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### Corps seeks assistance in solving crime at Shenango Lake

[SHENANGO RIVER LAKE](#) – The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers seeks assistance in identifying the vandal(s) who damaged signs along Coonie Trail in the Shenango Lake Campground and stole a slide from the Mahaney Recreation Area before it could be attached to the newly erected playground equipment. This is the second time this year that the signs along Coonie Trail have been heavily damaged. The crimes, which resulted in approximately \$1,500 in damages, occurred between Friday, June 10 and Thursday, June 23. **Any individual with knowledge or information of these incidents is encouraged to call *Corps Watch* toll-free at 1-866-413-7970.** Callers can remain anonymous or may be eligible to receive a cash reward of \$100 to \$1,000.

The Pittsburgh District is serving as the premier district for [Corps Watch](#), a neighborhood crime-watch deterrence program to protect U.S. Army Corps of Engineers assets. Each year, millions of dollars in property are lost due to vandalism, larceny, arson and environmental and cultural degradation. This program is designed to heighten public awareness of the seriousness of the impacts of crime within or around dams, lakes, navigation locks, recreation areas and other Corps facilities.

To help fight these crimes and reduce operations and maintenance costs, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers has received Congressional authority to offer cash rewards of up to \$1,000 for information leading to the arrest and prosecution of individuals causing damage to Corps of Engineers property. Individuals who witness or suspect that a crime has been committed against Corps property are encouraged to use the toll-free number, 1-866-413-7970, to report information of theft, vandalism or any other threats or suspicious activity against Corps property 24-hours a day. Callers can remain anonymous.

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