



Dear Friends,

We know that you are responsible homeowners who want to experience the best of what our lake has to offer. Because our lakes also serve as drinking water reservoirs, there are rules and regulations that we must have in place to protect water quality and ensure safe recreation.

Our team believes that we can find the right balance, by working together with you, to ensure that water quality, safe recreation and full-lake enjoyment can be achieved. We have listened to your concerns and are making the following changes, effective immediately:

- The permit application turnaround time has been reduced, in most cases, to less than two weeks.
- Dock maintenance that involves minor components of the structure can be performed without a permit but will require a Marine Structure Notification Form to be submitted. Examples of minor components includes the following: resurfacing of the dock, walkways, handrail installation, maintaining cables or floats, etc.
- Emergency dock repair that requires immediate mitigation may be done in advance of notification.
- Property owners, with permitted docks, desiring to add an unattached Personal-Watercraft Lift or Boat Lift will not be required to submit a drawing by a professional engineer. However, an application for permit is required for approval prior to installation.
- Only property owners of a Type "C" dock desiring to make any changes to the structural portion, including the installation of an attached Personal-Watercraft Lift or Boat Lift, will be required to submit an approved stamped drawing by a licensed SC Professional Engineer and apply for the necessary permits.

Note: The Marine Structure Notification Form can be accessed at the following link: www.spartanburgwater.org/notificationform. The Guidelines for Marine Structures document in full can be found at www.spartanburgwater.org/guidelines. Both the Guidelines document and Marine Structure Notification Form are also available in the Wardens' Offices at both the Lake Bowen and Lake Blalock landings.

We want to continue to listen to your concerns and balance the protection of water quality with the desire to enjoy and recreate on the lakes. We are planning an informational meeting in August for all of our stakeholders around Lake Bowen. More information on the meeting details will be mailed to you and posted on our website.

We hope that these changes will make it easier for you and your neighbors. Together, we can achieve something that is very important to our shared future: It is possible to combine full lake enjoyment with responsible lake care. If you have any questions please contact Jon Morgan, our Watershed Coordinator, at 864-578-5442.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Sue G. Schneider".

Sue G. Schneider, Chief Executive Officer
Spartanburg Water