

# “Marshburn for Mayor in 19” “Campaign to Save the Lake”

## Honest, Conservative, Hard Working, Politically Transparent, Unwavering Tenacity to Track Pollution

*2500 hours researching all aspects of Eutrophication and rejuvenation tactics.*

**If someone ask, “Have you done anything personally to help recover the lake,” you can say**

**“Yes, I voted Gray Marshburn for Mayor!”**

The days of abuse to this beautiful lake will end during my administration. The town governs the land surrounding the lake and most pollution originates there. The state regulates the shoreline and water and should be held liable in regard to their behavior while regulating this resource. Our current municipal government does nothing to control shore borne pollution. Incumbent town officials ignored researchers for 47-months and hid the results of their testing. A Metoo style movement against incompetence at every level of regulation of this lake is all that can save it. Decades of abuse under regulations inadequate to protect our lake are still continuing. The tens of thousands of individuals that cycle through this tiny town annually could speak with a thunderous voice if organized and I will do exactly that. Unfavorable seawall permitting has not slowed. This crisis begin spotlighting the detachment of our local and state regulators from this resource. They have been snoozing. Don’t send a politician to awaken them, send me.

**Stop the draining, put the water back in the lake!**

To assume our state regulators are in touch with this resource would be inaccurate. Draining White Lake intentionally to drought levels and perhaps later experiencing an actual drought, is self-inflicted injury of the highest magnitude. The state is allowing the lake to drain away oblivious to the diminished utility and dangers associated with such shallow water. Skyrocketing temperatures breed harmful bacteria. Sunlight will reach the lake bottom much easier; plant growth is already explosive. Less water will suffer oxygen depletion faster than when the lake is near normal depths. Sunlight penetrating to the floor of the lake where algae is still bound up in floccing, could accelerate photosynthesis creating algae blooms. The lake water is the lifeblood of this community. This ridiculous bloodletting must stop.

**Inform the community of the disaster behind the disaster**

Just facts no fiction. White Lake is so far behind where it should be towards recovery, it is breathtaking! White Lake has become enriched with unwanted nutrients from fertilizers, wastewater and seabirds. Our community needs to hear from Eutrophication experts outside the circle of the official effort. The official recovery effort underway is **disappointing and may take lifetimes at its’ snail’s pace**. This lake was diagnosed as

Eutrophic in 2013. Expenditures are approaching 1,000,000.00 6-years after diagnosis and we have no more to show than to barely remain functional. Testing that should have been performed in 2015 at the latest, has only recently been completed, just a few months ago. Our Mayor and town board are applauded because the community mostly only hears from their supporters. Mostly individuals that have been compensated by the town is usually who speaks at meetings. **I can fill the Town Hall boardroom, hallways, offices and restrooms to capacity with Eutrophication experts that would challenge the assumption that our officials are doing everything to save this lake.** They’re not! In fact, many of these experts would recommend the removal of our elected officials away from the recovery effort, they have become liabilities. The Mayor’s office is awesome responsibility and should be used to its’ ultimate capacity to positively influence our struggle to survive. It is not! Instead of spearheading the effort to save our lake, this office has actually been used against the people of this town to keep them ignorant of the plague, Eutrophication. They illegally censored taxpayer funded research data which warned of biological changes in our lake that would threaten our way of life. From 2013 through 2017 these arrogant elected officials were made aware that our lake was dying and knew that it would succumb to pollution without intervention. The response from this incumbent administration to the threat of Eutrophication was to endanger this community even more with their silence! By colluding against the community, by suppressing government data detailing this affliction, our elected officials chose to protect tourism instead of our citizens, profits over safety. They allowed our citizens to swim in a sick lake uninformed of risk while the data explaining what was truly wrong was already in their possession!

**Ban the use of all fertilizers that contain Phosphorous and Nitrogen**

Because of the universally downward sloping topography of most land surrounding White Lake, it does not require a scientist to realize that anything spread on the ground or applied to flowers, shrubs, vegetables and lawns ends up in the lake during rain events. This is common sense.

Commercial lawn care companies spray liquid fertilizers under contract. Residents, dump truck loads of manure beside the lake without restriction. I have watched truckloads of manure wash into this lake while the town looks away.

### **CHAMPION RESTORING NATURAL CHEMICAL-FREE CLEAR LAKE WATER**

Do not become disillusioned by the clear lake water nor fail to understand if pH levels rise, sunshine, nutrients and higher temperatures will finally overwhelm the residual Alum. The approach our town authorities are taking in their narrow-minded, prejudiced rejuvenation effort, lacks comprehensive inclusion of every source of pollution, regardless of its’ origin. Our town authorities only allow recovery actions that they agree with and do not consider too intrusive or invasive on their businesses or network of friends. White Lake needs a Ramrod, an unimpeachable individual so dedicated to the rejuvenation and conservation of White Lake that wherever the trail of pollution leads, it will be followed and fixed without exception.

### **I WILL FIGHT TO LOWER PROPERTY TAXES AND WILL END RECKLESS TOWN SPENDING**

The town’s property tax rate should be lowered, it is too high. When White Lake almost became Hyper-trophic in May of 2017, no one was interested in buying property adjoining a sick and dying lake. Instantly, the town raised our property taxes to fight the problem that they helped to create. This action was absurd and the implications clear. Our elected are out of touch with their constituents. Raising taxes unanimously, almost instantly during a crisis that has seen property values become questionable is ridiculous. Taxes were already stifling real estate purchases of higher-end properties. Adsorbent taxes forces many to rent their homes to pay them, even before this last increase. Spending is out of control and is indicative of a city much larger. This town is in a rut pounded deeper by the repetitiveness of reacting to crisis instead of circumventing them.

### **UPGRADE AND OVERHAUL THE SANITARY COLLECTION SYSTEM**

Oversight is needed to address decades of neglect to the sewer collection system. Rumors that have been circulating detailing problem areas identified years ago, are now proving to be true. Accidental groundwater intrusion, and deliberate rainwater inclusion, has been plaguing this system for decades. Many properties utilize the sanitary to drain flooded areas. This rainwater intrusion cost every town customer paying monthly to treat rainwater as wastewater. A policy of **contentment** as long as control can be maintained will no longer suffice. Exclusion from scrutiny is the ole boy networking game in this town and its time that a wrench was tossed into the mechanism. I am that wrench, send a message with your vote, send me. Expansion of our infrastructure beneath ground has not kept pace with that above. The land surrounding the lake has

been subject to relentless expansion to the point of developing properties across the paved surfaces on both Lake Drive and HWY 53. Systematic, all-encompassing sewer inspections must begin immediately. Inspections must include all sewer lines, town owned and private connections, residential lateral drops, mains, secondaries, gravity fed and pressurized. Inspections must include privately owned and maintained commercial lines and connections, pumping stations and supporting components. Everything must be inspected and videoed while tracking problems and tracking repairs. The lake cannot heal if pollution is allowed to continue anywhere. All sources must be treated equally and will be under my administration. **If ever there was an election in the State of North Carolina where individual voters will experience measurable consequence for casting their single ballot, or for not, it is the municipal contest at White Lake this November.**

My agenda is comprehensive and ambitious. It is available online at [luvthatlake.com](http://luvthatlake.com) or [911savethelake.com](http://911savethelake.com). I will provide transparency to politics, and transportation to the polls for any White Lake citizen in November. We will return you back home if you have no ride, without strings attached. I will provide transportation to the voter registration office for anyone that is not registered to vote that wishes to do so, starting now. If you are serious about rejuvenating White Lake Call me at (910) 876-0910. **Marshburn for Mayor** Let's start Now!  
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