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Part A
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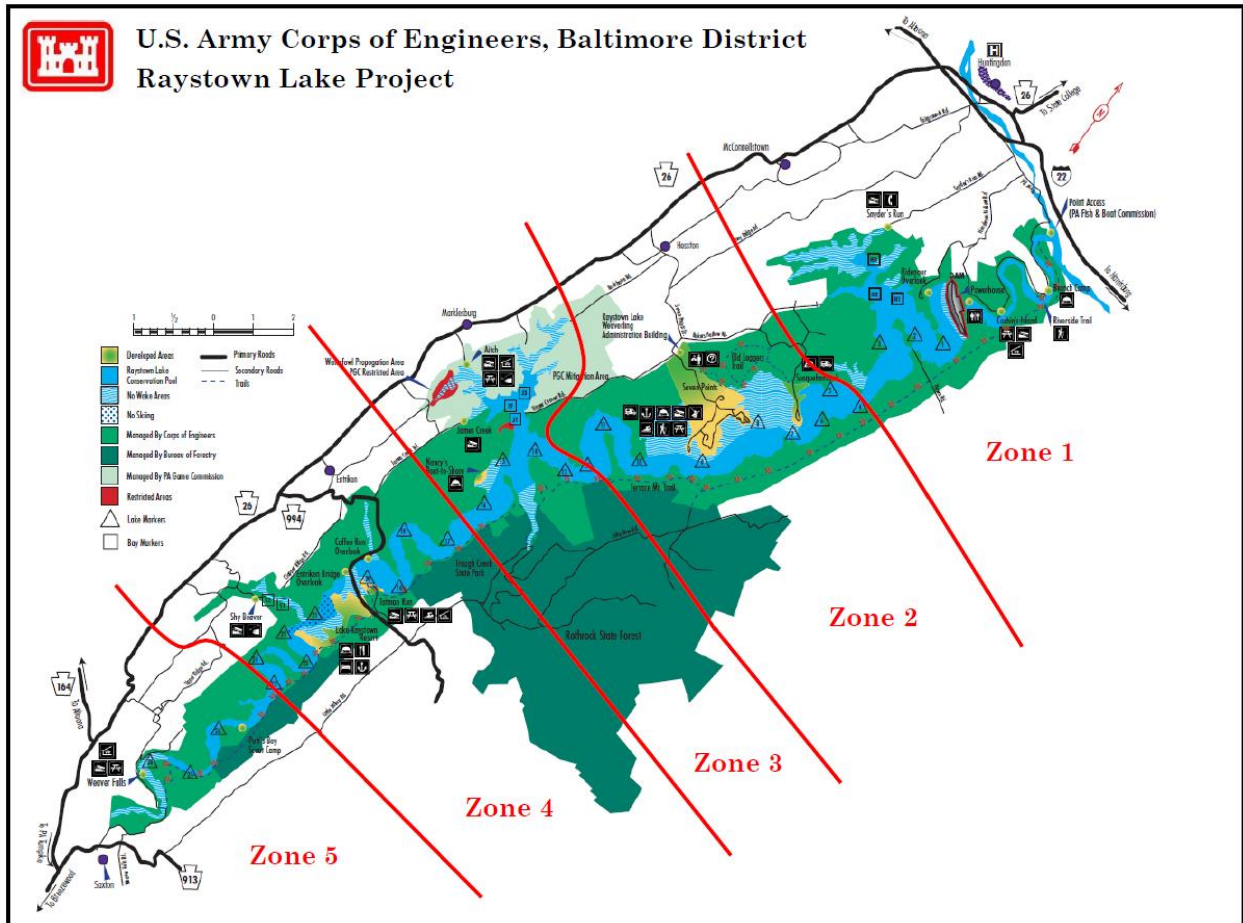


Raystown Lake Master Plan Update

Public Meeting 1 – Breakout Session (Brainstorming/Facilitated Discussion)

Notes: Huntingdon and Saxton comments combined

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Public Comments Zone 1

Question 1: What RECREATION Opportunities (ie. camping, boat ramp parking, hiking trails, etc.) would you like to see in this ZONE?

1. Hawn's Bridge Peninsula:
 - a. Development of Hawn's Bridge recreation area into public recreation area - campsite, beach, small marina, environmental learning center and ADA accessible (+1)
 - b. Open the Hawn's Bridge area for environmental conservation camps (classes where people can learn about the resources)
 - c. If Corps reports are positive, specifically see development of Hawn's Peninsula.
 - d. A marina at Terrace Mountain
2. Access:

- a. Paddle boat and fishing access at the end of Parks Orchard Rd.
 - b. Public access area at base of Terrace Mt
 - c. Public access on the east side
 - d. Fishing access to Hawn's Peninsula
 - e. Increase shore fishing on eastern side-mobility issues
 - f. Across the whole lake – more handicapped fishing areas
3. Recreation:
- a. Point Access more parking
 - b. More places along the entire lake for people to use the restroom
 - c. Support for universal fishing pier at Corbin's Island
 - d. Scenic driving loop and scenic overlook (+1)
 - e. Add overlook or views from the Eastern side of the lake
 - f. Parks orchard point to have expanded recreation opportunities
 - g. Parks Orchard – a beach area
 - h. Take care of current campgrounds/ more enforcement
 - i. Facility upgrades as far as parking and expanding the current facilities
4. Snyder's Run:
- a. Upgrade to the boat ramp at Snyder's Run- more parking
 - b. More picnic areas and more camping(boat to shore) by Snyder's Run
 - c. Restrooms need upgraded at Snyder's Run
 - d. Develop the area around Snyder's Run area
 - e. Non-powered launch at Snyder's Run
 - f. Parking for boats at Snyder's Run (+1)
 - g. Improvements to Snyder's Run Rd
5. Boating:
- a. No wake buoys reinstated across the entire
 - b. No Wake - Peewee Island near overlook
 - c. No Wake - Review no wake issues and consider additional buoys
 - d. Putting back no-wake buoys at H 2
 - e. Safe & separate place for kayaks to enter the water
 - f. Non-powered craft area in appropriate area
 - g. Non-power (including tubes) access south of Corbin's Bridge (+5)
 - h. Non-power boat access at the hydro power plant
 - i. Non-power access to Park's Orchard (+1)
 - j. Parks Orchard – a passive area for paddling
 - k. Creation of a channel for boat navigation from Corbin's to Juniata river
 - l. Maintain area as is pertaining to speed and no further development in that area
 - m. Additional boat launches with parking on the west side
 - n. Add a fuel dock on the northern end of the lake
 - o. Improve boat launch status updates to better notify incoming visitors
 - p. App development for boat launch status updates
 - q. Add rules of etiquette for boat launches
 - r. Consider boat traffic directional flow
 - s. Post buoys around the whole lake for the 100ft no wake from shoreline rule
6. Trails:
- a. Terrace Mountain Trail - needs attention (signage, maintenance, additional shelter) (+1)
 - b. Re-Blaze Terrace Mt. Trail
 - c. Improve signage for accessing Terrace Mt. Trail.

- d. Expand TMT and Riverside trail to run the entire length of the river with designated crossing downstream of the dam
 - e. Re-routing Terrace Mt. Trail onto Corps property (+1), continue to riverside trail.
 - f. Incorporate Terrace Mountain spur down to Hawn's peninsula
 - g. Develop improved access to TMT with an overlook
 - h. Expanded designated primitive hike in areas along Terrace Mt. trails.
 - i. Hydro loop trail west side- house boat tie up area for people with the bikes
 - j. Portage trail east of emergency spillway (+3)
 - k. Complete river walk from Corbin's Island to bridge (+1)
 - l. Expansion and maintenance of hiking trails and backpacking.
 - m. More parking at Baker's Hollow/ Allegrippis Trail
 - n. Add trails and expanded opportunities to the Allegrippis Trail System
 - o. Nature trail maintenance
 - p. Bridge Maintenance
 - q. House boat tie ups off of trails
 - r. Do not disturb existing trails (Allegrippis, TMT).
 - s. Horseback Riding Trails to zones 1 or 2
 - t. Rails to Trails opportunity
7. Other:
- a. Explore ideas and opportunities to connect Lake visitors with the downtown Huntingdon area (similar to Bedford Springs trail)
 - b. Review the existing lease agreements before considering additional commercial development to determine why they appear to be stagnant in recreational opportunities
 - c. Perform economic feasibility study on existing businesses to determine if feasible to add additional businesses
 - d. Marker 4 boating/camping – remove from M.P.
 - e. Removal of logging roads
 - f. Signs for ecological significance
 - g. Refuge collection at point access
 - h. No change needed (+1)
 - i. Better signage on the downstream roads

Question 2: What ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP Opportunities (ie. protection and enhancement, hunting and fishing opportunities, land management initiatives, etc.) would you like to see in this ZONE?

- 1. Fisheries:
 - a. Protect fisheries from shoreline development – entire lake
 - b. Protect shoreline along Hawn's Bridge peninsula for striper summer migration
 - c. Protect Striped Bass area near mile marker 2
 - d. Striper habitat (+1)
 - e. Protect Striped bass population (+1)
 - f. Preserving aquatic resources
 - g. Cold water fishery below the Dam
- 2. Wildlife:
 - a. Preserve the hunting area at Gate 1 for handicap hunters and disabled veterans
 - b. Preservation of public access for hunting on Hawn's bridge
 - c. Protect special needs hunting area from end of Hawn's Bridge to the water
 - d. Continue partnership with national wild turkey federation

- e. Continued turkey habitat enhancement in Hawn's Peninsula
 - f. Involvement of ruffed grouse society in Zone 1
 - g. Protect copperhead snake habitat on east shore opposite MM 1
 - h. Maintain existing conservation habitat for bats (+2)
 - i. Maintain large trees (+1)
 - j. Preserve the Alleghany wood rat habitat and shale barrens
 - k. Increase eagle population- protect the area (+1)
 - l. Bald Eagle nests preservation
 - m. Maintain wintering areas for northern black ducks (a species of concern)
 - n. River below dam – maintain turtle habitat – with respect to water release
3. Other:
- a. Protect area as is now
 - b. Permanence of environmental changes
 - c. Maintain the current environmental stewardship program that is already there
 - d. Protect endangered species plants identified in the Heritage inventory
 - e. Include designated Raystown Dam National Heritage inventory.
 - f. Protect viewshed visible from Hawn's and Ridenour overlooks – east and west shores
 - g. Classifying the Hawn's Bridge Peninsula as an Environmentally Sensitive area (+1)
 - h. Protection of species in both land and water.
 - i. Opportunities for nature education
 - j. Find a better way to inform the public of clean up days, Lake programs
 - k. Access the negative economic impact of development

Question 3: Do you have a major CONCERN about this ZONE?

- 1. Hawn's Bridge:
 - a. Concern for potential reclassification to high density recreation
 - b. If reclassified to high density recreation, level of enforcement would need to be increased on land and water
 - c. Threat of development
 - d. Potential development for a fuel spill with respect to location near Dam.
 - e. Keep Hawn's Bridge as is
 - f. Hawn's Bridge road access
 - g. Do not develop the Hawn's Peninsula area as stated in previous master plan (+1)
- 2. Snyder's Run:
 - a. Restrooms at this location, and others of that design, need to be replaced
 - b. Parking situation bad
 - c. Snyder's run cannot handle more boats
- 3. Boating:
 - a. Speed (+4) an issue in narrow areas (+1)
 - b. Limited horsepower
 - c. Safety- to many boats on the lake already (+4)
 - d. High boat traffic (+2)
 - e. Boats too loud- noise reduction (+1)
 - f. Boat launches for non-powered boats (entire lake)
 - g. Roads cannot handle any additional development
 - h. Decrease of no wake zones
 - i. Potential lake zoning changes-increase of no wake zones
 - j. Relocate the no wake coves in Bakers Hollow

- k. Evaluating the no-wake area in the rabbit ears
 - l. Educate and enforce no wake zones
 - m. Enforcement of water safety and rules
 - n. Concerned about the number of boats on the lake and the safety of the lake if more parking availability were to be offered.
 - o. Concern for BUI's with increase development
 - p. Patrolling availability on the lake
 - q. Increased erosion due to boat traffic
4. Other:
- a. Outside concessionaire failure
 - b. Ensure that Branch camp is maintained at current status before expanding. Ensure proper conduct and maintenance
 - c. Enforce noise issues from Branch Camp
 - d. Lake shore should not be developed
 - e. Corps should not give land to private developer
 - f. Opposed to development in this zone (+1) (light pollution)
 - g. The impact that a marina will have on the Snyder's Run boat ramp
 - h. The high-use and economic impact Hawn's Bridge development would have on Corbin Road
 - i. Responsibility for paying for infrastructure leading to the development
 - j. Lack of infrastructure
 - k. Studies of EA into Union Township
 - l. Making sure proper studies are conducted that are thorough
 - a. Environmental impact
 - b. Providing emergency services for a development in this area
 - c. Leave Eastern Shore as is.
 - d. Shoreline erosion
 - e. Impact of road expansions and access (run-off)
 - f. At capacity now
 - g. Topography does not support development
 - h. Water safety initiatives – more enforcement (entire lake)
 - i. Address littering issue (entire lake) (+1)
 - j. Reduction to dusk to dawn lights- recessed and shielded lights - light pollution (+1)
 - k. Preservation of overlooks
 - l. Disabling access of handicap hunters
 - m. Reduction in special needs access.
 - n. Disruption of terrace mountain trail
 - o. Fishing worse
 - p. Trash
 - q. Lack of development on lake. i.e. (restaurant facilities)

Question 4: What do you VALUE about this ZONE?

- 1. Recreation:
 - a. West side- swimming and no wake
 - b. No-wake zone (+1)
 - c. The original dam and powerhouse (scuba diving)
 - d. The entire Snyder's Run area
 - e. Snyder's Run boat launch proximity to Huntingdon
 - f. Parks Orchard - this zone has small inlets that are no wake and easy to navigate for small watercraft
 - g. Views (+4) - Views from the Overlook
 - h. Terrace Mountain Trail (in all zone)

- i. Allegrippis Trail
2. Stewardship:
 - a. Handicapped hunting area
 - b. Wildlife hunting opportunities
 - c. See wildlife (+5)
 - d. Appreciate the Bald Eagles (+1)
 - e. Striped bass fishing area to middle of May to end of September
 - f. Quiet fishing opportunities - sports fishing (+1)
 - g. Fishing
 - h. Cleanliness of water
 - i. Downstream rivers
 - j. Exceptional ecological significance
 - k. Woods and inhabitants that exist there
 - l. Unbroken forest
 3. Other:
 - a. Peace and quiet (+2)
 - b. This lake is not like any other lake – pristine, scenic view is untouched
 - c. Beautiful untouched mountain on East shore
 - d. Beauty of the area after Labor Day
 - e. Pristine environment/shoreline (+2)
 - f. Beauty, pristine, undeveloped, non-populated
 - g. How it is now
 - h. Hawn's Peninsula in current state
 - i. No private exclusive use (development)
 - j. Big boats and lots of money that helps the economy- close proximity
 - k. Opportunity to develop Hawn's bridge into a recreation area because it's close proximity to Huntingdon- bring money and jobs to area for economic benefit for everyone
 - l. River access

Public Comments Zone 2

Question 1: What RECREATION Opportunities (ie. camping, boat ramp parking, hiking trails, etc.) would you like to see in this ZONE?

1. Access:
 - a. Access on the Eastern side of lake- beach, picnic area
 - b. Open gates during archery season
2. Recreation:
 - a. Cabins with electricity and heat to camp during the winter
 - b. More wheel chair accessible areas to fish
 - c. More areas to tie boat off near picnic areas/ bathrooms in Seven Points
 - d. Enhance the sandy part of the beach (add more sand in the water and to the beach)
 - e. Expand the beach area- where the beach hits the shore for small children particularly
 - f. More picnic tables at the beach area
 - g. Add opportunities for visitors to put sun shelters on the beach (+1)
 - h. Allow access from day use area to Seven Points concession area
 - i. Explore option of year-round entertainment/recreation in the area
 - j. Increase hours in the Visitors Center

- k. Visitors Center visits need to be updated (+1)
 - l. Fishing tournament support
 - m. ADA fishing piers
 - n. Concentrate development within a zone without covering into other zones
 - o. Expand camping facilities
 - p. Bathroom facility should be made lower at Bay front
 - q. Restroom facility at Baker' hollow park
 - r. RESTROOMS (throughout the lake, maybe floating?)
 - s. Make more sites first come first serve
 - t. Disc golf opportunities
3. Boating:
- a. Non-motorized paddle sports access area
 - b. Non-powered boat launch (every zone)
 - c. Non-powered access to Beer Barrel Bay
 - d. No –wake for beer barrel bay (+2)
 - e. Identify the 100-foot buffer with buoys
 - f. More parking for boat trailers, or additional ramp
 - g. Boat ramp at Seven Points needs to be enlarged- more parking
 - h. Parking for paddlers in Upper Corners Road
 - i. Improve boat docks
4. Trails:
- a. Equestrian access on Terrace Mountain side from Rothrock Forest down to Finks rd. (camping areas for horses)
 - b. Horseback riding opportunities around the lake (in any zone)
 - c. Trail continuation from Trough Creek & Rothrock for snowmobiles & horses
 - d. ATV trails-could be applied in any zone
 - e. Add connectivity of recreational resources (campsites) to the trails
 - f. Expanding bike trails connected to different recreation opportunities (every zone)
 - g. Continue to promote dirt fest and promote safety during event
 - h. Overnight shelters on Terrace Mt. Trail and Allegrippis trails (+2)
 - i. Boaters having access to the bike trails (tie-up areas)
 - j. Allegrippis Trail having more shoreline trails
 - k. Boaters gaining access to Terrace Mountain Trail (+1)
 - l. Trail to run the distance of the lake on the Western side
 - m. Expand Baker's Hollow/Allegrippis trail parking
5. Other:
- a. Move the Hawn's Bridge proposal to Upper Corner's Development area that is in the current master plan
 - b. Restaurant addition to Upper Corners master plan.
 - c. Conference center-keep in the plan
 - d. Remove Upper Corners and Tournament Fishing areas from the new MP
 - e. Logging area on eastern shore needs better signage.
 - f. Reduce light pollution from existing recreation areas. Consider recessed and shielded lighting (comment for all zones)
 - g. Enhance food opportunities near boat docks

Question 2: What ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP Opportunities (ie. protection and enhancement, hunting and fishing opportunities, land management initiatives, etc.) would you like to see in this ZONE?

