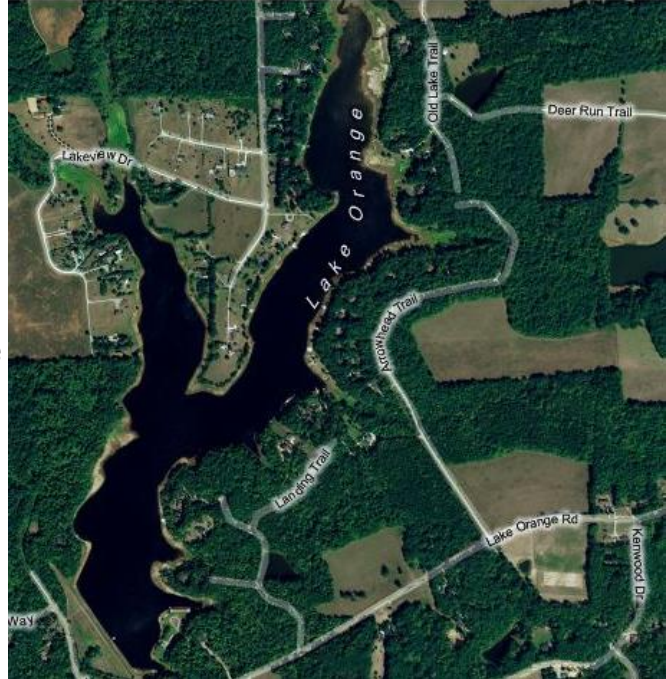


HISTORY OF LAKE ORANGE

During the late 60's a group of forward-thinking residents of Cedar Grove worked with County Officials to address an ever-increasing residential tax rate. The plan was to increase the water capacity of the county necessary to build an infrastructure conducive to commercial growth. After many months of negotiation the County Commissioners agreed to develop a 'quasi-joint venture' between the county and private landowners to create a supplemental water reservoir for recreation and 'emergency use only'.

Five (5) local farmers donated 205 acres of land to the county for the construction of Lake Orange. In consideration of this 'gift', the county awarded recreational rights to "Lake Orange Inc.", which was to be owned and operated by the donating landowners.



Within this agreement, the county was given the water supply within the 615' elevation gradient, while Lake Orange Inc. retained the buffered land between the 615'-620' elevation around the lake and the recreational rights to the lake. Owners of residential land beyond the 620' gradient were given access rights to the lake and are eligible to obtain recreational rights to the lake upon payment of fees assessed by Lake Orange, Inc.

In 1987 the Department of Natural Resources and Community Development published a study on the Eno River Area Capacity Use. It details the various users of the water from Lake Orange and the Eno River. For those interested in this historical reference, the study as well as the Executive Summary can be found on the Friends of Lake Orange Website under the History section and also the Related Sites section.

Today, Lake Orange is recognized as a thriving residential lake community, with its vitality linked solely to the beauty and pristine nature of the lake's ecosystem. Lake Orange Inc., Lake Orange residents, and permit holding county residents, take great pride in the working relationship with the county and state that has made this lake a recreational jewel for all to enjoy. It remains a gleaming example of a successful partnership between the private and public sector.