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### **MAWSS To Reopen Fox Landing Saturday June 11, 2022**

MOBILE, AL – Join Mobile Area Water & Sewer System (MAWSS) at 10 a.m. Thursday, June 9, 2022, at Fox Landing for a ribbon-cutting ceremony and press conference to announce the reopening of Big Creek Lake. During that time, changes to procedures and fees will be detailed, including information about a mandatory on-site boat washing area.

Many additional controls are now in place to protect the primary drinking water source for much of the Mobile area. Big Creek Lake had to be closed to the public as MAWSS battled the fast-spreading Giant Salvinia last June. Permanent booms helped contain the weed. We believe that the Giant Salvinia hitchhiked on boats used in other waters and landed at Big Creek Lake.

MAWSS will continue to monitor and treat the Lake for any environmental nuisances that might threaten to disrupt the ecosystem. Giant Salvinia is a highly invasive species of aquatic plants. A single plant can grow to an acre in size in three months. These plants usually grow in thick mats along the shoreline and cause ecological problems, increase treatment costs, and cause costly equipment repairs.

Fox Landing: 11900 Howells Ferry Road, Mobile, Alabama 36618