1. Fisheries:
 - a. Stop bow hunting for carp in the Seven Points Marina (and in Zone 4)
 - b. Enhanced fish habitats in Beer Barrel Bay
 - c. Promote continuation of the fish hatchery
2. Wildlife:
 - a. More opportunities for visitors to interact with pollinator and bird habitats
 - b. Increase habitat specific for the Pennsylvania state bird (every zone)
 - c. Save the bats! (all protected wildlife)
 - d. Protect Upper Corners for wildlife
3. Other:
 - a. Current classification of upper corners area be changed to low density recreation
 - b. Continued protection.
 - c. Additional education programs at amphitheater
 - d. Marina fuel docks – safety mechanism to prevent fuel spills
 - e. Recycling cans at the beach (throughout the Lake as a whole as well, possible partnership opportunity) (+1)
 - f. Pipeline environmental improvements to easement areas
 - g. Preservation of sheeprock area
 - h. Rehab on Terrace Mt. Trail (invasive species improvements).
 - i. Prescribed burns.
 - j. Maintain and expand the current environmental stewardship program in this area
 - k. Maintain natural areas on eastern shoreline and hillside

Question 3: Do you have a major CONCERN about this ZONE?

1. Boating:
 - a. No skiing and tubing in unsafe narrow areas across whole lake
 - b. More law enforcement on the lake
 - c. Launch ramp at the SP Marina crowded and hard to launch boats and tie a boat up
 - d. Boat density - Congested boating areas (+1)
 - e. Large boats on the lake traveling fast
 - f. Safe places for paddle boats is not well defined that are being rented from Seven Points Marina (+1)
 - g. Loss of the no wake zone Beer Barrel Bay
 - h. Consider returning Beer Barrel area to no wake (+1)
 - i. Fuel dock at marina closes too early
 - j. Establish no ski areas and tubing in front of marina
 - k. Notification system for boat leaks
2. Concession:
 - a. Expand boat gas hours and more gas docks on the lake
 - b. Wait list for docks and poor communication on dock availability and how long you will be on the list
 - c. More gas docks= more boats= more trash= less fish
 - d. Lack of visitor and non-boater access to the Seven Points Marina
 - e. Expanded dock opportunities for restaurants and in general
 - f. Lack of concession lease opportunities-dinning & outfitters

3. Other:
 - a. Parking areas not to be extended and keep to the master plan the way it is
 - b. Expand parking areas
 - c. No additional lodging added to the lake in any of the zones
 - d. Vehicular traffic and boating traffic.
 - e. Protection of existing cemeteries.
 - f. Increase awareness over conflict between bikers, hunters, hikers, and fisherman
 - g. Clean up debris along shorelines for boaters to gain access to wild areas
 - h. Spend more time to clean up the garbage
 - i. Spend more time enforcing/educating on littering
 - j. Pump station – move fresh water station to a different location, add surveillance camera
 - k. Post emergency phone numbers
 - l. Enforce speed limit in seven points recreation area
 - m. Sunoco Pipeline will leave a scar on the landscape
 - n. Continued pipeline work
 - o. Restoration of utility crossings.
 - p. Camping full and had to go else where
 - q. Protect viewshed of eastern shoreline and hillside
 - r. Seasonal restroom access is seasonal

Question 4: What do you VALUE about this ZONE?

1. Recreation:
 - a. Restaurants and bathrooms
 - b. Beach to take kids to and a lot of picnic areas (+1)
 - c. Camping and campgrounds are nice (+1)
 - d. Concentrated development at Seven Points is a great idea
 - e. Recreation opportunities (+1)
 - f. Seven points is maintained the best it could be (+1) - roads paved, marina security, nice walking trail (+1)
 - g. Picnic facilities
 - h. Public access to beach and keeping wake down
 - i. Great access to lake for biking, hiking, boating, etc
 - j. Tire trail (can be used year round) (+3)
 - k. Allegrippis Trails (+1)
 - l. Skills Park (+1)
 - m. Mountain biking/ Dirt Fest
 - n. Landscaping around Visitors Center is beautiful
 - o. Visitors Center – beautiful view (+5)
 - p. Visitors center is beautiful and the location is great for the county(+1)
 - q. Marina
 - r. Availability for handicapped hunters
 - s. Public boat launch
 - t. No wake areas for kayakers
2. Other:
 - a. Beautiful (+1)
 - b. To be able to relax
 - c. Not overpopulated – land base does not feel overcrowded
 - d. Everything is good there Monday thru Friday
 - e. Economic impact of amenities

- f. Development is contained within zone 2 and not carried into other zones
- g. All the amenities are located in one area “show point” and “show case” for the lake
- h. Keep the high density recreation in zone 2 and 4

Public Comments Zone 3

Question 1: What RECREATION Opportunities (ie. camping, boat ramp parking, hiking trails, etc.) would you like to see in this ZONE?

1. Access:
 - a. Access for swimming to the lake near the Trough Creek entrance
 - b. Access to the lake from the Eastern side (Trough Creek side)
2. Recreation:
 - a. Potable water at Nancy’s Camp
 - b. Expanded parking at the Aitch Ramp
 - c. Repairs and improvements to parking at Aitch
 - d. Dead-end roads be utilized for paddling opportunities (parking)
 - e. Environmentally friendly parking upgrades (gravel)
 - f. Car with trailer parking in first lot, single cars in second parking (overflow).
 - g. Longer trailer parking spots to accommodate longer trailers and vehicles
 - h. Expand on the boat to shore camping not only in this zone but others as well
 - i. More organized kayaking opportunities
 - j. More education exhibits across the whole lake
3. Boating:
 - a. Non-powered boat launch in Brumbaugh Cove (+1)
 - b. Non-powered launch at Aitch and Trough Creek inlet (+1)
 - c. Support non-powered boat launch(es) (+1)
 - d. Aitch boat Launch needs widen and the access road too (+1)
 - e. Parking at Aitch for kayakers
 - f. Pump out station that boats on the water can access near party cove
 - g. Extend no wake Brumbaugh Cove to the main channel
 - h. Return No Wake Zones to James Creek and Trough Creek
 - i. Boat retrieval area on Corps property at Trough Creek
 - j. Improve lake access to Trough Creek State Park facilities
 - k. Remove boat launch from MP due to road access issues
 - l. Support for the boat launch identified for trough creek as scoped in the 1994 plan
 - m. Return the buoys to the to the original location
 - n. Wider boat launch and more accessibility at the dock
 - o. Limiting boating access to prevent overcrowding
4. Trails:
 - a. Continuation of equestrian trail near the Rothrock side of the lake (+1)
 - b. Snow mobile extended from Rothrock into this zone
 - c. Terrace Mountain Trail – signage and blaze
 - d. Terrace Mt. Trail to Trough Creek blazing of trails/improvement
 - e. Overnight shelter on Terrace Mt. Trail. (+1)
 - f. TMT general maintenance
 - g. Add trails to the mitigation property

- h. Brumbaugh trail is poorly marked/ improve signs
 - i. Improvements to the trails system and more educational/historical information along paths
5. Other:
- a. Juniata's field station to be more than like a visitor's center, more educational opportunities
 - b. Environmental Center at Juniata College Field Station
 - c. Expand how the Juniata College communicates with the public about what is going on at the field station- more open to the public tours
 - d. Keep existing features from 1994 MP, but protect and consider bat conservation area(s)
 - e. Wider access roads (James Creek specifically).
 - f. Off Corp property traffic study. (road conditions).
 - g. Partnership with the Game Commission for water fowl mitigation education

Question 2: What ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP Opportunities (ie. protection and enhancement, hunting and fishing opportunities, land management initiatives, etc.) would you like to see in this ZONE?

- 1. Fisheries:
 - a. Increase enforcement and visibility of buoys for propagation area in Aitch
 - b. Improving water quality and aquatic resources
 - c. Maintain the fish habitat near Trough Creek
- 2. Wildlife:
 - a. Add nesting opportunities for Osprey
 - b. Protect BATS (+1) and eagles
 - c. Continuing to work on bat preservation research
 - d. Target land management for pheasant hunting on Game lands (for better habitat)
 - e. Expanded partnership with Game Commission in ruffed grouse habitat
 - f. Expand on the possible locations for hunting and publicize it more
 - g. Maintain the nesting places for the birds
- 3. Other:
 - a. Keep it the way it is
 - b. Maintain and continue current environmental stewardship programs
 - c. Juniata college should build nature center near field station instead of Hawn's peninsula
 - d. Maintaining appropriate weed levels when possible
 - e. Increase planting of American Chestnut throughout
 - f. Study/inventory of lake shore erosion
 - g. Second clean-up day (August or September)
 - h. Tie ups at Trough Creek
 - i. Awareness and education of impacts to insects and nocturnal wildlife by light

Question 3: Do you have a major CONCERN about this ZONE?

- 1. Boating:
 - a. More law enforcement in party cove – check for restroom facilities on boats, trash, gray water, sewer etc.
- 2. Other:
 - a. Poison ivy needs maintained along James Creek cove

- b. Party cove.
- c. Trash
- d. Shoreline trash in the area (James Creek and Brumbaugh Cove)
- e. Vault toilets difficult to use
- f. Parking an issue at James Creek and Aitch, no parking for just cars (not just here the entire lake)
- g. Improper & poor quality parking
- h. Aitch boat launch widening needed.
- i. TMT is poorly maintained and improve the condition
- j. No financial input from the Juniata College field station
- k. Monitoring Pipeline for environmental impacts

Question 4: What do you VALUE about this ZONE?

1. Recreation:
 - a. Nice for kayaking at Aitch
 - b. Easy to launch a canoe or kayak at Aitch
 - c. Water skiing near Nancy's Camp
 - d. Great boating access
 - e. Great place to anchor, less traffic, beautiful
 - f. Handicapped fishing pier for night fishing
 - g. Multiple recreational opportunities
 - h. No-wake zone (+2)
 - i. Fishing pier
 - j. Trough Creek State Park's connection to the lake
 - k. Good hiking and varied terrain
2. Stewardship:
 - a. Great area to fish (+1)
 - b. Nice hunting areas (+1) - Pheasant and grouse hunting
 - c. Eagle nest
 - d. Variety of topography and fauna in this area compared to other locations at the Lake
 - e. Scenery. Wildlife watching
 - f. Mitigation area
 - g. Continuing the partnership with the Game Commission to create great wildlife habitat and mitigation areas +
3. Other:
 - a. Tucked back, away from busy part of lake
 - b. A lot quieter, less boat traffic
 - c. Less busy, level, wider waterway
 - d. Less people.
 - e. Offers a different landscape from the rest of the lake (+1)
 - f. Natural view of hillside and undeveloped shoreline
 - g. Beautiful, pristine part of the lake
 - h. Connection Trough Creek State park and Raystown Lake Eastern shore
 - i. Support for the Juniata field station and increased activity with the public
 - j. Juniata Field Station continue to prosper and progress
 - k. Preservation of the log cabin and maple trees at Juniata Field Station
 - l. Juniata College Station – it is well maintained; good opportunities for students (+1)
 - m. Support for the existing propagation PAGC
 - n. Juniata College field station.

- o. Access to the middle of the lake
- p. Remembering that this area is Home for many
- q. Public land not being used for private profit

Public Comments Zone 4

Question 1: What RECREATION Opportunities (ie. camping, boat ramp parking, hiking trails, etc.) would you like to see in this ZONE?

1. Access:
 - a. Development of scenic overlooks and parking areas
2. Recreation:
 - a. Potable water at Tatman Run
 - b. Flushable toilets at Tatman Run
 - c. Fishing access to water along the bridge by Resort (Entriiken Bridge)
 - d. Universal access fishing pier (+1)
 - e. Keep life jacket loner station
 - f. Public beach access (not specific to any zone)
 - g. Promote kayaking activities
 - h. Bring back Paradise Point boat to shore campground (+1)
 - i. Closer to terrace mountain at Tatman Run - increase picnicking areas
 - j. Eagle cam opportunities
3. Boating:
 - a. New access, non-motorized launch in Coffee Run (+3)
 - b. Paddling Sports at Coffee Run
 - c. Even out launch ramp at Tatman Run or move it or improve it
 - d. Non-power access at Tatman Run old beach area
 - e. Add 100-foot No Wake marker/buoys
 - f. Balancing boat parking, and adding boat slips
 - g. Boat dock at LRR water park needs improved as well as the pathway
4. Trails:
 - a. Trail expansion, horseback riding, to connect to trail network in Rothrock
 - b. Overnight trail shelters in Terrace Mountain Trail (+1) north of Tatman Run
 - c. Maintain Terrace Mountain trail around the resort
 - d. Maintain the Terrace Mountain Trail (maintenance and improvements, very rugged)
 - e. Terrace Mt. Trail is worst section of trail (not passable).
 - f. Upper Terrace Mountain trail, north to south
 - g. Enhanced trail head and signage TMT and additional access as applicable
 - h. More access points for Terrace mountain trail
 - i. Biking and hiking Terrace Mt. Trail connection to state park.
 - j. Additional Adirondack shelters along the Terrace Mountain Trail
 - k. Develop winter use trails for cross country skiing
5. Other:
 - a. No future developments, only improvements to the current facilities
 - b. Proper signage for pipeline easement
 - c. Ensure compliance with lease for Lake Raystown Resort
 - d. Retain existing master plan updates

Question 2: What ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP Opportunities (ie. protection and enhancement, hunting and fishing opportunities, land management initiatives, etc.) would you like to see in this ZONE?

1. Wildlife:
 - a. Continue protection of bat conservation areas (+1) and shale barren habitat
 - b. Additional food plots plus conservation of all species, development for pollinator habitat
 - c. Maintain wildlife habitat
 - d. Initiatives to help honey bees (developing hives)
 - e. Coffee Run area potential habitat for ruffed grouse
2. Other:
 - a. Non development from Terrace Mt. down to lake in all zones.
 - b. Anyway to contain infectious diseases or invasive species
 - c. Oak wilt around Entricken anyway to address
 - d. Improvements to the utility corridors (more environmental opportunities)
 - e. Access south to the Resort
 - f. Expand and maintain the current program as is
 - g. Maintain all natural habitat areas.

Question 3: Do you have a major CONCERN about this ZONE?

1. Boating:
 - a. No-wake violations
 - b. Implementing no-wake zone from 22 mile marker
 - c. Water surface crowded – congested bottle neck area
 - d. Safety at bridge area – add reflectors on HWY 994 bridge piers
 - e. Improve the boat launch –Ramp steepness & dock safety (Tatman Run launch)
 - f. Steep grade at Tatman boat launch
2. Other:
 - a. Commercial development lake wide. All zones
 - b. Monitoring of environmental conditions in high development areas
 - c. Trash (+1) accumulating in coves
 - d. USACE inspect and require standards for concessions
 - e. Erosion problems at the end of the Lake Raystown Resort
 - f. No more building or lodging at Lake Raystown Resort
 - g. Air quality in the Lake Raystown Resort area & at docks
 - h. See Resort invest in the infrastructure to stay open all year round – upgrade water system, electric system and waste system, docks
 - i. Parking at the Resort - designated parking area for the slip holders and paved parking
 - j. Boat and wild fire in Lake Raystown Resort
 - k. Insufficient restroom facilities at Tatman Run

Question 4: What do you VALUE about this ZONE?

1. Recreation:
 - a. Another great place for kids to swim
 - b. Swimming at Tatman Run (+1)

- c. Beach
 - d. Life jacket loaner program is great (+1)
 - e. Tatman and the marina. Outdoor atmosphere
 - f. Concentrated recreational areas.
 - g. Existing no wake areas
 - h. Tatman Run
 - i. Easy boating access at Tatman Run
 - j. Boating -When you leave Shy Beaver and head toward Zone 5, it is not congested and is scenic.
 - k. Like the "No Ski" zone
 - l. The overlooks
2. Stewardship:
- a. Fishing (+1)
 - b. Eagles (+1)
 - c. Access to gated roads for handicap hunters
3. Other:
- a. Not a lot of outside people there
 - b. Primitive atmosphere of lake. Pristine nature. All zones.
 - c. Aesthetics
 - d. Most beautiful part of the south part of the lake- safe, top notch
 - e. Public access
 - f. Less traveled
 - g. The small by-pass area
 - h. The Resort and economic benefits.
 - i. Variety of concessions that the Resort offers
 - j. Waterpark at Resort very popular
 - k. Wedding facilities and proms- convention center very nice
 - l. Resort does a nice job with the restaurant, nice view

Public Comments Zone 5

Question 1: What RECREATION Opportunities (ie. camping, boat ramp parking, hiking trails, etc.) would you like to see in this ZONE?

- 1. Access:
 - a. Additional parking at the bridge or upstream on eastern side
 - b. Improve road access to camp
- 2. Recreation:
 - a. Swimming area at Weaver Falls
 - b. Beach at Weaver Falls
 - c. Increase interpreted opportunities
 - d. Expand boat launch parking – remove picnic area and convert to parking
- 3. Boating:
 - a. Reinforce canoe and kayak trail.
 - b. Balancing parking issues with additional marina slips. Carried over throughout. Based on boat density study.

