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Deed of Conservation Easement for Deep Creek Lake

Purpose of the Conservation Easement is to prevent development and maintain the beauty and recreational purpose and to conserve the natural and scenic qualities of the environment of Deep Creek Lake and the surrounding area.

This is a summary of the Deed of Conservation Easement. It does not replace the Deed of Conservation Easement, and does not necessarily include all restrictions contained in the Deed of Conservation Easement. It is recommended that you read and retain a copy of the original Deed of Conservation Easement for your property.

I. With written approval from the Department of Natural Resources, you may

- 1) Install nonpermanent pathways or stairways.
- 2) Install utilities to serve facilities on the state land.
- 3) Retain structures identified on the Deed of Conservation Easement plat maps if approved by Penelec or the Maryland Department of Natural Resources (DNR).
- 4) Install temporary structures with a footprint no greater than 120 sq ft.

II. Activities prohibited or restricted

- 1) No buildings.
- 2) No facilities.
- 3) No means of access.
- 4) No fences.
- 5) No other structures *except* for the items (in Section I) that have been approved.
- 6) No burning.
- 7) No cutting, removal or destruction of trees, shrubs and other woody vegetation, ***except with written approval from DNR.***
- 8) No materials may be dumped or stored on the property; for example, ashes, trash, rubbish, abandoned machinery, vehicles, vessels, appliances.
- 9) No excavation or mining, including removal of soil or sand, ***except with written approval from DNR*** for the temporary excavation to maintain lake access or to remedy a failed septic system.
- 10) No diking, draining, filling, dredging or removal of any wetland or wetlands.
- 11) No signs, billboards, or outdoor advertising displays *except* temporary signs not exceeding 6 sq ft to advertise the property's sale or rental.
- 12) No access by the public to cross or use the property.
- 13) No industrial or commercial activities.

The Deep Creek Lake Management Office of DNR can assist with questions about the Deed of Conservation Easement. Requests for modifications must be made in writing to the Lake Management Office. After consultation with the Deep Creek Policy and Review Board, written approval or disapproval will be given.