

POLICY – USE OF AUTHORITY PROPERTY BY ADJACENT PROPERTY OWNERS

By virtue of their deeds to land adjacent to Lake Chesdin (the Lake), all property owners have the right of ingress and egress across Appomattox River Water Authority (ARWA) property from their land to the Lake. Normally, this right is from the 164' contour down to the water.

The ARWA wishes to continue to allow property owners the benefits of access to and use of the Lake and also wants to prevent degradation of water quality within the Lake. The Counties of Chesterfield and Dinwiddie typically require buffers around the Lake as property is developed to further assist in the protection of the Lake. All property owners should maintain ARWA property and adjacent buffers in as much of a natural state as possible.

Upon written approval of the ARWA and Chesterfield or Dinwiddie County, property owners may install water dependent facilities such as boat docks, boat houses, bulkheads, etc. on ARWA property provided that:

1. No trees greater than six (6) inches in diameter may be removed except for dead and/or diseased trees and then only the minimum number of trees necessary to be removed for the construction of any approved water dependent facility.
2. Trees greater than six (6) inches in diameter may have lower branches removed to improve views.
3. Underbrush may be removed to permit better views and passage to the water, however, forest bottom ground cover and root mat may not be removed.
4. Chemicals, fertilizers, pesticides, etc. shall not be applied on ARWA property.
5. Erosion and sedimentation control plans shall be submitted to and approved by the appropriate County agency prior to any site disturbance.
6. Dredging will be considered on an individual case basis.

Special site or case conditions varying from the above may be granted by the Authority Board.

***In October 1990, Chesterfield County adopted the Chesapeake Bay Preservation Ordinance requiring the establishment of 100-foot Resource Protection Areas (RPAs) to protect environmentally sensitive surface waters. The 100-foot RPA located adjacent to the Chesdin Reservoir must be maintained in a manner “that retards runoff, prevents erosion, and filters nonpoint source pollution from runoff.” Before ANY removal of vegetation or the installation of paths, sitting areas, docks or other structural features, contact the Chesterfield County Department of Environmental Engineering to ensure compliance with the RPA requirements and avoid violations.*

NOTE: This policy applies to all future development or new uses of Authority property after August 21, 1991.