

The POA supports the idea of a study to determine the feasibility of dredging in the lake. We understand that dredging is a complex issue that requires extensive study as well as economic and physical resources. We are also aware that the lake bottom is rising in many of the coves, causing concern among directly affected property owners and the POA alike. During the fall of 2010, the DNR announced Phase I of the Lake Sediment Plan/Study. That study included some but not all of the lake coves. Coves that were included in the study were Brushy Run, Thayerville, Pawn Run, Penn, Chadderton School, Hickory Ridge, Turkey Neck or Back Bay, Hazelhurst, Poland, and Gravelly Run. Some of the coves not included in the study were Deep Creek, Deer Haven, and Green Glade. There were a number of reasons the DNR selected some coves and not others. The DNR selected coves that represented different drainage basins, soil types, slopes, and land uses in order to provide a broad look across various types of areas. With financial assistance from the Garrett County commissioners and the POA, the DNR has proceeded to Phase II of the Sediment Study which is currently underway. The Phase II Study will quantify and characterize the accumulated sediment in the lake and then identify reasonable, feasible, and sustainable alternatives to reduce sediment inputs to the lake. The fact that a cove was not included in the Phase I Study does not mean the cove will be excluded from future sediment removal operations.