

Lake

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important to wildlife, and will make it easier for new sediment to get into the lake.

But James says just the opposite is true, that increasing the depth will allow sediment to settle below the current, where it will stay put and not be washed into the main part of the lake. He said the plan also calls for establishing a "biofilter," plants in the channel that can absorb much more phosphorus — a particularly harmful nutrient — than they need to live.

The environmental council has worked for years to obtain grant money that has been used to stabilize shoreline areas. "Most of the soils are stable," Daley said, and the current sloping wetland edges trap sediment, something a channel with steep sides will not do.

Ron Tibbott, a fisheries biologist with the Pa. Fish and Boat Commission, shares that concern, although he said the final plan might not be particularly harmful.

"We certainly did have initial concerns," he said, when presented with three different proposals. Tibbott said he encouraged the one that disturbed the smallest area. "Most of the impacts are on what's already open water."

He also said that limited dredging can actually create opportunities for greater diversity of wildlife.

Daley said he and the council do not oppose development at the lake, but want to protect the few remaining natural areas.

"That wetland is environmentally significant," he said. "It's kind of an incubator for many life forms at the lake."

Up to 30 new boat slips would be built behind the buildings. Armand Mascioli, a partner in the townhouse development, said they would not be



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These photos, taken more than 10 years apart, show the growth of vegetation that has taken place in the area behind the Marina Pointe townhouses. The photo at left was taken in the early 1990s, the one at the right was taken last week.

reserved for property owners. "We're increasing the public's access to the lake," he said.

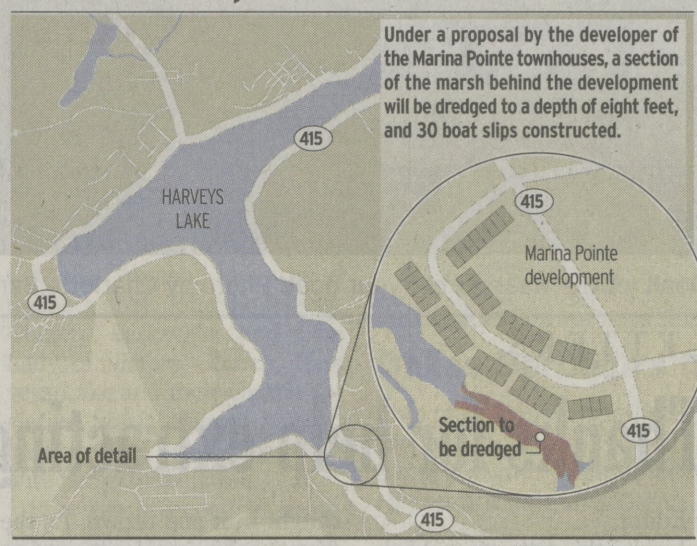
Critics of the dredging also charge that the application is based on "disingenuous arguments in favor of removal of organic matter because it is 'contaminated' or 'dirty,'" according to a letter written to DEP by Mike Case, a Wilkes University professor who has studied the lake since 1980.

In the letter, dated Sept. 9, Case argues that dredging a wetland that filters out sediment would contradict the goals of projects at the lake funded through the state's Growing Greener initiative.

Case also charges that the affected area was "conveniently" reduced to just under one-half acre, which falls just below the size at which mitigation — establishment of a replacement wetland area — is required. Instead, the developer has proposed making a contribution to the Pa. Wetland Replacement Project that can be used to create or protect a wetland elsewhere in the state.

James, the consultant, said the state requires a contribu-

A look at the plan



Under a proposal by the developer of the Marina Pointe townhouses, a section of the marsh behind the development will be dredged to a depth of eight feet, and 30 boat slips constructed.

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tion of \$7,500 per half acre of wetlands that are not replaced locally. Contributions are often pooled and then used on a larger wetland area.

That amounts to exporting wetlands at the lake's expense, Daley said.

An application for the project from the townhouse developers has been under review for several weeks at the DEP office in Wilkes-Barre. Mark Carmon,

DEP spokesman, said James' Kingfisher Group submitted responses in late September to questions raised by DEP and in public comments.

Carmon would not give a deadline by which a decision will be made. "It depends on how successful the applicant was in addressing the questions and comments from the public," he said. Public comments continue to be accepted, "any

time during the review."

James says critics of the proposed dredging are misguided. "They have good intentions, but this is not the right battle."

A team of DEP staff members, including engineers and biologists, is reviewing the application. Carmon said the process includes looking over paperwork and visiting the site.

"They make the decision based on the review, comments and the characteristics of the site," he said. "Ultimately, the permitting decision will be made out of this office."

Mascioli says the response has been positive so far. "We've had a very rigorous study from all the agencies," he said, and not many concerns have been raised.

Anyone who disagrees with the final ruling may appeal it within 30 days, either to the Environmental Hearing Board, an independent administrative court or directly to Commonwealth Court. The hearing board meets in Harrisburg, Philadelphia or Pittsburgh, Carmon said. He said it is customary for DEP to notify the applicant, the municipality and

HAVE YOUR SAY

Public comments are still being accepted on the proposed dredging at Harveys Lake. To put your concerns on the record, write to: Soils and Waterways Section Pa. Dept. of Environmental Protection Two Public Square Wilkes-Barre PA 18711-0709 A copy should be sent to: Ron Tibbott Pa. Fish and Boat Commission 450 Robinson Ln. Bellefonte PA 16823

those who commented when a decision is reached.

It is common for DEP to grant approval while attaching conditions, such as restrictions on the scope of the project. Each of those conditions may also be appealed.

James said he'd like to start the project within a couple of weeks, or at the latest by Thanksgiving. "After that, the stuff tends to freeze up in the trucks," he said.

