

LGA Survey Comments - General Comments (include suggestions for improvement).

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| The recent tax increase by Warren County is unconscionable. What are they thinking????? This level of taxation of the supposed rich to support the poor is unsustainable and will increase financial problems of the county by forcing people to sell. |
| LGA is doing a good job. Keep it up! |
| 1. Stop children from riding jet skis. 2. Stop adults from riding jet skis with small children in front of them. |
| A way must be found to reign-in, in these most difficult times, the Counties way of treating lake property owners as if we all had bottom-less pits of cash. I'm sure that every lake property owner would find it almost impossible to sell their property. |
| ADVERTISED NOTICE SO MORE NON MEMBERS CAN PARTICIPATE. IF WE DON'T GET A NON MEMBER RESPONCE OF AT LEAST 5% , WE ARE MISSING OUT |
| Although people were hired to control aquatic weeds NO follow up is done to see they treat the whole area. Prime example, the back of Lizard Creek was NOT treated. Weeds hydrilla are still present in some areas. |
| Better Weed control, better medical lower taxes more safety on the water. |
| Boating education - I think it is stupid. If they have a driver's license to operate autos they can certainly operate a boat or PWC/can't use a phone or a PWC. Why should the lake people pay such high taxes - especially those of us who don't live. |
| By trying to be all things to all people, you have diluted your voice in ALL areas. A "committee" for each and every thing looks more and mor like the quagmire of big government every day! You turned me off on joining several years ago. |
| Comment from construction question: trash - lumber in water Comment with mandatory boating answer: it is akin to having automotive lincenses 25 & younger |
| Did them above - oops. |
| DO MORE, TALK LESS!!!! I am tired of Directors,etc saying they have no responceability of the action(or influence) of other organizations. We joined the LGA so that we could have the "clout" of the Lake. We are nothing but a social group who complain. |
| Fight harder against County governments and big developers to protect the personal investments of single family landowners and homeowners. |

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| Full time residents have different "needs" than the "part-time" residents. And "vacationers" with only a good time in mind, with no financial ties to the community have "needs" that can also strain our assets and environment. |
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| Generally, LGA seems to THE recognized organization, community wise, for getting things done. Appreciate the work of Pete and Susie Dechenes, Doug Hughes. |
| Harassment by game wardens. We have been stopped as much as 3 times in one day. They are looking for revenue - not boating safety. |
| Hope you keep working for the good of the lake. Thank you. |
| How can property owners get more consideration from County Government since we pay a substantial amount of the taxes but are not voting residents? It appears that we just pay the bills but with little consideration for value, ie,weed control, water, etc |
| How can we in the Hicks Hill development (Bracey) get help financially in killing the hydrilla. Every year we pay to have our properties sprayed but the hydrilla is growing out in the deeper water and this year it is substantial. |
| I am always concerned that an organization like this one will be used by a few fringe activists will use the organization to further their cause and not represent the mass of the membership. Good luck. |
| I am concerned and annoyed by loud boats and loud music on the boats especially ski boats with loud speakers on them that play for whoever is wakeboarding or skiing behind the boat. Some type of noise ordinance would be good for inconsiderate people |
| I am concerned that LGA is trying to be involved in too great a range of issues and thereby is losing effectiveness. By concentrating maybe on 2 or 3 main issues and only monitoring the rest, LGA could be more effective. |
| I am confident that this issue has been raised in the past: My home is on Great Creek and I am concerned about the rocks that exist in the middle of Great Creek. Although often times marked with a flag or a cone, this remains a dangerous situation and o |
| I am pleased with the LGA Board and Committee actions. |
| I am very concerned about our tax rates, the educational, medical and government support of our area. Our property will be worthless if the lake weeds are not controlled. People will not stay in the area - or purchase homes in the area if these issues |

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| I appreciate all of the efforts by the officers of the LGA to keep members informed of issues effecting the lake and the communities around the lake especially those of us that are weekenders/vacationers and do not live at the lake full time. |
| I appreciate the LGA and their work. Kiip up the good job you are doing. |
| I appreciate your efforts in behalf of water quality and watershed protection and seeking good developlment and government policies. |
| I believe the association should be an educator to property owners, developers and government on how to be good stewards of the Lakes and waterways and not try to create policy. |
| I believe the LGA plays an extremely important role in managing the quality of the lake and the property investments there. I appreciate the volunteers who provide the leadership of our organization. Please thank them for me. |
| I feel in Warren County we have no chance in affecting policy regarding the Lake community. I do feel strongly that to protect the Lake quality of life, the NC counties should form the town of Lake Gaston to get control of zoning and other density and water erosion. |
| I have owned property on this lake since 1967. Past experience with added sand on the shoreline has prevented SHORELINE EROSION. However you cannot have a sand area any more. On each side of the original sand area their has been about three to four feet... |
| I hope the LGA will look into the leech problem that the lake had this year. My family was affected and I have spoken with other property owners whose families were also affected. Thank you for being the voice of the lake. |
| I REALLY LIKE THE IDEA OF HAVING LAKE GASTON AS A CITY OR TOWN!! I know that it would be a difficult process but it could be done. Maybe break it into a couple ot towns on each side of the lake with the ultimate goal of having self-governing, self-taxing, |
| I saw your mission in the article which identified the 2009 Survey website. "Identify lake issues affecting our members and pursue resolution with the responsible organizations". Does this mean I have to join the association in order to get my issues rep |
| I support a waterfront property tax to help treat noxious weeds. |
| I think the LGA does a pretty good job in most areas...there is room for improvement in "Results" and therefore effectiveness. I really appreciate the communiocation and education the LGA provides -- situational awareness for lake residents. Thanks. |
| I think you folks all do a great job representing the lake community, Thanks! |

