

Gaith Alkadi  
Escalante Carolina Trace, LLC  
Carolina Trace Country Club – CTCC  
2100 Country Club Drive  
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RE: Lowering of Lake Trace

October 7, 2021

Dear Gaith,

The Carolina Trace Association requests that the water level of Lake Trace be lowered from its normal elevation of +257 feet (above msl) by approximately 5 feet +/- 1.0 starting immediately after the New Year (Jan 2d, 2022) until the first week in March (Mar 4<sup>th</sup>, 2022). There are several reasons for this request.

--Harbor Creek needs to perform maintenance on its dock which will require the lake level to be lowered.

--Hidden Lake POA has not been able to inspect its dock area below the water line for an extended period of time and would like to do so.

--Individual dock owners will also appreciate the opportunity to inspect their docks and do any needed repair work.

--This time period will also give Escalante the opportunity for observation and inspection for the condition of the Dam overflow valve and an opportunity to perform any necessary maintenance. As you know, this valve is essential for the seasonal storm openings to prevent damage from hi-water along our shoreline and it has not to our knowledge been inspected for some time

--Escalante and the State of North Carolina (Energy, Mineral, and Land Resources) would also have the opportunity to inspect each of the earthen wings and the individual concrete Dam pier structures and dam sections between the existing pier columns.

For all the reasons set out above, we would appreciate Escalante lowering the level of Lake Trace as we have proposed. If it appears that any of the matters noted above will require extra time to be accomplished, then on a case-by-case circumstance, CTA will timely request an extension on the refill date.

Sincerely



David Smoak  
President CTA