
PROPOSED CLASS B RECLASSIFICATION OF ENKA LAKE: AUGUST 2018 HEARING

Biltmore Lake Association has requested that Enka Lake, which is a portion of Bill Moore Creek in Buncombe County (French Broad River Basin), be reclassified from Class C to Class B. The purpose of this rule change is to protect the existing waters' primary recreation uses. A public hearing is going to be conducted to receive public comments on the proposed reclassification and associated regulatory impact analysis.

PROPOSED CLASSIFICATION REQUIREMENTS

If these waters are reclassified, new NPDES wastewater discharges to these waters that contain fecal coliform will be required to have a coliform limit. Forestry and farming practices will not be affected. There are no permitted or planned NPDES wastewater discharges to these waters that would be impacted by the proposed reclassification. Thus, the regulatory impact analysis for this proposal shows no cost due to this proposed rule amendment. Class B requirements are located on the internet at <https://deq.nc.gov/about/divisions/water-resources/planning/classification-standards/rules>.

TRIENNIAL REVIEW REQUIREMENTS

The public hearing and comment period are to be held in accordance with the federal Clean Water Act that requires States, at least every three years, to review and revise water quality standards. These standards are provided in existing rules NCAC 15A 02B .0100 and .0201 through .0228. The process is called the Triennial Review and includes an assessment and revision of the designated uses of waters (classifications) and the water quality criteria (standards), which are based on the designated uses. More specifically, this public hearing and comment period are to address the potential assignment of a Class B classification to Enka Lake, and this proposal will result in changing the water quality standards for the lake.

HOW TO SUBMIT COMMENTS

You may attend the public hearing and provide verbal comments that specifically address the proposed reclassification and its regulatory impact analysis for the lake. The Hearing Officer may limit the length of time that you may speak at the public hearing, if necessary, so that all those who wish to speak may have an opportunity to do so. In addition, written comments addressing the proposed reclassification and regulatory impact analysis for the lake will be accepted until August 14, 2018.

PUBLIC HEARING

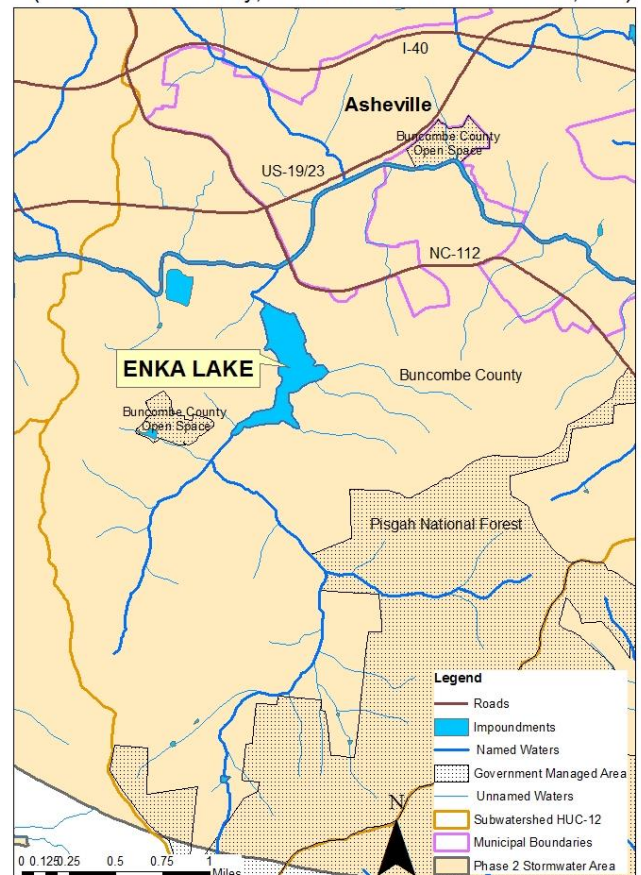
Location:

Biltmore Lake Clubhouse
80 Lake Drive
Biltmore Lake, NC 28715

Time & Date:

11:00 a.m., Wednesday, August 8, 2018

Enka Lake Proposed B Reclassification
(Buncombe County, French Broad River Basin, NC)



All persons interested and potentially affected by the proposal are encouraged to read this announcement and make comments on the proposal. The EMC may not adopt a rule that differs substantially from the text of the proposed rule published in the North Carolina Register unless the EMC publishes the text of the proposed different rule and accepts comments on the new text. The proposed effective date for this proposed reclassification is January 1, 2019. Written comments on the proposed reclassification and regulatory impact analysis for Enka Lake may be submitted to Elizabeth Kountis of the Division of Water Resources Planning Section at the postal address or e-mail address provided.

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

This announcement and a map of the waters proposed to be reclassified are located on the internet via <https://deq.nc.gov/news/events/public-notice-hearings> (look under “08/08/2018”). In the case of inclement weather on the day of the scheduled public hearing, please contact the telephone number below for a recorded message regarding any changes to the location, date, or time of the hearing. Further explanations and details on reclassifications may be obtained by writing or calling:

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