

| Nonprofit Organizations | Advocates For Quality Development (AQD) | Friends Of Lake Keowee (FOLKS) | Mountain Lakes Community Association (MLCA) |
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| Primary Focus | Focuses on land use planning, zoning protections, sound infrastructure and managed growth and development. | Works to protect the water quality of Lake Keowee watershed and to promote a "green" lakeshore environment. | Helps HOAs/POAs deal with common problems, community issues and legislation that impact the lakes, property values and lifestyle. |
| Primary Membership Focus | Property owners and Homeowner Associations in Oconee & Pickens Counties. | FOLKS members include those who own or have access to Lake Keowee. The membership works closely with commercial interests to protect the lake and maintain its quality for all. | HOAs/POAs on/near Lakes Keowee and Hartwell in Oconee, western Pickens and northern Anderson counties. |
| Examples of Activities | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Argues for sound land use before official county bodies & other planning venues. • Vigorously defends zoning protections for lake and other communities. • Actively interfaces w/Duke Energy & other stakeholders regarding Keowee Toxaway concerns. • Provides input to variance & special exception requests before the Board of Zoning Appeals. • Secures professional help as needed to protect lake community interests. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conducts scientific water quality studies. • Obtains grants and partners with Clemson professors on initiatives such as the Habitat Enhancement Program (HEP). • Conducts lake and island cleanup sweeps semiannually. • Provides information on best plants for vegetative buffers. • Sponsors forums on a variety of health-of-lake topics. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Through workshops, seminars and surveys shares information on covenants, compliance, purchasing, accounting, landscaping, security, legal matters & other neighborhood issues. • Provides a unified voice to speak out on local and state issues that impact homeowner associations such as required HOA government reporting and fees, property taxes, and proposed/ pending legislation. |
| Website Links | www.AQDUpstate.com | www.folkskeowee.org/ | www.mlcasc.com/ |