

Why Dredge Echo Lake?

There are many reasons to dredge and maintain the lake.

1. **We want our home/property values to be maintained. In general, close to lake and lake front properties are limited in availability. We cannot lose unless we screw it up. Lake front is best, but lake-view adds value also. Depending on various conditions, lakes can add between 25 to 120 % to property values.**

(<https://www.homelight.com/blog/how-much-value-does-a-lakefront-add-to-a-property/>,
<https://www.russelllandsonlakemartin.com/blog/property-values-continue-upward-trend/>,
<https://homeguides.sfgate.com/waterfront-property-cost-more-34701.html>)

Will Silting affect YOUR property value? YES, it will; how much depends exactly where you are on the lake right now. The problem will only grow with time.

2. **Our lake environment must be kept fit for recreation. Entry from the peninsula, boating and fishing on our lake has already been affected by the silting.**

(<https://rkld.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/02/The-Impact-of-Changing-Lake-Levels-on-Property-Values-A-Hedonic-Model-of-Lake-Thurmond-The-Review-of-Regional-Studies-2015.pdf>,
https://19january2017snapshot.epa.gov/lakes/healthy-lakes-and-higher-property-values-factsheet_.html,
<http://citeseerx.ist.psu.edu/viewdoc/download?doi=10.1.1.473.5771&rep=rep1&type=pdf>)

3. **The lake needs to be kept healthy. Bad lakes can cause health risks.**

<https://integrisok.com/resources/on-your-health/2018/august/the-surprising-health-risks-of-oklahoma-lakes>

4. **We must demonstrate to the larger community that ELHA will properly maintain the lake. Our reputation alone will affect property values.**

Right now, the serious silting problems are obvious to all who drive by on Briarcliff Road. It looks bad. The lake is central to our community; its name is given to roads and the community association. Maintaining pride in our community requires us to maintain a healthy lake.

This is a “no brainer.” If you care about your property and you support your neighbors, dredging is needed. Let us take pride in doing it. Other lake communities are doing the same.

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