

## North Park Lake Ecosystem Restoration Project

### Questions & Answers – as of July 2, 2009

**Q:** When is this project going to begin? I have been hearing about it for several years!

**A:** The Construction phase of the project has already begun. Contracts by both Allegheny County and the Army Corps of Engineers are currently being advertised.

**Q:** When are we going to actually see sediment being removed from the lake?

**A:** Park users and residents should begin to notice activity at the lake by mid to late fall.

**Q:** Will there be restrictions for park users?

**A:** Yes, park users will not have access to the lake area between Fall 2009 and May 2011.

**Q:** Will the lake be emptied to remove the sediment?

**A:** Yes. Beginning shortly after Labor Day 2009 visitors to North Park will begin to notice the lake level dropping. The lake will be drained for the duration of the project.

**Q:** Why is draining the lake necessary?

**A:** Because draining the lake to remove the excess sediment will save funds above other methods.

**Q:** What will happen to the fish in the lake?

**A:** Some fish will naturally move downstream as the lake level drops. Other fish will congregate in the deep part of the lake in front of the dam. These will be removed via netting and relocated.

**Q:** When will fish relocation begin and can the public assist?

**A:** It is anticipated that the fish will be relocated toward the last part of September. Yes, the public will be able to assist. A press release will be issued by the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission as to the date and time of this activity.

**Q:** What other inconveniences may park visitors and local residents experience?

**A:** There will be increased truck traffic on roads around North Park as sediment is transported from the lake to the disposal site. There will likely be a “fish-like” smell as a result of the drained lake mud being exposed to air.

**Q:** How many contracts will there be?

**A:** Funds for this project are being provided by a variety of sources. As a result there will be three separate contracts for the work at the lake. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers is currently soliciting bids for a “Phase I Contract.” Allegheny County is currently soliciting bids for a “Site Development Contract”. Bids for a “Phase II Contract” will be advertised by Allegheny County in the coming months.

**Q:** How can a contractor place a bid for these contracts?

**A:** For the Federal, Phase I contract, the solicitation and any amendments can be found at the website [FedBizOpps.gov](http://FedBizOpps.gov) The solicitation number is W911WN09B0005.

**Q:** Who do I contact for more information?

**A:** For information regarding the Corps of Engineers Section 206 project please send an e-mail to the following address: [NorthParkLake@usace.Army.Mil](mailto:NorthParkLake@usace.Army.Mil)

For information on the Allegheny County contracts please contact Steve Smallhoover at [Steve.Smallhoover@AlleghenyCounty.US](mailto:Steve.Smallhoover@AlleghenyCounty.US)

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