

Youghiogheny River Lake

**Shoreline Management Plan
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- **Brief history of Project and Shoreline Management**
- **Why we are Here – What Shoreline Management is**
- **Issues to Address**
- **End Goals**



Youghiogheny River Lake Project Background

- **Flood Control Act of 1938**
 - ▶ Flood damage reduction
 - ▶ Low-flow augmentation for water quality
- **Construction Completed - 1943**
- **Flood Control Act of 1944**
 - ▶ Authority to allow recreation



Youghioghenny Shoreline Management Background

- **1944 – 1974** - Wide open
- **1974** - National Shoreline Management Policy
- **1979** - First Shoreline Management Plan for Youghioghenny
- **1986** - Water Resources Development Act
- **1987** - First Update to Shoreline Management Plan
- **1990, 1992, 1999** - National Policy Updated
- **1995** - Resource Managers Local Policy Letter



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Why We Are Here

- We need public involvement, good ideas, solutions and cooperation between and among property owners and the Corps.
- Honor past written commitments while balancing private use privileges with broader resource protection and general public use and access
- Updates necessary for consistency and compliance with current policy



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District Perspective

- 6 of 16 lakes projects in Pittsburgh District have private docks
 - 3 Pittsburgh District Lakes have hundreds of private docks and several boat clubs that require those Lake's to have Lakeshore Management Plans
 - 10 Pittsburgh District Lakes have no private boat docks.



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Basic Premise

- Corps managed land and waters are owned by the public
- Boat clubs and private docks on the lake are private-use privileges
- Owners of private facilities may not hinder public right of pedestrian or vessel access to adjacent water and shoreline areas

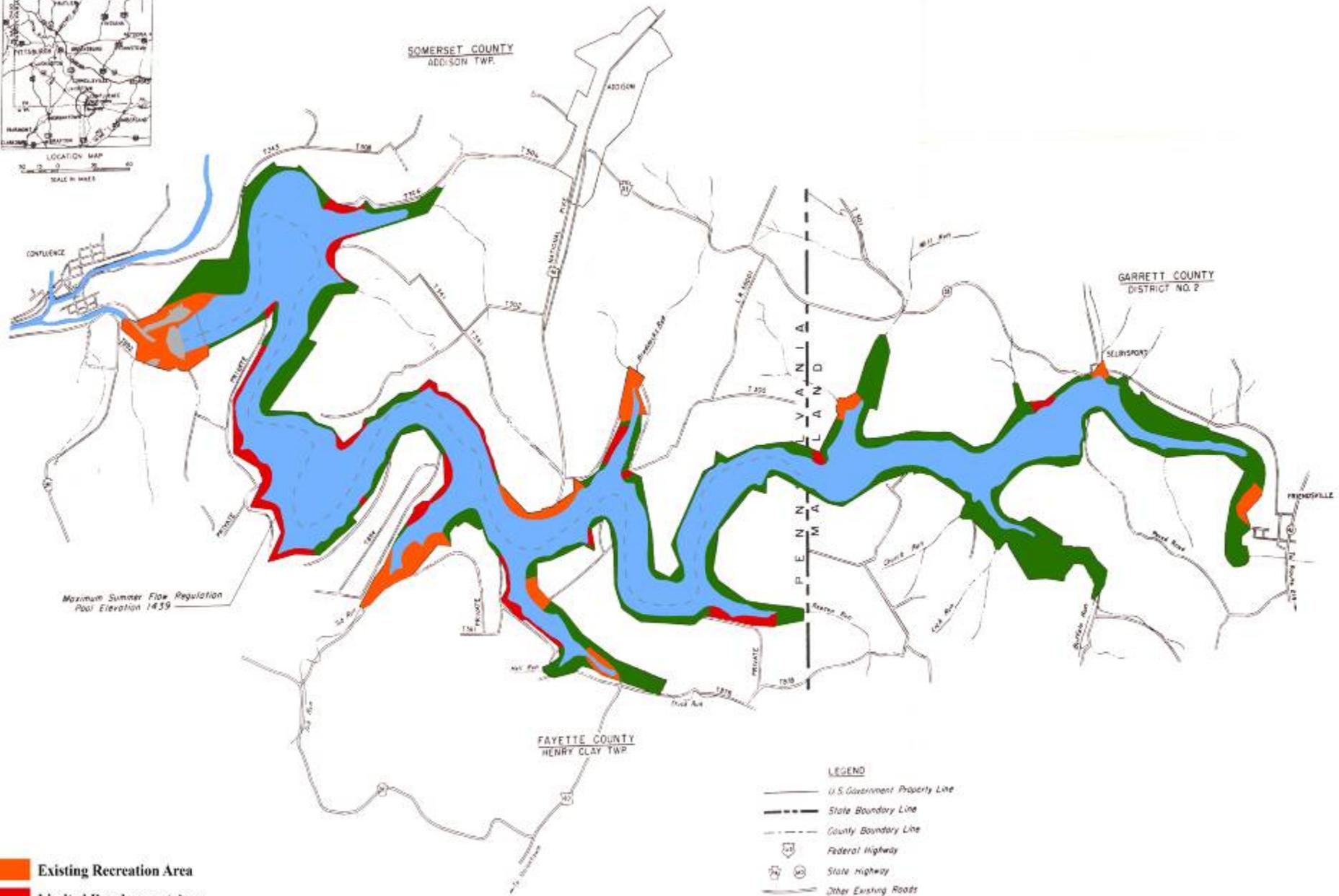


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Land Acquisition

- There are no “lakefront” or “shoreline” properties around Youghiogheny Lake





- Existing Recreation Area
- Limited Development Area
- Prohibited Access Area
- Protected Lakeshore Area

- LEGEND**
- U.S. Government Property Line
 - State Boundary Line
 - County Boundary Line
 - Federal Highway
 - State Highway
 - Other Existing Roads

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Requirements to Obtain Permits

- Only permitted in shoreline areas designated “Limited Development”
- Legal Access: Adjacent landowner, DA license
- Prior approval of materials, design, layout, plans, specs, flotation and anchorage



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What we need to address

- Compliance Issues
- Density Issues
- Mooring permit vs. structure permit



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Grandfathering

- Backlot owners and public access (non-property) owners
- Current permittee or spouse (Sept 1979)
- Pre “86” Docks



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Our Goals

- Do the Right Thing
- Manage the entire Project for Maximum Public Benefit
- Implement Changes in Corps' Regulations and Policies
- Bring Consistency to Shoreline Management



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WHERE DO WE GO FROM HERE

- Set a date for dock compliance
- Meet with Stakeholder Groups
- END state of stakeholder meetings: Yough Lake Shoreline Management Advisory Panel?
- Finalize Shoreline Management Plan



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CURRENT IMPLEMENTATION

- New owners of Dock structures that have been sold as part of a Real Estate transaction for property on Youghiogheny Lake will continue to receive the first opportunity to apply for a new permit for that structure provided structure is in compliance with Permit conditions
- Docks and associated permits that have been removed from Yough Lake either voluntarily or because of permit revocation due to non-compliance will result in utilization of the current waiting list method for oldest entry on waiting list that is in a LDA under 50%
- Issue Structure permit vs. mooring permit where possible on renewals and new permits



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