

16 December 2008

John Paul Woodley, Jr  
Assistant Secretary of the Army (Civil Works)  
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Room 3E446  
Washington, DC 20310-0108

Dear Secretary Woodley,

I hope this letter finds you well.

On February 11 of this year, I had the pleasure of meeting with you to discuss work proposed by a combined House & Senate Bill (originally passed in the 110<sup>th</sup> Congress as S. 1248) regarding College Lake. Other individuals present for this meeting were COL Dan Anninos, Commander of the Army Corps of Engineers, Norfolk Division; Mr. Mark Mansfield; and Dr. Thomas Shahady, Environmental Professor at Lynchburg College.

As you and I sat on a couch in your office, we discussed the work needed to save College Lake. At the end of our meeting, I asked you what I needed to do to make something happen on College Lake. You replied to me that I needed to work with/on my Congressman and our mutual friend, the Honorable Bob Goodlatte. This I have done, as well as meet on the following day with Senator Jim Webb and with three staff officers in the office of Senator John Warner.

The result of these and other meetings that have followed with Representative Goodlatte is a letter signed by all three honorable Congressmen above requesting a release of funds from another project so as to begin funding College Lake work under Section 206 of the Water Resources Development Act of 1996 (33 U.S.C. 2330).

For the past year I have shown the enclosed picture of our meeting at all of my PowerPoint presentations in meetings with alumni, friends, trustees, all across the United States. I have described our meeting last February and our conversation, including your advice to me at the conclusion of that meeting.

I left your office after our meeting with two things: 1) a memento of the meeting (Department of Army flag on one side; "Presented for Excellence by John Paul Woodley, Jr." on the other side, and 2) the belief that if Congressman Goodlatte were to take action in behalf of our central Virginia lake, called College Lake, that action beyond our Section 22 work could finally commence. Subsequent to that meeting in your office, the meeting memento has occupied an honored place on the right-hand corner of my office desk. The memory of meeting in your Pentagon office and your advice to me, along with the belief in your statement to me, has remained strong in my memory.

I humbly, respectfully, and urgently request that you approve the transfer of funds (\$100,000) to the College Lake project as recommended in the letter signed by Senator

Warner, Senator Webb and Congressman Goodlatte, so that the real work can begin in saving a lake that is truly worthy of saving.

Sincerely,

Kenneth R. Garren  
President  
COL, INF, US Army Retired

C: Senators Warner & Webb, Congressman Goodlatte, COL Anninos, Mr Mansfield  
BC: Senator-elect Mark Warner