**Section 368.240 A3 Factor (Public Benefits Assessment)**

a) A3 is a factor that evaluates inland lakes based on their importance or benefit to the general public. This factor is based on the following criteria:

1) the ownership and accessibility of the lake to the public;

2) current public lake use (annual visitor days);

3) proximity of the lake to a Metropolitan Statistical Area;

4) the supply of publicly-owned or accessible lakes related to existing or potential demand;

5) the multipurpose nature of, or need for, the lake (i.e., public water supply and recreational use);

6) the type and number of recreational facilities available; and

7) the public benefits that are derived from a lake with an uncommon or unique environment as defined in Section 368.120.

b) For the A3 factor, priority points are allocated as follows (0-240 points possible):

1) Ownership/Access

A) Lake Bottom Ownership

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | i) | Public | 20 |
|  |  |  |  |
|  | ii) | Public and private | 2-18 (2 points per 10% of lake bottom publicly owned; rounded to the nearest 10%) |
|  |  |  |  |
|  | iii) | Private | 0 |

B) Lake Accessibility

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | i) | Public Access (no fees) | 100 |
|  |  |  |  |
|  | ii) | Public Access (all uses are available to non-residents and non-resident fees are less than 200% of resident fees) | 90 |
|  |  |  |  |
|  | iii) | Public Access (all uses are available to non-residents and non-resident fees are greater than 200% of resident fees) | 10 |
|  |  |  |  |
|  | iv) | Limited Public Access (1 or more uses are not allowed for non-residents) |  |

2) Recreational Lake Use

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | A) | Very Heavy (more than 200,000 users/year) | 15 |
|  |  |  |  |
|  | B) | Heavy (between 100,000 and 200,000 users/year) | 10 |
|  |  |  |  |
|  | C) | Moderate (between 25,000 and 100,000 users/year) | 5 |
|  |  |  |  |
|  | D) | Light (fewer than 25,000 users/year | 0 |

3) Proximity to MSA

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | A) | Within MSA (0 miles) | 15 |
|  |  |  |  |
|  | B) | From 0 to 25 miles | 10 |
|  |  |  |  |
|  | C) | From 26 to 50 miles | 5 |
|  |  |  |  |
|  | D) | Further than 50 miles | 0 |

4) Per Capita Availability of Other Public Lakes in the Area (public lake surface area in the county divided by the county population)

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | A) | Fewer than 0.01 acres per capita | 10 |
|  |  |  |  |
|  | B) | Between 0.1 and 0.10 acres per capita | 5 |
|  |  |  |  |
|  | C) | 0.10 acres or more per capita | 0 |

5) Use as a Public Water Supply

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | A) | Primary public water supply | 20 |
|  |  |  |  |
|  | B) | Alternate or secondary public water supply | 10 |
|  |  |  |  |
|  | C) | Not a public water supply | 0 |

6) Recreational Uses (may include fishing, canoe/sail/motor boats, swimming, camping bicycling, hiking, picnicking, horseback riding, etc.)

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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | A) | Facilities to support four or more recreational uses; or facilities for swimming |  | 10 |
|  |  |  |  |  |
|  | B) | Facilities to support two or three recreational uses |  | 5 |
|  |  |  |  |  |
|  | C) | Facilities to support one recreational use |  | 0 |

7) Environmental Uniqueness

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | A) | The lake is a unique resource as defined in Section 368.120 |  | 50 |
|  |  |  |  |  |
|  | B) | The lake is an uncommon resource as defined in Section 368.120 |  | 15 |
|  |  |  |  |  |
|  | C) | The lake is not a unique or uncommon resource as defined in Section 268.120 | 0 | |