

JOIN FRIENDS OF LAKE DAVIDSON

Lake Davidson is 1% the size of Lake Norman! We believe this small and fragile lake should be preserved for canoes, kayaks, paddle boats, sailboats, and boats with motors under 10 hp.

We envision Lake Davidson as ...

- a SAFE lake, accessible to all, for passive watercraft and swimmers (1)
- a QUIET lake, where people can escape the noise and speed that permeate our culture
- a HEALTHY and SUSTAINABLE lake for future generations to enjoy. (2)

The towns of Mooresville and Davidson are currently discussing a cooperative effort to preserve the Lake by means of a mutual (Interlocal) agreement. (3)

Let's make Lake Davidson a unique place! Nowhere else in the Catawba basin is there a lake designated for passive watercraft and boat motors under 10 hp.

Please show your support by sending an email, with your name and address, to LDavidsonFriends@Bellsouth.net

AND by attending a public hearing on September 3 at 7:00 p.m. at the Charles Mack Citizens Center at 215 North Main Street in Mooresville.

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Notes:

- 1) Duke Energy is giving \$130,000 for a canoe and kayak launch site and fishing pier. This means that the public will soon have access to the lake, dramatically increasing the number of small passive watercraft and creating greater safety concerns with large powerboats.
- 2) Lake Davidson is a fragile ecological system that needs to be protected.
 - There is limited inflow and outflow of water.
 - Powerboats stir up sediment, increasing nutrients and algae growth.
 - Powerboats pollute in refueling, running, maintenance, and accidental spills of fuel.
 - Powerboats erode the shoreline. (The degree of impact is related to motor size.)

Our concern is not the present water quality of Lake Davidson, but if the number of powerboats and jet skis increases with the increasing development along the shore, it will severely threaten its water quality. We believe it is a matter of environmental stewardship to preserve this precious resource for future generations to enjoy.

3) Mooresville adopted the 2006 Mount Mourne Small Area Plan which stated the following regarding Lake Davidson: "Consider restricting the size, speed, and number of watercraft allowed on the Lake. Motorized watercraft cause shoreline erosion and bring accompanying litter and spills of gas and oil into the Lake. Just a few speed boats on a small Lake can cause safety problems." (page 53)

Davidson has regulated the size of motors at docks to 10 hp since 1980 through zoning. The same horsepower limitation was written into the Davidson Planning Ordinance in 2001.