw Downs)

Herbicides Treatment

Mechanical Harvesting

Grass Carp



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Shoreline Development

- Old Homes

- New Homes



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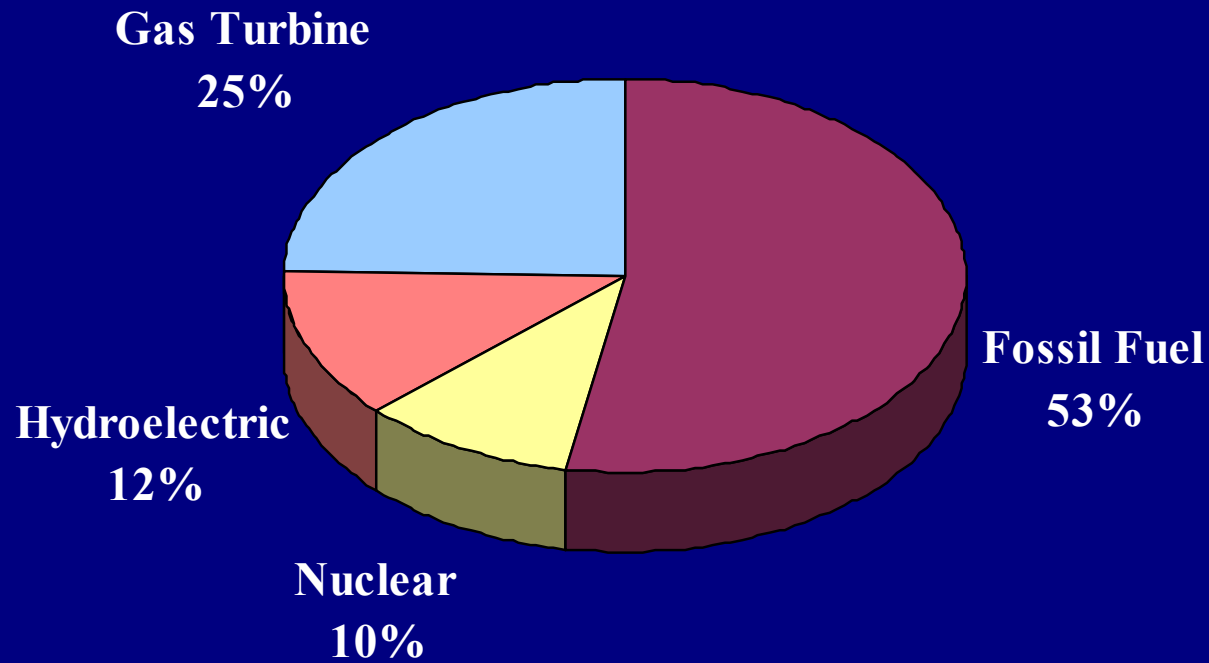




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Saluda Dam Owner – SCE&G







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