Lake Management Department Greenwood County

Julie M Davis, CLM, MPPA Greenwood County Lake Manager Lake Greenwood, SC Lake Greenwood is located approximately halfway down the Saluda River, and is feed primarily by the Saluda and Reedy Rivers. Other tributaries include Turkey Creek, Mulberry Branch, Rabon Creek, and Cane Creek.

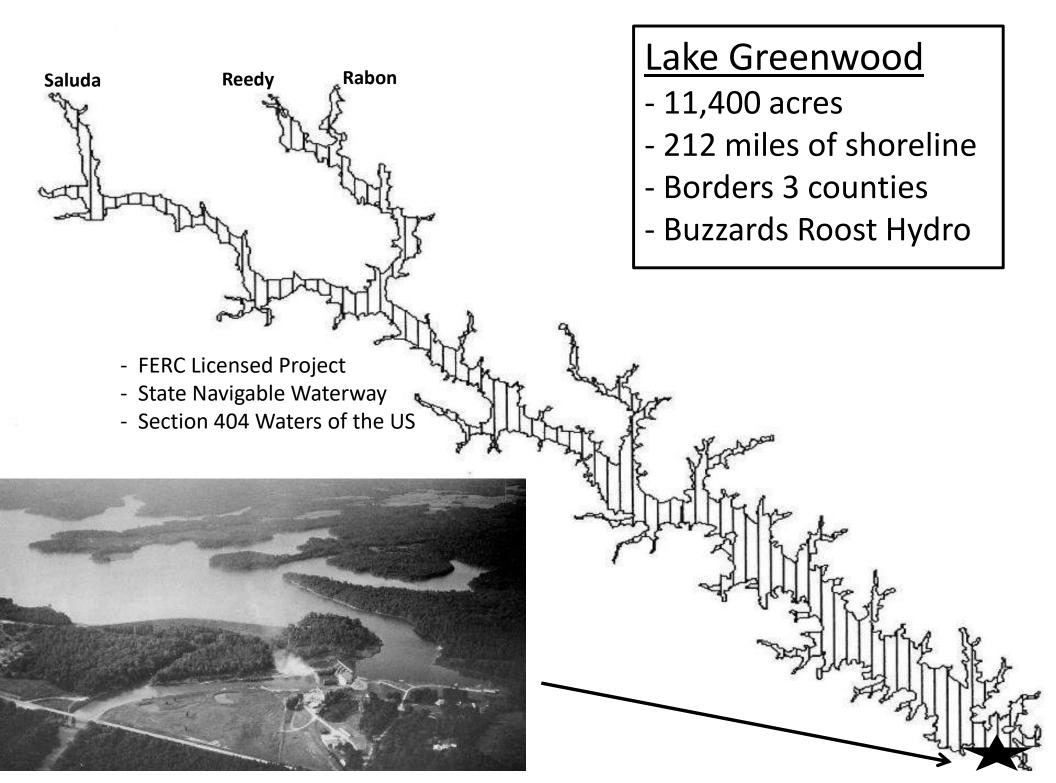
In 1930s Greenwood County purchased land in 3 counties, Greenwood, Laurens, and Newberry, for the purpose of creating the Hydroelectric project. Buzzards Roost Hydro was built in 1941. Greenwood County owns all lands under Lake Greenwood and up to the 440', in general.

Lake Greenwood is a FERC licensed project, a SC State Navigable Waterway, and the land under the water is owned by Greenwood County. In such, the County has to follow FERC requirements, our State General Permit, and our County regulations.