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| I understand that the LGA is run by volunteers and I appreciate everyone's efforts. If it were not for you, most property owners probably wouldn't have a clue about the issues that affect them here on the lake. Therefore, it is difficult for me to criti |
| I want to thank all board members for the tireless efforts on all our behalf, as the lake has grown I know so have your duties, for this as I stated my entire family is very appreciative. We don't get there enough but every time we do we love the relaxing time. |
| I would like to see the rules about no-wake zones published. for instance: how close to your pier for a no wake zone. boats come very close to our pier and they do their big turn around in front of our pier when we have granddchildren in the water. |
| If we don't have a lake that can be used because of hydrilla and other out-of-control weed growth, etc. and the quality of the water is not good, the rest doesn't matter. Thank you for all you do to support us. |
| IMO, lake organizations should be concerned only with the interests of their constituents- the lake property owners and residents. The special interests (visiting fishermen and chemical treatment concerns) have their own support organizations, with a lot... |
| In reference to the previous set of questions! The large and artificial property value increases that were recently approved means the lake communities ultimately were served with an outrageous tax increase. |
| It is time to put our (collective) money where our mouth is. We need a fair, special tax district that covers lake homeowners (and folks in lake subdivisions) in both states. We also need a way to tax boaters who don't live on the lake but who boat here |
| Just keep up the good work and the best of luck getting good people to step up and be Directors! |
| Keep up the good work,all volinteers,how can I help? |
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| Keep up the good work; however puyt more pressure on LKG counties to keep taxes as los as possible and pressure to promote more tax money for weed contro. These are the two important issues all LKG owners face. |
| Keep upi the great work everyone is doing. We appreciate the fact that people (volunteers) work in our best interest and look forward to becoming more active as we work towards becoming a full-time resident. Would be willing to add additional financial... |
| Keep us informed and continue the good work. |
| Keep working at it. |

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| LGA is an excellent organization, well led and organized. I believe the LGA needs to be clear and proactive with the County and State representatives in matters that concern the Lake Gaston Citizens. The position of being disproportionately taxed without... |
| LGA is doing a good job keep going on the path. |
| LGA is doing an excellent job! Wish you could be more effective in lowering property taxes; addressing shoreline/bulkhead/boat dock damage caused in my area by frequency of wakeboard boats who love to come into our cove (due to smoothness of water). |
| Make most coves a no wake zone. |
| MAYBE LAKE GASTON SHOULD DROP THE 5 COUNTIES AND BECOME AN ENTITY OF ITS OWN IF THEY CAN'T GET PROPER SUPPORT FROM THEIR PRESENT JURISDICTION. |
| Medical care not available on weekends. Drug store not open on Sunday. |
| More info on fun activities, restaurant guides, and any special events |
| My negative answer for installing a vegetative buffer is because our lot is totally wooded and in an almost natural state. I would like to see some mechanism in place to bring about change so that non residents could vote in local elections. |
| My sincere appreciation to the LGA's board of officers for their continued pursuit of a safe and enjoyable environment on Lake Gaston. Thank You!!! |
| Need bigger voice in county |
| Need to support a county commissioner candidate (to replace Ross) who will better represent lake residents starting with tax rate reduction |
| Not being on the committee and being a weekend family I have to thank those who do the job you do. I, also thank you for asking what our problems are and what you can do to make things better. Thankfully, as I write this we have had no serious events in... |
| Our association seems to be moving on many fronts at the same time. I think that all these efforts are important but I think that we are winning very few issues. I would like to see the weight of the organization put to one or two major issues that we can... |
| Oviously our biggest problem is absentee-owner apathy. Most of my neighbors read no local newspaper, belong to no local organization, and vote elsewhere. I wish I had a strategy to counter this. The only thing that comes to mind is one-on-one promotion. |
| Owners of lake property need some political clout |
| Perhaps if the jet skies were outlawed, boating on the lake would be much more pleasant and safe. |
| Political power is directly propotional to membership size and interest. |

