

APPENDIX C
SUMMARY OF PUBLIC COMMENTS AND OUTREACH MATERIALS



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/>





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Corps to host virtual public scoping meeting on Shenango River Lake master plan revision

PITTSBURGH – The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Pittsburgh District is hosting a virtual public meeting to kick off the Shenango River Lake master plan revision. The corps is seeking public input about environmental and recreational topics to consider while revising the master plan, which will guide the use of the lake’s natural resources for the next 25 years.

WHO: The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Pittsburgh District.

WHAT: Pittsburgh District is hosting a virtual public scoping meeting to collect community input for suggested changes to the Shenango River Lake master plan. The meeting will be held virtually through a WebEx application and consist of a presentation and breakout sessions. Participants will be able to ask questions and provide input on the opportunities, concerns and improvement suggestions they envision for the environmental, recreational, safety, cultural and historical resources at Shenango River Lake.

After the meeting, participants may submit comments via email, mail, Facebook or on the project’s website. On the project website, we have a mapping tool that will collect your input:

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

To submit a comment via email, comments must be sent to ShenangoRiverLake@gmail.com with the subject line “**Shenango River Lake Master Plan Update Comments.**” To submit a comment via mail, address the letter to “**U.S. Army Corps of Engineers – Comments, 2442 Kelly Road, Hermitage, PA 16148**” or at the comment boxes outside the Shenango Recreation Area Kiosk (**492 West Lake Road, Transfer, PA 16154**) and Mahaney Recreation Area Kiosk (**2442 Kelly Road, Hermitage, PA 16148**). To submit a comment via Facebook, message us at:

<https://www.facebook.com/ShenangoLakeUSACE>.

The comment period will open June 29 and close July 29.

WHEN: The meeting will be held virtually from 6 - 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, June 29.

WHERE: Participants can join the virtual meeting at <https://usace1.webex.com/meet/PittsburghDistrict>. To join the meeting, participants must enter the link into their browser, select “Call Me,” enter their phone number and click ‘Join the Meeting.’

For those wishing to practice logging into the virtual meeting space, an optional practice session will be held Monday, June 27 from 6 - 7 p.m. using the same login information.

Participants who are unable to join the WebEx meeting can join via phone:

USA Toll-Free: (844) 800-2712
Access Code: 199 341 3549
Security Code: 1234 (if prompted)

The public can review the current master plan, propose revisions and find additional information about the meeting at: <https://www.lrp.usace.army.mil/Missions/Recreation/Lakes/Shenango-River-Lake/Shenango-River-Lake-Master-Plan/>.

WHY: The master plan guides the use of government-owned and leased lands around Shenango River Lake. U.S. Army Corps of Engineers regulations require master plans to be periodically reviewed to ensure they meet current public and environmental needs. Community input is critical to the master plan updates and will affect the management and usage of Shenango River Lake for the next 25 years.

Media can contact the Public Affairs office at CELRP-PA@usace.army.mil.

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Shenango River Lake Master Plan Public Comment Form

Name (optional): _____

Email (optional): _____

Master Plan

Please provide your comments, questions, or ideas.
If your comment, question, or idea relates to a specific location, please specify.

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Shenango River Lake Options for Providing Input

To allow all those who enjoy Shenango River Lake to participate in this Master Plan update process, we are providing multiple ways for everyone to review and comment on the revised Plan.

Below are the ways in which you can engage during the kick-off phase of this process.

1. Review the Master Plan.

You can review the current Master Plan at:

- Shenango Recreation Area Kiosk (492 West Lake Road, Transfer, PA 16154)
- Mahaney Recreation Area Kiosk (2442 Kelly Road, Hermitage, PA 16148)
- Visit our website at:
<https://www.lrp.usace.army.mil/Missions/Recreation/Lakes/Shenango-River-Lake/Shenango-River-Lake-Master-Plan/>

2. Comment on the Master Plan.

You can comment on the Master Plan by:

- Cut off and mail in the other side of this comment form.
Send your comment form to:
US Army Corps of Engineers, Comments
2442 Kelly Road, Hermitage, PA 16148
- Comment using our Crowdsourc Reporter Tool at:
<https://lrp.maps.arcgis.com/apps/CrowdsourcReporter/index.html?appid=fedda806795049f2981c3347d64bd60e>
- Email your comments to:
ShenangoRiverLake@gmail.com
- Message us on Facebook at:
<https://m.facebook.com/ShenangoLakeUSACE>

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Comment forms may be mailed to:
US Army Corps of Engineers, Comments
2442 Kelly Road, Hermitage, PA 16148, by, **Friday, July 29, 2022**



Have any questions? Reach out!
(724) 962-7746



From: [Spring, William J CIV USARMY CELRP \(USA\)](#)

To:

[REDACTED]

Subject: RE: Shenango River Lake's Master Plan Revision

Date: Tuesday, June 28, 2022 12:43:00 PM

A friendly reminder that the stakeholder meeting is tonight at 6pm. Please RSVP if you haven't done so already. We look forward to a productive conversation about the future of Shenango River Lake. The public meeting is tomorrow at the same time and address if you can't attend tonight.

