

Master Plan Update Fact Sheet

Woodcock Creek Lake

Master Plan Revision

The US Army Corps of Engineers, Pittsburgh District, is revising the Woodcock Creek Lake Master Plan to guide the management of government-owned and leased lands around the Lake. This will impact future use of natural resources and recreational activities at Woodcock Creek Lake for the next 25 years.

This is your opportunity to let the Corps know how you would like the Lake to be managed in the future. The Master Plan Update process will include an analysis of potential effects of updates in the land management plan on the natural and social environment, including: fish and wildlife, cultural and historic resources, recreational opportunities, economics, land use, aesthetics, and public health and safety.

Objectives of Update

- Conserve the resources of the Lake within the current policies and guidelines of the Corps of Engineers
- Accommodate current and projected use patterns with maximum efficiency
- Identify and protect cultural and natural resources
- Attract maximum participation by the general public and local government

Why Update

The original Master Plan was developed more than 40 years ago and does not reflect current conditions at the Lake. Changes in Corps regulations and community needs necessitate a revision to this Master Plan.

The Master Plan revision will classify the government lands around the Lake based on environmental and socioeconomic considerations, public input, and an evaluation of past, present, and forecasted trends. This update is stewardship-driven and seeks to balance recreational development and use with the goal of conservation of natural and cultural resources.



About the Lake

Authorized by the Flood Control Acts of 1962, Woodcock Creek Lake is one of 16 flood control projects in the Pittsburgh District. An important link in a system of flood control projects, Woodcock Creek Lake reduces downstream flooding as part of the French Creek flood control system, improves downstream water quality and provides a diversity of recreation activities.

Since its completion in 1973, the Woodcock Creek Lake Reservoir has prevented flood damages estimated to be in excess of \$33 million. Woodcock Creek Lake has the capability to store the equivalent run-off of 8.2 inches of precipitation from its 45.65 square mile drainage area above the dam. Woodcock Creek Lake also stores water and releases it downstream during dry periods to improve water quality and quantity for domestic and industrial use, navigation, recreation, esthetics and aquatic life.

Recreational activities at Woodcock Creek Lake are managed by the following partners:

- Crawford County, to operate Colonel Crawford Park Campground
- Pennsylvania Game Commission, to manage public hunting and wildlife areas
- Crawford County Conservation District, to operate Stainbrook Park



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The Corps is responsible for the maintenance, restoration and stewardship of natural resources on the multipurpose reservoir projects it manages. To facilitate the management and use of these lands, a Master Plan is maintained for each reservoir.

A Master Plan is a strategic land use management document that guides the comprehensive management and development of recreation, natural and cultural resources at Corps reservoirs and provides a vision for how the lake should look in the future.

The Pittsburgh District is proposing to adopt and implement a revision to the Woodcock Creek Lake Master Plan which was originally developed in 1976.



Share your perspective, sign up for our mailing list, and/or let us know how you'd prefer to be involved in the Woodcock Creek Lake Master Plan Update by emailing us at celrp-pa@usace.army.mil.