- c. Continued use of the ski club course and its maintenance
 - d. Non-power boat access
 - e. More boat launches – whole lake. Associated parking with new boat launches needed, also.
 - f. Need additional boat slips – dry storage
4. Trails:
- a. More hiking and mountain biking trails
 - b. Continuing bike trails
 - c. Biking trails for older folks- flatter terrain (across entire lake)
 - d. Parking access for Terrace Mountain Trail
 - e. More access points along Terrace Mountain for day hikes across entire lake
 - f. Upper Terrace Mountain trail- along the upper edge along the East side (scenic trail) entire lake
 - g. Additional shelters on Terrace Mt. Trail.
 - h. Coordination with Broadtop TWP and the H&BT trail (+1)
 - i. Trail from Terrace mountain to Weaver Falls – sign directing to Amenities
 - j. Extend Terrace Mountain Trail past Weaver Falls along Saxton river area
 - k. Connecting Warrior's Path to Weaver Falls (+1)
 - l. Trail off the road and re-routed thru the woods
 - m. Gate toward Millers- more parking areas and ATV trails
 - n. ATV club partnership to create and maintain trails
5. Other:
- a. Keep 1994 MP proposals, but consider environmental impacts.

Question 2: What ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP Opportunities (ie. protection and enhancement, hunting and fishing opportunities, land management initiatives, etc.) would you like to see in this ZONE?

- 1. Fisheries
 - a. Artificial fish habitats in all areas
 - b. Shallow water poorly marked upstream from Putts - place fish structure in deeper water
- 2. Wildlife:
 - a. Sensitive areas for bats and eagles be protected for entire lake
 - b. Designated area for bird habitat – viewing...
 - c. Open gates for hunting access
 - d. Improve food plots in Miller's area
 - e. Maintain protection endangered bats, plants etc.
 - f. Improvements to rough grouse habitat and woodcock habitat
 - g. More bat boxes
 - h. NW Shore potential habitat for ruffed grouse near Upper Ridge area
- 3. Other:
 - a. Continued protection and active management.
 - b. Maintain the forest as is and environmental stewardship program
 - c. Acid mine discharges treated with constructed/artificial wetlands
 - d. Buggy there...

Question 3: Do you have a major CONCERN about this ZONE?

1. Boating:
 - a. Trees sticking out of water need removed or marked (entire lake)
 - b. Boat ramp configuration
 - c. No wake zone – better identification needed
2. Other:
 - a. Sedimentation concerns and water levels. (+1)
 - b. Address the trash along the river – add garbage cans
 - c. Amount of trash unbelievable- further development of the area will increase the trash population
 - d. Marketing campaign for trash responsibilities, signs for campaign on land and water
 - e. Maintain Pine Ridge road into Weaver Falls
 - f. Existing beach proposal for Weaver Falls- consider removing from master plan
 - g. Identify hazards on the lake such as debris. Need cleanup.
 - h. Use of fish structures needs to be revisited. Shallowness pose safety concerns. Mark fish structure locations. Include for whole lake
 - i. Striped bass survey

Question 4: What do you VALUE about this ZONE?

1. Recreation:
 - a. Great kayaking.
 - b. Opportunities for Boy Scouts and any other non-profit at Putt's Camp
 - c. Safer for non-power use & small water craft
 - d. Value the no wake laws
 - e. Terrance Mountain Trail
2. Stewardship:
 - a. Good spring time fishing (+1)
3. Other:
 - a. Beauty of the area (+2)
 - b. Natural
 - c. Slower pace
 - d. Placarding to recognizing nuclear plant/interpretive opportunities
 - e. Maintain primitive areas across all zones.
 - f. Quiet location
 - g. Keep the no wake area as is
 - h. Peace (+1) and quiet and Beauty
 - i. River like-ness of it
 - j. Lack of development (woody feel)

APPENDIX B
Agency and Public Coordination

Part B

**Public Comment:
1st Public Comment Period**

April - September 30, 2018



Raystown Lake Master Plan Revision - Public Comments

Comment

- 1) I would like to see camping, hiking, fishing, and hunting available in the respective units - but I would like the units to remain as natural and primitive as possible.
- 2) In all areas I would like to see hunting and fishing opportunities remain or be created. Further, land management activities need to be done as old growth is a detriment to wildlife - healthy forests do look ugly in their infancy but they are glorious for all animals in less than 3-5 years. Protecting these areas from development! We can always build more parking lots, we can't build wild places.
- 3) A major concern is the proposed plan to develop the peninsula into a resort. I'm sure Raystown Lake would make a lovely place for this, but the impact the resort would have goes beyond the peninsula itself, especially when it comes to the increased road traffic, foot traffic, and boat traffic that could further erosion and pollution to the lake. There's no need to develop any part of the lake. It's wild. Keep it Wild
- My family lives in Blair county & makes their living off the lake. I have been fortunate enough to grow up enjoying Raystown Lake. Now that I have moved away to Philadelphia, I still return to the lake several times a year to share it with my young family. Raystown Lake is unique because it feels untouched by human hands. There are few, if any, places like it where humans have not developed and changed the landscape forever. I believe that as stewards of the lake we have the responsibility to protect this wild unspoiled heritage for generations. The proposed developments on Hawn's Bridge Peninsula are unnecessary and unwanted. The proposed marina and lodging would not fill any niche that doesn't currently exist. Boaters already have access to fuel and safety services on the water. There are public boat launches & campsites within a few miles of the peninsula. I am also concerned about the steep topography and the impact of runoff on water quality in this critical striped bass habitat.
- I understand a developer proposing to construct a restaurant, a 150-slip marina, cabins, campsites, hiking trails, an environmental learning center on Hawn's peninsula. The proposed development would likely make the whole of Hawn's Peninsula off limits to hunting due to Pennsylvania's Safety Zone regulations and would negatively impact angling opportunities and flora and fauna through direct habitat loss and indirectly through the increased disturbance by visitors to the proposed development. Please consider the thoughts and feelings of all public landowners in regard to making decisions effecting this area.
- Zones 1 and 2: I would like to see better trail access in these areas, particularly better connectivity between Huntingdon Borough and areas for swimming, hiking and biking. The Allegrippis is the crown jewel of the entire area of the lake and should be maintained indefinitely, addressing problems created by the proliferation of e-bikes as they become more prevalent. I value the remote views of the lake and would vehemently oppose any development of Hawn's Peninsula that would threaten fish habitat, water quality through erosion or construction activities, or the appearance of the peninsula.
- Zone 3: I regularly frequent Trough Creek and would support further trail development in the area, as well as placing a gauge on Trough Creek itself so it would connect to the American Whitewater website o better alert paddlers when it's runnable. ☺
- I have major concern about each zone. I, along with the Pennsylvania chapter of Backcountry Hunters and Anglers oppose any and all development of wild lands surrounding Raystown Lake. This land must be preserved for the aesthetic value of the landscape, ecosystem, and for the pursuit of recreational opportunities. As an American taxpayer, I position myself as a partial owner of all American public lands. These areas must be conserved for use by ALL Americans, not just those choosing to utilize a resort.
- Keep the eastern side of the lake at low density recreation. Hawn's peninsula should be environmentally sensitive area.
- I support the use of the Hawn's Bridge Peninsula region of Raystown Lake for recreational use and request you consider its use to increase access to eastern shore regions of the lake for boating, fishing, hiking, swimming, camping and other healthy pursuits.
- Development of this area assures that this space has potential to generate economic growth opportunities for my family and I. Proposed development there will bring hundreds of jobs and millions of dollars into our economy. This provides a pathway to grow my transportation services business while also increasing the possibility that my children will have the economic infrastructure needed to afford living and working here -as opposed to moving away for career development.
- while i support promoting raystown to guests and visitors i vehemently despise the proposed plans for hawns peninsula. the untouched shorelines is what makes this lake the " crown jewel" of pa. traveling from the dam to susqehannock and seeing practically no man made interference is pure bliss, peace, and tranquility. (yes im aware the lake is man made). upgrade seven points or susqehannock area if you want luxury or more accommodations. there is plenty of room. we don't need a deep creek lake here.

<p>Zone 1. Love the cove areas, perfect for swimming off of boat. Would love to have gas on the lake here. I have several times, towed boats out of gas up to 7 points. Overall. Too many boats near 7 Points and Resort area. If there is more development on the lake there should be less in existing high density areas, and/or fewer parking spaces to control boat access.</p>
<p>Increased "Hike-In" camping areas around lake.</p>
<p>Keep the shoreline pristine and unencumbered with development; please keep the surrounding forests in their NATURAL state. We LOVE this lake as-is! Please DO NOT add any more boat trailer parking, new boat slips or CERTAINLY NOT another marina! We have too many boats on the lake at peak times... averaging those numbers doesn't help the peaks. Please DO NOT allow development of Hawn's Peninsula (or any other shoreline areas not already developed). The light pollution, noise pollution, etc. will totally ruin this natural habitat. Please keep Hawn Bridge Road access open for disabled hunters.</p>
<p>The development plans that I have seen proposed for Raystown lake (specifically the peninsula) will restrict hunting and angling access as well as disturb natural habitat and spaces that support a variety of wildlife. There is plenty of recreation opportunities and recreational use in the area. Please do everything you can to keep this land wild and accessible to hunters and anglers and all those people, flora, and fauna that appreciate an uninterrupted wild habitat. ☹</p>
<p>I am commenting as a lifelong citizen of Huntingdon county that spends much of my time out at lake raystown. It concerns me that they are considering adding a new resort and boat slips into zone 1. I live 1 mile from aitch boat launch and understand better than most the ammount of tourists that frequent the lake in the summer. Boat traffic on the lake is through the roof and what used to be a great place to fish has become a mess of inexperienced boaters through the late spring to early fall. Adding a resort and more boat slips is not only irresponsible but also ruins the natural beauty of the lake that most of your residents have come to love. If anything in that area it would be nice to see new swimming areas and parks for children that would not disturb the natural environment. This has become a giant debate that pits big business against conservation and once you give up the conservation effort you can't get that back. Common consensus of Huntingdon residents is no resort or slips</p>
<p>Would like to see an outdoor amphitheater, anywhere on the lake. More boat launches on east side of lake.</p>
<p>Make Brumbaugh's House into a museum/destination.</p>
<p>Zone 1: Q3. The Nature Trail needs to be better maintained on a regular basis. Q3. The quiet hours/visiting hours at the Branch Camp are not always enforced.</p>
<p>Hawn's Bridge Peninsula should be reclassified: Environmentally Sensitive Area NOT high density recreation. Terrace Mountain should remain : Low Density Recreation. This would protect the eastern shore and Terrace Mountain from degradation of: water quality, wildlife habitat, recreation (specifically fishing and hunting), and scenic beauty. Attention must also be paid to what development, and the resulting increased watercraft activities, would mean to congestion and boating safety on Lake Raystown. There should be special attention to restricting any development and disturbance to Natural Areas/Environmentally Sensitive Areas on the eastern shore and Terrace Mountain. Huntingdon Co. Natural Heritage Inventory (2004) lists the area around the river below the dam, around the dam, and Hawn's Peninsula as Exceptional Biological Diversity Area. The rare shale barrens on Hawn's Peninsula: are one of the most endangered and unusual ecosystem in PA; contain flora and fauna found only in this habitat. USACE Bat Conservation Area on Terrace Mountain for long-eared and Indiana and other forest bats</p>
<p>Please do not allow any development on Hawn's Peninsula and/or Terrace Mountain near Hawn's Peninsula. That part of the watershed should remain wild because it is important for bats and plant and insect species of special concern.</p>
<p>We have camped at Raystown for the last 8 years. In staying there, we have encountered many great people. We kayak, fish, mountain bike, swim and hike when there. In our opinion, we would love to see an official kayak launch area, campsite camps that are dog free (people are not cleaning up after them), more routine rounds made by the staff enforcing rules (noise control), new geocaching, and kid activities on the weekdays along with weekends. We love the no wake zones especially for teaching the kids to kayak and paddle board. Thank you and good luck on this awesome plan</p>

More permanent boat docks would be nice. It would cut down on the traffic at the boat launches. Everyone is always looking for a permanent boat slip to make it easier to get on the water during busy weekends or just to make it easier for a family not to fight with people to try and get their boat in the water.
Please consider reclassifying the peninsula for recreational use and help bring more recreation options and tourism to Huntingdon County. I love Raystown Lake, and we have only recently in the last 2 years begun to camp at the lake. We learned that reservations have to be made months if not a year prior to get campsites ideal for families needing access to kayak launch areas. My family would love another place to launch our kayaks and to have for camping.
My family likes to ski, it is already impossible to safely ski between 10am and 4pm. Another marina would overcrowd even more making safety worse.
We love Raystown and all the nature and beauty that it offers and feel that this potential development would absolutely be the wrong way to go. Too many boats would be added to the lake causing unnecessary traffic, trash, utilization of resources. Please keep it as is so that many generations can enjoy the splendor that was created by God. It needs to be kept LOW DENSITY, LIMITED RECREATION!
I enjoy the lake the way it is. It is already crowded enough. We dont need new facilities. Better restrooms at boat launches would be nice. ☹️
Please keep the lake the way it is. It is already crowded enough the way it is. Everyone loves the undeveloped lake so we can enjoy the natural scenery.
Please keep raystown lake the way it is. It is already too crowded with boats. We enjoy the natural setting and enjoy the peaceful surroundings of the lake. Do not develop the peninsula. We are from Lancaster and have been coming to the lake for many years. We own a cabin near the lake.
Please keep the lake the way it is undeveloped. We don't need more boats on an already crowded lake. Plus protect the natural environment
Please designate hawns peninsula as environmentally sensitive and do not allow any more development. The lake is already very crowded with boats.
Please do not allow any development at raystown lake. The lake is already crowded. Please keep the lake in its natural state.
I am writing to express my concern and dislike regarding the potential development of the Hawns Bridge area. I come to Raystown for the solitude, peaceful waters, and surrounding, non-developed land around the water. Adding this developed area raises concern regarding over commercializing the lake, making it a "touristy-type" destination, and will take away from the current atmosphere that the lake provides. Thank you for your time, I hope my comments are appreciated as Raystown Lake has become a weekend family get-away and what I hope to become a tradition for generations to come.
Zone 4 - Allow shower house in Walnut Hickory Camp
Need better enforcement of no wake zones. Striper fishing must be protected - environment in Zone 1 especially.
I have fished for striped bass, hybrids, bass, and other fish species on Raystown Lake for over 20 years. I agree with the comments of the Pennsylvania Striped Bass Association that a marina or marinas located on the Hawn Peninsula would have a detrimental effect on the health of the fishery and violate the Dam's mission to protect fish and wildlife. While some non-intrusive recreational development on the Hawn Peninsula may be appropriate, the scale of these proposed marinas would be inconsistent with safe boating and with the survival of aquatic species. They would do serious harm to striped bass angling businesses that have thrived in the Raystown area for many year as there would be fewer fish and fewer customers. For those reasons I wish to oppose the changes to the master plan and recommend their rejection. Thank you very much.
This project is a great idea and one of the only perspective opportunities for creating jobs and tax revenue in Huntingdon County.
I support this project so that others can enjoy the beauty of Central Pa.
I am the owner of several local businesses. I am in support of opening up the Hawn's Bridge area for potential, sustainable development initiatives. Our communities and the businesses in them could benefit. My family, employees, and the citizens of the area value our natural resources. Any development should be in keeping with sound, environmentally friendly projects and practices. Thank you for the opportunity to contribute to the conversation.
I am in favor of all upgrades except the new 150 slip marina. The lake is crowded already regarding safety issues and boaters. We will consider going elsewhere if the new marina is approved. Have been boating since '85.

Dear US Army Corps of Engineers, Our family has been boating and fishing on Raystown Lake for 30 years. It has been an absolute treasure of memories for our whole family from a recreational area for pleasure boating, as well as a haven for early morning fishing exhibitions. We are absolutely against any changes that would add to the boat number on the lake. We have loved the area so much that we have purchased a second home near the seven points marina. Already we have often experienced an unsafe number of boats on the week-ends and have witnessed some very dangerous potential boating accidents. We would be apposed to any change of designation of the area around Hawns Bridge Peninsula that would allow for intensive recreation or the building of a marina. This area is a treasure for fisherman due to the striped Bass habitat where the fish remain year round, due to the water temperature and dissolved oxygen levels. In addition it is well know in this area there is series of underwater structure that provide underwater habitat for the striped bass. Finally if you have ever boated around or near the present resort area, it can hardly be called pleasure boating, the upper end of the lake is needed to have safe recreational boating. Plus the upper end of the lake is the perfect to tie up along the shore and on a nice week-end you will see hundreds of boats just tied up along the shore across from mile marker two just enjoying family swimming or recreate. The proposed marina would destroy that beautiful area, destroy natural habitat for striped bass, and add to an already dangerous amount of boats per acres of water. Thank- you for hearing our concerns!!!

1. Restrict HP on Lake. 2. More kayak access. 3. Keep no wake by Seven Points beach area. 4. Release land back to original landowners/heirs.

As a long standing family who not only has used the lake for 25+ years, but also a family who has bought property at the Trough Creek area, please do not add another marina on this lake. It is already becoming so dangerous and stressful on the weekends. The Snyder's Run area is most beautiful. It would be a great loss for Thank you for allowing me to express my deep concerns. to be so commercial. A resort, campground, restaurant, ok. It could be a beautiful attraction. Weddings could be done there, etc. Please no more boats. You will ruin the best lake in Pennsylvania and our beautiful Peninsula.

We have been boaters on the lake for 20 years. We also live part time in the trough creek area.

We would love to have the no wake areas near Tatman launch moved back where they originally were located. The surplus of people on jet skis and their rudeness or lack of education of rules makes it very dangerous while launching.

The removal of the no wake zone at the beginning of the great Trough creek has made one of the nicest areas, into a James Creek tight unenjoyable hang out. Please consider placing the no wake signs back much further.

If daily usage fees were reinstated, perhaps a dock for people who need to tieoff to launch out could be built away from the actual launch.?