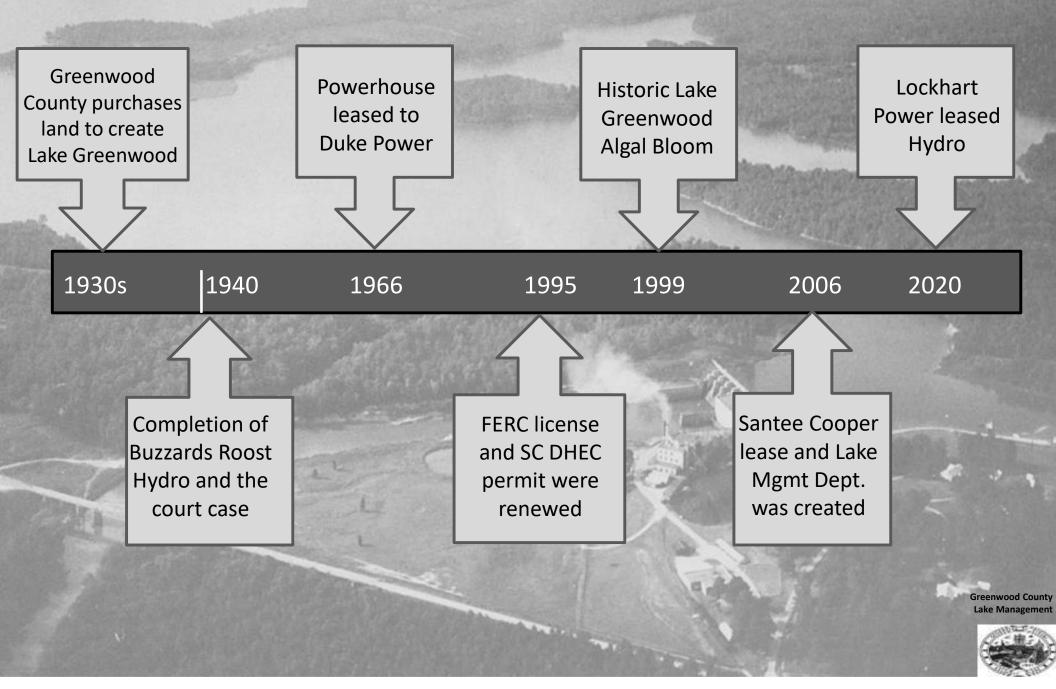
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Brief Timeline of Lake Greenwood



FERC Licensed Project

License 40 year term, issued 1995 Articles 201-417

- For Lake Management Duties:
- 401 Fishing Access Areas
- 403 Shoreline Management Plan
- 409 Stream Flow Gauges
- 411 Fishery Mitigation Plans
- 413 Recreational Areas
- 414 Cultural Resource Management Program
- 415 Canoe Portage and Tailrace Areas
- 416 Boat Ramp
- 417 Use/Occupancy of Project Lands/waters

Lake Management Department

- With requirements of FERC and under State GP, Lake Management Department was created in 2006. (Staff of 5.)
- Handle everything from encroachment permits, inspections of encroachments, lake log removal, mosquito spraying, aquatic weed management, cultural resources management plan, public boat ramp and access maintenance, island camping, maintenance of earthen dam, and homeowner education.
- Education is essential to influence and direct behaviors in order to protect our natural resources!

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Aquatic Invasives

Aquatic Invasive Plant Management Plan - DNR



Integrated Aquatic Plant Management is the key!!

Chemical, Biological and Physical treatment options

- In 2006, Invasive aquatic weed growth was immense. Chemical only treatment was used. Each year invasives were growing more dense and spreading.
- Finally, in 2009 County agreed and allowed biological and physical treatment options.
- With release of Grass Carp and its success, cost to the County decreased.



Mosquito Control Program

 In 2006, Lake Management took over efforts for mosquito control and education of lake front property owners.



Efforts include:

- Small scale program of larviciding to help control nuisance populations of lake-breeding mosquitoes.
- Spray boat operation with larvicide VectoBac and Altosid briquettes.
- Treat areas usually middle/end of April through October, depending upon weather.
 - Program helps control some of the mosquitoes within the project boundary. However, containerbreeding populations are a problem.





