

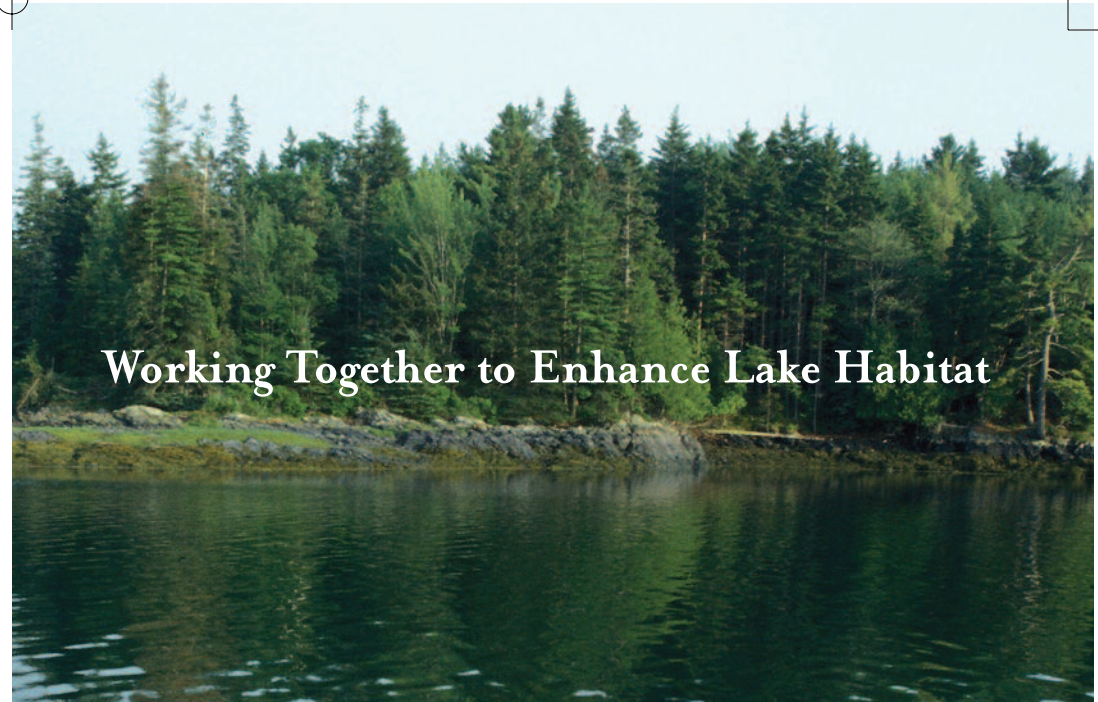
The Habitat Enhancement Program will be reviewed every 5 years for improvements, fee rate evaluation and for any other modifications.

The goal of this program is to provide an effective means of allowing continued private recreational access while providing meaningful habitat creation, enhancement and protection activities for fish and wildlife adjacent to the Catawba River and its reservoirs.

Thank you for your cooperation in helping make this happen so that in the future we can all continue enjoying the fish and wildlife resources of the Catawba River.



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Working Together to Enhance Lake Habitat

You are living near one of the most precious resources on earth — water! Here, where the water meets the land, you'll find a world teeming with life and beauty. This area, where water and land touch — called the riparian zone — provides valuable habitat for plants and animals.

Over the past decades, this riparian zone has been altered by clearing of the natural vegetation, mowing, shoreline stabilization, etc., changing the availability and diversity of the habitat for a variety of fish and wildlife. One of the more important habitats is the shallow-water habitat for fish and wildlife. Most kinds of fish and wildlife like structure (e.g., rocks, vegetation, woody debris and man-made structures such as piers) and are attracted to it. Wildlife like turtles, muskrats and waterfowl also use these kinds of habitat for feeding and breeding areas. Such structure provides fish and wildlife with a diversity of habitats that is generally limited naturally in most reservoirs.

In accordance with Duke Power's Federal Energy Regulatory Commission license to operate hydroelectric stations on the Catawba-Wateree Hydroelectric Project and its existing Shoreline Management Plan, the North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission, South Carolina Department of Natural Resources, United States Fish and Wildlife Service and Duke Power have formed a partnership to develop habitat management strategies that will improve the habitat for fish and wildlife in and adjacent to Duke Power operated reservoirs.



As a critical part of the ecosystem, the riparian zone provides valuable habitat for many plants and animals.





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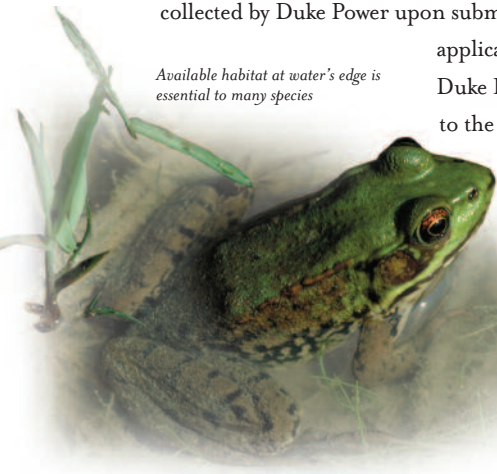
As part of the habitat management strategy, a "Habitat Enhancement Fund" has been set up to provide for habitat enhancement activities that will create, protect and enhance the fisheries and wildlife habitats in and around the Catawba-Wateree reservoirs. This fund will be supported from payment by applicants seeking a permit to build a new structure or modify the "footprint" of an existing approved structure.

- Individual private pier applicants – \$250/pier
- Commercial/Residential facility slip applicants – \$250/slip

The habitat enhancement fee and the pier/facility permit application filing fee will be collected by Duke Power upon submittal of a Private Facilities or Commercial Facilities application. Applicants should write two checks; one check to Duke Power for the application filing fee and the other check to the Habitat Enhancement Fund. Non-payment will result in the denial of the pier/facility permit.

All Habitat Enhancement Program payments will be administered by the Foundation for the Carolinas, a Charlotte-based organization serving the philanthropic needs of the Carolinas for over 40 years.

Available habitat at water's edge is essential to many species



Funds collected in North Carolina will be used for enhancement activities in the vicinity of the Catawba-Wateree lakes in North Carolina. Funds collected in South Carolina will be used for activities in the vicinity of the Catawba-Wateree lakes in South Carolina. Any agency, organization or individual may apply for funding to protect, create and/or enhance fish and wildlife habitat. Fish and wildlife habitat enhancement, and creation and protection activities are to be within and contiguous with the Project boundary, the Duke-owned islands, Duke-owned public recreation areas and the regulated river stretches between the Catawba-Wateree Project developments in the counties occupied by the Catawba-Wateree Hydro Project. For information on submitting a proposal for habitat enhancement activity funding, contact Duke Power at **1-800-443-5193**.

A Habitat Enhancement Technical Review Committee for each state will review and evaluate each proposal seeking monetary support from these funds. In addition to the Technical Review Committee, the Habitat Enhancement Program will include Lakes Advisory Committee that will provide additional input to the Technical Review Committee on the selection of habitat enhancement proposals. Proposals approved by these committees will be awarded funds to support habitat enhancement activities. A Habitat Enhancement Program activity report will be available to the public each year describing which enhancement activities were approved and supported by the fund.

Providing natural and man-made habitat for fish increases the population of many forms of wildlife