Thank you for allowing us to state our concerns.

I support our public land and do not want Hawn's Peninsula developed.

Please do not commercialize Raystown Lake any further. I have been visiting the Lake for 40 years. Over that time, I have seen the lake become more polluted and dangerous to maneuver a water craft. When the Resort was built at the upper part of the lake, boat traffic got so bad that I no longer go to that section of the lake. I see more trash in the water and it is not clear as it once was. Please do not let money and greed ruin this natural environment. I have seen in the past outsiders coming in and tearing up the land that is unrecognizable to what it was. I cannot see how a facility that is proposed to be built on the lake could support itself in the off season. I can see this organization turning this resort into a casino and bring crime and burden to Huntingdon. Please save the Lake. It's the best attraction in Pa. Thank for your attention to my request. ☺

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Very Exciting, I support the project.

<p>I am in favor of the proposed Hawn's Peninsula Recreation Area in Zone 1 of the Master Plan. I believe this to be a positive addition to the lake and to the community as it will boost the economy of the area. That said, it needs to be environmentally friendly.</p> <p>I would like to also see additional parking spaces at the launch ramps in Zones 1 and 2 specifically. This is necessary with, or without the new marina and recreational area. We are short on parking spaces on the weekends (Saturdays).</p> <p>I believe each zone has it's unique charm and personality and I appreciate visiting each area for specific things. I do believe that Party Cove in Zone 3 should be closely monitored and perhaps water quality samples taken on weekends when all the boats are "rafting up."</p> <p>I do still wish the dam had not been built as I miss my homestead, now approximately 140 feet under water. However, I also know that Huntingdon would be a ghost town without the tourism created by the lake.</p>
<p>As a member of the Huntingdon County Community and a frequent user of Lake Raystown, I would like to take this time to answer some of your questions concerning the future use of Raystown Lake and it's Master Plan.</p> <p>I am a full range user of the Lake (hunting, fishing, hiking, swimming, skiing, boating, etc.) The natural environment surrounding the lake is important to me. Every year I am hunting and fishing in the area of the Hawn's Peninsula area of the lake. But I also see the area for what it is and what it was originally designed for, flood control, recreation, and energy and a subset of that is economic growth to our area.</p> <p>I have long hoped for a "fine dining" option on the northern end of the Lake. I am certainly in favor of the proposed resort, but would request that if this is incorporated in the Master Plan that the Master Plan would make it clear that any new growth around the lake be environmentally friendly and be incorporated into the current landscape.</p>
<p>I have no problem w upgrading and expanding the existing facilities that are on the lake now. But developing hawns peninsula is not in the best interest of anyone that uses the lake. It certainly isn't going to improve the lake and will be detrimental to wildlife and the lake itself. Please allow the pristine areas of the lake to remain as they are.</p>
<p>I am in favor of the revision of the Master Plan to include the Hawn's Peninsula Recreation Area. I believe this would be vital to the economy of Lake Raystown and the surrounding areas. Please revise the master plan to include this project. Thank-you.</p>
<p>No changes needed. The lake is a great place and already too busy on the waterways during boating season</p>
<p>I adamantly oppose any projects that add to powered boat access to include Hawn's Peninsula resort.</p>
<p>I am opposed to any revision plan that adds to the total number of boats on the lake. On holidays like Memorial day, July 4th, and Labor day, the boating experience is not a fun one except for those with ocean vessels. The no wake zones have dwindled to the point of non-existence and those same zones are polluted with ocean vessels tired of making waves for everyone else (even they require a break from the bustling activity). I would have less issues with sites similar to Nancy's boat to shore except that there is no accountability for those boaters who dump in and park in a place like Snyder's lot (not the public launch the private landowner). Excluding these boaters from the grand total is a misrepresentation of the total boats on the lake at any given time. In summary, any plan revision that adds boats to the bottomline is a recipe for increased tragedies and disasters.</p>
<p>I appreciate the ability to comment on the master plan and thank you for taking the time to solicit feedback. My concern is for the long term preservation of the lake's habitat, specifically the potential for new campsites, a new marina, and recreational development of Hawn's Peninsula. I feel that the lake has plenty of land dedicated to recreational activities and does not need any additional development. Additional boat traffic, camping, and vehicle/person traffic will severely affect the beauty and enjoyment of the lake. I have never had an issue finding a campsite or launching my boat, even on the busiest of summer days. There is plenty of traffic and people enjoying the lake and I strongly feel that additional development will tip the balance negatively. I can't imagine driving the lake and having to clean up more trash on the water than is already present. (I like to help where I can!). Please do not permit any additional development on this beautiful lake!</p>
<p>No to Hawn's. Keep the lake the way it is.</p>
<p>Major concerns regarding the proposed development of Hawn's Peninsula: increased traffic, water supplies and the water table, sewage disposal, garbage disposal, pollution - land and water, putting greed and money above protecting the environment.</p>
<p>I am opposed to any development on Hawn's Peninsula and the National Forest on Terrace Mountain. These areas should be classified as environmentally sensitive and low density limited recreation areas. Zone 1 is special and unique and should be protected in the new Master Plan - protected for future generations and protection from private commercial greed. I value the wide variety of plant and animal species and the pristine beauty of the lake and surrounding woods.</p>

I support public land and do not wish to see Hawn's peninsula being developed.
I am a lifelong resident of Huntingdon county and support the development of the Hawn's Bridge Peninsula project and would encourage the Army Corps of Engineers to amend the Raystown Lake Master Plan to allow the project to go forward.
Concentrating recreation too much in one area could encroach upon and harm wildlife.
I am against the proposed new marina. The lake is crowded already, boat launch parking lots are full to capacity. If more recreation is needed why not build it where access is feasible , With it's own public launch and parking lot. If this resort had a launch and lot nobody would want to haul our the mountain to get to it. I can see too many negatives on why this marina shouldn't be built.
Many issues are confronting this revision plan. Please consider each point made by the Coalition to Protect and Preserve the Hawn Peninsula. Our public deserves a fair and responsible revision to ensure environmental protection of this lake. So many of the lakes in PA are developed and the natural beauty is lost for generations. I see nothing in this plan appears to be in the best interest of the health of the lake. It adds to the overcrowded nature of the lake. A lake all ready over crowed with boats making it unsafe to young and old alike. The development disturbs critical nesting areas for fish and animals. And, the water quality will deteriorate. the area which will deteriorate more crimes. The only positive will be the few big business owners, not the taxpayers. Who do you serve, the community or big business.
Put any new marina mile marker #4. Best let the present marinas enlarge. Zone 1 - The area proposed marina - best place to learn to ski. Great fishing. Will ruin the view of the most beautiful lookout on the lake. I think there is a cave on the mountain. We have tons of wild animals. Let them alone.
You have enough things do not add anything else it would just cause problems!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!
Please reduce boat motor size to ten horsepower to make the lake more friendly to kayaks, canoes and rowboats.
In your revision of the master plan for Raystown Lake I hope you will consider the following items. In terms of boat traffic on the lake-it seems to me it is already overused. I would suggest that you do not allow for more access for power/motor boats. I personally prefer to canoe and kayak and I think Raystown offers a great place for this. I go to Raystown to get away from the busyness and get back to nature and when possible a little solitude. I would like to see the land stay as it is as much as possible. I believe that along with me most of the people who come to Raystown come to experience nature and the beauty of the area and do not want to see further development. If there is to be further development I would suggest that it be as far removed from the shores as possible as I along with others come to see the natural beauty of the outdoors and not condos, hotels or resort centers. <u>I would like to see Raystown stay as natural and unspoiled as it is for all to enjoy.</u>
My name is Blake Garlock, and I am a hunter, angler, public land owner and outdoor enthusiast. I recently heard that a developer is attempting to put in a resort on Hawn's Peninsula along Raystown Lake. I speak for the blue collar outdoorsmen and women when I say that we do not need this. Although development is certainly important (in some cases a priority), this one is not. We have a great balance between development and remoteness near the lake now, and disturbing this peninsula will only damage hunting, fishing, and opportunities to view wildlife and nature (natural nature, not where a developer puts flora and fauna in a building and call it a "viewing center"). <u>Please don't allow my land to be developed.</u>
1. No increase of boat traffic on lake. 2. Keeping the lake as is today with upgrades to current features. The lake is pretty much at capacity. 3. Remove from plan additions at mile marker 4 for launch and restaurant. 4. remove from plan upper corner road for convention center.
In 1998 the boat study stated that only 25% of the boaters who had seasonal docks where on the lake. The study at that time showed the lake @ capacity. 2018 is thirty years later. Boat traffic has increased over the years to include jet skis, kayaks, stand up boards etc. and much larger boats with increased horse power. WE DO NOT NEED another marina to only increase the conjection on the lake.
As of 2018 there are 1,596 boat and dry docks available.This does not include 725 spaces at public launches and additional spaces avilable through the campgrounds on corp property and surrounding private campgrounds are not a part of this number. The lake is very conjested as of now NO MORE additional launch areas or marinas should be considered. NO Changes of any kind to the lake.
Current Master Plan shows possible Convention Center on Upper Corners Road. This area should be changed to a low density area. This area is a prime area that is widely used for the hunting of Deer, Bear, Turkey and small game. Please change to low density area.

Area on lake known as Beer Barrel should go back to a NO WAKE AREA. This was always a no wake zone but was changed about three years ago. This was always a very nice area to go to escape the high volume of traffic on the main channel. Please consider making this change back to a NO WAKE ZONE.
I would hope when doing the boat capacity study that the 100ft. no wake along all shore lines is taken into consideration. Most boaters are not aware of this rule since it is not posted anywhere or marked..
I am a slip holder at Seven Points Marina and was told at the beginning of the season that I would receive a survey which would be done thru the army corp. This survey was to be sent out June or July. Word is that approval from OMB is holding up this process, can you respond?
I think there are plenty of boats on the lake especially on weekends with all the launches being full. Why destroy the most pristine part of the lake at Hawn's Bridge.
My family and I enjoy the lake for boating,fishing,and relaxing while spending quality time with family and friends .I certainly believe there is an immediate need to expand boat trailer parking at the James Creek and Tatman Run areas .Perhaps the current parking areas could be designated for boat trailer parking while a separate parking area be made for vehicle parking only .On many occasion dozens of vehicles park in area near the launch site and basically hog such spots while camping at Nancy's for a week .It is not uncommon to find all parking spaces full by 10 am .Trucks and vehicles are parked there overnight to insure they have a boat trailer parking space anytime the next day or throughout the week .My concerns include too much alcohol consumption and loud music in the party coves no wake areas .Overall ,the lake is a tremendous asset to the area businesses and certainly prevent flooding and the associated loss and damages which would result .Thank you !
I believe due care and due process and study of boating impact and environmental issues should be given in evaluating the Hawn's Bridge peninsula for further development through the Master Plan revision effort.
I believe the development of the resort would have a greatly positive impact on the region and the towns in the area as per the Southern Alleghenies Economic Impact Study, and that recreational opportunities for both local residents and tourists would be increased through this usage of federal land.
Thank you so much for making us a wonderful playground. Also thank you for taking care of our environment. We've been boating for 40 years and we love it at Lake Raystown.
hello – I just attempted to use the official comment page to submit my feedback, however, the page does not appear to be working at this time. Below are my comments which I attempted to submit on 9/30/18. I I have been boating on Raystown Lake since I was three years old. I am now 44 and bring my own children to Rayatown as often as possible. My parents have a house boat that they keep at the marina and we just spent a week camping at Raystown in July. I am extremely concerned that the army corps is considering an out of state oil baron developer as a purchaser of the most beautiful and pristine area of Raystown lake. This Lake is a jewel that belongs to the citizens of PA, not to a Texas oil billionaire. I simply can't imagine the lake with any additional traffic on it or allowing this pristine area to be ruined by an unwanted, unnecessary resort. The traffic and shorelines are already overrun with day boaters who don't take care of this beautiful lake. Instead, we need more resources to be dedicated to preserving the lakes nature beauty, animals scenery and family atmosphere. Please do not approve this development! Thank you!
My wife and I currently use the lake for multiple purposes. We enjoy hiking the scenic trails, taking our boats out for the weekend (cruising as well as fishing), taking advantage of the vast array of fish species(which could use some higher populations) as well as using it as a meeting area for my out of area customers. I would love to see the new resort and marina approved. The addition of a year round facility would do wonders for the local economy. In addition to the economic benefits from what I have seen Mr. Roberts plans would have great environmental upside. It's another place where teachers would have easy access to get students into nature and learn their environment. Thank you for the opportunity to express my views on what I hope the future of Raystown will be.
Please for the ove of God do not let this happen. The man has 1200 acres now. Don't let him take 400 acres of public property. The public property, as it is now, everyone can use. If this man develops it will not only eliminate the public use but destroy habitat that we will never get back. People come to yhe lake for the beauty and mountains. They hunt and fish all over that area. That will be gone and changed forever. Let him build what he wants on HIS ground. Please do not let him alter or take public property. The money is not worth the cost. Thank you for your time.
I would like to voice my wholehearted support for this project. Huntingdon county needs every possible opportunity to offer people work and/or recreation. This lake is huge and still offers plenty of room for nature, even with this small project. This project can only improve the lake and our area.

<p>To whom it may concern,</p> <p>Please do not allow this proposed resort to be built on this ecologically and historically significant part of our land. Please do not allow a few to capitalize on the destruction and eventual development of beautiful, natural landscapes such as Raystown lake. Not only will the land, flora, and fauna suffer due to continued fragmentation and increased human activity, but also will fall victim to increased litter, waste, sound and light pollution...all things that are already too prevalent in our beautiful forests. Please resist the those claims that a new resort will help the local economy, as that is a one-sided, Short-sighted argument with gains for only a few people, but losses to many.</p> <p>Thank you for your consideration. ☺</p>
Public Land should stay public for all to use and not privatized for some individual to gain profit specifically around Raystown lake.
<p>The area around Hawn's Peninsula harbors a large portion of Raystown Lake's smallmouth bass population. The south side of the peninsula is a wintering area and to the north is the largest spawning flat on the northern half of the lake. Commercial development could result in a major loss of habitat. Bass fishing on Raystown is a major boost to the local economy and a passion for many of us. <u>We recommend keeping this portion of the lake in limited use as far as development.</u></p> <p>I believe the lake is just fine as it is. Raystown is a beautiful lake to go to because it is not commercialized like the rest of the lakes. I personally don't want to see a resort put on the lake along with many others. <u>There also could be some more parking at the ramps.</u></p>
Please do not develop any more shoreline of Raystown Lake. This is one of the few areas where you can go and not see development, just the raw beauty she is. That cannot be replaced or have a value placed on it.
I'm opposed
i am opposed to the new hawns project, there is enough boat traffic on the lake as it is
<p>Raystown Lake is a unique resource for recreation, outdoor activities, economic development, community, and the environment. It is also ingrained in our identity as County residents. Many locals and visitors spend a large number of days throughout the year enjoying "The Lake". Others have an even deeper connection because they or their family previously owned property that is now incorporated into federal lands. I personally spent much time as a child and young adult fishing and hunting at Raystown Lake. I hunted Hawns Peninsula for many years.</p> <p>I understand the deep personal connection that many have to this place, but our area has not fully reaped the economic potential. I fully support additional, balanced, prudent, and environmentally sustainable development of the Hawns Bridge area in a way that brings additional economic and recreational opportunities. Other than several holidays each year, the lake is not overly busy and could easily support the additional boats proposed.</p>
I am a life-long resident of Cassville and am in full support of the revision of the Raystown Lake Master Plan to include the development of the Terrace Mountain Resort and Hawn's Bridge Marina. This would provide lake access to residents on the eastern side and would create much-needed job opportunities and economic growth for the entire area.
<p>I serve as chair of the Board of Commissioners in Blair County, immediately to the west of Huntingdon County.</p> <p>I strongly support the initiative to develop a high-end lodging resort near Lake Raystown in Huntingdon County. The economic impact of this investment would provide a dramatic boost not just to Huntingdon but also surrounding counties. This addition would take Lake Raystown as a destination to the next level and provide construction, hospitality, and additional ancillary employment opportunities to our area.</p>
Please reconsider the calculations fo0r the capacity of the lake to carry boats. The concept that each boat will use approx. six acres of area must be wrong. The lake is already too crowded on the weekends. It is not enjoyable due to the number and types of watercraft racing around in all directions. Please do not increase the launch sites or the marina moorage. As for the lodge , make sure it is it is well hidden from all angles, from the lake and from the road. Be sure to require that the roads have the capacity to carry the traffic.
Return the lake to the local municipalities as the constitution gives you no authority over it.