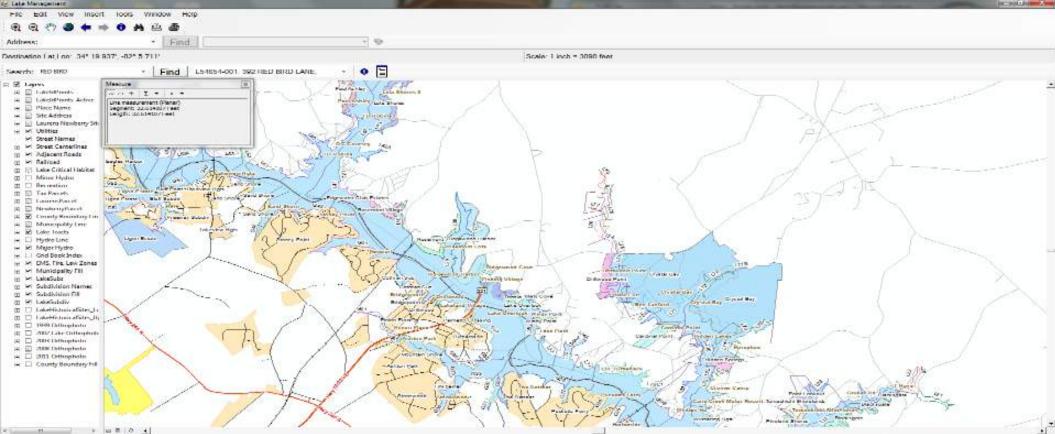
Hazardous Log Removal

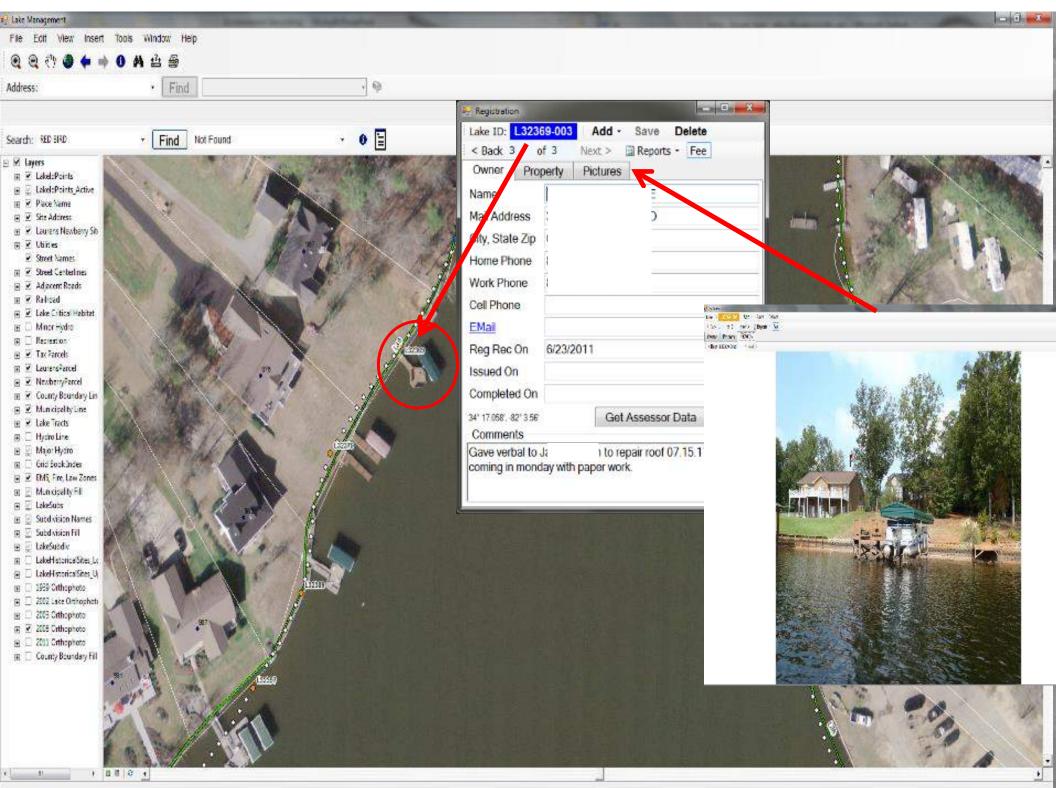




Shoreline Mgmt Program

- Using ARC GIS software, we created a program for the lake management department.
 - Includes entering permits, encroachments, inspections, GPS coordinates, field inspections, records, and data storage.
- Using GPS, lake management staff can track locations in field, edit information, request permits, update pictures, measure areas, look up coordinates, view Cultural Resource sites, Critical Habitat locations, FERC requirements, and other lake management tasks.





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