Band

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grade, when Zaykowski wrote Krivak a letter. "We're going to be in a band someday, I said," recalls Zaykowski.

Zaykowski, a sales manager with a tele-communications company, is married, with two children. After graduating from Westchester University, he lived in southern Pennsylvania for about 16 years.

"On 9/11 a good friend of mine, Jeremy Glick, was killed on United Airlines flight 93. He rushed the cockpit."

Zaykowski said that losing a friend in such a sudden, tragic way was the catalyst for coming back home to the Back Mountain. "I said to my wife, 'I want to be around friends at this time.' We didn't really have a lot of friends down there; we're kind of transient. My wife is from the Poconos and I'm from here, so we wound up coming back."

One day, Zaykowski bumped into a member of Krivak's family, who told him that his old friend had also just moved back to Dallas. Krivak and his wife decided to return to Dallas after living a number of years out of state. "We wanted our son to know his grandparents," he said.

While they were catching up with the details of each other's lives, Zaykowski mentioned that he still played guitar. Krivak, a graduate of Rider University in New Jersey, played bass

guitar and piano in bands during and after college. He also played the flute and French horn.

"I had a band in St. Louis, and we made our own CD," he said.

A few weeks later, Zaykowski ran into Mike Stevens and Matt McLaughlin, whose nickname is Freddie. Stevens, a drummer, was in a rock band called Black Water in high school. "We played stuff like Led Zeppelin, Lynrd Skynrd and ZZ top in my grandparent's basement."

After graduating from King's College he moved to Maryland. He returned to Dallas in 1998. He is co-owner of Fitness Headquarters in Wilkes-Barre, Scranton and Binghamton.

Lead vocalist McLaughlin also has been playing rhythm guitar for the past eight years. The only bachelor in the band, he is a tri-athlete and a talented artist. Many of his oil paintings adorn the walls of his home.

Wanting to get all of his old buddies together again, Zaykowski threw a party at his house. "I broke out the guitar and Mike's like, 'Hey, we should get together and jam,' and I figured, wow, what an outlet, because we all work. Instead of gathering around the TV, we could all get together and let loose, artistically."

The guys started rehearsing in McLaughlin's basement and in no time they were playing before live audiences. Their first gig was at the American Legion in Dallas.

McLaughlin says he'd always dreamed of being in a band. He admits being nervous during the first two sets, but his confidence grew as he watched the dance floor fill up.

"If we're doing cover music, and the song is 3 minutes and 45 seconds on the CD," Krivak explains. "We like to extend it, maybe jam it out and play our own version. We do a reggae version of Johnny B. Goode. We put a little spin on it."

"If we're playing a song, and we see a lot of people out there dancing, we're gonna keep going," said McLaughlin.

Doing things their own way is important to the bandmates.

"We're in it for fun," Zaykowski said. "I'm not this professional guy who's gonna play note for note. That's not happening. No way." To keep the crowd in an energetic mood, they control the music that's house. "I broke out the guitar and Mike's like, 'Hey, we should get together and jam,' and I figured, wow, what an outlet, because we all work. Instead of gathering around the TV, we could all get together and let loose, artistically."

some really funky stuff that we play, like the theme song to Sanford and Son and a Scooby Do techno re-mix.

Concrete Road's schedule is starting to fill up, thanks to manager Rich Kern, who is Krivak's brother-in-law. The produce manager at Mr. Z's in Dallas, Kern, also a bachelor, has been booking gigs for the band for six months. He also wrote one of their original songs, "Ooty, Ooty."

"We've been staying in the Back Mountain so far, because this is where our following is," said Kern.

The band plays a cross section of music from the Grateful Dead, Charlie Daniels, Rolling Stones, U2, Talking Heads and the Foo Fighters, which Krivak calls "happy rock and roll." They will be playing at the Farmer's Inn on Huntsville Road, Trucksville, on October 23 and a Halloween party at Li-bations, Main Street, Dallas, on October 30. The band also plays for private parties.

For booking information and show dates, call Rich Kern at 675-0077.

Hadsall witnesses christening of PCU Texas

Navy Petty Officer 1st Class Kyler R. Hadsall, son of Betty L. and Richard K. Hadsall of Harveys Lake, was present when First Lady Laura Bush christened Pre-Commissioning Unit (PCU) Texas (SSN 75) in Northrop-Grumman, Newport News Shipyard, Newport News, Va.

Hadsall is one of 134 officers and Sailors assigned to PCU Texas, the second of the new Virginia-class submarines. The \$2.2 billion submarine has been under construction since

2002. Virginia-class submarines use advanced technologies to increase firepower, maneuverability and stealth. The 377-foot long submarines are capable of staying submerged for up to three months at a time.

PCU Texas, the fourth U.S. Navy vessel to be named for the 28th state, is scheduled for delivery to the Navy in 2005.

Hadsall is a 1988 graduate of Tunkhannock Area High School and joined the Navy in December 1988.

Fuller wins teaching award

Bradley B. Fuller, M.P.A., M.A., of Tunkhannock, was recently presented with the 2003-2004 Excellence in Teaching Award from the Graduate School of Arts and Sciences at St. Joseph's University in Philadelphia. Fuller has been an adjunct professor at the university since 1990 and teaches courses in health administration, health policy, organizational theory, psychology, gerontology and management theory. He is employed as the executive director of the Pottstown Area Seniors' Center and resides in Birdsboro with his wife.

Disque receives Masonic honor

Richard Disque II, of Windsor Drive, Dallas, was among 133 thirty-second degree Scottish Rite Masons that elevated to 33rd degree in a special ceremony held Sept. 21 in Milwaukee. The event took place at the conclusion of the annual meeting of the Supreme Council of the Scottish Rite Freemasonry.

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