<p>I have been coming to the lake since it was created. I have watch the Rothrock State Park be turned into Lake Raystown Resort that was enough. Traveling across America most lakes are WAY over developed. What makes Raystown Lake so special is the fact that the US Army Corps owns all the surrounding lake land.</p> <p>It is your duty to protect this natural lake shore and mountain areas to keep it natural for generations to come.</p> <p>The Lake is over developed and crowded now. I for the last five years will not get near the lake on weekends as it is dangerous. We do NOT need anymore boat traffic up there, just this morning of facebook was a video of a new 20 foot racing boat doing 126 MPH on the lake CRAZY.</p> <p>Please keep the lake natural and do not let ANYMORE development around the Raystown Lake what so ever.</p>
<p>I feel that Raystown Lake is at maximum capacity for the amount of watercraft on it. Any addition watercraft will only add to more pollution, drownings and boating accidents. The lower end of the lake is quiet and almost untouched. I sincerely hope it stays that way. The only change I feel is needed is every boat should have some type of toilet on it. I don't appreciate seeing people <u>use the lake as their toilet.</u></p>
<p>The development of Hawn's Peninsula is an unsafe location. The boat traffic in this area is very high and this area is also a high wind area. The other marinas on this lake are in coves not write out in the main lake.</p>
<p>Boat parking fills up at 10am it was told that in years past that meant the lake was full. Why now could we possibly add more slips /camping/hotel? The lake can not handle that much more traffic. It will be dangerous for younger kids, canoes, and swimming, tubing if more traffic is added to the dam area.</p>
<p>I am writing you to explain why in my eyes I don't feel like new development on lake Raystown is a good idea. I have been coming to Raystown with my family for 20+ years. When we first started coming it was a very quiet lake no wal mart or large stores in town, no heavy boat launch traffic , could find a wonderful beach area to park the boat, swim let the dogs run and enjoy the day. Now 20 years later it's packed if you don't have you boat in by 10am and have a nice Beach area to park and swim for the day your not going to have a good day. The shore lines are packed, the water is rough, dangerous to ski or tube, can't kayak or you might be taken out by big boats. If there is new development on the lake for more traffic on the dam end it going to be very dangerous and over crowded. Please don't allow this the lake can't take anymore boat traffic. We launch at Snyder's Run so we know first hand how busy that end of the lake it. Please say no for our safety!!</p>
<p>I'm Cari Gustafson and I live in Centre County. We own a boat that is kept at Seven Points Marina at Raystown Lake. I'm writing to express that I support keeping our public lands around Raystown Lake as they are. I do not support any development of Hawn's Peninsula. Thank you.</p>
<p>Dear Members: I am requesting a no vote on this project. It seems to me from seeing the poor state of retail establishments in Huntingdon and surrounding areas near the resort that the existing facility has not been of a significant aid to the local economy. The money generated is, i suspect, for the most part going away from our area. I see no reason to believe that the same would not be true of the proposed facility. I believe that there are better ways to benefit our area and provide jobs and stable income for us, the local residents. We have many former factory sites sitting empty and idle; attracting industries to take advantage of these would be a better use of our area's assets. Two or three shifts of full time jobs will do more for the area and residents that what is essentially a place for entertainment at the expense of something not being made anymore-wild areas.</p>
<p>We have been camping at Raystown since 1976 and have made many memories! We have seen the lake getting busier and busier! Hoping that no more Marinas, restaurants or convention centers are added at the lake! The natural beauty of the shoreline is great! It is always nice that you can go out in the boat and tie up to the shoreline and never being in anyone's front yard!</p> <p>The only change could be possibly a limit on speed, to help with the safety on the lake!</p> <p>Improvements at the campsites could be more gravel at the sites to help with the mud problem when it rains! Some of the sites become a big mud puddle which creates a safety issue when <u>plugging into the electric!</u></p>
<p>We feel strongly alcohol control should be monitored MORE. People drinking all day in coves then driving to boat launch and car while I am on water. BIG PROBLEM!! Also boat that CLEARLY <u>belong on bigger bodies of water coming down lake too fast with front raised up not able to see in front.</u></p>
<p>I feel the best plan for Hawn's Peninsula is to leave it natural. I have serious concerns about high-intensity development and it's impact on the unique species that exist there. There are other <u>areas of the lake that could be developed with less negative environmental impact.</u></p>
<p>I would like to see a bike trail that could be used by all family members and easily accessible. Suggestion: Use old RR Bed near Aitch? Reserve a section of lake in remote area for kayaks and canoes.</p>

<p>I am writing to inform you that you should NOT be selling our land to outsiders. This area is beautiful to our county. It contains an undeveloped natural state, full of wildlife such as birds, bears, bats, beavers, turkey and ruffed grouse, plus home to many many kinds of fish. I believe its development for hotels, marinas and whatever else imaginable is not in the best interest of our lake nor our county. As it is now, we have enough marinas and the lake is way over crowded with boats and other craft. It is dangerous enough out there without adding more congestion. We already have enough natural beautiful beaches for the lake. For the record, as a Huntingdon County taxpayer, I oppose the peninsula's development. Tell the Texan to take his money elsewhere.</p>
<p>Please do not let the resort be built under the overlook. Anywhere but the overlook! It's the best place on the lake to enjoy the view. This would destroy that for good. We were all for the resort until we saw where it was supposed to be. Please protect this area! Thanks!</p>
<p>I am against Hawn's Peninsula as I feel it will ruin the integrity of Raystown Lake and that is what makes this lake special. Allowing this is making it more commercial. You cannot even fish or enjoy the natural beauty of this lake if you OVER commercialize it.</p>
<p>1. No changes to Master Plan. 2. No changes to Master Plan. 3. Concerned about new marina - boat is too crowded as it is. 4. I value the undeveloped areas of the lake. Keep the lake as it is.</p>
<p>A dock at Trough creek would be nice!</p>
<p>1. No changes to the lake. 2. Keep the lake as it is. 3. For the environment, keep the lake as it is. 4. I value peace and quiet.</p>
<p>So many people enjoy Raystown Lake as it is. Please don't make it into a resort for rich people. If this project goes forward it will have a domino effect on the surrounding area and those of us who love this area will not support this effort.</p>
<p>I have been visiting Raystown Lake for over 40 years. My husband and I were dating when we first came to the lake in his father's boat. Our children proudly call this lake their second home. We have gone from trailering a 19 1/2 foot boat to a large houseboat. I do NOT want anything about the lake changed. It is amazing to talk to other people in other parts of the country and when you describe our lake, they are in awe. There is nothing like Raystown Lake where you can find privacy, a cove to yourself, and serenity. Please do NOT change anything about the lake. Keep all the extra marinas, glamping, lodges, restaurants and other additions on other properties. Please keep our lake as it is</p>
<p>As a resident of Huntingdon County I find that I do not utilize the Raystown Lake area as often as I should. My family and I value hiking as a recreational opportunity. We would suggest more hiking trails that lead to interesting waypoints (such as a vista or primitive swimming location) in all 5 zones. Lake Champlain in Vermont is a great model - on our vacations there, we enjoyed several different short and long hikes to find a swimming location for the afternoon. Raystown Lake does have Parks Orchard as one access point like this, but the area is often clogged with motorboats and the trail could be extended to make more room for small groups to find their own swimming area. I look forward to utilizing the shelter on the Terrace Mountain Trail and think that increased backcountry camping access in all 5 zones is a good idea that fits with the Allegrippis crowd that is attracted to the lake already.</p>
<p>There are many sample letters that we could copy and send but we think it is better to just say that we totally oppose the proposed development for the same reasons stated by the Audubon society and other groups. This new development would ruin the ecology of the area and possibly exterminate sensitive species while providing an "environmental center" to show us what used to thrive here.</p>
<p>We think that some local officials are influenced by the promised jobs and money that the resort will bring to the area but we think that these numbers are highly inflated and unreasonable. Building a resort will probably bring some jobs in the short term but we do not see this resort as a long term profitable venture for the developer and feel that it will not generate the promised revenue.</p>
<p>Once this beautiful area is gone and the native plants and animals pushed out we will be left with a man made resort which will probably not be profitable in the long term and will be a blight on the landscape. ☹️</p>
<p>We currently use the lake for boating and fishing and adjacent areas for hiking and birdwatching.</p>
<p>We do not feel that additional facilities are needed as have noticed that the motels and restaurants already in the area and not fully utilized.</p>
<p>We are concerned about the proposed development of the area. This will destroy lots of important animal habitat and we have serious doubts that it will bring in the profits and the visitors that are hoped for. It seems that a lot of beautiful land will be damaged and that the development will not succeed.</p>
<p>The Raystown area is pristine and once you destroy that, it can not be gotten back. We do not need more recreation facilities and the native animals certainly do not need to lose any more habitat.</p>

Please do not allow the developer to build the marina on Hawns peninsula. My wife and I moved the area from New York. The lake is a beautiful place and I would not like to see more development on the lake. Thank you.
ATV Trails, No launches, No boats, No more access to lake
No extra parking, too many boat, no more bikes
No more parking lots. Too many boats on lake. No building on Upper Corners road or beer barrel cove. No more marinas. ATV trails.
No more biking trails. Too many boats. Camping is fine the way it is. ATV Trails.
<p>Please consider denying the changes to Hawns Peninsula. This lake is already over run with boats on the weekends. 150 more slips will make this a very dangerous place. Please consider the wildlife that will be impacted by this proposal.</p> <p>Those of us who frequent the lake take pride in its beauty as it is currently.</p> <p>The income that is projected to the area in my opinion is over stated.</p> <p>Part time jobs are just that.</p> <p>How much more pollution will be added by this resort?</p> <p>How many bass fisherman will vacate this lake?</p> <p>How many locals will be forced to go elsewhere or simply give up boating because you have taken away a perfect setting?</p> <p>Will the developer volunteer his time to clean up the lake after flooding?</p> <p>Will the developer ever come to this lake or just collect the profits?</p> <p>Please don't ruin our lake!!!!</p>
As a boater, environmentalist, camper, hiker, animal observer, angler of strippers, and patron of Raystown lake for many many years, I am not in favor of the disruption and development of land, or any type of resort anywhere on Raystown lake. Especially Hawns Peninsula. Many people feel the same way as I do. Please, I beg you, leave the land in its natural state.
Please allow our few precious remaining open spaces and public land from being developed on or having access denied. It is your responsibility.
We live in Shippensburg, and travel to the lake over several mountains to get to seven points. We would very much like to see lake access on the southern side of the lake with launches and parking available. We usually try to tent for a week or two in summer and have terrible luck in getting reservations near the water. They sell out as soon as they are available. This is a huge problem as people want to stay at the lake, not near it... The Susquehannock camp has been neglected and has no where to bring a boat ashore due to rocks battling the erosion there on the point. We felt as if we were at the ocean last year there it was so rough, once we got it anchored, we didn't want to move the boat. We launched from 7 points and found several times that there was no parking available to us even as campers at Susquehannock. We then ended up dropping the trailer and leaving it at a nearby overflow lot. I am interested in helping organize or donating time to get these improvements.
Please do not allow privatization of Lake Raystown. It will destroy what Lake Raystown is best known for. There isn't many lakes around in the US that have no homes on the banks of the lake. Plus bringing another 150 dock parking spaces to the lake will only add to the congestion at the lake. My family has enjoyed this like for 30 plus years and I see nothing good coming from a private person from Texas (not even local to the area) to build a millionaires playground on what White Collared people enjoy. There will be more speed boats added with this privatization which will only make boating at the lake more dangerous. I hope my comments will be considered.
As large as this Lake/water source is we only have two public swim areas - 7 Points and Tatum Run. I would love to see more swim areas added. What is needed for this to be considered?
<p>I am opposed to changing the Master Plan at Raystown Lake to allow for the proposed development on Hawn's Peninsula. Our federally managed public lands wild lands should not be handed off to the highest bidder so that he can privatize their value and forever strip Americans of access to their own property.</p> <p>As stewards of Raystown Lake, I ask that you deny current and future attempts to build on Hawn's Peninsula.</p> <p>In addition I support the designation of the Hawn's Bridge peninsula as an Environmentally Sensitive Area and the designation of Terrace Mountain as a Low Density Recreation area.</p>

I strongly believe there should be no development of the Hawns Bridge peninsula. The peninsula is one of the most scenic parts of the lake, and development would irreversibly destroy that beauty. Raystown lake is unique with its undeveloped, wild shorelines, and development would remove that attraction. In addition, that section of the lake is busy with boat traffic, and adding a marina would cause additional boat traffic and congestion, not to mention making the navigable channels even narrower and more crowded. I strongly oppose the development of this peninsula so that we can keep Raystown lake's pristine, undeveloped shores that makes the lake a unique destination.
I am a local land owner near Raystown Lake. Recently I became aware of new possible additional development of Raystown lake. I feel this is not needed. First off we do not need an additional 150 boats on Lake Raystown. I feel this would create boating congestion on the Lake. Second, how much habitat would have to be destroyed for this additional development? Considering what has been proposed, I believe it would be significant. Also the additional traffic load to local roads would increase as well. These are just 3 reasons I am objecting to the additional development being discussed and I'm sure I can come up with more. Please leave the Lake alone and do not allow any additional development of this fine recreational area in and around the Lake.
I am writing in response to the Raystown Lake MP Revision. I grew up camping at Raystown Lake and my parents bought a house on Parks Road circa 2006. I've grown up knowing Raystown Lake to be a quiet, clean, and fun environment to all visitors. With the proposed revisions, my family and I's experience at the lake would be greatly tainted if Parks Road were to be extended and opened for public parking. Additionally, any sanctions placed on motorboats in our region of the lake could also negatively impact my family and I from using our boat. Raystown Lake is a family lake that should not be commercialized for monetary gain. I urge you to not accept these revisions to the master plan.
If a new development, of the caliber proposed, is added to Raystown Lake the quality of living will for plants, animals, residents, and recreation visitors will significantly deteriorate. On any given weekend the boating traffic is congested at best. Our family avoids weekends and holidays on the lake due high volume of boat traffic. I frequently scuba dive the lake and have seen first hand all the plastic, glass, aluminum, and other trash that has found it's way to the lake floor. A new resort and marina will only add to this enviornmental trauma. Say 'No' to the Hawns Bridge development proposal.
Want to see continued support for the environmental stewardship program including wildlife management and forest health.
We travel to the lake from Hershey. Additional development would impact negatively on Snyders Run Boat Launch area. It gets very congested now. The dock should be tripled in size now. It is nearly impossible to pick up or drop off passengers at the dock when other boats are docked. Thank you
I am writing to voice my support for the development of Hawn's Bridge Recreation Area on Raystown Lake. The area is in need of the 300 jobs and potential \$3.8 million in annual taxes the development can provide. This development can be accomplished in a way that does not hurt wildlife or detract from the beauty of the area.
Zone 1 - No development. Please leave nature the way it is.
Please do not allow the development of Hawn's Peninsula. The lake is busy enough during the summer and this project will not provide the jobs they claim. Please leave this area as a natural place, the habitat for many animals!
Would love to see hp limit on boats, restriction of overnight parking by houseboats and jet ski use in designated area only. If there's such a big waiting list for boat slips you're not charging enough - simple econ 101.
Zone 1 - No high density usage on Hawn's Bridge Peninsula. I value the lake for it's natural beauty and wildlife. Possible damage to Striper habitat would be devastating and a slap in the face to the Striper Club's ongoing efforts.
Zone 3 - My favorite. Wildlife abounds and is viewable when lake traffic is down and it's quiet. Any thought to expanding the no wake zone out to Pee Wee Island? Would like to see dedicated non-motorized boat launch area. Any way to partner up with Trough Creek State Park for a spot?
Question 4. Pristine, quiet.
3. Need for additional parking. Ramp to restroom too steep for a person with a disability. Need for longer spaces for trailer.
I want to see the natural environment and beauty of Raystown Lake protected. No new development (recreational or otherwise) on the eastern shore of the lake please.
Please do not allow any development of Hawn's peninsula, especially not the proposed new marina and hotel. There are already too many boats on Raystown lake and we need at least some of the lake to be preserved in a natural state, which is the attraction for a lot of visitors -- untouched nature!

<p>The proposed development of Hawn's peninsula would destroy one of the most beautiful parts of PA's largest inland lake. A marina and other construction would disturb the balance of nature -- animals, fish, vegetation, and human life. We don't need development or more boats here -- we need undisturbed places for hiking, quiet boating, and swimming. This project benefits the <u>developer only, not the local population or the environment of Raystown lake. Please oppose it!</u></p>
<p>I do not support development of the Hawn's bridge peninsula into a marina. Keep this area as a natural area. Congestion is heavy on the water. The site does not naturally lend itself to easy development. Thanks.</p>
<p>Please keep Low Recreation Use designation for the Hawn's Bridge peninsula. That's the one nice thing about the lake is not having tons of infrastructure on the lake front, it retains its back woods feel.</p>
<p>Raystown Lake has long been one of Pennsylvania's few public hunting areas. Public hunting is not right around every corner here in PA like it is in many other states. It would be devastating to lose any ground because of this fact. This is why I oppose the development of Raystown Lake.</p>
<p>My property is w/in line of sight of proposed projects. I'm excited for this project to move forward w/ thoughtful consideration by the Corps, stakeholders, and the community. The project <u>does not come down to a binary resolution rather, there is a compromise to be had w/ competing interest all being heard.</u></p>
<p>I'm a property neighbor to the proposed development and a boater on the lake. Support of this project does not come easily because I appreciate the downsides that have been discussed by many including aesthetic impact, environmental impact, boating density, etc. I also believe that balanced and thoughtful development efforts can mitigate those issues and allow for economic expansion as a function of the Raystown project that would be a long-term boon for this region. For me, it comes down to an incredible faith in the Army Corps' talent and ability to simply do things well! I think the competing interests can be resolved through their management and stewardship in a way that allows the development in the Hawn's Bridge Area to move forward. Don't forget to address light pollution !</p>
<p>I strongly ask that any revision to the current management plan not allow for the building of this or any resort or development. Please allow the Lake and its ecosystem to continue unchanged.</p>
<p>I am retiring to the area from the Dept of the Navy in a year. I do not want any development around the lake especially private homes. Keep the lake natural and the trail intact</p>
<p>Please don't allow big money and politics to ruin Raystown Lake. Raystown is one of the last remaining lakes that are truly remote on the East coast of the US. With other lakes you are always in someone's yard. Raystown is unique in that the shoreline is undeveloped and rustic. I grew up on Raystown Lake when it first opened in the 70s and still enjoy going today. The lake and facilities have been updated over the years but only minimally which makes it so nice. It is very congested now on weekends near the marinas but at least you are able to get away from most of it by going up or down the lake. Adding a new marina will limit areas to get away. One person is trying to change the history and potential future of the lake for his own benefit. I hope that the best judgement prevails, avoiding the influx of big money and political influence, so that Raystown Lake remains rural for future generations. Thanks.</p>
<p>I'm mostly a fisherman not a pleasure boater and mostly use the lake in the spring and fall -too many boats ripping and tearing around in the summer to fish -I'd like to see larger fines for littering - I would not like to see any new facilities on the lake -I'd like to see the lake remain as natural as possible -What I hear from the local people (except those who make money off them) is that the tourists are rich pigs that have no common sense and create a lot of traffic -I tend to agree</p>
<p>Would like to see more hiking and biking trails in Zone #2 if possible. Really think the direction of the lake is good.</p>
<p>I am concerned about the preservation of the sensitive environmental conditions which exist at Lake Raystown as well as the preservation of a space of peace and tranquility which, as <u>development has occurred in my lifetime, has been greatly diminished.</u></p>
<p>“Rural Pennsylvania doesn’t fascinate the world, not generally. Buy cyclically, periodically, its innards are of interest. Bore it, strip it, set it on fire, a burnt offering to the collective need.” — Jennifer Haig, 2016, “Heat and Light”</p> <p>Dear Army Corps of Engineers staff,</p> <p>I hope not to be too late in offering a few thoughts as you draw closed the comment period for the updated plan for the Raystown Lake property, and as I watch a growing debate with regards to the potential development of Hawn's Peninsula by developer Rod Roberts of Lancer Resources.</p> <p>Several months ago, I watched and listened to Rod and his group of developers present their tentative plans for the Hawn's Peninsula “glamping” environmentally friendly marina / resort / meeting center / blitt blatt development, in a public meeting held at the Cassville fire hall. It was an impressive presentation in some ways. Impressive in a way that would, to many, make his <u>plans look extremely attractive to a community in</u></p>

