

SHORELINE MANAGEMENT ISSUE SHEET

MARTIN ISSUE GROUP FOUR (MIG4)

Develop a Shoreline Management Plan that takes into account project land use planning and assesses the effectiveness of Lake Martin's shoreline permitting program.

DESCRIPTION OF ISSUE

Stakeholders expressed concerns regarding shoreline management planning, permitting, enforcement of shoreline activities, and a desire to permanently protect natural/undeveloped lands.

Specific issues or areas of potential effect include:

Land Protection

- APC should permanently protect lands, via conservation easements, in perpetuity not just through land classifications
- Use of BMPs in construction areas
- Physically protect islands from development for habitat/recreation use; restore and protect Sand Island/Smith Mountain area and lands from Irwin Shoals to Camp ASCCA
- APC should acquire additional lands for land/habitat protection

Development /Enforcement

- Over development of lake - condominiums, people, aesthetics
- Obligations to issue permits to commercial operations
- Provide consistency in requirements and guidelines for permitting (permit term)
- Restrictions are needed around the power lines near Still Waters
- Apply consistent enforcement of shoreline regulations
- There is an overall lack of zoning ordinances - process should include APC and counties
- Causeways and bridges to islands - are these permitted?
- How to control condominium development
- Increase penalties (in \$) for constructing causeways and return them to their natural condition - Donut Island
- Public wants to see APC's plans for future development of APC-owned lands
- Shoreline Management Plan (SMP) should have Best Management Practices (BMP), strong education for developers, buffer zones and set backs
- Enforce shoreline management guidelines on septic systems (e.g., withhold electricity as punishment)

Land Transfers

- Develop a task force or study to look at voluntary contribution of lands on the west side
- Forbid land transfers of APC-owned lands that might change classification designation

Operations

- Cemeteries that exist under water (Coosa County)
- There should be an overall management plan to preserve/manage all resources within Project Boundary (land, water, and habitat)
- APC should assist communities in development of land management planning
- Need land use map for entire shoreline
- SMP should address erosion due to water level changes and effects on recreation and aquatic habitat
- Clarify how APC does or could manage lands above 491 ft msl and exert more management control over natural habitats

Recreation

- Keep undeveloped headwaters area that way with trails, non motorized access/activity
- Plan ahead to support growth (e.g., parks, overnight facilities, historical sites)
- Create permit system for camping on islands; charge a nominal fee

ADDITIONAL ISSUES IDENTIFIED FROM PID QUESTIONNAIRE

- No additional issues identified

GEOGRAPHIC SCOPE

- APC-owned lands within the Project Boundary

EXISTING INFORMATION

- No information provided

CURRENT ANALYSIS/STUDY

- APC is updating land use maps
- Using LIDAR data, APC will verify the Project Boundary and present on the map



ADDITIONAL INFO/STUDY

- Develop a Shoreline Management Plan
- Evaluate effects on permitting/shoreline activities as result of proposed rule curve change