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| Publish a phone number we can call to report this type of activity and hopefully someone can catch them in the act. |
| Rules for using boats and jet skis on lake should be sent to owners yearly in early spring - there should be more enforcement of these laws or rules. |
| See that county official have their inspection departments see regularions and restrictions are complied with properly. |
| Silt from some shore properties and ponds are filling in the lake and limiting access. Personally, the depth of water in front of my property is about a foot less than it was 8 years ago. With a dredge barge not being allowed on the lake, this is becomi |
| Since most of the tax revenue is received from the homeowners on the lake, some consideration to those folks interest should be considered. |
| Studies indicate that the quality of education in the local schools is one of the major factors influencing quality of life and growth in any area. If the schools are good, the community attracts people that will contribute to a high quality of life and... |
| Support a flat tax or tax assesment on LKG water front property owners for money to fight invasive weeds. |
| Taxes in Warren County are ridiculous - no garbage disposal (must take it to VA). No law enforcement nearby. No road maintenance. No services of any kind in Don Haven. Very hard on retired senior citizens. |
| Thank you for your commitment |
| Thank you LGA for keeping us advised of happenings; if not for your notification, many Govt Mtgs would not be attended. Good example was your timely notification of Counties not going to Fund Weed Control....Members notified their County and a larger sha... |
| Thanks |
| Thanks for being there for us, |
| Thanks for you efforts |
| Thanks to active LGA officers who take their time and energy to run the association. |
| The meetings that I have attended seemed like LGA is trying to address too many issues. Pick 5 issues and concentrate on those if you want to make and impact. Lake Gaston is an ideal potential retirement location but we have to address (1) Emergency methods.... |
| The above questions are weak, they should always be a 1 to a informed interested person. All your doing is identifying uninformed disinterested people who you should not focus on. |

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| The best minds of lake property owners need to explore all possible ideas for influencing (or replacing?) the county commiissioners and state legislators. |
| The LGA has done a great job of keeping me informed, and i greatly appreciate it. |
| The people who reside at the lake have valuable knowledge and concerns, but are not valued by the governing bodies in the five counties.....merely being viewed as "rich" complainers. How do we make them realize that we care about the counties as a whole |
| The taxes are too high for what the part time people get in return. Most of us do not have children or grandchildren that live in this area and yet we basically are the sole support of the school system in Roanoke Rapids. We need larger recycling cans. |
| There needs to be a followup on issues, ie. where are we, where are we going and why, when do expect to get there, did we get there, what are the alternatives / consequences and reasoning. I still think there is an agenda to weed control, very much like... |
| Too new to comment. |
| Two pet peeves: (1) try to let the jet ski people know they're a nuisance (good luck!). (2) people that have light poles at the water and leave their lights on all night so we can't enjoy the stars and moon against a dark blue sky. The electric company ha |
| Until LGA develops a strong influence with local and state governments, it will not reach its true potential in terms of accomplishing specific objectives (e.g. weed control, etc). LGA is not taking the steps necessary to gain the influence it must have to.... |
| Very difficult to rank the above listed issues -- ALL need to be #1, #2 and #3 |
| Thanks for all the time that is put into LGA! |
| Water weed control needs to look at contracting with a different more effective company. |
| We all failed miserably on the ridiculous appraisals that the county has saddled us with. |
| We (on the lake) are so lucky to have such qualified & willing people to reach out into the community & work for the benefit of us all in such a professional & concerned way. You're a force to be reckoned with & we're so glad you are on our side! Thank yo |
| We are new members and are not familiar with LGA's mission. We also do not live directly on the lake. |
| We are so pleased to have an LGA Association. Thank you. |
| We have some excellent talent providing a lot of hours doing volunteer work for the property owners around Lake Gaston. Like all organizations, most of the work is done by a few and it is difficult to get people to be more active. |

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| We have to continue to do a better job on influencing local governments and businesses .We have got to clean up this county(Warren) and Warrenton and surrounding areas so we can get the undesirables out of here. It's so bad, I have just gotten a gun perm |
| We need to have a messenger/lobbyist for the Assoc. in all government meetings. |
| We need to start thinking about noise control, there appears to be an increase in high noise boats at the lake. Mufflers and noise control on boays should be required. One boat can spoil the environment for many. |
| Weed funding is definitely a problem that needs improvement. Why not charge for boat launching at county ramps for non residents on the weekends. Also spreading out the weed treatments to different areas should be considered. Some areas are only treated b |
| Working together is the only way that we will be able to keep the area that we love. All 10 items are important. It is hard to rank them. We need to keep informed and then be a united group to back our goals. |
| Thank you to the many officers and committ |
| Would like for LGA to take a more visible presence both locally and at NC Legislature. To be watchful and inform members of issues both within North Carolina and also in Virginia that influence lake - i.e. Virginia taking more water than allowed and selli |
| Would like to have LGA make a dedicated effort to get all property owners to give up their voter registration on their regular homes and transfer their voter registration to their lake properties. I understand this is legal.... |
| You do a great job. Keep it up. |