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## Fitting in with Mother Nature or NOT

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58 years ago a power dam was built across the Roanoke River in Virginia and created a lake 40 miles long with 500 miles of shoreline. It provides electricity as far west as Ohio.

Some of the area was farmland and a lot of it was forested.

25 years ago after our daughters married local boys and never came home, we bought an 'A' frame house in one of the coves. 100 feet of that shoreline is ours.

Most of our cove looks like this with houses nestled among the trees



A new neighbor had a different idea.

"We want an unobstructed view of the lake. Don't you?"

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This was the result.

Our house is just beyond his clear-cut area with the wide staircase.

It takes a lot of fertilizer, weed killer and water to keep up that green carpet.



It's good to get along with your neighbors, especially these



These "storks" are magnificent birds and they nest high up in the trees  
(They are actually "blue herons" as was pointed out in a comment)

Although we have a powerboat and grandson bought a jetski, we prefer our "quiet boats" (canoe and kayaks).

Especially in the spring we like to paddle around and watch nature renewing itself



This is one of SEVEN stork nests we have seen this year. We could hear the babies chattering ("FEED me, FEED me?") but this was the first time we saw one.



I hope the owner of that land doesn't clear-cut the trees for a better view.

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**NANHBH**



47 days ago



**TOMATOCAFEGAL**

Trees and birds. Love the pictures  
50 days ago



**YELLOW09RED**

Beautiful pictures Eileen.  
Thank you for sharing your water pictures.



Enjoy your canoe and kayaks.

Happy Wednesday.  
Debbie



51 days ago



**WHILLSW**



51 days ago



**MTN\_KITTEN**



53 days ago



**NOVEMBERGAIL**

Nature is so healing! I understand your comments about your neighbor's choice and hope, too, that they won't touch the trees. What a gift to have blue heron nests. There are two herons that fly over our property twice a day. I love seeing them.



Thanks for sharing your peace!  
53 days ago

**Well Said!**



**WANT2BTRIM**

Love nature  
54 days ago



**SUSANYOUNGER**



54 days ago



**SWEETNEEY**

Lovely  
54 days ago



**PATRICIAANN46**

I feel the same way that you do regarding nature being as well-cared for as possible. We lived on a lake for the first 26 years of our marriage. We both loved it, but it was becoming quite built up and Nature was definitely suffering. We sold our house and land and moved to our present home in the country. We now live in a woods and the only trees that are removed are done so by Mother Nature and wind storms. We love it. We see lots of different animals and birds; we even have Eagles that have built a nest at the south end of our woods. Most of our neighbors are Amish and it has been interesting to learn more about their way of life.

I hope that, for your sake, no more clear-cutting will take place. We like quiet boats too.



54 days ago



**PRIMEOFMYLIFE**

Blue heron are very specific about where they nest. I hope your neighbours let them be. I also prefer the quiet watercraft vs the powered, noisy ones. What a lovely spot you have. Enjoy!  
54 days ago



**2DAWN4**

Whata beautiful location! Enjoy being one with nature!  
54 days ago



**RACHNACH**



54 days ago



**BKNOCK**

It is beautiful! I love to be surrounded by nature!  
54 days ago



**NANCYPAULINE**

I find the balance between nature and development is one of those big "issues" with no easy or "right" answer. I remember the very first Earth Day in 1970; we called it Johnny Horizon Day. I remember being adamant about the population bomb, air and water quality, and limiting nuclear development.

I've watched the urban sprawl developing hundreds of acres of farm land where I grew up. People selling their Silicon Valley homes, and building McMansions with the proceeds. The prune orchards of San Jose are gone, and now the same folks are building on the fields once growing beans and potatoes.

In my husband's native North Dakota, I've jogged along country roads with oil tankers thundering by during the latest "boom." Then watched the boom collapse, leaving abandoned "Man Camps," half-built housing complexes, and school expansions with no kids or tax dollars to finish the expansions.

Yet, I'm writing this from a lovely southwest home where less than 20 years ago, the lizards, scorpions, Jack rabbits, and road runners were the inhabitants. I don't need to be here, but I am. There are no simple answers.

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**JANROLG**



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**COUNTRYGALINNY**

What a beautiful area to live in. I live the natural trees over the fake chemical lawn. But you can't control what people do

54 days ago



**RKOTTEK**



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**MCFITZ2**

Sad that there are so many who can't accept the beauty as it is/was

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**AZMOMXTWO**

awesome blog

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**THOMS1**

When will people learn we have to treat our natural recourses with care.

