

COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA
DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE RESOURCES

Application for Establishment of Regulatory Markers on Public Waters of Virginia

Date of Application: _____ Proposed Date of Installation: _____

A. APPLICANT

- Name of Political Subdivision or Agency: DINWIDDIE COUNTY
Telephone Number: (804) 469-4500
- Name and address of individual to be responsible for installation and maintenance:
ARWA - ROBERT WILSON, 21300 CHESDIN ROAD
S. CHESTERFIELD, VA 23803 Daytime Tel. No. (804) 590-1145

B. NECESSITY OF REASON FOR REQUESTED MARKERS

- Attach a letter, with two signed copies, addressed to the correct regional office:
Please follow this link www.dwr.virginia.gov/about/offices/ to find the appropriate region office to mail your application Attn: Region Captain
NOTE: In the City of Richmond, please mail to the Charles City Regional office.
- Political subdivision – attach three copies of public notice and proposed regulation or ordinance, which has been issued prior to this application.

C. LOCATION OF MARKERS

Body of Water: LAKE CHESDIN County: DINWIDDIE

- Attach three copies of a map, chart section, or drawing to a scale which will readily depict the proposed zoned area to its surroundings showing the location of each marker to be placed in the water and its relation to nearby channels and water patterns. Have inset or attachment showing type of marker to be used at each location.

Latitude: N 37° 14.634' Longitude: W 77° 35.618' TS

D. MARKERS

Type and Number of Markers: NO WAKE (3)

- All markers must conform to specification as listed in Rules of Establishment of Uniform Regulatory Markers. State below names of manufacturer of commercial markers that will be used, or, if obtained otherwise, indicate source.

BOYLAN BUOYS, B961R, CATALOG CUT ATTACHED

E. CERTIFICATION

The applicant hereby agrees and certifies that all markers authorized by the Department will be installed and maintained at no expense to the Department; that all such markers will conform to the specifications, standards and conditions set forth in "Rules for Establishment of State Uniform Regulatory Markers on Public Waters of Virginia" and may be inspected at any time, without prior notice, by authorized personnel. Should markers not be maintained in satisfactory condition, the Department may order them removed at no expense to the Department. The applicant agrees that the Department of Wildlife Resources will not be held liable with respect to any and all claims that may result from the installation and maintenance of such markers and the marking of any waters does not convey any exclusive privileges.

Signature _____

Title _____

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Statement of Necessity

On September 17, 2022, there was a double fatality boating accident on Lake Chesdin. What we know to date is that a bass boat ran over top of another boat and all occupants of both boats were thrown into the water. The two passengers in the boat that was run over did not survive. As of March 29, 2023, the accident investigation team has not completed their examination of the facts and filed a summary report.

One of the boats involved in the accident was participating in a bass tournament that started from the Whipponock Marina on Whipponock Creek. As boats leave the Whipponock Marina and cross under the bridge at Sutherland Road, the creek widens, and boaters can come up to speed. As these boats continue towards the lake, they cross under the overhead transmission powerline where Whipponock Creek narrows significantly as well as doglegs to the right. There is also an underwater point that boaters must traverse, pushing them into a more confined area. All these conditions contribute to reduced visibility and the need for reduced speed.

The maximum allowable speed for Lake Chesdin is forty-five miles per hour (mph). This is published in the ordinances for both adjacent counties, Dinwiddie County and Chesterfield County. Whipponock Creek is in Dinwiddie County. Dinwiddie County representatives met with Appomattox River Water Authority staff and discussed the recent accident and need to reduce speed in this area of Whipponock Creek. In conversations with DWR staff and the Chesterfield County Police Department that also provides enforcement on the lake, it was determined that staff are not certified or trained in the use of radar equipment on water bodies. That meant another method would be required to slow boat traffic down in this specific area.

Therefore, we are requesting that the noted area illustrated on the attached map with the “Application for Establishment of Regulatory Markers on Public Waters of Virginia” be posted as a “No Wake” zone to require boat traffic to slow down instead of trying to determine a reduced speed that cannot be enforced. The installation of the three requested buoys will protect public safety and prevent future accidents.

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[Date]

Department of Wildlife Resources
Attn: Regional Captain
3801 John Tyler Memorial Highway
Charles City, VA 23030

RE: No Wake Buoys for Whipponock Creek
Dinwiddie County, VA

Dear Regional Captain:

Attached is the Statement of Necessity, Application for Establishment of Regulatory Markers on Public Waters of Virginia, all application supporting information, and the requesting resolution from the Dinwiddie County Board of Supervisors.

The Appomattox River Water Authority (ARWA) that owns the land under Lake Chesdin has agreed to install and maintain the three requested buoys.

If you have any questions or need any additional information, please contact Robert B. Wilson, P.E., executive director for ARWA at (804) 590-1145 ext. 101.

