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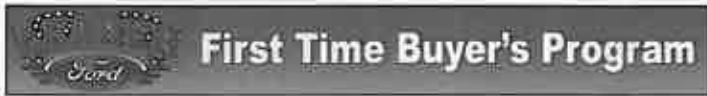
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## Final use of Twelve Mile settlement money still uncertain

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CLEMSON — There has been no final say on how more than \$12 million of Twelve Mile River settlement money will be used, said attorney Paul League, representing the Department of Natural Resources' trustees, which has been entrusted with the money.

Twelve Mile Creek stretches from northern Pickens County and into Clemson and ultimately Lake Hartwell. The body of water was contaminated from 1955 to 1977 by hundreds of thousands of pounds of polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs), which were dumped by the Sangamo-Weston capacitor manufacturing site, now owned by Schlumberger Technology Corp.

Through a 2006 consent decree, federal district court Judge G. Ross Anderson Jr. required Schlumberger to pay \$12.59 in settlement money into an account controlled by the DNR trustees, who would then decide how to spend the funds.

The decree also required Schlumberger to remove the contaminated sediment from the riverbed, and remove two dams on the body of water to allow fresh sediment to naturally cap the polluted bottom of the river as well as Lake Hartwell, which has had an advisory against eating fish from its waters for years due to the PCB contamination.

Schlumberger is by all accounts moving forward steadily on the removal of the two dams.

"From what I understand, it's going according to schedule," League said. "The first aspect of that project continues to be construction of a sediment management unit, which is basically a class three landfill in which removed sediment will be permanently stored. That's quite a massive undertaking. That work is continuing on the site adjacent to Twelve Mile Creek."

While Anderson suggested some of the settlement money be used toward the removal of the third dam on the river, it's ultimately up to the trustees to decide how the money will be used. A tentative list of proposed conservation projects in the Lake Hartwell area has been made, but nothing is final, League said. The Pickens County Council considered but ultimately rejected an idea to pitch in on funding the third dam removal project.

"We've received a draft proposal from Upstate Forever that we're currently reviewing, but have questions on, and will be meeting with those folks very, very shortly to review their proposal," League said, adding that a final list of projects should be out within three weeks.

That leaves the fate of the controversial third dam on Twelve Mile Creek still in the air.

"Nothing is final yet," League said.

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