



Master Plan Update Fact Sheet Shenango River Lake



Master Plan Revision

The US Army Corps of Engineers, Pittsburgh District (Corps), is revising the Shenango 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 Shenango 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 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 1998 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.



SAVE THE DATE

Master Plan Revision Kick-Off - Public Meeting

At this meeting you can:

- Learn more about the Corps's Master Plan update process.
- Ask questions about the process and/or about what is currently happening at the reservoir.
- Share your ideas on the direction Pittsburgh District should take the recreational, environmental, cultural/historical, safety, or other aspects of the reservoir in the future.

When: Wednesday, June 29th from 6:00-7:30 PM

Where: Virtual at:

<https://usace1.webex.com/meet/PittsburghDistrict>
USA Toll-Free: (844) 800-2712, Access Code: 199 341 3549

For those wishing to practice logging into the virtual meeting space, a drop-in practice session will be held Monday, June 27th from 6:00 - 7:00 PM using the same log-in information as above.

Unable to attend the meeting? No problem!

You can review the recorded presentation and provide input on our website.
You can also stop by the reservoir to talk to our staff.

About the Lake

Authorized by the Flood Control Acts of 1938, Shenango River Lake is one of 16 flood control projects in the Pittsburgh District. The project provides flood protection for the Shenango River Valley as well as for the Beaver and upper Ohio Rivers.

Since its completion in 1965, Shenango has prevented more than \$250 million in flood damage. The project has the capability to store the equivalent run-off of 10.5 inches of precipitation from its 589 square mile drainage area. Shenango River Lake's flood control benefits were demonstrated during the June 1972 flooding resulting from Tropical Storm Agnes when over \$1.8 million in damages were prevented. Shenango also provides water releases during dry periods to improve water quality and quantity for domestic and industrial use, recreation and aquatic life.

Authorized missions of Shenango River Lake:

- Flood Damage Reduction
- Low Flow Augmentation
- Water Quality
- Recreation

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 Shenango River Lake Master Plan which was last updated in 1998.



Share your perspective and let us know how you'd prefer to be involved in the Shenango River Lake Master Plan update by visiting us at:

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

