

I Do not Live on The Lake. Why Should I Contribute to Dredging?

Does the lake have value to those in the neighborhood who live off the lake? YES! It does.

A major value is the recreational opportunity it provides. Boating – there are many who take advantage of this. Fishing – We see a lot of that. Bird/wildlife watching – opportunities are amazing. Picnics – there are at least two areas, by Briarcliff and down by the dam. There are more.

The lake is an added amenity. It is like having a good nearby school, or proximity to services and supplies such as groceries, or an easy drive to the office. Depending on your needs and lifestyle, the lake can provide significant offerings.

There are three main accesses to the lake which are available to those whose property does not border the lake. One is off Briarcliff onto the peninsula. Another is off Echo Trail near the dam – this has been improved recently. The last is a path off Circlewood Road leading near to the dam. The last one is scheduled to have the path improved. These access routes are maintained and improved by the ELHA board using regular dues.

What does the lake need from us right now? It definitely needs dredging. Other documents on this website describe the need for dredging in detail. Only the homeowners can provide the funds for that. The county has and is making significant investments in the lake, and that is key for us. The lake requires maintenance like any property. The costs and requested extra dues are described in The President's Message on this site. Off lake neighbors are only being asked for a small fraction of the support asked of on lake families.

Properties with easy, close access to a healthy lake are not easy to find in this area. We are fortunate to have it and keeping the lake healthy will help us in many ways.

We all depend on the community around us, and our community is partially defined by the lake. It needs your support.