



September 2023

Dear Property Owner,

The Hot Springs Village Property Owners' Association Lakes Department has Lake Sophia and Lake Maria on the drawdown schedule for 2023-2024. Lake Sophia and Lake Maria will be lowered for maintenance and silt removal to improve shoreline access, water quality of the lake, and reduce the reoccurrence of aquatic vegetation. This will also allow residents the opportunity to maintain or construct new docks, seawalls, etc. Lake Sophia and Lake Maria will be lowered a maximum of six (6) feet, simultaneously.

The valve for each lake will be opened, and the drawdown will begin on Monday, October 2, 2023. The valve will be closed as early as February 1, 2024, or as late as February 29, 2024. Closing of the valve and refilling of the lake will begin when dredge operations have been completed on both lakes. The rate of drawdown will be approximately two (2) to three (3) inches per day, depending on rainfall during that time. Each lake has been surveyed for sediment volumes. There is approximately 8,250 yds³ of material in each lake.

Mechanical dredging will take place on both Lake Sophia and Lake Maria. From the input received, there are substantially more Property Owners in need of seawall and/or boat dock repair on Lake Maria. For that reason, dredging will begin on Lake Sophia. Once dredging has been completed on Lake Sophia, all equipment will be moved to Lake Maria for dredging to begin. Both lakes will remain drawn down until the closing date of the valve, even after dredging has been completed, to allow any exposed sediments to freeze as a secondary measure for eradication of aquatic vegetation. There is limited access on both lakes. The attached map will show entry and exiting locations for equipment and dump trucks, as well as the projected dredge area. Efforts will be made to access all areas in the projected dredge area. The duration of work to be completed on each lake is estimated to take three weeks (if no environmental challenges arise).

Permits are required for construction of seawalls, boat docks, and other lakefront structures and shaping sediments under and around boat docks. Permits for construction of seawalls, boat docks, and other lakefront structures are issued through the Permitting and Inspections Department at 501.922.5562 and may require a fee. Permits for removing sediments under or around boat docks are no charge and are also issued through the Permitting and Inspections Department. Any work done by residents (seawall construction, dock construction, dredging under docks, etc.) will be at owner expense.

The Architectural Control Committee has agreed to allow residents to store boats (on trailers) at their residences temporarily during the drawdown subject to the following criteria:

- Boat must be registered with the POA and display a POA sticker on the boat and trailer.
- Boats can only be stored on trailers.
- Boat owners must obtain a 4-month permit from Permitting and Inspections for temporary boat storage (no charge) at their lot address. This is to allow the POA to have a record of what boats are stored when and ensure that they are moved at the end of the drawdown.
- Boats (on trailers) must be stored at the side of the house or on the driveway. If this is impossible because of the topography of the lot, boats may be stored in the front yard if properly screened from the street.
- No boats may be stored on the street or at the roadside.
- All boats must be moved at the end of the drawdown period (expected to be 4 months) or be subject to a fine if they are not relocated.



Lake drawdowns allow owners time to make much needed corrections or additions to boat docks or other structures. The following list of boat dock contractors that provide various lake services is provided for information only and does not constitute endorsement or recommendation by the HSVPOA.

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| 1. Nick Daily | 501.984.2477 |
| 2. Super Duty Docks | 501.525.0000 |
| 3. Williamson Docks | 501.623.7698 |
| 4. Jacob Castleberry | 501.209.0643 |
| 5. Terry Anderson | 501.209.2404 |
| 6. Larry Diggs Construction | 501.525.9550 |

If owners so choose, boats, boat docks, and irrigation lines can remain in place and can sit on the bottom of the lake as the water recedes. If the sediments are removed from an area with boats, boat docks, and irrigation lines left in place, the POA will only get within three (3) feet of the boats, boat docks, or irrigation line. The removal of materials under and around a boat, boat dock, or irrigation line left in place during the drawdown is the responsibility of the owner.

Another benefit of the lake drawdown is it allows owners to make critical repairs to seawalls. The following list of construction contractors that provide various seawall services is provided for information only and does not constitute endorsement or recommendation by the HSVPOA.

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| 1. Bennett Bros. | 501.984.5040 |
| 2. Brian Bean | 501.627.3034 |
| 3. Casa Verde | 501.609.9900 |
| 4. Terry Anderson | 501.209.2404 |
| 5. Irrigation Pro & Landscaping | 501.620.3319 |
| 6. Graves Landscaping & Stonework | 501.622.0260 |

If you have any questions concerning the drawdown, please call the Lakes Management Department at 501.922.2291.