What is self certification?

- Method of inspection where the owner will receive a list of repairs, much like before, but will also receive all necessary paperwork for the completion of their permit re-issue.
- The owner will have the opportunity to complete the necessary repairs, sign a self certification document, and return completed permit paperwork, at their own convenience within a 60 day window.
- Docks will be re-inspected at a rate of 20-25% to ensure the accuracy of the self certification process.

Why self certification?

- Convenience
- Time savings on the part of the dock owner and the Corps of Engineers.
- Extended 60 day window to complete the necessary items and return documents.
- Self investment in the upkeep, repair and re-issue of your Shoreline Use Permit.

Prohibited items on dock – NOT PERMITTABLE
- No items which denote habitation may be placed on the dock to include grills, refrigerators, sinks, cabinets, stoves, or home furnishings.
- Carpet may not be placed on wood surfaces at any time, and it is not recommended to be placed on metal surfaces.
- No canopies or roofs, except those permanently installed may be placed on docks and no roofing is authorized on upper levels of docks.

If you find yourself in need of further information, please contact us using the information below or visit the Allatoona Lake Shoreline Management web page.

Contact/Information:
Allatoona Lake Project Management Office
Phone: (678) 721-6700 (ask for the Shoreline ranger)
Fax: (770) 386-6758
Web Address:
Land Based / Shoreline Deficiencies

**IMPROVED WALKWAY** – **MAY BE ALLOWED UPON REQUEST** – material spread on the path or other than dead limbs or logs lining the path, including adding handrails.

Left – Improved, Right - Unimproved

**Underbrushing / grassmowing** – **MAY BE ALLOWED UPON REQUEST** – removal of brush and trees under 2” diameter, or mowing portions of grass.

**Debris and personal items** – **NOT PERMITTABLE** – placement of debris / trash for any length of time and personal items for more than 24 hours.

**Personal items include but are not limited to:** - Grills, tables, swings, floats, vessels (canoes, kayaks, paddle boards), decorations, etc...

**IF IT DIDN'T GROW THEN IT DOESN'T BELONG!**

Dock Boxes – **ONLY 1 up to 96 cubic ft** – You may not have more than 1 storage box.

**Dock Boxes**

- **Authorized**
- **Not Authorized**

**Miscellaneous Dock Deficiencies**

- **Holes in roofs or floors of sundecks must be repaired.**
- **Docks must be in proper position or severe damage can occur when the lake level drops.**
- **Handrails must be continuous openings or jump gates are NOT AUTHORIZED.** Proper repair includes welding or permanently bolting in a new section.
Dock and Gangway Structural Deficiencies

**Boards:**
You should re-attach boards which have warped or curled. Boards which are broken, missing or severely cracked should be replaced.

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**GOOD BOARDS**
Whether brand new or older, boards should show no signs of rot, superficial cracking and should not be loose or warped.

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**Dock and gangway framing:**
Check all framing for cracks whether wood or metal.

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Land Based / Shoreline Deficiencies - Continued

**Other unauthorized structures**
- MAY or MAY NOT BE ALLOWED UPON REQUEST

any structure that has not been requested and approved or is not grandfathered.

**Structures or other installed items:**
Structures may be permittable, your checklist tells you to either REMOVE or REQUEST the item. You can send a formal request to maintain and item and have it placed on your permit. But note, approval is at the discretion of the project.

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Anchoring Deficiencies

**Replacement of cables:**
Anchor cable must be 5/16” steel. It may be covered in plastic. Rope is not authorized. Cables which are severely rusted, split or broken must be replaced.
Anchoring Deficiencies – Continued

Anchoring to vegetation

**Not authorized**
Anchor cables should not be wrapped around, attached to, or allowed to damage vegetation.

Anchor poles:
Due to changing lake levels, you must be vigilant in ensuring that your poles are lowered into the lake bed.

Flotation Deficiencies

- **Insufficient or missing flotation** – must add more or appropriate flotation to float the items.

- **Out of position or non-functional flotation** (below-right photo) – must be repositioned or replaced.
- **Beaded foam or extruded polystyrene** must be replaced if pieces are coming off or if it can no longer support weight.

**GOOD FLOTATION!**
Flotation is of adequate size and placed properly to float both the dock and gangway. It is also all fully encapsulated foam flotation.