

The Davidson Lands Conservancy is a group of citizens concerned with open space conservation, water quality, and public access to natural areas. We have considered the unique character of Lake Davidson, a small lake with very limited water exchange with Lake Norman that is bordered by a densely populated town and an interstate highway. This lake has special potential for natural beauty and multiple public benefits, but is in immediate danger from water and noise pollution, runoff and over-use, and the destruction of trees and wildlife that we treasure. We have a vision of how Lake Davidson can be managed to maintain it as a place where people can enjoy natural surroundings and recreation in ways that are safe and sustainable. To realize this vision we recommend

- 1) Passive water recreation vessels including canoes, kayaks, and sailboats, and other small boats powered by electric trolling motors
- 2) Permanent 200- foot wide natural buffers on all shoreline without existing development, with allowance for walking trails
- 3) Public access points for watercraft as described above on both the north and south shores
- 4) Enforcement and management of lake use, water quality regulations and adjacent land use by the appropriate governmental agencies in order to provide consistent, effective oversight.