

**CHAPTER SIXTEEN - Section 16.13
LAKE PRESERVATION COMMITTEE CHARTER**

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I. PURPOSE

The Lake Preservation Committee shall be an Advisory Committee of the LMOA Board of Directors. Its primary purpose shall be to advise the Board on matters affecting the quality of waters within the Main Lake, Tufton Lake and other commonly owned properties of the Association which drain into the lakes.

II. APPOINTMENT AND STRUCTURE

- A. The **Lake Preservation Committee shall consist of** nine (9) members appointed by the Board of Directors in accordance with PM 16.0 - Committees.
- B. The Committee shall appoint annually from its members a liaison person for communication with the Planning Committee, an Advisory Committee of the Board.
- C. Liaison (non-voting) members shall be one member each from the Environmental Control Committee, the Buildings and Grounds Committee, the Storm Water Management Committee, the Social and Recreation Committee and the Safety and Security Committee with each to be designated by the respective chairman of those committees for a one-year membership on the Lake Preservation Committee. The General Manager and/or his/her designee shall serve as management liaison to the Committee.

III. COMMITTEE DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

- A. Advise the Board of Directors and assist the General Manager in carrying out all matters pertaining to the lake, with special emphasis on the Committee's *Primary Areas of Concern*, which are:
 - 1. Lake water quality, especially as it affects the health of the lakes and the welfare and safety of lake users.
 - 2. Containment of the lakes, with special consideration given to the structural integrity of the dams and spillways.
 - 3. Stability of the shorelines of the lakes.
 - 4. Siltation of the lakes.
 - 5. Control of aquatic vegetation (weeds).
 - 6. Control of elimination of nuisance aquatic animals and waterfowl within, on or around the lakes.
 - 7. Maintenance of the lakes as excellent fisheries in terms of both quality and quantity.

- B. Prepare and maintain a plan for the sampling and testing of the water of the lakes to monitor water quality and conduct period sampling. Maintain a database of the data collected to determine trends and needs for corrective actions.
- C. Work with the General Manager in the conduct of the triennial dam inspections. Perform visual inspections of the dams and spillways at least twice a year and inform the General Manager of the required maintenance actions.
- D. Prepare and maintain a plan for the raising and lowering of the lake. Advise the General Manager on lowering the lake in the anticipation of major storms.
- E. Prepare and maintain a plan for boating restrictions to protect shoreline property in the event of high or low water levels.
- F. Monitor sediment buildup (siltation) in the lakes. Work with the Storm Water Management Committee and the ECC to control silt run-off into the lakes.
- G. Prepare plans for dredging the coves of the lake, as needed.
- H. Prepare and maintain a plan based on accepted criteria for the closing (and reopening) of the lake and/or beaches due to sewage spills or other sources of contamination. On the basis of these criteria, advise the General Manager when to close and reopen affected beaches. Advise owners who may be affected via internal LMOA communications.
- I. Monitor and prepare recommendations to control nuisance aquatic vegetation (NAV) by means of accepted measures. As required, conduct surveys to determine the extent, species and quality of NAV in order to modify and improve control.
- J. Monitor and prepare recommendations to maintain the lakes as excellent fisheries to the extent feasible. Conduct fishing surveys as needed. Consult with personnel from the VA Department of Game and Inland Fisheries and other experts to solve fishing problems. Stock game or forage fish in the lakes as required.
- K. Keep informed of all federal and state legislation pertaining to lakes, streams and watersheds. Identify federal and state assistance and grants that may be available to LMOA.
- L. Provide to the Finance Committee and the Planning Committee budgets for operating and capital expenditures to conduct recommended programs and projects.
- M. Assume other responsibilities and perform other essential tasks as assigned from time to time by the Board of Directors.

Please Note: All actions of, and conduct by, the Lake Preservation Committee shall be in strict compliance with PM 16.0 - Committees, unless specifically prescribed otherwise by adoption of this Charter by the LMOA Board of Directors.

Cross references: *PM 16.0, Committees*
 PM Chapter 21 – Lake Water Management:
 21.01, Level of Lakes, and attachment
 21.02, Closing of Main Lake, and attachment
 21.03, Use of Lake Preservation and Management Funds