I urge you not to let this land be developed on. We are destroying this country by letting developers get rich and ultimately destroying native wildlife and the ecosystem. We need protected lands to be protected and not sold out to the companies who just want to get richer by destroying lands. This needs to stop!!!!
I wish to voice my support of the proposed resort at and abo Hawn's penninsula. Please rezone the Hawn's Penninsula area for high-density recreation. Recreation is incredibly important to the economy of our county. With proper oversight, I believe the impact of the new marina and surroundings will have little or no negative effect on the use of the lake - and will greatly benefit most if not all county residents through tax revenue, jobs, and additional recreational opportunities.
Seven Points - limit cars w/o boat parking.
As a student I like the wilderness experience of the eastern side of the lake. Keep the eastern side as low density recreation. Thanks.
Following are my comments concerning the above. Thanks for your consideration. Man has never developed, built or any thing else that compares to the beauty of nature. Every time land is developed a part of nature is destroyed forever. Now I realize people need to live somewhere so some destruction of nature may be necessary. Destroying nature to create play places though is much different. There are numerous play places already over the Raystown Lake area. Why are more play places needed? Why destroy nature to create more play places? Thanks again for your consideration.
Please don't allow this to happen. We need jobs in this community, but not this way. Protect the environment, its what you believe in, what you teach to kids in this area. It's what I was taught when I grew up here. I learned from the rangers at 7 points. You still teach it today. Don't sway from your principals now, because someone is flashing money around. Make a stand, show this community what you are made of, that you are for "us". The locals, who grew up here, that can't leave because of this lake and the beauty that surrounds us. The ones that are here year round, year after year, decade after decade. Don't fail us now.
I am writing concerning the proposed development in lake Raystown. As an active boater on the lake for over 30 years, I am concerned about the negative impact of additional development on lake raystown. Specifically, I support the following statement. Hawns Bridge Peninsula should NOT be changed to allow for intensive recreation. That area should have a continued designation for restricted recreation. Thank you for accepting comments on this.
I have grown up at Raystown Lake. I consider it a second home. What makes it so special is the access to it and that it is not highly commercialized. I fear that adding another resort area will make the lake even more congested and it will disturb the natural beauty of the area. I have enjoyed the improvements to the Seven Points campground area. I do not miss the outhouses! Please consider keeping the lake as natural and undisturbed as possible. I don't want Raystown to be the next Deep Creek. Thank You.
I am a member of the PSBA. And a largemouth and smallmouth tornament fisherman also, i have fished this lake since i have been a small child with my grandfather being able to go where we wanted to go to fish and i would like it to stay this way for my grandson and granddaughter who goes with me now, with the new marinas they want to put in I'm afraid this will be just the start of a whole new wave of construction to come for the lake, which as a local citizen and angler this would be very very hurtful because this will lead to LESS access to get into to be able to fish. I'm AFRAID this will lead to what happened at deep creek lake where the PUBLIC barley has any access to the to do any sort of activity's, To do so right now you need a boat to be able to do anything on that lake. So i say NO NO NO to these marina's.
My wife and I have been vacationing at Raystown for the past 35 years . I am originally from the area as a permanent resident and now live in Lancaster and own a vacation home in holiday hills. The only thing I recommend doing with the master plan is putting barrel bay back to no wake, mowing at aitch more and among all, turn down Rod Roberts proposal to build a recreation are on that peninsula. That area is a fragile eco system and a beautiful site as Raystown is the jewel of the county and that view is the jewel of Raystown. Keep up the good work protecting it and send the billionaire oil tycoon packing. We all know it's not going to make a new economy in Huntingdon county and that this man is from Texas he is a bully to his neighbors and taking over acres on the cassville side of the mountain. We see a spokesperson who lies, Mrs . Janet Chambers. She does not represent Huntingdon county well. These people are working for big money and are being directed by Dwight Beale
Build on the success of the Allegrippis trail system by gaining easements, purchasing, and otherwise utilizing already-owned land to create a trail that circumnavigates the entire Lake. Creates a venue for an endurance mountain bike event, captures the fast-growing bike-packing segment and provides connectivity from the existing trail system, other Corps assets (Corbin's Island) to Trough Creek State Park. Should be close to a 100 mile loop. Folks could use all or part of this system based on their goals, needs for that ride/day/weekend.

<p>Leverage the success of the Allegippis trail system, but creating links that will eventually circumnavigate the entire Lake. Use existing trails, roads, fire roads in the short-term and then add in more trail, section-by-section, as possible. This would create one of the best bikepacking loops in the region, create additional recreational options, link existing resources, and allow for an endurance MTB event (100 miles).</p>
<p>I would welcome continued development of the Raystown Area. Bring hotels, marina's, restaurants, walking/hiking trails.</p>
<p>Any one who has been on the lake in the summer, knows that there are already too many power boats on the lake Further development that invites more power boats is just moving towards the condition that is present in the other smaller lakes in PA Where you get in line and everyone rides around the lake together stem to stern <u>A very diminished experience Indeed!</u></p>
<p>I recently spent the weekend at the Raystown Lake in Huntingdon, Pa. While there I learned of the proposed changes to Hawks Peninsula. We boated to the dam area of the lake for the first time and notice it to be more relaxed and less congested than the rest of the lake. If you allow the area to be built up, that peacefulness will be lost forever. Some of us that use the lake want to enjoy a peaceful day on the water without all the congestion that covers most of the rest of the lake. Please don't let money and greed take over, and please keep that part of the lake as natural as possible. If you haven't noticed the more people you allow anywhere, you get more negative impact on the environment. Please consider the impact the modernization would have on the local area in the form of traffic congestion, noise, air and trash pollution. There's enough debris and trash floating on the water now, I can't imagine having more people, vehicles and watercraft.</p>
<p>Would like to see additional patrols to enforce water safety.</p>
<p>Our family has been spending time at your lake in Raystown for the past 20 years. This lake and campground at Seven Points has been our favorite campground and vacation spot of all. For the past few years it has gotten increasingly crowded and hectic on the weekends and fishing and cruising the lake is dangerous due to heavy wake and traffic. We are retired and now spend Sunday afternoon through Thursday at the lake, but a weekend is not fun. All good things get crowds and that shows the lake is valuable as recreation in addition to the other more important reasons it was built. I do believe the planning needs to be adjusted, but to add more traffic and pressure near the dam will make weekends even more prohibitive and dangerous. More campsites and or boat slips will put more pressure on the weekends, not during the week when the lake can afford that pressure safely.</p>
<p>Hawk's Peninsula Area (Zone 1) from just past marker 2 toward the breast of the dam is an area that tends to be protected from the wind. That makes this stretch of water ideal for teaching beginners to water ski. It needs to be preserved the way it is. Possibly even designating it for that purpose. If boaters were aware that beginning skiers and wake boarders were learning there and they should respect those learning by staying clear of the area that would be ideal. For 29 years we have taught countless people to ski in this area. It would be a shame to lose this area for some other use.</p>
<p>Regarding Raystown Lake's masterplan revision, I would like to see an increased emphasis on preserving native habitats surrounding the lake (especially shale barrens), an updated plan to reduce shoreline erosion, and an increased means of reducing boating accidents and reducing those who boat while intoxicated. There seems to be deaths on the lake every year. Even one death per year is one death too many.</p>
<p>I feel we have a need for ATV/UTV trails to enjoy this beautiful park. There are many acres of idle land for this activity. Much financial gain could be attained here. Other state parks will permit this use and a permit fee could be charged.</p>
<p>Please consider addition of the Terrace Mountain Lodge Project to the Raystown Lake Master Plan update. This project will bring 300 or more good paying jobs to this project and untold number of jobs to the Raystown region. Over the past 10 years as the industries have left the Huntingdon County area the Terrace Mountain Lodge Project would be a great base of jobs to aid in the transition from Industrial to a positive income wage source to the Service industry. Thank you for your consideration.</p>
<p>I am opposed to having another marina on the lake and further development along the water lines. Keeping the lake serene is what people love when they come to visit here. I am sure the pfbc along with the army corps know how busy it gets on the water throughout the summer months. We do not need more boat traffic.</p>

<p>To whom it may concern:</p> <p>I have been visiting Raystown Lake for over 13 years and also have vacation property in the area. I enjoy the lake for its beauty, tranquility and peaceful nature.</p> <p>I am very much AGAINST the proposed development of Hawn's Bridge, along with the Rod Robert's ambitions to try to make a profit with his adjacent land on Terrace Mountain as long as he is successful in obtaining a pristine peninsula. Don't ruin the beauty of this lake, it is already too crowded on the weekends.</p> <p>Thank you for your careful consideration.</p>
<p>1. Additional (or any) boat accessible restroom/picnic areas throughout all zones - shore access and /or docks. 2. Speed limits in narrow/restricted areas. 3. No ski/no tubing areas in narrow/restricted areas. 4. Separate / segregated kayak/tub launch areas. 5. Preserve Zones 1 & 3 as is. 5. Widen Aitch boat launch ramp into water. 6. Pump out dock/station to clean out boat holding tanks to try to eliminate illegal dumping. 7. Potable water at Tatman Run. 8. Add 4 wheeler trails somewhere along the lake property.</p>
<p>my family and I have, in the past year purchased property in the Lake area. We have enjoyed the serene beauty of this lake for well over 12 years. The sole purpose for purchasing in the area was to enjoy the nature and non developed area that other resort type lakes lack.</p> <p>Boating on this lake is mostly safe from inexperienced boaters. Other than on weekends when the lake can be quite busy, we can enjoy boating without the fear of getting run into, and to find a spot suitable for skiing and safe tubing for the children.</p> <p>I believe that another resort will not bring the expected revenues to the area. Most of the food needed for this resort will be brought in by national food service distributors. Local vendor will largely not benefit from this new location.</p> <p>Other than a few top management personnel, the wages of this resort will surely be minimum wage.</p> <p><u>We are opposed to more development of the lake solely to benefit a developer's pocket book.</u></p> <p>I have been going to Raystown since an infant when it was first flooded. My family had a cabin under what is now the 7 points area and we frequent our summer property near Shy Beaver. The lake is already at its max on weekends. Allowing expansion to the Hawks Bridge area will only add problems to the lake. Please do not allow additional development to Hawks Bridge.</p>
<p>There are only 4 handicap spaces at 7 pts Marina. Why not more. Handicap people boat also.</p>
<p>Why can't there be activity's in the winter like ATV's & snowmobile trails.</p>
<p>Would be great to have ATV & snowmobile trails in this area. Everything shuts down at the end of boating season.</p>
<p>When are they going to put in atv trails. They have all them bike and walking path</p>
<p>No Marina</p>
<p>I have camped and boated at Raystown for 25 years. It has increasingly gotten busier over the years. We even have to reserve camp sites in Jan/Feb each year now. My boat is in rack storage so we use it often. I don't think our lake can accommodate another marina or boat docks. I would consider selling my boat and would avoid the area if another marina would be built. There is not enough room for the boats that on the lake as it is. In fact, I avoid the lake currently during holiday weekends. I VOTE NO</p>
<p>I am against the private development of public land at the Hawn's Bridge Peninsula. In looking at this area as a potential recreation area, please keep in mind that fishing, kayaking, hiking, ecology is recreation already to people who have been enjoying this environment in its natural state for years.</p> <p>Development of this peninsula will forever change the landscape, change the recreational area, why change the type of recreation done at this juncture?</p> <p>Additionally, the ecological component will be lost forever. We have to conserve the natural surroundings. As a culture, we cannot continue to think that development is better than no development. Less is more.</p>
<p>As a slip holder at Seven's Point and a regular vacationer at the lake, I find it very concerning that another Marina is being considered. We need to avoid the lake on all holidays and weekends due to the large overwhelming mass of boats and the fact that the water becomes very rough. Please keep it safe and avoid overcrowding by not building another marina.</p>
<p>I feel additional beach areas could be utilized. This is especially needed near Zone 5. I am concerned about increased development. The attraction of the lake is the natural beauty. Increased development will diminish this. I have participated in lake cleanup. More development = more people = more trash.</p>

<p>I am against a marina at Hawns Peninsula because the lake does not need more boats, more pollution from motors and certainly does not need development of this beautiful natural habitat. Development is a bell that can't be unrung. There is no downside to allowing people enjoy this peninsula in its natural habitat. A forward thinking master plan would best serve the community by allowing nature to have dominion over this area and not a manmade travesty.</p> <p>Please consider that a decision to develop on this peninsula would be a disservice to the lake and God's creatures. Don't do it.</p>
<p>My family and I have been going to Raystown Lake for many years and have always enjoyed and been so proud to live near a large man made lake that has been protected from development! We have a pontoon boat and enjoy rafting with our kids and grandkids every chance we get in the summer. That is the biggest draw for all of us. It can get very crowded on weekends the past few years and we try to go during the week when possible. Please do not allow anyone, but especially someone who doesn't live here, to destroy the natural beauty of the lake for greedy purposes only! I have yet to see a sign posted in someone's yard or business by the lake promoting this, even people who would benefit from the revenue the development would generate are opposed to destroying the natural beauty found here and at fewer and fewer places. Once you allow this to happen you can't take it back. You can't rethink it. It would only be the beginning too.</p>
<p>I am originally from Johnstown and now live in Downingtown Pa. Most of my family stayed in Johnstown and Raystown Lake is a great place to meet and we've done that annually for the past 8 years. My sisters take their campers there, but we stay in a hotel. It always disappointed us that there were few hotel options until the Fairfield Inn and Suites Marriott. We love that place as it is more upscale than anything else we found in Huntingdon. However, we wish it was closer to the lake and our family's campground. We did an large 80th birthday party for my dad at Raystown resort but found for the money it was not as nice as we expected. This new proposed upscale resort sounds like it could meet all our needs. The lake is beautiful and we would love to see more options for us and others to enjoy this place.</p>
<p>I'm in favor of this project</p>
<p>It would be nice if they put some effort into opening trails up for ATV and SIDE X SIDES to use. We live and boat on this lake and enjoy the sport. After the weather turns cold we would like to be able to continue to use the facilities. I think just like the bike and walking trails it would create a many season use out of the lake and bring more business to the area. We currently go to Snow Shoe to ride</p>
<p>I have felt since the early 1980s that lake has had excessive boat traffic. There are more boats now and bigger. It adversely effects the enjoyment of the lake.</p>
<p>Good morning! We couldn't make it there in person, but I wanted to give my input. We have been coming to Raystown for at least 10 years already as a family. We have a house in Entriken, but are from Red Lion, Pa. In a generation of technology, it's nice to come to the lake to disconnect from all of that. My kids are kids when they are at the lake. Boating, tubing, swimming, laughing, talking, bonding. We come up here to relax and enjoy the views. We come up at least 2-3 weekends a month in the summer, so we invest a lot of time in the lake. We are always bringing new people up to experience the glory that is Raystown lake. We don't come to Raystown for the entertainment, we don't come to Raystown for the fine dining, we don't come to Raystown for the bars, we come to Raystown to enjoy time with each other on the water! We connect as a family when we are here. Nonstop fun on the water... without the pressure of modern society. I honestly couldn't ask for a better place to share this tradition with my family.</p> <p>There are many other options we could choose to go and boat, but we always choose Raystown. The fact that there aren't any homes on the water almost makes it feel like it's your private lake every time. I feel that if the lake gets developed with this new marina and restaurant it will attract the wrong kind of vibe. Raystown isn't for all of those things. We go to Raystown to get away from all of those things. We consider Raystown our sanctuary. You feel very connected to God when on the water, watching the Eagles fly. I don't want that to be lost in this development plan. We have to stop thinking of dollar signs and start thinking of the reasons we come here in the first place.</p> <p><u>Let's keep Raystown as is! (Ok, one request! ☺ extend the parking lots for James Creek so more boats can get in, or make a parking lot strictly for cars!)</u></p>
<p>My family and I are excited about the possibility of a new resort & recreation area (Terrace Mountain project) & the amenities it could provide.</p>
<p>People come from many states to enjoy the beauty and relaxation of Raystown Lake. It would be a shame to change something that is so pristine.</p> <p>There are already too many boats on the lake and adding another marina would increase the traffic which would in turn increase potential risk of accidents.</p> <p>My husband and I have been part time residents of Raystown area for the past 6 yrs and would hate to see anything change for the worse. The beauty of the lake is that there are no homes visible when on it making it a truly beautiful landscape. Let's keep it that way.</p>

