



The main issue, whether or not the flood plain or buffer zone surrounding the lake should be classified as forest preserve is still not resolved. The proposed rules were only suspended and if enacted would create a 129 mile public beach around the lake with no provision for parking, law enforcement, trash pickup and removal, and sanitation ( bathroom) facilities. The forest preserve issue appears to be an attempt by the Department of Environmental Conservation to create a forever wild status to the buffer zone, where permit holders would no longer be able to even see the lake due to bans on all landscaping, even the mowing of grass, and bans on picnic tables, flags, fireplaces, etc. The law firm hired by the SPC has already had meeting with the HRBRRD and the DEC regarding these ongoing issues and there has been no resolution to these issues to date.