

# Partnership & Communication Plan

The Corps' vision for the future management of the land, water and recreational resources of the Lakes is to protect, conserve and sustain natural and cultural resources, particularly environmentally sensitive resources, and provide quality outdoor recreation opportunities that complement project resources for the benefit of present and future generations. This vision relies heavily upon the wealth of federal, state, and regional plans that detail resource-specific management objectives and goals for the Upper Kiskiminetas-Conemaugh River watershed and its natural resources.

This vision is supported by the following broad management goals:

1. Practice environmental stewardship of the Corps lands and waters consistent with the primary authorized purpose of flood risk management;
2. Identify and protect environmentally sensitive species, habitats, and landscapes;
3. Identify and protect important cultural resources;
4. Improve water quality in the Lakes;
5. Identify outdoor recreation needs and provide those that complement the natural resources;
6. Manage public use areas to provide safe and enjoyable opportunities;
7. Collaborate with community leaders;
8. Maintain open communication with the public; and  
Create partnerships to leverage fiscal resources.

The management goals are further refined into management and development activities. Each management and development activity (MDA) has a current and future component. The current component is the near-term focus of the updated Master Plan and should be the motivation of efforts of the next five years. The future component is the long-term focus to be addressed in subsequent reviews (i.e. 5+ years).

**Partnership MDA:** Become involved in regional/district activities and decision-making with the purpose of becoming an integral asset to all.

| Current  | Future  |
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| Communicate with community leaders regarding agency missions and activities  | Collaborate with community leaders on shared activities, plans (such as trails) that make Conemaugh/Loyalhanna part of the regional destination; organize an annual public open house event |
| Create partnerships to leverage fiscal resources and expertise - working with federal and state agencies to supplement programs and in-house knowledge, with environmental, tourism, recreational, educational and community organizations, non-profit and private groups. | Organize annual meetings with project partners or regional project meetings with partners leading to collaborative efforts; provide leveraged resources for future work                     |
| Participate in watershed management efforts and manage ground-disturbing activities on project lands to improve water quality.   | Work with Water Quality Section to set new water quality standards (quantitative measurement) and assist state agencies in meeting their plan objectives                                    |

