Twin Lakes to get upgrade

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A popular Lake Hartwell recreation area in Pickens County will get a new fishing dock and other improvements this summer, thanks to federal stimulus dollars.

The new dock to be installed at Twin Lakes Recreation area will give people a safe place to fish in addition to bank fishing, and will be wide enough to accommodate wheelchairs, said Virgil Hobbs III, operations project manager for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers at Lake Hartwell.

Twin Lakes currently has only a courtesy dock for people getting in and out of boats being launched at the boat ramp.

In addition, the corps will use federal stimulus dollars for shoreline stabilization work to prevent camp areas from eroding and will replace a shower house in the campground, Hobbs said.

Twin Lakes is one of the most popular recreation areas on Lake Hartwell, especially during Clemson University sporting events, Hobbs said.

The improvements are part of $42 million in federal stimulus money the corps will spend on projects to create jobs and improve facilities on their three Upstate lakes.

The money is part of $94.3 million for corps projects in the Savannah District funded through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act.