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**PUBLIC INPUT MEETING**  
**FEBRUARY 24, 2013**

**Join other Lake lovers to share your ideas**

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The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) has announced that it plans to update the Water Control Manual (Manual) for Lake Allatoona during 2013. The Manual governs the management of the water in the Lake. The water level impacts many important factors, such as water supply, sediment runoff, fishing, recreation, ramp access, dock access, among many others.

The Lake Allatoona Association invites everyone interested in the health of the Lake to come to a public input meeting to discuss the issues that should be addressed and the Corps' revision process.

Meeting information:

Date: February 24, 2013

Time: 2:00 p.m.

Place: Marietta Marine, 6986 Bells Ferry Road, Canton GA 30114

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**About Lake Allatoona**

Lake Allatoona is a 12,000-acre reservoir managed by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and is bounded by portions of Cherokee, Bartow and Cobb Counties in metro-Atlanta, Georgia. It is supplied by the Etowah River and Allatoona Creek (including the adjoining Lake Acworth), and is part of the Alabama-Coosa-Tallapoosa (ACT) river basin, which provides much of the drinking water for its three border counties as well as significant parts of metro Atlanta. The Lake hosts about seven million visitors each year who enjoy boating, fishing, swimming, hiking and camping in and around the Lake. The Lake is also used for power generation and flood control. The Lake is home to a wide variety of fish and wildlife and supports thousands of native wildlife and plant species.

**About LAA**

The Lake Allatoona Association (LAA) is a volunteer-driven 501(c)3 non-profit that is organized to work to preserve and protect the Lake. LAA desires a full, clean, and safe

Lake. LAA organizes the annual cleanup of the Lake (see GLAC, below), several social events around the Lake each year, has an active Water Resources Committee, is working towards a Poker Run on the Lake, and many other efforts.

#### About GLAC

One of the oldest conservation cleanups in the U.S., the Great Lake Allatoona Cleanup (GLAC) drew over 4,000 volunteers last year to collect and dispose of tons of trash scattered along more than 250 miles of Georgia's Lake Allatoona and Lake Acworth shorelines. The debris, which ranges from bottles and cans to tires, fishing gear and more is removed during the cleanup which typically happens in September each year. GLAC is organized by the Lake Allatoona Association (LAA) in partnership with a number of great, local sponsoring businesses and the Corps of Engineers. LAA has formed the GLAC Committee to organize this event. LAA's mission is to lead the Lake Allatoona community in organizing the Cleanup and to provide environmental stewardship of the watershed through education, preservation, conservation and volunteerism.

For more information on Lake Allatoona, please visit the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers web site at [www.allatoona.sam.usace.army.mil](http://www.allatoona.sam.usace.army.mil)

For more information on the Lake Allatoona Association, please contact Sean Nicholl at 770-422-6002 or visit the web site at [www.lakeallatoonaassoc.com](http://www.lakeallatoonaassoc.com)

For more information on LAA's Great Lake Allatoona Cleanup (GLAC), please contact Aaron Feldt at 770-606-1058 or visit the GLAC website at [www.GreatAllatoonaCleanup.org](http://www.GreatAllatoonaCleanup.org)