Provisions for rescue at Mahoning must be considered as it is very remote
Practice by emergency groups at the site is also crucial
The ability to communicate adequately with all EMS providers is an issue
What is the current capacity for wilderness rescue?
911 centers cannot talk directly to Corps field staff
Mahoning does have LECA with New Bethlehem
Could go regional with ICORS?
Need to recognize emergency response in the MP; all new recreation features should be accompanied by associated emergency response plan
Continued communication with PADEP is important to ensure upstream, in-reservoir, and downstream water quality.
Indiana County completed a comprehensive plan in 2012
  • This report recommended a land development ordinance that will be issued in 2018
  • A review is required for all deeded property in the county, which includes Corps land
  • Indiana County Planning would like to review the draft MP
  • Includes a parks and trails plan
  • Feedback from the community was to focus on conservation and preservation
  • Armstrong County has a similar plan
There is a known bald eagle on Mahoning land near Milton Loop
Little Mahoning Creek has a watershed association
The Corps should consider the impact of removal of the upper Allegheny locks on tourism and regional recreation
Armstrong County tourist bureau is developing a water trail plan
The potential increase in natural gas extraction and the completion of the Shell cracker plant presents the opportunity for the Corps to work with the state and local permiters
  • The Corps can make them aware of our land use policies and any ESAs or FWS
  • Mitigation plans can be developed jointly to address impacts while providing benefits to all parties
Better signs will help the public and EMS, i.e. body of water, river mile, etc.
  • ID areas for signs and prioritize based on EMS response needs
Aquatic plants are the major concern for invasion in the area
  • Hydrilla has hit OH and MON rivers and most PA state parks
What are the opportunities for the Corps to stay engaged?
  • Are there local planning meetings?
Road repair and improvement are of interest
  • Roads to Federal land are local
  • FLAP map should be prepared
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- The cub scouts and boy scouts are interested in any opportunities at Mahoning
  - Currently travel to Yellow Creek State Park for camping
  - Trails and interpretive material would be frequently used
  - Willing to provide volunteer service for Mahoning
  - Interested in overnight tent camping outside of the manager’s office
- ADA compliant floating dock at Milton Loop is needed
  - Currently in the works by Mahoning staff
  - Need the labor/equipment to install
- The hunting and fishing at Mahoning has been and continues to be satisfactory
  - No major issues with access, stocking, or management
  - Could use food plots on Corps land to relieve the pressure on surrounding agriculture
- The Marshall House Museum sees a lot of visitors camping at Milton Loop
  - There are opportunities for the Corps to direct visitors there and vice versa
  - There are sites on Corps land that were used by the underground railroad
    - Interpretive signs and preservation of these areas
    - Joint signage by Corps and Museum Commission?
- There are nesting eagles on Corps land
  - There is interest in wildlife viewing opportunities
  - Like Hays eagle-cam
- Baker Trail
  - Their top priority is to get the trail entirely off of roads in the area
  - RCTC has ideas for an extension from the Dam site area to Milton Loop
    - Requested to not release this as a proposal until they have spoken with land owners
  - They need a “home grown effort” to construct and maintain this portion
  - The Boy Scouts are interested in “adopting” this portion of the trail
  - Issues will come up with hunting
    - Need to clearly mark where hunting is prohibited from the trail
  - No interest in trail shelters, but day use-type stops along the trail were suggested
  - RCTC is willing to put up their “low key” signage wherever it is requested
- There is concern over the mitigation done for the hydropower plant construction
  - It seems inadequate or not complete
  - May not be on Corps land
- Kayaking below the dam is very popular with the community
  - Launches and parking is inadequate
  - There is no federal land suitable in that area
  - The Corps can spearhead the establishment of a water trail and facilitate grants
  - Land at the locks on the Allegheny is available for launches
• Kayak launching from the Milton Loop ramp is desired but underutilized due to issues with manure
  o Who wants to walk through that stuff barefoot?