

OFF-LAKE MEMBER POLICY

Over the last number of years various LOCA members who live off lake, some of whom are descendants of LOCA's founding members and whose families have accessed the lake over paper streets for decades, have applied to the LOCA Board of Governors to place docks at the foot of paper streets. There may be some confusion over the Board's position with respect to the rights of off-lake members to access the lake over paper streets.

There are approximately 73 LOCA members who live off-lake. The majority of these members have clearly established ways to access the lake. Certain off-lake members have access to the lake because they individually own lakefront property, or as in the case of the Wee Paw Association, collectively own lakefront property. Other off-lake members access the lake over legally recognized easements or rights of way. In other cases, off-lake members have historically used paper streets to access the lake.

The LOCA Board of Governors supports the historical usage of paper streets by off lake members to access the lake. However, when off-lake members apply to the Board for permission to place a dock, float or other structure in the lake off a paper street that the off-lake members do not own, the Board must take into consideration the rights of the off-lake members to access and enjoy the lake, as well as the rights of LOCA members, whose property adjoins the paper street, to the quiet enjoyment of the lake. The Board will continue to support the historical usage of paper streets by off-lake members as a means of accessing the lake.