

Master Plan Update Fact Sheet

Mahoning Creek Lake

Master Plan Revision

The Army Corps of Engineers, Pittsburgh District, is revising the Mahoning 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 to ensure the sustainability of Mahoning Creek Lake.

This is your opportunity to let the Corps know how you would like the lake to be managed in the future. The planning process will include an analysis of potential effects of any proposed changes to the Master 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The current Master Plan was developed more than 40 years ago and is outdated. The master plan revision will classify the government lands around the lake based on environmental and socio-economic considerations, public input, and an evaluation of past, present, and forecasted trends.

Changes in Corps regulations and community needs necessitate a revision to these master plans. The revision will classify the government lands around the lake based on environmental and socio-economic 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 1936 and 1938, Mahoning Creek Lake is one of 16 flood control projects in the Pittsburgh District. An important link in a system of flood control projects, Mahoning Creek Lake provides flood protection for the lower Allegheny River Valley and the upper Ohio River.

Since its completion in 1941, the Mahoning Creek Lake reservoir has prevented flood damages estimated to be in excess of \$686 million. Mahoning Creek Lake has the capability to store the equivalent run-off of 4.09 inches of precipitation from its 340 square mile drainage area. Mahoning 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 Mahoning Creek Lake are managed by the following partners:

- Armstrong County, 28 acres, to operate 52 units at Milton Loop Campground
- Pennsylvania Game Commission, 1280 acres, in Indiana County for wildlife management and public hunting
- Pennsylvania Fish & Boat Commission, 860 acres and waters, to operate the Milton Loop Boat Launch and Sportsman's Area



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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 Mahoning Creek Lake Master Plan which was originally developed in 1976.



If you are interested in learning more about this project, signing up for our mailing list, participating in upcoming stakeholder events, or sharing information relevant to this project, please visit our website at:

www.lrp.usace.army.mil/Missions/Recreation/Lakes/Mahoning-Creek-Lake/

