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## Urieville Lake Dredging Project

Urieville Lake's boat ramp and parking lot will be temporarily closed to the public beginning November 1, 2022 to allow for dredging around the boat ramp area. The project entails dredging approximately 450 cubic yards of material. While this project is limited in scope, it should produce several benefits. First, it will improve public access to the lake. Currently, the buildup of sediment and organic matter near the ramp makes access difficult. A new dock will be installed after completion. There will be biological benefits as well. Most fish living in Urieville Lake are nesting species. They seek out harder, sandy areas to make nests to lay their eggs. That habitat is limited to a few areas currently. The newly dredged area should create excellent spawning habitat.

The project is being completed during the cooler months of late fall and winter to lessen any potential biological impacts. Before work begins, a turbidity curtain will be placed in the lake around the work area. This will minimize sediment transport out of the work area. The contractor will haul the dredged material from the site to the disposal area in sealed trucks. Disposal of the material will be completed in accordance with Maryland Department of Environment's (MDE) "Innovative Reuse and Beneficial Use of Dredged Material Guidance Document". After the project is completed, all impacted areas will be restored to their prior state. The area will then be reopened.

Funding for this project was secured through the State Lakes Restoration and Protection Fund. Although funding for a large-scale restoration of the entire impoundment is currently unavailable, we will keep pursuing that long term goal.

Any updates on the project will be posted on our website located at:

<https://dnr.maryland.gov/fisheries/pages/inland.aspx>

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