

# Master Plan Update Fact Sheet Youghiogheny River Lake

## Master Plan Revision

The US Army Corps of Engineers, Pittsburgh District (Corps), is revising the Youghiogheny River 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 at Youghiogheny River Lake for the next 25 years.

This is your opportunity to let the Corps know how you would like the Lake to be managed in the future. The Master Plan Update process will include an analysis of potential effects of updates in the land management 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 last Master Plan was updated in 2007 and does not reflect current conditions at the Lake. Changes in Corps regulations and community needs necessitate a revision to this Master Plan.

The Master Plan revision will classify the government lands around the Lake based on environmental and socioeconomic 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.



Share your perspective, sign up for our mailing list, and/or let us know how you'd prefer to be involved in the Youghiogheny River Lake Master Plan Update by visiting us at:

<https://www.lrp.usace.army.mil/Missions/Recreation/Lakes/Youghiogheny-River-Lake/Youghiogheny-Master-Plan/>

## SAVE THE DATE

### Master Plan Revision VIRTUAL Public Meeting

When: Wednesday, July 8th from 6:00-7:30 PM

Where: <https://usace.webex.com/meet/PittsburghDistrict>  
USA Toll-Free: (877) 336-1831  
Access Code: 1048650, Security Code: 1234

\*For those wishing to practice logging into the virtual meeting space, a drop-in practice session will be held Tuesday, July 7 from 6:00 - 7:00 PM using the same log-in information as above.

*Unable to attend the virtual meeting? No problem!*

The comment form provides information on the additional opportunities we've provided for you to learn about this process and provide your input.

## About the Lake

Authorized by the Flood Control Act of 1938, Youghiogheny River Lake is one of 16 flood control projects in the Pittsburgh District. An important link in a system of flood control projects, Youghiogheny River Lake provides flood protection for the Monongahela River Valley and the upper Ohio River.

Since its completion in 1943, the Youghiogheny River Lake reservoir has prevented flood damages estimated to be in excess of \$569 million. Youghiogheny River Lake has the capacity to store the equivalent run-off of 11 inches of precipitation from its 434 square mile drainage area. Youghiogheny River Lake also stores water and releases it downstream during dry periods to improve water quality and increase flow for domestic and industrial use, navigation, recreation, esthetics and aquatic life.

Authorized missions of Youghiogheny River Lake:

- Flood Damage Reduction
- Low Flow Augmentation
- Pollution Abatement
- Recreation
- Water Supply

## Master Plan 101

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 Youghiogheny River Lake Master Plan which was last updated in 2007.

