

The important story about the State Lakes Protection and Restoration Fund bill which has been submitted for consideration by the General Assembly is has unified support by a wide range of entities.

Senator Edwards and Delegate Beitzel, bill sponsor have cosponsors: Senator Serafini, Washington County and Senator Young, Frederick, Senator Astle, Senator Roger Manno, and Richard Madaleno. On the House side, joining Delegate Beitzel are Delegates Buckell and McKay. Garrett County Board of Commissioners support the bill along with the Friendsville Town Council.

All major lake entities are advocates for the bill. Garrett Chamber of Commerce has the State Lakes Fund bill as one of its top legislative agendas, with lobbyist working on this matter in Annapolis. The Deep Creek Lake Policy and Review Board voted to support the bill.

The Friends of Deep Creek Lake with our lobbyist is bill advocate and is organizing a panel for the hearing, following on its successful work previous efforts securing passage of the State Lakes Invasive Species Act in 2015 and the 2017 State Lakes Fund bill in 2017. Engage Mountain Maryland has just endorsed the bill, too.

The Deep Creek Lake grassroots has stepped forward with the following home owners association endorsing endorsed the bill-- Blakeslee HOA, Waterfront Greens POA, Green Glade Guardians, Arrowhead Condo Owners Association, and the Deer Haven Yacht Club, all of which are located in coves which are impaired by sediment accumulation and infested by at least one aquatic invasive species.

This adoption of a unified message by all these entities is huge, hopefully benefiting protection and restoration of Deep Creek Lake as well as the other state-owned and managed lakes in western Maryland—Herrington Manor, New Germany, Savage River Reservoir, Lake Habeed Blair's Valley Lake, Greenbrier Lake and Hunting Creek.

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