

Changes to Shoreline Management Plan (SMP)

Topic (SMP)	1987 SMP	Proposed SMP
Individual Docks, Land Allocations	Limited Development Areas Public Recreation Areas Protected Lakeshore Areas Prohibited Access Areas	No change.
Individual Docks, Construction Requirements	T or U shaped, walkways 36-48 inches in width, framing will be 2 x 6 inch lumber.	T or U shaped, walkways 36-51 inches in width. Front walkway up to 72 inches in width. Maximum dock width is 30 feet and may extend no more than 75 feet from the beginning of the gangway to the outer back edge of the dock, in a direction perpendicular to the shoreline. The dock shall not exceed 75 feet in length or one-third the width of the channel, whichever is less.
Individual Docks, Location and Spacing	Docks are authorized in Limited Development Areas only. Density will not exceed 50% of the shoreline allocated.	Docks are authorized in Limited Development Areas only. The dock must also be located at least 50 feet from every other dock using the outer edge of the dock structure as a reference point for measuring. Density will not exceed 50% of the Limited Development Area. Only one vessel will be allowed for all new SUPs. Existing SUPs with more than one vessel will be grandfathered.
Individual Docks, Standards for Color Restrictions	White or solid color	Neutral earth tone colors: white, dark green, black, tan, brown or gray.
Individual Docks, Storage Compartments/Ladders	Not in this Plan	Enclosed storage on docks will be limited to a maximum of 50 cubic feet and used for water related recreation equipment only. Ladders for entering and exiting the water may be attached to the dock structure.
Community Docks, Shared Docks, and Boat Clubs	Applications for community boat docks or boat clubs must be accompanied with a photocopy of appropriate Articles of Incorporation or Partnership of a non-profit organization or the Articles of Agreement. A complete and current listing of registration numbers of all boats must be provided. Only one application should be filed under the official name of the organization.	A community dock is owned by an association, the members of which own land with a common to the Corps. Each member will have their own SUP. A new community dock cannot accommodate individuals who do not own adjacent property to the Corps. Shared docks are between landowners that have both a common boundary with the Corps and a common boundary with each other. The landowners share a dock and each landowner will have an individual SUP for his or her slip. All current shared docks will be grandfathered. No new shared docks will be allowed. A boat club is operated by members of a legally incorporated non-profit organization. While each member has access to their own individual slip, only one SUP is required for a boat club. A new boat club cannot accommodate individuals who do not own adjacent property to the Corps. Existing boat clubs will continue to operate under their approved corporate charter and by-laws. Liability insurance may be required.
Individual Docks, Roofs and Upper Decks	Not in this Plan	No roofs, upper decks, or enclosed structures are allowed.
Electrical Lighting and Equipment	Light poles and their accompanying electric lines may be licensed where necessary as safety items. Electric lines shall either be buried or strung no lower than 8 feet above the ground and have a shut-off device above the flood pool elevation of 1470 msl. No electric lines or lights will be attached to trees. All applicable state and local health and electrical	Electrical equipment, including service for a private dock or shoreline security light, may be permitted provided that the installation of such equipment conforms to the National Electric Code, the National Electric Safety Code and all other applicable Federal, state and local codes and regulations. The electrical installation must be completed by a licensed electrician and a copy of the electrical inspection certificate must be furnished to the Resource Manager and the Pittsburgh District Real Estate Office before final approval. Electrical facilities on public property will only be approved to provide security lighting

	codes (including the National Electrical Code) shall be adhered to.	or power for a permitted private dock. Overhead electrical lines will not be permitted unless the Resource Manager determines that natural conditions preclude underground installation. Electrical lines or fixtures cannot be affixed to trees on public property.
Steps and Walkways, Unimproved Paths	Steps, walkways, and footbridges will be licensed in Limited Development Areas.	Materials used must be structural lumber. Metal staircases, placed concrete, or mortared block, brick or stone will not be authorized. Composite decking may be used on the walkways and railings. All wooded materials shall be pressure treated or otherwise treated with wood preservative that will not damage the environment. No wood treated with arsenic is authorized. Wood treated for 'ground contact' or for marine environment is recommended. Painting of steps or walkways shall only consist of the following neutral earth tone colors: white, dark green, black, tan, brown or gray. An application must be submitted to the Resource Manager and the Pittsburgh District Real Estate Office before final approval. The Resource Manager may authorize an unimproved path not to exceed four feet in width.
Regeneration of Open Areas	Not in this Plan	Unauthorized tree/vegetation cutting is a violation of 36 CFR Part 327, and will require a regeneration plan at the owner's expense along with suspending any SUP. If plantings need to be done, a plan will be developed for the area with a mixture of native trees/shrubs and approved by the Resource Manager. Corps staff will periodically evaluate the planting areas to ensure successful regeneration.
Boundary Line Surveillance and Encroachment Policy	Not in this Plan	Local survey standards include boundary monuments, H-beams and/or carsonite posts, and paint blazes on trees. In areas where the distance between corners is such that the monuments or pins are not visible, posts with signs may be placed by the Corps to witness the property line. A request for an initial SUP or license will not be considered until identified encroachments are resolved. The reissuance of existing SUPs and licenses to the same and/or new owner will be delayed and/or denied pending an encroachment resolution plan and timeline.
Duration of Shoreline Use Permit	Five year term	No change.
Mowing Permits in Limited Development Areas	Individual docks may mow 75 feet or the width of their lot, whichever is the least. Boat clubs may mow up to 200 feet.	No new mowing permits will be allowed. Upon expiration of the current mowing permit, the Resource Manager will determine whether the permit will be renewed. Existing permittees may request to mow an area adjacent to his or her dock that is no greater than 75 feet from the edge of the summer pool vegetation line or the width of the requester's adjacent property. Existing permittees will allow for a 25 foot buffer zone of vegetation that cannot be mowed or maintained, starting from the edge of the non-vegetative shoreline and extending up the bank from the reservoir 25 feet. This excludes the four foot unimproved path.
Boundary Delineations	Not in this Plan	The permittee shall submit his or her proposed method of delineation to the Resource Manager for consideration.
Erosion Control Methods	The erosion control structure may be of rip-rap (stone), wood, placed concrete, or masonry.	Biotechnical erosion control methods the preferred method. Use of rip-rap is authorized. R-4 rip-rap or large stone must be used. Small stone may also be approved as a filter blanket provided it is topped with large stone. Public land disturbed by equipment used for placing rip-

		rap must be leveled, seeded, mulched and replanted with native trees (if required) to restore vegetative cover to the shoreline. The adjacent owner must submit a request for approval to the Resource Manager. Rip-rap placement will require a real estate outgrant and/or a regulatory permit. Retaining walls and seawalls are generally prohibited.
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