

SWANNANOA

Fulfilling A Dream



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HISTORY

Lake Swannanoa is the creation from an earlier age. The embodiment of men who brought laughter and shouts of joy to many, many Americans.

Alfred Ringling.

His dream in 1900 of a peaceful estate and subsequent creation of the now National Historic sites, the Manor House, the Dams, the Boat House, Barn and Water from the heart of the Lake. A dream which has lived for 80 years; a dream of beauty, serenity and quality of life second to none.

This is the legacy of Swannanoa Lake.

FOUNDING OF THE SWANNANOA SENTINAL SOCIETY

The Society is the child of a desire, a desire for clean water. In the spring of 1979, as the financially troubled corporation decided not to treat the Lake for weeds, your friends and neighbors formed the "Clean Water" alliance, collecting donations to treat the Lake. However, adversity struck a blow to the troubled Swannanoa Community in August of 1979 as the D.E.P. declared the dams unsafe and ordered dewatering of the Lake.

Our friends and neighbors sprang to the bulwarks, galvanized to action to save the Lake, to pursue the dream! We dared to fight for our homes, our Lake, our quality of life. We challenged the D.E.P. via every conceivable avenue, while with driving foresight, negotiating an agreement to purchase the Lake, to catch the dream.

We are holding the battle line against the D.E.P.; we have signed an agreement to purchase the Lake. Now, we need your support to turn our dream, your dream into reality. But, first let us tell you more about our dream, our goals, those both in the short-term and those in the future.

GOALS/A COMMUNITY

Before we discuss our goals, let's digress for a moment and talk of our community, for without our community, our goals are meaningless.

Let's ask ourselves some questions. What was our (yours and mine) underlying rationale of moving into the area and establishing our roots here in Swannanoa?

We think we have the answers; for some, this was the happy family place from their childhood which they acquired. For others, like many of us, it was a driving, unrelenting desire to raise our families, or retire in our later years to the rural, quiet solitude that the lake offered.

Whatever your reason was, we are all Swannanoans, one and all, bound together through our desire for a serene quality of life and also these many months by the adversity we have faced.

In our discussions with you, we have heard many voices. The voices of support, of wanting, of reason, a crescendo of voices saying the Lake is our home, our children's playground, our Bridge to Peace. Swannanoa is our community.

Yes, our life is tied to the Lake, and yes, we can build upon the foundations of the past and make our dream a reality. The Society has worked to secure the foundations on which to build anew. How, you ask, where are we headed?

Let us tell you of our vision, of our goals, those near, and those a little further away. Our Short-Term Goals are designed to meet our immediate needs -- a community for those both on and off the water. We will:

- . Purchase Lake Swannanoa by December 31, 1980.
- . Repair Dam #1 and Dam #2.
- . Restore all public docks.
- . Restore all pathways to the Lake.
- . Restore/expand swimming area.
- . Insure for the safety and welfare of our members through a private policing of the Lake.

Our time limit is undoubtedly tied to your support of the Lake both in personal time and financial donations.

Fall development of our community is tied into our long-range goals which we foresee as fulfilling the needs of our residents:

- . Creation of a Swimming Team
- . Sunfish Regattas
- . Fish Stocking Program
- . Winter Carnival
- . Swannanoa Hockey Team
- . Creation of the Swannanoa Country Club

Just think what some of your time and money can do if we all pull together. Think of the scheduled events we can have: sail and rowboat regatta; watching our kids on the swim team, fishing contests, swimming instructions; Fourth of July picnics, and end-of-summer Labor Day Party

As we go into Autumn, our Club Dance season opens, square dancing, Halloween Dance -- our Clubhouse is all-aglitter with lights and tinsel for a Christmas Bazaar.

In the unused hours during school, we can offer pre-school programs, senior citizen programs, movies, and organized activities for all our young adults. Winter finds us playing hockey, ice skating and ice fishing.

Spring brings the blush of life to our Lake and activity to our beaches, docks, and clubhouses, new sand for the beach, flowers for the paths and around the clubhouse and our Spring Dance.

A dream now, perhaps, a reality, yes. - It will become a reality with your help. Think now, that it is a few years past 1980, and we achieved our goals. Do we stop now? No, we continue to move forward having demonstrated ourselves to be a viable force. We turn our energies to still further improving our quality of life.

We, as Swannanoans, are the masters of our fate. We seek improvements to our Lake Community:

- . Better roads and drainage
- . Cleansing sources of pollutions
 - White Rock
 - Mitz Pond

just to name a few.

We see you have a question -- This is a paper of ideas and dreams, you say, reality calls for facts, figures, dollars and sense.

Let us tell how we get from Swannanoa Fulfilling A Dream -- to Swannanoa Dream Fulfilled.

FINANCIAL

We have two programs which, based upon our current projections, will enable us to fulfill our dream of community. The first is our share proposals. You can purchase up to 4 shares in the Swannanoa Sentinal Society at \$250.00 per share. You can indicate a desire to purchase more at a later offering. Each share gives you one vote. Your voice in the dream!

The initial sale of shares is going to offset the purchase price of the Lake (\$45,000.00). Excess dollars will be used toward dam restoration. The second part of the financial plan is to dredge the lake to its clay content. By dredging the lake we will receive a royalty on each and every cubic yard of Lake Bottom that is removed.

This accomplishes several things. Firstly, we generate revenue for dam restoration. Secondly, we improve the depth of the Lake. Thirdly, we are cleansing the Lake of silt, dead leaves and vegetation, thereby restoring Swannanoa to its original quality of water 80 years ago.

In addition, as a community organization, we are actively seeking Government funding through local, state and Federal agencies which can be used for restoration of the boathouse, barn and powerhouse.

A DREAM

A dream, yes friends, a dream; but one whose time has come. Help us control our destiny, help us make Lake Swannanoa rise from the ashes as the mythical firebird the Phoenix did!

Fresh, alive, anew. Be a Swannanoan! Purchase a part of the Dream!