

I believe a number of the items in the proposed Shoreline Management Plan for Claytor Lake are positive; however there are some problems that may significantly impact property owners and their ability to maintain and enjoy the lake and what it offers to those of us who live on the lake all year.

The following are the issues of primary concern to me.

APCO proposes to discontinue the annual "draw down." I understand this is related to an issue of a protected mussel. I wonder if APCO has attempted to look to other possibilities for their protection, especially one that would continue to allow homeowners to periodically perform needed maintenance around their docks.

APCO proposes that rip-rap seawalls should be the preferred form of erosion control for land owners. I assume this is true where it is feasible; however I might suggest it is not feasible along part of the shoreline. I looked into the possibility before constructing a wooden seawall to protect my shoreline. Quite frankly using rip-rap from the shoreline would have been a disaster because most of the rock would have ended up under water and away from the shoreline. I not sure that rip-rap delivered from the water could work any better. Because of the slope steepness in my area the rip-rap solution is problematic at best. Since wood bulkheads can be built from the Lake, there are fewer disturbances to the area behind the seawall, less potential for erosion, plus it leads to a much useable and nicer looking shoreline.

I also understand APCO is proposing that docks be limited to 1000 sq. ft. I'm unclear why this is considered desirable. Shouldn't the limit be based on the length of a property owner's shoreline?

Please keep the property owner in mind when considering APCO's proposal

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