Sincerely,

Kevin Massengill
County Administrator

Cc: Jim Patrillo, Water Program Manager, DWR

Attachments

Lake Chesdin - Whipponock Buoy Placement

Buoy 1 N 37.24390000 W 77.59363333
Buoy 2 N 37.24523333 W 77.59115000
Buoy 3 N 37.24413333 W 77.58786333

Legend
Buoy

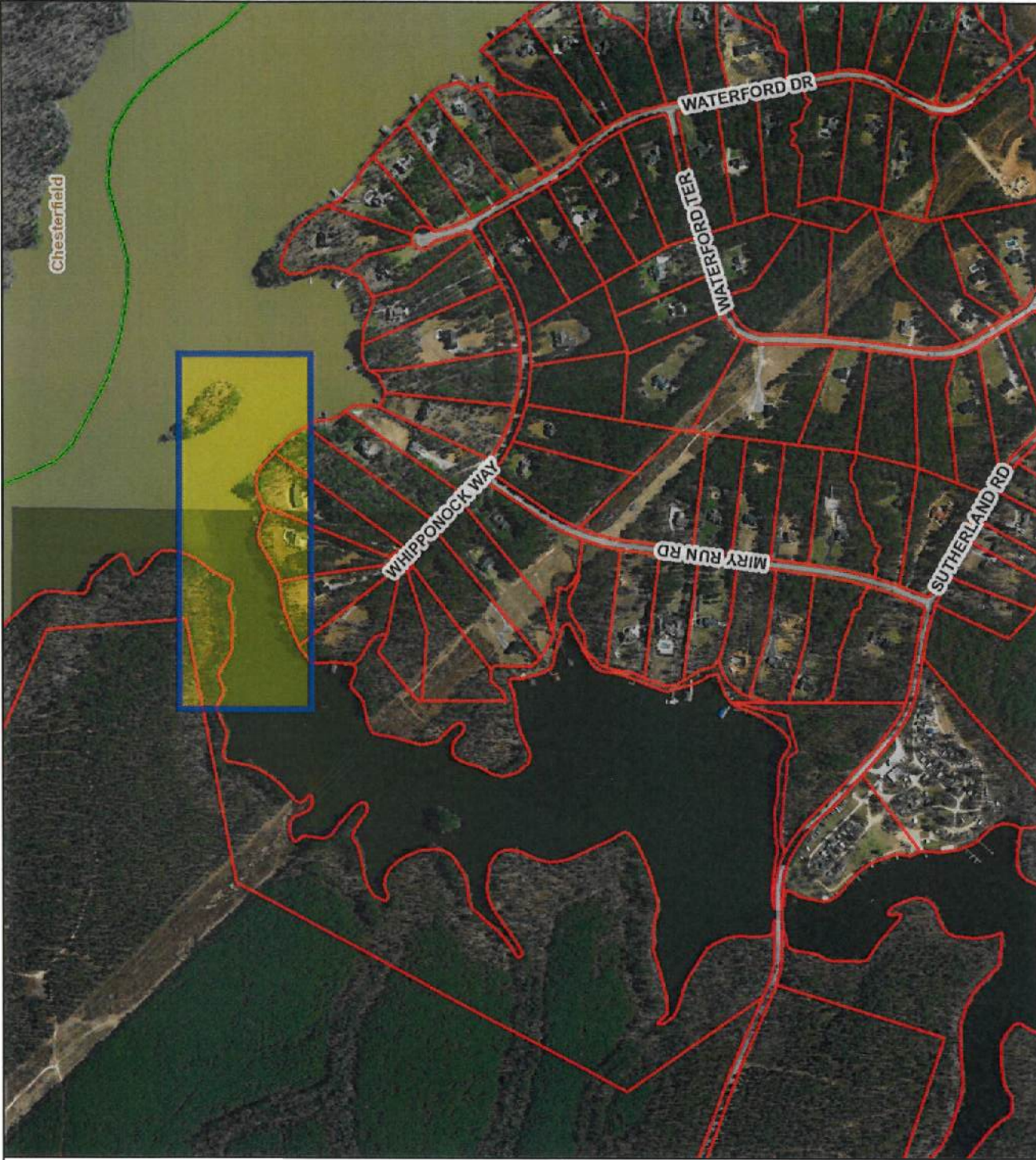
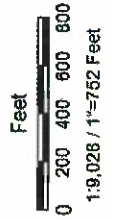


Dinwiddie County, Virginia

Legend

-  County Boundaries
-  Parcels

Map Printed from Dinwiddie
<https://parcelviewer.geodecisions.com/Dinwiddie>



Title: Whippernock Creek/Lake Chesdin/Dinwiddie

Date: 3/28/2023

DISCLAIMER: This drawing is neither a legally recorded map nor a survey and is not intended to be used as such. The information displayed is a compilation of records, information, and data obtained from various sources, and Dinwiddie County is not responsible for its accuracy or how current it may be.