

## **Policies related to Activities around the Centerville Conservation Community Lakes**

The CCCHOA Board has received inquiries related to mowing around the lakes, vehicles being driven around the lakes and property near the Lake House, and access points for recreational use.

The Board and members of the Land Management Committee consulted with the Department of Development Support and Environmental Management for Leon County for information on the proper maintenance and use of the lakes to adhere to the required conservation standards of the area. The Department was instrumental in developing the original plans, standards and restrictions for Centerville Conservation Community and the Easements that the county holds.

After reviewing the information we received from the county, the Board discussed these matters at the board meeting on May 5<sup>th</sup> 2020 and determined the following:

### **Mowing of areas around the Lakes:**

A 20 foot conservation buffer from the normal high water mark will be maintained and there will be no mowing in this buffer zone. For Lake Pisgah, there will be a foot and maintenance path mowed by the Land Manager once a month. (Note: it is not possible to mow Amber Lake in this manner, and these areas will be kept a natural state, other than when controlled burning occurs. The county may allow some additional maintenance to allow foot traffic, and these discussions are under way.) No Vehicles are permitted in these areas.

Owners mowing or disturbing vegetation on community property that does not belong to them will receive a notice of violation and will be asked to cease this activity.

**Access points to Lake Pisgah:** There is currently one designated access point to Lake Pisgah, and this is the area to the left of the dock, if you have your back to the Lake House. The county specifies that this access point not exceed 10 feet wide. The Land Manager and the Committee will clearly designate this area. There is also consideration to moving this access point closer to the parking areas. The Committee will develop a proposal for a rack to be constructed adjacent to this access area so that owners may store canoes and kayaks for easier and secure access. The County has suggested that up to three access points could be established on Lake Pisgah, which will be evaluated. However, at this time, boats and kayaks should not be launched or stored at any other points around the lake.

### **Vehicles Prohibited:**

Pursuant to the signage at the lake, no one should drive vehicles down to the edge of the lake- anywhere around the lake- to launch watercraft. Watercraft is to be hand carried to the lake. Owners should not use other access points.

**Golf Cart Use:** Golf Carts are not permitted to be driven anywhere around Pisgah Lake or Amber Lake due to increased potential for soil erosion and wildlife conflicts. The trail map for CCC does not indicate that these areas were intended to have trails. The Board has determined that driving vehicles around the lakes is inconsistent with the goals of the conservation community. The CCCHOA is committed to maintaining an outstanding natural environment and appreciate everyone's cooperation in voluntarily adhering to these standards.