

## COMMISSIONER KENDALL OPPOSES 150' STREAM BUFFER

Kendall is opposed to the 150' Stream Buffer Zone Proposal by the State E.P.D and will not adopt an ordinance to enforce it, because it infringes on private property rights and does not protect the lake. An example is, it would takes 300 feet of private property rights on dry ditches and ravines if water is running at any period of the year after weeks of heavy rain, yet EPD allows houses to be built 25' from the water's edge around the lake. This does not make sense.

However, this proposal is of no effect for Towns County. It has been determined through comprehensive research and discussions between Commissioner Kendall and E.P.D. that the law and rule which gives E.P.D. power to impose the 150' setbacks does not apply to lakes built by Corps of Engineers, T.V.A. and Georgia Power. Some of these Lakes are Chatuge, Nottely, Blue Ridge, Burton, Sneed, Lanier, West Point, and Walter F.George.