

Adopt-A-Shoreline

B Everett Jordan Lake



Jerry Mays (L), member of Weaver Creek Home Owners Association and Dan LaMontagne (R), director of Chatham County's Environmental Quality Dept. at sign installation.

Clean Jordan Lake Clean (CJL) a local nonprofit organization is working with the US Army Corps of Engineers, the NC Division of Parks and Recreation, the NC Wildlife Resources Commission, and Chatham County Solid Waste & Recycling Division to combat litter along the shoreline of Jordan Lake. Over the past three years, CJL has attracted 1,400 volunteers who have removed 5,100 bags of trash (about 51 tons) and 2,500 tires.

With funding from the Biogen Idec Foundation, CJL is sponsoring an Adopt-A-Shoreline Program for Jordan Lake. This program is intended to clean shoreline access points that are habitually littered. Civic groups, high school clubs and classes, boating clubs and business establishments are invited to commit to regularly clean shoreline areas. A sign is posted on each adopted section of shoreline acknowledging the responsible organization.

Inspired by the success of the Adopt-A-Highway program, Francis DiGiano (President of the Board of Directors and a founding member of CJL) came up with the idea of

utilizing the similar program to help the shoreline at Jordan Lake.



GlaxoSmithKline's Annual Community Service Day 2011

In addition to Adopt-A-Shoreline, CJL sponsors two public clean up events annually; in October as part of the NC Big Sweep statewide cleanup event and in March as part of the Haw River Assembly Clean-Up-A-Thon. CJL also coordinates special events with corporate and civic groups including GlaxoSmithKline, Biogen Idec, Change The Triangle (a young adult volunteer group), the NC Geocachers, Alpha Phi Omega service fraternity at Elon University, and the Green Hope High School environmental science class.

Find Information about Clean Jordan Lake and how to volunteer on the Clean Jordan Lake website: <http://cleanjordanlake.org/>