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**JUNETTA2002**

Hope no one cuts more trees

55 days ago



**AQUAGIRL08**

Wow! What a fantastic area!

55 days ago



**SHAKERATTLEROLL**



pictures thank you for sharing

55 days ago



**DSJB9999**

Beautiful location my dear, sldo hope the trees are not removed, the storks nests are amazing,

thank you for sharing them with us..



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**RHOOK20047**

Looks like a fantastic place to find peace and quiet! You are so lucky! I bet the spring time is wonderful there seeing the rebirth of nature!

55 days ago



**KITTYHAWK1949**



55 days ago

**MSJOSIEFOREVER**

I live in Virginia also, down in Hanover. I never knew we had "storks" in Virginia. That is great information to know. You have a beautiful place to live. Have a bless day.



55 days ago



**THINCP2004**

That is awesome scenery, I would love to live off a lake again. I used to live next to Lake Anna in VA. Gorgeous, I love the sights, the sound, the smell and the feel of nature!! You are lucky!!!  
55 days ago



**DONNALEE-53**

How beautiful. Love it. I love trees for the animals as well. Your lake is  
55 days ago

**AWESOME**



**SUMMER33**

What a horrible state you live in not to protect the watershed...and allow chemicals so close to water that has fish , birds using it..Shame on them..you need to write alot of letters.  
55 days ago



**JOANNS4**

It is a lovely place and I hope it can be preserved.  
55 days ago



**MAREE1953**

To each his own. Many of the "cottage" homes around the lake in our city have been bulldozed and replaced with mansions. Not what I would want, but so be it.  
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**ALICIA363**

Surely they've clear cut enough for now. Looks like a lot of work to keep up the grass!  
As you said, it is good to get along with neighbors. Wishing all y'all the best.  
55 days ago



**PLCHAPPELL**

Va has it all.  
55 days ago



**LIS193**

Beautiful pictures! What a lovely place to be.  
55 days ago



**ETHELMERZ**

Some states have laws against what those stooges did, sorry your state does not. Sad....  
55 days ago



**ALIHIKES**

Such a beautiful area. I am sorry your neighbors decided to clear cut the beautiful trees and natural surroundings. My rural neighborhood was involuntarily incorporated into the city and rezoned to higher density, and now I keep thinking of the Joannie Mitchell "Big Yellow Taxi" lyric: They paved paradise, and put up a parking lot.

Love the photos of the nests and the homes nestled among the trees.  
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**SPEDED2**

Maine Cabin Masters on DIY channel is one of my favorite programs. Their areas look very similar to the photos you posted. They are very "green" in the renovations to the cabins. Nature's beauty does not look like the hill of green. I can't help but wonder what damage to the wildlife and sea-life the chemicals do as they wash down that manicured hill. That beautiful, serene lake and the surrounding area are meant to be quietly enjoyed and shared with nature's inhabitants.  
55 days ago



**MARYJEANSL**

I have always loved seeing pictures of your house on the lake. It's so beautiful. Living as I do in a big city, I envy those who live in less urban locales. The grass is always greener - literally, in the case of your neighbor, I guess.  
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**TERMITEMOM**

What a shame! It is too bad there is no local ordinance to protect the trees and wildlife.  
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**PATRICIAAK**  
Personally, I prefer nature  
55 days ago



**NASFKAB**  
All the best can understand your feelings. I live in a city. But love my buckets of stuff growing.  
55 days ago




**SUSIEMT**  
Oh! That is so sad I hope he comes to his senses. We must co-exist with nature!  
55 days ago



**JAMER123**  
You do live in a beautiful area. Too bad the new resident didn't have the same feelings as you do. The fertilizer is going to end up being a problem not only to water but to wildlife as well. I love the trees and we have a lot on our place. Yes, there is a ton of clean up all the time but lovely and cooling are the trees.  
55 days ago



**DOVESEYES**  
 people can be so selfish and not think things through :(  
55 days ago



**HARROWJET**  
What a lovely spot you have. I would enjoy the kayak or canoe too.  
55 days ago




**SAMMILESSACH**  
So cool! I don't think I have ever seen storks!  
Like you, I like to keep as much nature as possible.



Right before Christmas the small street into my neighborhood cleared a bunch of trees, still no signs of anything being built there. So why did someone cut all those trees down?  
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**QUARTERMASTER3**  
  
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