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Dear Lakefront Property Owner;

I'd like to take a moment of your time and update you on the progress of the Deep Creek Lake Buydown Project. Currently the State has sent over 1,000 Agreements of Purchase and Sale for Buydown Parcels, and the acceptance rate has held steady at approximately 85%. We have had over 650 settlements so far.

The project has been progressing clockwise around the lake, starting in McHenry Cove, on the Deep Creek Drive side of the lake. So far, digital drawings of individual Buydowns have been sent to property owners as far as the area of the west side of the Glendale Bridge. It is anticipated that the project should be completed by the end of calendar year 2003.

I remain available to discuss any aspect of the Buydown Project, to answer questions and resolve concerns. I can be reached by telephone at 410-767-5764, by e-mail at catherine.mateer@dgs.state.md.us, or by fax at 410-333-7144. I can meet with property owners at the lake or in my Baltimore office by appointment. Questions regarding how the Conservation Easement affects your use of either State or Buydown property, and questions regarding permits, should be directed to the DNR Lake Management Office, at 301-387-4111.

If you have not received information or documents yet, and believe that you should have done so, please feel free to contact me.

Several persons have asked if it is still possible to purchase Buydown property if it was offered previously, and for some reason the offer was not accepted. The State's policy is that while the Project is ongoing, we will work to accommodate these requests. If either you or your predecessor in title did not accept the State's offer when it was sent, and you have an interest in purchasing the Buydown Parcel, please contact me so that we can further discuss the matter.

I'd like to express my thanks and appreciation for the kindness and cooperation I have received from Deep Creek Lake property owners as this project has been in process. I wish everyone a happy and prosperous New Year.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "C. Mateer".

Catherine A. Mateer
Deep Creek Lake Buydown Project Manager