I live in the Trough Creek Valley near where the new Project is scheduled. I believe it would be a boost to the economy for both the Valley and County/Townships. I also believe that all of the local tourism would benefit from such a Project. It would also give access to the Lake for our side of the same. Now, we have to go all the way to Huntingdon or Entrioken to access amenities at the Lake. This would be a welcome change. Trough Creek Valley has alot of properties owned by out of town people who would like a quicker access to the Lake. I am in favor of the revision of the Master Plan to include this Project. Thank you.
I do not want a entity like Nestle coming in and taking control of our water.
Please rezone the Master Plan to include Hawn's Peninsula Recreation Area. I believe this would be a great benefit for the economy for Huntingdon County providing jobs and tourism to that area of Lake Raystown.
Please take a moment to read the thoughts of the Coalition to Protect Hawns Facebook page, there is a lot of great information there and a lot of concered local folks on board
The beauty of the area is too precious to exploit, I live on Snyders Run at Crestwood Estates, nearly all the folks here are from the York/Lancaster area, they come here and build summer homes to escape what the guy from texas wants to create. The resort on the upper end of the lake is advertising for help at less than seven dollars per hour. PLEASE do not allow the resort at Hawns,
We are opposed to developing the Hawn's Peninsula and adding another marina and more boats. Please put back the buoys to protect Beer Barrel Bay for fishing.
<p>This letter is written to say, very strongly, That I oppose changing the designation in the master plan to allow intensive recreation and building marinas in the Hawn's Bridge peninsula for the following reasons.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * The Hawn's bridge area is a key area of striped bass habitat where these fish remain year due to ecological factors as water temperature and dissolved oxygen levels. * Boat safety is an important consideration and safety of all people especially kids as this area around mile marker 2 is a prime area for tying up along lakeside for kids and adults to swim and recreate. Increased boat traffic going and coming from a new marina encroaches upon safety concerns! * When the lake is crowed on weekends the safety of kids is paramount! I have personally been involved in a boating / skiing incident when a boat went between the skier and the tow boat causing the rope to wrap around their prop and could have caused a major accident! As a result our family has never returned to that lake to boat. Our family has happily boated at Raystown for the last 35+ years! We have spent a lot of dollars in this area and now are looking to buy a retirement vacation home! * We have enjoyed fishing for stripper bass and are looking forward to spending more time on the lake during retirement! * PLEASE DO NOT CHANGE THE MASTER PLAN to accommodate a new marina that would allow another 150 boats with traffic on Raystown Lake, especially at the Hawn's Bridge area!
Please limit further development of Raystown Lake. I believe that further development will be a detriment to the lake and surrounding area. Also any turning over additional Army Corp land to private development will not enhance the lake.
I understand the Terrace Mountain Lodge project is dependent on the reclassification of the Hawn's Bridge Peninsula. I think the Lodge would be great to help bring even more tourism into the area and thus more revenue into the local economy.
Please include the Hawn's Peninsula in the revised master plan.
I am against the Hawn's Peninsula project on the basis of boat safety. There is already not enough acres/boat. More boats would make it unsafe for water sports - skiing etc.
I am against any more resorts on the lake. The lake is now overly populated with people trying to have a good time by what ever means they enjoy. I used the lake for a few years until the sea worthy crafts started to show up and push the smaller crafts off the lake. If you tried to stay on the lake after 10 o' clock in the morning it was a fight to keep in control of your boat. Going to the lake on the week ends was out and gets worse and worse each year even through the week. I do take my chances an go to the lake during the coldest open water period of the year The over population of the lake isn't really from our local people it's an influx down East and out of State. The out of state people enjoy the lake and the lower cost of the enjoyment.
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Would love to see trails for ATV - snowmobiles!
Love the walking trail that goes down to Seven Points

<p>First, the lake and 7 Points campgrounds are very well-managed. Me and my family have enjoyed camping in Susquehannock for many years. The facilities are well-maintained and the rules are reasonable.</p> <p>Question 1: First, don't commercialize Hawn's peninsula. Leave it zoned as-is. 10 boat launches and 2 marinas is adequate for this lake. No more marinas. No hotels. That's what makes this lake so special, the natural forest backdrop!</p> <p>I would like to see activities catered towards more human-powered activities such as kayaking, paddleboarding, hiking, bird-watching. I would like to see a large no-wake, no power-boat cove area. Also, a few trails to access the Terrace Mountain Trail from the south side of the lake. Perhaps it would even be possible to put a few primitive back-packing style campsites up on the side of that ridge (far enough away to deter the drunks and giant-cooler campers) that could be accessed by non-power boaters.</p> <p>Question 2: What environmental stewardship opportunities (ie. protection and enhancement, hunting and fishing opportunities, land management initiatives, etc.) would you like to see in each zone? I would like this to remain much as it is. We don't need any more large, intensive development nature center stuff. What is there right now is great, and it is quite adequate. It might be nice, perhaps, to have some small signs and informational plaques scattered along the shoreline indicating what the area was like before the lake: Jim's anchorage was here, Sheep Rock was here, below was a graveyard and here's how we managed this during the transition to the dam, etc.</p> <p>Question 3: Do you have a major concern about each zone? First, don't commercialize Hawn's peninsula. I've given due consideration to all the arguments that are FOR the proposal, but I find them lacking merit for the most part. Keep it natural. In general, the focus should be on engagement with the natural environment, not insulating oneself from it, so any 'improvements' should generally be to encourage people to slow down and enjoy the natural beauty and then go get in it: swim, paddle, cliff jump, bike, ice skate, whatever.</p> <p>Question 4: What do you value in each zone? Zone 1: natural beauty. Zone 2: The large no-wake bay between Senoia and Susquehannock allows kayakers and paddle-boards to not feel like road-kill. Also the mountain biking and primitive camping in Susquehannock is just amazing. Keep the developed areas concentrated around 7 Points and the Resort. Don't let it bleed out of those areas. Zone 3: Trough Creek is amazing. Again the keep the power boats in the main channel, but provide a way for those folks to take a short hike and enjoy an amazing state park and great hikes. Zone 4: no comment.</p>
<p>I am strongly opposed to development of public land for private profit.</p> <p>Hawn's Peninsula is one of the most pristine places and views on our lake. When that is spoiled there will be no bringing it back. The lake is already overcrowded with tourists and boat traffic. Please protect the natural beauty of Lake Raystown. ☹</p>
<p>My family and I have lived, hunted and been a part of this area for over 140 years. I also have boated, camped and enjoyed Raystown Lake for 46 years and every year it seems to attract more people, some good some not so much. I love the lake and surrounding areas but fear that we are reaching the limits of safe boating. My opinion on the proposal for Hawn's peninsula to have a 150 boat dock will create disturbance with wildlife, boating and safety for all parties. Thanks</p>
<p>Please do not overbuild</p>
<p>I'm very opposed to any development on Hawn's Peninsula. It is absurd, to put it mildly, to tear up a rare shale barrens habitat and replace it with an Environmental Learning Center. There are enough marinas on Raystown Lake already.</p>
<p>I have fished and camped at Raystown since it opened. My mother worked with Richard Bowers Appraisal in the land acquisition that allowed the lake to happen. The main attraction to me has always been it's natural wilderness. With seven points and the resort is already too much development. So please no more development for private profit. It will ruin the natural beauty. Thanks for allowing me to comment.</p>
<p>Please, no more development for the wealthy.</p>
<p>I would like no changes done to the master plan. Lake has enough boat traffic now. We don't need anymore boat traffic.</p>
<p>PLEASE PLEASE PLEASE do not sell out to profiteers. Leave Raystown to my children the same way I found it as a child. The region is a monument to me and I take this area to heart. I could say so much more if needed to express my feelings.</p>
<p>Please consider the economical impact that this would have on , our side of the lake. I say this in regards to the other side of Huntingdon county, mount union ,Millcreek area.</p> <p>This would be one of the best projects that would unify Raytown and the entire county of Huntingdon. This would be, step one to completing our recreational market. The spin off of this project would be great for the entire county.</p>

<p>The ecological evidence provided in the Huntingdon County Natural Heritage Inventory demands that the Hawn's Bridge peninsula be designated as an Environmentally Sensitive Area in the Master Plan Revision.</p> <p>The Hawn's Bridge peninsula is part of the Raystown Dam Natural Heritage Area (Biological Diversity Area) identified in the Huntingdon County Natural Heritage Inventory. The Inventory characterizes such areas as "containing plants or animals of special concern at state or federal levels, exemplary natural communities, or exceptional native diversity." The Huntingdon County Natural Heritage Inventory was administered by the Huntingdon County Planning Commission and identifies and maps Huntingdon County's most significant natural places. The study investigated plant and animal species and natural communities that are unique or uncommon in the county. It also explored areas important for general wildlife habitat and scientific study.</p>
<p>The Raystown Lake area was developed by the Corp of Engineers to support the wildlife and the natural beauty of the surrounding areas at the Lake.</p> <p>I don't want to try and address the Engineer's role, therefore I won't try to address the details and impact to the shoreline, wildlife, lake water, etc.</p> <p>I will, however, tell you that as a visitor to the lake every year for the past 6 years (and with plans to continue to visit this beautiful & clean spot in PA), I COMPLETELY DISAGREE with the building of a "dream" resort for a businessman from TX. Leave the lake as is!!! The Corp of Engineers did a fantastic job of protecting the beauty of the area - don't allow a "donation" to a politician allow this project to proceed and ruin a beautiful area!</p>
<p>This should not be a recreational area. The beauty and serenity of the area is the primary drawing point of Raystown Lake. Additional Recreation usage will impinge on this objective.</p>
<p>Allowing a resort and developing Mile Marker 2 would be the greatest injustice to this area. Its one mans gain, and not fair at all. No Resort/No Marina.</p>
<p>Recently my wife and I visited our son and daughter-in-law who live on Hawns Bridge Rd. I had a wonderful time walking up Hawns Bridge and down to the Peninsula and enjoying the pristine beauty of the area! I'm not sure what the "zones" encompass, but I would beg you not to allow any changes - resorts, boat launches, et. al. in that area. What it is naturally is just beautiful! Please don't allow any of your land to further (especially commercial) development! Thank-you for listening</p>
<p>My comments are totally against the resort plan. I have been fishing on that lake since it reopened in the 70s. Every single trip is like a vacation to a beautiful lake with hardly a building in sight. I don't even like the cell towers for crying out loud. Aside from the peaceful times the lake shore IS the drawing card of this treasure that is Raystown! Please don't allow man to ruin anymore of mother natures artwork. Now as far as safety , are you nuts to allow more congestion on that snake shaped lake!!!!</p>
<p>I own a summertime home near Seven Points. My request is for the building of atv/ utv trails. We have no places to ride close to Raystown Lake. I feel the 23k acres of beautiful mountains should be utilized to its fullest potential. There are many logging roads that only need to be cleared and joined up. Parking should be made for this project in the more remote areas of the park. Cooperation with state and county officials could produce some hard road usage and crossing. PennDOT May have money available to help with expenses. There are several other atv destinations that have successfully cooperated with local municipalities. (Snowshoe, Bennezzette)</p> <p>Of course a user fee should be charged.</p> <p>I have spoke to many who support this addition to the plan. ☺</p>
<p>Would like to see the upper end of the lake developed more...such as camping, swimming, area, larger parking area at gate going to Miller's to plan for ATV's trails that would provide outdoor recreation. This development would be appreciated by the Broad Top & Saxton residents. This part of the lake really needs developed.</p>
<p>More accessibility for handicap (I use walker and/or cane). More bathrooms. Recycling receptacle @ site.</p>
<p>The lake is at full capacity now with boat and PWC's and on the weekends it's impossible to get around. We pick the weeknights to go out for a little piece and quiet! It is such a beautiful lake please don't destroy it with yet another marina/hotel for the totally rich who like to come in and defecate because they can!</p>
<p>Please- keep it clean, keep it clear and do not allow an outsider to destroy this valuable ecological site.</p>
<p>Please do NOT let this happen! We need to protect the land and the Lake. There is too much development going on all around this nation that infringes on nature habitats.</p>

As a local resident for over 20 years, I have enjoyed Raystown Lake's natural beauty and the opportunity to kayak, swim, and hike in the areas of the lake that are not developed. I sometimes, but rarely, visit the areas of the Lake that are developed, and I know that many people enjoy the campgrounds, beach, picnic areas and the attractions at the Resort. I very much appreciate the undeveloped natural areas that are in proximity to my home. I also know that others who enjoy more 'wild' outdoor activities such as fishing, hunting, mountain biking, backpacking and kayaking, among other activities value the natural areas in our areas that are free of cars, people and development generally speaking. I have two college-aged children and I observe that many people of the younger generations are much more in tune to these activities. With much concern, I urge the decision-makers to keep development out of portions of this natural area and allow <u>it to stay untouched by humans.</u>
All Zones - more winter or all year long activities. ATV & Snowmobile Trails
Lake Raystown, under the current master plan, offers something for everyone. On the western side, those who prefer a more commercial setting can enjoy the marina and resort, as well as the swimming areas. The eastern side offers the beauty of unspoiled Huntingdon County, of those who wish to enjoy a more "natural" experience in Pennsylvania. The dual nature of Lake Raystown should be protected for all to enjoy. Rod Roberts' has shown that he is no friend of Huntingdon County. First, he bought up thousands of acres of land, hoping to cash in on the fracking frenzy. When that venture fell through, he made land available for the Mariner East 2 pipeline which is going under Lake Raystown, and where a drill bit was lost, construction continued after tourist season began, and the Migratory Bird Act and protection for the endangered brown bat were ignored. Now he wants to exploit the major jewel of Huntingdon County for his own profit. <u>Deny this project and protect Hawn's Peninsula.</u>
Boating on the weekend is already dangerous! The number of boats is like driving the freeway around DC without lines on the freeway!
I am not sure how well the parties involved in making these decisions are familiar with Raystown, but with the current recreation activities, the lake already feels like it is near capacity. Each weekend the waters are crowded with boats which becomes dangerous for water skiing or tubing. The inlets where water is calm are already filled with boats and swimmers. Holiday weekends are this to the extreme. I cannot fathom where an influx from an additional marina would be absorbed without danger to visitors. I urge you to consider the safety of the visitors, as well as the affect on the habitat of the eagles and otters and deny future development.
I'm for the lake project to help build jobs. We need it
I feel we do not need more camping or boating and they need to limit horse power on boats and no more private developers. Feel the army Corps is doing a fine job.
I am writing to express my thoughts about the proposed revision to the Raystown Lake Master Plan. I do not support the proposed development plans. As it is, the Lake is very busy during peak times. We must preserve the natural beauty of the region for both tourism and activity purposes as well as environmental reasons. Terrace Mountain must maintain its current classification as Low Density Recreation. I urge the Army Corps of Engineers to listen to the number of concerned citizens about this special region.
As a frequent visitor to Hawn's Peninsula for the past ten years, specifically my brother's cabin on Sand Rock Road, I strongly urge the Army corp of engineers to seriously consider protecting the integrity of the peninsula, including fish and wildlife. I, along with many other visitors to the peninsula, have enjoyed the quiet, serene natural beauty of the area and shudder to think of the disruption to all of it should someone /some group descend to destroy everything this peninsula is. I firmly believe we need to look past financial gain in favor of preserving Hawn's Peninsula as a low impact, limited recreation area. These words cannot convey how strongly I feel about this little piece of "heaven on earth" and if I could, I would pound my fist on the podium to accurately state how important this mission is in today's money hungry society. Do the right thing and bury this development plan forever!
Asking that we not allow another marina be built on Hawn's Peninsula, for one it will detract from the beauty of the Lake, and also the lake is over crowded with boats as it is. adding more launch parking and boat slips will just increase and already busy Lake. Weekends and holidays are packed enough without adding more. There is nowhere to get away and have a peaceful float <u>on the lake.</u>
Plenty of fancy resorts in the world and cant replace high quality ecosystems. Pls, no more glamorous camping crap in Raystown area

