

Lake in the Clouds - Green Space Committee

GOAL:

Enhance the quality of life for residents and wildlife in LITC by promoting and encouraging appropriate use of environmental resources.

The objectives include:

Objective I: Assess currently owned green space

Strategies: Research LITCPOA owned lots:

1. Determine the marketability of LITC owned buildable lots that would not necessarily become green space. A lot that is not buildable may be designated green space.

2. Make recommendation to LITC Board for final approval

3. Place Identification on green space lots.

4. Develop an appreciation for these lots with possible low-impact trails and with flora/fauna identification. Enjoyment of these lots shall be restricted to ecologically friendly uses.

Objective II: Research lots marked “Reserved”

Strategies:

1. Get permission from Board to speak with Developer Chuck Ford about ownership.
2. Get lot numbers, if available.
3. **Check tax records to verify ownership.** (Title search these lots to verify ownership.)
4. Explore options for converting reserved lots to green space.
5. **Make recommendation to LITC Board for final approval.**

Objective III: Explore financial backing for designating and acquiring green space properties including lands immediately adjacent to LITC.

Strategies:

1. **Green Space Committee members become members of local land preservation organizations.**
2. **Investigate requirements and interest of land preservation organizations for LITC projects and report to Board.**
3. **Make recommendation to Board for final approval. Upon approval from the Board, follow procedures necessary to engage assistance from these organizations.**

Objective IV: Develop an appreciation of green space in an environmentally responsible way

- Strategies:
1. Sponsor speakers from local wildlife, environmental groups and County Extension offices to address members at special forums or at Association meetings.
 2. Educate owners about native and invasive tree and plant species.
 3. Educate owners about deer resistant plantings and ways to protect the plantings.
 4. Encourage tree planting through tree sales, pre-orders through local nurseries (with small part of the purchase price to go to the Green Space Committee for preservation efforts).
 5. Educate owners about wildlife appreciation i.e. no feeding, effect of fishing line and equipment disposed of in lake.
 6. Educate owners about “green biodegradable products” that do not cause environmental detriment.
 7. Educate owners about importance of keeping trash and contaminants from lakes and waterways that feed the lakes.
 8. Develop guidelines for use of green space.
 9. **Make recommendation to LITC Board for final approval**