<https://usace1.webex.com/meet/PittsburghDistrict>

Participants who are unable to join the WebEx meeting can join the meeting via phone:

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Access Code: 199 341 3549

Security Code: 1234 (if prompted)

Thanks,

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(330) 803-2068 (cell/text)
(724) 962-7744 (fax)

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-----Original Message-----

From: Spring, William J CIV USARMY CELRP (USA)

Sent: Wednesday, June 15, 2022 12:36

To:

[REDACTED]



Subject: Shenango River Lake's Master Plan Revision
Importance: High

Shenango Partners and Friends,

Exciting news! Pittsburgh District is hosting a virtual scoping meeting to collect community input for suggested changes to the Shenango River Lake Master Plan. The meeting will be held online through a WebEx application and consist of a presentation and open discussion. Participants will be able to ask questions and provide input on the opportunities, concerns, and ideas for improvement they envision for the environmental, recreational, safety, cultural and historical resources at Shenango River Lake.

WHEN: Tuesday, June 28th, 2022 from 6:00pm – 7:30pm

WHERE: <https://usace1.webex.com/meet/PittsburghDistrict>

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Please RSVP by Wednesday, June 22, 2022 to Bill Spring at william.j.spring@usace.army.mil <<mailto:william.j.spring@usace.army.mil>> or by phone at 724-962-7746 option 2.

If you cannot make this meeting we will be hosting a public scoping meeting on Wednesday, June 29th, 2022 from 6:00pm – 7:30pm using the same WebEx information provide above and you're welcome to attend.

Thanks and we look forward to our collaborative efforts in shaping the future plans for Shenango River Lake.

Bill Spring

Resource Manager

Shenango River Lake

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WEDNESDAY, JUNE 29, 2022 AT 6 PM - 7:30 PM

Shenango's Master Plan Revision Public Meeting

Shenango River Lake

About Discussion

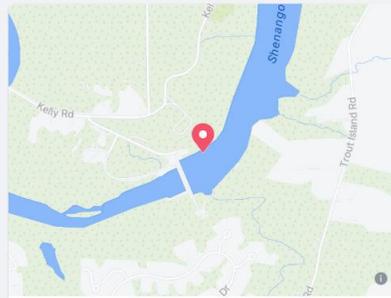
Details

- 15 people responded
- Event by Shenango River Lake
- Shenango River Lake
- Duration: 1 hr 30 min
- Public - Anyone on or off Facebook

Pittsburgh District is hosting a VIRTUAL public scoping meeting to collect community input for suggested changes to the Shenango River Lake Master Plan. The meeting will be held ON... See more

Social Issues

Meet Your Host



Shenango River Lake
41.265278, -80.461389





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📍 Do you love #Shenango? Of course you do! I mean, look at this place. Just LOOK at it. Gorgeous sunrises. Incredible natural habitats. Hawk and eagle watching. A phenomenal park ranger team! And best of all ... YOU! Our visitors are some of the best people in the world, and they make Shenango River Lake better through their volunteer work and their presence recreating on our lake and lands.

❤️ But did you miss your chance to express your love for us?

👉 We thought we had a good relationship going, but we haven't heard from you ... #socallmemaybe?

📅 The public comment period for #ShenangoLakeUSACE will close soon!

📣 What does the public comment period mean? It means we NEED your input, and we WANT to hear your voices! Your comments will help greatly improve Shenango's master plan, which will affect the lake's natural resources for the next 25 years!

👉 Here's what to do: Send us your opinions and ideas – no matter how crazy or creative – on how we can make #Shenango even better for the future.

🐻 You want a zipline installed that drops you in the middle of the lake? You want an annual event where you lather up in honey and run away from hungry bears chasing you? You want a shark tank installed at the visitor center? You want our park rangers to speak only in #PirateTalk? Okay, sure, whatever! But at least tell us!

😬 (We hope your ideas are a little more reasonable than those examples, right?)

👉 If we don't hear from you, it's your own fault. Okay, sorry, that was a little mean. But yeah, it's not like we can read your minds!

👉 Do you WANT the next 25 years to be exactly the same at #ShenangoRiverLake, or do you want them to be even better!?

🏃 But hurry! We need to receive your comments by July 29! Only a few weeks left until the public period ends.

📧 Participants may submit comments via email, mail, Facebook or on the project's website.

🗨️ Yes, you can drop your comments on this post, but it would be even better if you visited this link to read more about the master plan process and submit your input. LINK: <https://go.usa.gov/xSrfs>



