

White Lake Boating Access Site Improvement Project

Below is a listing of various topics raised and responses to provide clarification in the redevelopment of the White Lake Boating Access Site.

- What about site expansion creating traffic issues on land?
 - *The additional parking will help support those already parking offsite and still accessing the lake thru other locations. By providing additional parking it supports a safer option thru use of a defined facility. Additionally, the DNR boating access site is the only regulated access on the lake where the number of users is limited to the number of parking spots available.*
- What about installation of a stop light?
 - *The Road Commission stated the level of traffic does not dictate a need for a light, in fact adding it was a pretty safe area.*
- Will Lakefront owners be allowed to launch boats when the lot is full?
 - *It is not the intent to provide use of the facility when it is full. A formal request can be submitted to DNR for review, however this gets away from providing equal access for all users whether living on lake or elsewhere.*
- What about a boat wash?
 - *While the DNR Waterways Program (the program that oversees this facility) does not fund boat washing stations due to legislative restrictions, the DNR has partnered with local entities/lake associations at other DNR boating access sites in the state through an agreement process. The terms of those agreements is essentially that the DNR provides the space (if space is found to be available), and the group would then fund the development, maintenance, and operations of the system while the DNR monitors to protect the integrity of boating access.*
- What about an assessment of the carrying capacity for the lake?
 - *The calculation of a carrying capacity on inland lakes is found to be a subjective assessment when considering boating access site improvements due to several road blocks in defining how much water surface area a vessel may require. The varying factors at play here include vessel size, type of recreational boating venture, boater's personal preference, and others. The DNR has established a design formula based on a ratio of typically one parking space per 15 lake surface acres. However, it should be understood depending on local and regional factors (number of registered boats, water body presence in area, economics, demographics, access to public roads, etc.), this ratio can fluctuate (say 1:10, 1:20, etc.), but we start the conversation with a 1:15 ratio. During*

the design process, a review takes place to determine the validity of whether adjustment of the ratio is warranted.

- How is this new design better than what exists now?
 - *The existing site utilizes Lakeside Drive to exit onto which creates increased traffic onto that street. This design will utilize an entrance and exit to/from North Duck Lake Road creating improved stacking as users can wait in the parking lot area for the launch to open. Another design feature includes improved accessibility by meeting the latest Americans with Disabilities Act Standards for design. Parking will be provided for authorized personnel which includes law enforcement (state and local), emergency services, and site maintenance/operations staff. Multiple bioswales will be installed to help control and filter stormwater runoff. A new crosswalk will be striped connecting both sides of the road and leading to the launching area. Last, the launch ramp and maneuver area are being redone to create a better angle for launching and retrieving.*