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Protecting ‘gems of the county’



A rendering shows The Lodge House by Old Edwards, the luxury lodge and spa being planned on Lake Keowee. PROVIDED BY ANNE TOWNSEND MYERS

New Pickens County lake regulations could reshape luxury lodge proposal

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A proposed overlay ordinance in Pickens County could jeopardize plans for a luxury lodge and spa development on Lake Keowee.

The Lodge House, planned by Old Edwards Reserve at Lake Keowee, would be a 74-room lodge and spa featuring a library, lobby lounge, restaurant, reception area, private dining room, boardroom, ballroom, conservatory and

The proposal has divided residents of The Reserve, a gated community on the lake near scenic Highway 11. At issue is a Lake Keowee and Lake Jocassee overlay ordinance under consideration

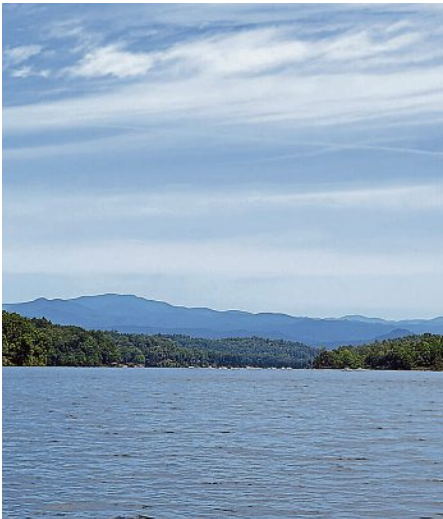
by Pickens County Council that could affect future development plans.

An overlay district is an additional set of development standards applied to a specific geographic area. County leaders say the ordinance, which is still being refined, is intended to protect water quality in the lakes and prevent unwanted environmental impacts from development. Under the proposal, only single-family homes up to 35 feet tall would be permitted within a quarter-mile of the lakes’ full pond elevation.

The ordinance would also require a 50-foot setback and a 25-foot buffer.

County council chairman Alex Saitta said that Pickens County residents have long wanted to protect Highway 11 and

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Lake Keowee in Pickens County. RUTH CRONIN/GREENVILLE NEWS

Iran vows to respond to U.S. strikes

Threatens American energy companies’ facilities in the region

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REUTERS

DUBAI – Iran threatened on Sept. 7 to retaliate against any new U.S. attacks on its assets, warning that the energy production chain in the region was “sprawling, accessible and exposed” and that U.S. oil and gas companies there shared that exposure.

“Strike our assets and you get struck,” Iranian Parliament Speaker Mohammad Bagher Ghalibaf said after recent U.S. and Iranian strikes on shipping pushed oil prices up to six-week highs at one point on Sept. 7.

On Sept. 6, senior Iranian security official Mohsen Rezaei said Iran would announce plans for a new restricted zone in the Gulf in the coming days and that it would soon approve maps of a new shipping corridor through the Strait of Hormuz.

Iran has throttled traffic through the strait, a vital global oil and gas supply route, since the war with the United States began with U.S. and Israeli strikes on Feb. 28.

Rezaei said the new restricted zone would begin from where a U.S. naval blockade of Iran starts and extend into areas of the Gulf. Any ship entering the new zone would be added to an Iranian sanctions list, he said.

“We will only commit to the Strait of Hormuz being open when they [the Americans] stop the sabotage, threats and attacks on Iran,” Rezaei said.

Underlining Iran’s defiance, Ghalibaf issued a new threat to respond to any U.S. strikes, in what appeared to be a response to a warning by Secretary of War Pete Hegseth that Iran’s oil tanker fleet was “defenseless.”

“It’s simple: the oil and gas

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Bakari Sellers among National Civil Rights Museum award winners

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A half-century-or-more age gap separates Fred Gray from Shavon Arline-Bradley, Nneka Ogumike and Bakari Sellers. But the four are united by their steadfast advocacy of human rights,

and all four have been named recipients of the 2026 Freedom Award from the National Civil Rights Museum.

The youngest of this year’s honorees, Ogumike is 36. The oldest, Gray, is 95. “And here’s the part that still amazes me — Mr. Gray is still practicing law,” said museum president Russ Wigginton. “He is living proof that the fight for justice

does not retire.”

Described by Wigginton as “a bridge that crosses generations,” the Freedom Award is the signature event and a crucial fundraiser for the 35-year-old museum in Memphis, which was constructed around the Lorraine Motel — where King was assassinated in 1968 — to honor King’s legacy and to continue

his work. According to the museum website, “This prestigious ceremony honors individuals who have made significant contributions to civil and human rights, celebrating their unwavering commitment to justice and equality.”

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