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#1. Run-off of soil/mud from farm property near our cove on Poplar Creek. A tobacco farmer began renting the farm land two years ago and we have lost over 12 inches of depth in the cove since he plowed the land and grew tobacco.
#4: Damage to shoreline in my cove resulting from frequency of wake boarding whereby wake-boarding boats come into a small area (for smoothness), and they do not realize how much damage it causes to the shore/bulkheads/boat docks.
3 Other: Cell phone towers no service at my house
6 - Leash law not being enforced for dogs.
Able to elect representatives from the lake to represent us and not at large
Actively attempting to have a common voice that clearly reflects concerns of Lake Residents heard clearly at County Commissioners Meetings.
Big concern that lake residents pay majority of taxes in warren county, and receive the least services. seems Warrenton benefits greatly from our tax dollars, but as the county manager stated on WRAL tv station, "the money has to come from somewhere" !!
by limiting density and improving water quality, we can protect our investment at the lake. this should be the driving force for any HOA
Difficult to decide on the first 5 as they all rank as #1 in my mind
Government services or lack of same. Now enough based on taxed paid to counties.
Great survey. Great work being done by LGA. I don't believe the results of the last question will be very significant; the importance of the categories is subject to individual circumstances and can change on a moment's notice.
High Density Development may not even be a problem. It could be a blessing with tighter controls and "offset" requirements.
How do you report waverunners in a cove, cutting in toward a tube/raft to splash water on children. Also making circles in cove causing waves to erode shoreline.
My wife took many photos and sent a few to the Gazette several weeks ago.
Huge taxes are going to make it hard for younger people to come to our area to live, to help our area flourish year around. High taxxes will help saddle the lake people with taxes and eventually cause them to flee. My taxes are now higher at the lake th
I am concerned that Warren County NC is intent on using the property owners at the lake as a revenue source with little to offer in the way of services.

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I am disappointed that Warren county increased property taxes so dramatically on Lake homeowners when we really receive very little service from the county. Other than trash sites, which aren't always open when you need them.
I gave education a "1" because with out good schools this area is going to continue to deteriorate.
I live in Roanoke Rapids and only own a boat in the dry storage. I am not a property owner. This survey required me to select house land or business and I selected multiple properties as no listing for Boat only in dry storage.
I think all non exprience boaters should take a boating course.
I would like to see county personal tax lowered for boats and cars.
If waters are not treated by funds collected, a tax could be initiated for each party with water front property could be imposed or we could be informed of what to use to treat it with and instructions how and when.
In a recent emergency situation it took almost a half an hour for emergency personnel to arrive at Merrymount.
Lack of oversight for developers and failure of County to provide support to property owners seeking help in resolving compliance issues with such developers as to code and legal requirements.
Large boats and speed which include quick and fast turns with skiers in coves and inlets. More no wake areas should be put in place such as the mouth of Poe Creek.
leash laws for dogs
Majority of the lake is in Warren Co. and Warren receives most of its tax money from lake owners, who have minimal drain on county services, particularly schools, trash collection, etc. Most of the tax money goes for social services, welfare, free lunch
MANY PWCS SHOULD BE OUTLAWED. THE ARE A DANGEROUS PAIN IN THE NECK IN OUR COVE.
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More members needed to have greater influence on Government interest to keep and improve this important asset to the States. The tourist departments of the States should push to adequately fund all Lake quality and weed control measures.
Noise from boats and boat stereo speaker systems is way too loud in some cases. Some boat engine noise is excessive. Wake boats with ballast systems causing shore erosion. Excessive PWC speeds.
Noise level of boats and appropriateness of size and power of boats is a real concern. A year or so ago someone had a "cigar" style boat (racing type) on the lake that was too powerful, too fast, too large and too noisy.
Noise levels of some boats on lake from above water level exhausts, and loud speakers playing very high levels of noise(music??). Also, the wave action of wake boarders on the shoreline. Finally, the lack of courtesy by boaters (especially fishing boats)
Noise levels of unmuffled boats---Noise Levels of Unmuffled Boats---NOISE LEVELS OF UNMUFFLED BOATS---- NOISE LEVELS OF UNMUFFLED BOATS-
Noise pollution. Regulate boom boxes, or any electronic amplifiers, boat motor noise. Jets are fine!
Non resident voting on local issues. Needs to happen. Until then the counties will treat the lake as a big money source that they do not have to listen to.
Not sure what Education means in this context.
Number 1 issue is Northampton County taxes. I recently retired and plan to move to the lake full time. I am currently reevaluating the possibility of living in NC. My taxes and insurance at the lake are approx. \$7000.00 yearly. Even with a decent pension
One of my biggest areas of concern is the high-density development, and the lack of adherence of big developers to Dominion Power / Army Corps of Engineers regulations and requirements.
Other comments
Our county does nothing about abandoned house and trailers and cars. The county needs to address junk in the yards and unkept properties. To my knowledge, the road easements were only mowed twice in 2009. This is disgrace for the tax money that we pay.
Question #1 is not an impartial, unbiased question. How do you propose to tackle the problem of all those leaves, from all the undeveloped wooded property surrounding the lake, that blow into the water by acts of God and environmental conditions.
Recreational

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Shore line erosion is fast becoming a significant problem as a result of the wake boats on the narrow creeks and coves. Boater safety is another issue and we do not have proper law enforcement on the lake.
State gov't support for water quality and weed control should always be a priority.
Stop any other depletion of lake waters, such as Virginia Beach.
Taxes are unfair - just because the back of a house is facing the lake is no reason for one's taxes to be considerably less than those with homes facing the lake. The recent tax increases are tremendously unjust due to the economic conditions.
They are all so important, it is very hard to put them in order of importance!! See comments below.
This was a hard decision as a lot of the issues are just as important as the other issues. Thanks!
To maintain high quality of the lake water and its safe use is a benefit to all who use the lake or own lake community property. The LGA is a terrific voice for the 2 state 5 county entity, however I do feel that the municipalities should remain as is.
Townhouses & condos sewage not available _ example: Sandy Trace Developement Hot complying with buiding and construction requirements on houses, boat houses, and piers.
Warren County Supervisors do not seem to care for their customerss.
Water / boating safety education classes should be for everyone - all ages. 30-&40 year olds can be just as out of control on the water. Bass boats/fishermen creep into a cove- fish quietly and maneuver around.
we are very concerned about soil erosion on our property caused by rainwater runoff, a problem made worse once the road was paved and pipes installed under it which have become backed up.
We feel as though the water is not nearly as clean as it use to be. We now have orange residue on bathing suites and shirts that are worn in the water. Is this from runoff in other areas. We and most of our neighbors are bulk headed.
We need an anonymous survey to ask lake owners how much their assessments and taxes have gone up recently and if they are getting any benifit from this additional tax burden. Did taxes rise at the same rate for non-lake property? Thanks for doing this.
Weeds and taxes are the main concern right now.

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Weekly/daily rentals have made going to the lake a disaster. the renters have a total disregard for property, safety, and quiet enjoyment. Heavy wave action from the new style wake boats, are causing excessive erosion to the shore.
Would like to know why the PAC idea was put on hold? If as a group you cannot support a candidate that supports lake owners agenda it will always be slow going. A good example is county support for weed control.
Would like to see more active neighbor/community watch program, even to organized patrols. Would like to see better enforcement of speed controls within communities. Would like to see better county campaign to halt spread of roadside trash.