<p>The ecological evidence provided in the Huntingdon County Natural Heritage Inventory demands that the Hawn's Bridge peninsula be designated as an Environmentally Sensitive Area in the Master Plan Revision.</p> <p>The Hawn's Bridge peninsula is part of the Raystown Dam Natural Heritage Area (Biological Diversity Area) identified in the Huntingdon County Natural Heritage Inventory. The Inventory characterizes such areas as "containing plants or animals of special concern at state or federal levels, exemplary natural communities, or exceptional native diversity." Terrace Mountain should be designated as Low Density Recreation because it contains a Bat Conservation Area, the Terrace Mountain Trail, and steep topography that is unsuitable for development. I strongly support the designation of the Hawn's Bridge peninsula as an Environmentally Sensitive Area and the designation of Terrace Mountain as a Low Density Recreation area.</p>
<p>The Sierra Club Moshannon Group offers this formal comment for consideration in your update of the 1994 Master Plan for the Raystown Lake Project. Raystown Lake is part of the Moshannon Group's area, and it concerns us that a pristine portion of the reservoir is environmentally threatened.</p> <p>We respectfully request that Terrace Mountain remain a Low Density Recreation Area in accordance with the 1994 plan, and that the Hawn's Bridge Peninsula be reclassified as an Environmentally Sensitive Area.</p> <p>As you know, the steep slopes of the rare shale barrens in this area contain plant species found only in this habitat that deserve continuing protection. Since each of these shale barrens are different environmentally and geographically, their degradation would be especially harmful to the flora and fauna that they support. Once impacted by development, these important areas will <u>be permanently lost as a part of this unique habitat and the species that it supports</u>.</p> <p>I am the Chairperson for the Sierra Club Moshannon Group. This is a continuation of a message that I sent.</p> <p>The Huntingdon County Natural Heritage Inventory cautions against threats that invasive species pose. Development in this area could easily provide the opportunity for such invasions. According to the Pennsylvania Striped Bass Association, this area supports prime striped bass habitat. Development of steep slopes in this area and increased boat traffic could negatively impact on this important natural resource and sport. Replicating the conditions necessary to support a healthy bass population elsewhere in the lake would be extremely difficult. Development already exists on the lake. Any additional economic opportunities should be located where facilities and infrastructure already exist. The Hawn's Peninsula and Terrace Mountain areas are unsuited for development due to the steep topography, the existence of the Bat Conservation Area, and the unique environmental communities.</p>
<p>continued:</p> <p>We are opposed to the proposed development of a marina and associated facilities in the Hawn's Bridge Peninsula area, and request that the beauty and wildness of this area be protected in accordance with the Corps' 1994 Plan. The fauna and flora with whom we share this planet are under increasing threat from human development. We feel there is a moral responsibility to protect, where we can, our fellow inhabitants of this planet. Please preserve Hawn's Peninsula.</p>
<p>No to development at Hawn's !</p>
<p>Flood protection and environmental conservation are the primary benefits that I value at the lake. Limited to NO shoreline development makes this lake unique, beautiful, and one-of-a kind experience. <u>Keep the shorelines green, natural and protect the resources through smart conservation practices.</u></p>
<p>Zone 1. Keep the Hawn's Peninsula Area as Protected Conservation Area. The natural resources should be protected. The infrastructure needed to support development in that area (roads, water, sewer) <u>would bring unnecessary pressure to an area that can't support it.</u></p>
<p>The Re-write of the Master Plan for Lake Raystown will ruin this area for the very reason this area was created, as a place for the public to enjoy the water and wildlife of the area in an attempt to commune with nature for relaxation and family time together. Over-development does away its protection of wildlife and their habitat, as well as making the area too congested for anyone to really enjoy any peace and relaxation. Any attempt to control the flooding and water quality will also be lost if the area is turned into a resort community that will become over-fished and over-populated with problem of human garbage and sewage. With over-population of the area, its efficacy as a natural resource and base of flood control will be gone. Human sprawl is not <u>good for wildlife or its habitat!</u></p>
<p>I would love for Raystown to remain the same as it has for the many years we have been vacationing there. We see more and more people coming to Raystown every year. So I guess continued development is inevitable. I don't mean to complain, but for example the Sevenpoints beaches are getting overcrowded, people blaring latin music, yelling and drinking too much. but like I said, <u>I guess it's all inevitable as the population continues to grow. All good things come to an end :(</u></p>

<p>Why do we need more boats on the lake? Yes they bring money into the area, BUT they also bring their dirty habits with them, pollution, garbage. Try swimming at some of the beaches where you will smell gasoline and sometimes even see it laying on the top of the water. They run their big boats making wakes washing to shore leaving the beach area muddy. I want to see Hawns Peninsula saved for future generations to see and appreciate. We do not need further development in the area.</p>
<p>No development on the Hawn's Peninsula and Terrance Mountain. Keep it wild.</p>
<p>I was not able to make the April 2018 Public meetings for the Raystown Lake Master Plan.</p> <p>I would like to see the establishment of an Archery Park for Raystown Lake. I've been active in the sport for over 40 years. The area is need of a archery only recreational facility for public use. The Easton Foundation along with the United States Archery Association and Archery Trade Association offers grant money for the establishment of Archery parks. (see ata web site)</p> <p>Blockedhttps://archerytrade.org/grow-archery/archery-park/</p> <p>I feel the an archery park would be an excellent addition to Raystown Lake.</p>
<p>As part of local outreach and following the guidelines from the US Army Corp of Engineers, this letter of support requests that the Hawn's Peninsula be rezoned for high-density recreation for the following reasons:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. A majority of the lake would still be kept pristine and undeveloped, thus keeping the original plan of the lake and the region. 2. The opportunity for economic development and growth so needed in our county. We are in the top 5 of unemployment rates and this would assist in future development of local business and growth, aligned with the county vision. 3. The opportunity to improve options as a tourist location/destination. 4. The opportunity for improvements on this section/side of the lake. <p><u>I also support my comments included as part of the public record for the Raystown Lake Master Plan update.</u></p> <p>ATV TRAILS AROUND THE LAKE WOULD BE A GREAT SOURCE OF INCOME TO THE AREA AND LOCAL BUSINESSES</p>
<p>I urge you not to lease this land for development. There is to much development going on and we need to preserve this land. It may just seem like a small bit of land compared to what is around it but this development will only bring more. I am on the side that it is left alone and remains land to hunt and fish on and remain wild.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Zone 3 - It would be great if the Aitch boat launch was turned into a 2-3 lane ramp instead of the one it is now, with additional dock space. 2) Zone 1 - Please protect Hawn's Peninsula from development. It would ruin this unique natural area and overcrowd this end of the lake. 3) Zone 1 - Area's like Hawn's Peninsula used to be someone's property which was taken through eminent domain. I believe it would damage the public's trust to give control of Hawn's Peninsula to a private company and provide very little upside to the economy, environment, and an already crowded lake. 4) Zone 4 - This area already has a resort and everyone that boats on the lake knows the traffic and noise from this area is somewhat contained here. Let's not ruin Zone 1 with more of the same. I appreciate Zone 1 for it's lower traffic, lower noise level, clean clear water and a more natural environment.
<p>You don't need to ruin this lake with more development.</p>
<p>I am writing this to voice my opinion and to please reject the commercialization of Hawn's Peninsula. This would totally destroy the natural beauty of the Lake and Forest. It would be detrimental to preserving the natural state of the peninsula, the trails and surrounding woods, not to mention that it would upset the natural habitat of the fish, birds and mammals. Please reject this type of commercialization!!!!</p>
<p>I would like to see Hawn's Peninsula remain low classification to preserve the natural, pristine beauty of this area.</p>
<p>Yesterday, July 8, I lead a group hike on Hawn's Peninsula. We observed a young gray fox, box turtle, imperial moths mating, and a pandorus sphinx moth. Please do NOT classify this area as high recreation and let it be development. Areas like this are too few around Raystown Lake.</p>

<p>Personal Use: I do not own a boat or a bike and solely use the eastern shore for hiking and trail running. My experience could be improved by better trail markings on the Terrace Mt Trail and better trail maintenance. Also prohibiting logging would make the experience better and above all, banning any development of Hawn's Peninsula is paramount.</p> <p>New facilities: Potable water well at the Adirondack shelter on Terrace Mountain Trail.</p> <p>Larger fit: Tourist and locals visit the lake because it is largely undeveloped and fits into Huntingdon County's rural setting. Development would destroy the natural world and change the character of the lake.</p> <p>Biggest Concern: My biggest concern is the mismanage of the public land by the USACE in allowing development on the eastern shore. Specifically giving into pressures from Rod Roberts to lease public land so that he can profit off our public land is my biggest worry.</p>
When is new marina going in.
Please do not develop around the lake... it is so nice to go there and just relax on a pontoon or a boat... if you develop it, it will no longer be peaceful, it will become over populated and there will be more boating accidents. Thank you for your time.
We love Raystown and live very close. Im very concerned with the incoming CAFO pig farm coming to the area and run off drainage from manure hitting trough creek then raystown from local fields. Please help us keep our area beautiful!
The lake needs nothing more commercial. It is one of the most beautiful! If it were to become commercialised the beauty would be destroyed. It would hurt the area and become like Deep Creek MD, dirty and polluted. I enjoy the regularly seen Herron, fishing and the wild life that surrounds this pristine lake. Growth around the lake would only destroy it! It would only draw larger more powerful boats and push away the average person. I live in near by Martinsburg PA and already have excessive boat traffic on my road, sometimes making it difficult to exit my driveway. I do visit the lake weekly with my grandchildren for peaceful family fun. New updated ramps, and a vending area would however be nice!
<p>First of all, thank you for your willingness to receive feedback in the development process. From what I have experienced, you have done an excellent job of keeping the conversation flowing, helping everyone to feel heard.</p> <p>One of the biggest issues, of course is zone 1. I cannot ignore the positive economic benefit the region would feel by the development of the property adjacent to Hawn's bridge peninsula. But I remain concerned that even on the private land environmental impact needs to be a priority. But that's not your immediate concern.</p> <p>I particularly am remaining unbiased until I hear your findings related to environmental impact and boat studies. That will greatly weigh my decision.</p> <p>I believe it might be possible to come up with an alternative solution to all or nothing. I would be in favor to the development of non-motorized boat launches and environmental center on <u>Hawn's bridge with gondola access to the private land.</u></p> <p>I request that the revised master plan continues to value Pennsylvania's wild and natural places over development. Every year I hear stories of how people want to develop this or that tract, and how they want an access on the East side of the lake. Development doesn't always equal progress. It's important to keep our wild areas wild. Thanks for your time.</p>
Encourage increased support of biking recreation opportunities/development at lake - great low-impact activities. Preservation of east side of lake as undeveloped area. Better storm water management practices.
Concern of environmental degradation due to pipeline - mitigation of damage should be part of plan.
I would like to see zone 1 stay undeveloped. it is the only zone that still feels like you are in the wild. it is so peaceful in the spring and fall with the loons and turkeys gobbling. the lake is already starting to get crowded I feel like the last thing it needs is more boat traffic brought on by another resort. please let zone 1 to the locals who appreciate its natural beauty.
<p>Please keep Zone 1 and particularly the Hawn's Peninsula designated as a protected area. The undeveloped peninsula is a vital part of keeping the natural appeal of Lake Raystown--which is a major attraction to the Huntingdon area.</p> <p>Any redesignation of this area to otherwise permit the proposed development puts short-term gains of a few wealthy individuals over the long-term preservation & stewardship that the Army Corp is charged to do the Lake.</p> <p>Thank you for the consideration.</p> <p>I read that a private developer wishes to lease federal undeveloped forest land along the lake. I do not feel that public lands should be used for personal financial gain. The shoreline should be kept as natural as possible and still meet the needs of public recreation. This project should not be included in the Raystown Lake Master Plan.</p>

<p>Hello, is there anything in the works to expand Snyder's run boat launch? On any nice weather weekend it is full by 9:30am it could use another 50-75 parking spots easily each year it seems to get worst.</p>
<p>1. Encourage expansion of marina facilities avoid the monopoly. 2. Expand vendor opportunities. 3. Proposed new marina and resort will bring economic wealth and growth to the Huntingdon area.</p>
<p>I just checked IPaC and noticed that there a few endangered species, several migratory birds and a good bit of wetland habitat where Roberts is looking to put the resort on Hawn's Peninsula. I understand that I drew my pentagram larger than the actual area that they are trying to develop but I wanted to include some of the area that will be affected by more boat and foot traffic because of the development. I hope this area will be taken into consideration when the Corps considers whether or not to include a resort on Hawn's Peninsula in the new master plan. https://ecos.fws.gov/ipac/location/ZMLW6MI2JNAQ3PO7NBJSORAD5A/resources#endangered-species</p>
<p>Build it this place needs more things to do n job opportunities not much else on the lake</p>
<p>Prefer that this end of the lake would stay undeveloped except more parking at Snyder's Run and better rest rooms. Manage for boating, fishing, and hunting.</p>
<p>Need better, large and more trailer parking. Need better more accessible restrooms.</p>
<p>Your rent for concessions is too low!</p>
<p>My husband and I are so upset over the proposed changes at Raystown it's hard to find the correct words. We enjoy our lake just as it is and will be devastated if it becomes just another playground for the rich.</p>
<p>There are a lot of miles of land not being utilized and an ATV/UTV trail would be excellent income for the lake/ ATV/UTV is very popular and much needed. Huntingdon County and the Park must work together.</p>
<p>ATV/UTV Trails from 7 Points to and around Lake including resort area. If you want resort we want play ground.</p>
<p>I oppose this development plan for the sake of preserving rare native plants and their habitats and because the purposes for the development are not sufficiently compelling.</p>
<p>we do NOT NEED ANOTHER BOAT PLACE AT THE LAKE....you took all those peoples property and said it would never be built up...so keep your word...the lake is busy enough in summer ..we don't need more boats on the water especially on point 2 ..that is real good fishing and it would spoil the dam itself...besides that is too close to dam to build there...so keep the lake the way it is.</p>
<p>I as a concerned resident of mill creek ,pa.feel that we do NOT NEED another marina at Raystown....the lake is so full now that I don't even go on week-ends as its too busy.. when you the corp took all the peoples land to build the damn it was supposed to be FLOOD CONTROL not recreation...on weekends the In the summer the lots are full most of time... you as a corp cant even keep up with enforcing the laws now so what is it going to be with more boats out there..and further more you promised the people that when you took their land it would be flood control only..so how can you NOW want more docks and buildings thus breaking your promise too the people that had to move and give up their land???</p> <p>I never owed land there but I knew people that did and one thing I learned long ago YOU DON'T LIE and if you let that millionaire from TEXAS in it will just be an opening for more...he has money let him build in texas...THE RAYSTOWN LAKE PROJECT WAS TO BE FOR "FLOOD CONTROL" only so I say keep it that way.....p.s. there are too many tournaments out there but that is what it was built for tournaments and recreation.....so please keep it THAT WAY.....the only people that want this is people who don't own boats and want to make MONEY OFF IT.....I know cause I seen their posts.</p>
<p>I am a regular user of raystown lake and I DON'T WANT THAT RESORT GOING IN...its going to ruin a lot of fishing and the lake is crowded enough....other feel the way I do WE DON'T WANT IT</p>
<p>I feel the master plan concerning low density use on Terrace Mountain and Hawn's Peninsula was and still remains the correct usage. The reasoning for the prior designation is still appropriate yesterday, today, and for the foreseeable future. Any designation that adds boat traffic to the already over crowded lake is wrong. It is getting to the point that the lake will no longer be an enjoyable stress relieving place to be.</p>

<p>I oppose an additional resort on Lake Raytown! I have hosted on Lake since 1984. I have watched as it has become overused. The lake has deteriorated in water quality. There is increased vegetation growth. The increased number of oversized vessels, suited for bay use and over sized horse power vessels including jet boats has made weekend boating hazardous. Teaching children water sports on a weekend is risking their life and limb. We no longer come to Raystown Lake on weekends. We have discussed selling our vacation home because we see the erosion of a once pristine area.</p>
<p>I am a landowner,homeowner off of Parks road. My property borders the Corps land. I am all for the Hawns Bridge development as long as we don't add lake access on Parks road and restrict motor boats in that area.</p> <p>Also, in PA, the Yogh Lake Dam is also run by the Corps and they allow adjacent landowners to have a dock, this should also be considered.</p> <p>I am interested in participating in the planning committee. I missed the meetings last week, but plan to attend future meetings.</p>
<p>My concern, should Rod Roberts' proposal to develop Hawn's Peninsula be approved, is how to protect water quality and at the same time manage sewage from the development.</p>
<p>Preserving the natural features of the eastern shore of the lake would be one excellent way to ensure the high quality of the watershed the lake needs for its fish and aquatic life.</p>
<p>Four friends and I recently parked our vehicles at the Hawn's Bridge Road parking lot, walked down the road, crossed the causeway-like connection and hiked out to the end of the peninsula itself. Dense brush at the end of the rocky connecting link caused us to wade 100 yards or so on the Saxton-side of the peninsula on our way back so as to bypass the bush-wacking. While wading, I noticed floating feces along the shoreline, and that led me to wonder how sewage would be handled in the peninsula's proposed development. I am not a geologist or hydrologist, but I can't help wondering whether a sand mound or septic tanks could possibly handle the effluent from humans in the numbers predicted for the restaurant, camping grounds, and marina. Could sewage possibly be pumped up that steep side of Tussey Mountain? What method of sewage disposal would guarantee the present water quality? Surely this matter requires some engineering expertise, and I would like to know how such details will factor into any development proposal.</p> <p>There is probably some tolerable amount of human waste in the lake as it is, but there must be limits to any appreciable increase. To say I was discouraged by my discovery of human waste would be an understatement, for sure.</p>
<p>I write to add my name to the list of those hoping the USACE will recognize the wisdom of the original Master Plan in citing the uncommon natural areas contiguous to and within Raystown Lake, and upholding that classification by forbidding its "development" by Mr. Roberts. I feel that it is in the best interest of future generations to maintain the present, commercial-free natural state of the land as supported by the Hawns Bridge Coalition. I am not opposed to further "development" of an additional marina elsewhere on the lake, but citing it on the Hawns Peninsula would violate the trust placed in maintaining the natural state of the land by those who, in their wisdom, articulated the original Master Plan.</p>
<p>After the devastating blow to all the folks who lost their homes and properties in the eminent domain phase of Lake RAYSTOWN, can we as local citizens not be allowed the Dignity and Respect to have believed the promises made re: future development and to have the Right to determine our own future living environment? Many of us choose this area to live and raise our families here BECAUSE of the rural way of life. And yet, we are expected, coerced, and forced to be denied our Rights of Choice, in the chase of another's pursuit of dollars and development. I speak for my own opinion and post this to express my pride and admiration for the leaders of the Coalition in their relentless efforts and abilities to organize, maintain and coalesce a group of like minded citizens, who call this area, home. God bless us all.</p>
<p>I oppose the transfer of land on Hawn's Peninsula. It will directly effect hunting and fishing opportunities along with ruining the habitat. Raystown is beautiful the way.</p>
<p>The lake is already busy enough. There is no way more capacity is actually available. The lake is only 8300 that's eighty three hundred, this is not Texas! Its not 83,000 . Preserve what left of a outdoor experience.</p>
<p>Please reconsider the idea of allowing a new marina to be built in the Hawn's Peninsula area.</p> <p>Hawn's Peninsula is a beautiful area that will be destroyed by boat traffic if the marina is constructed. Wonderful wildlife will be disrupted and displaced and the best fishing area of the lake for Stripers and permanently ruined. Fishing is one of the most attractive assets the lake had and this will degrade that asset.</p> <p>Additionally, rare habitats accompany the peninsula that are home to the PA threatened species <i>Oenothera argillocola</i> and PA endangered <i>Trifolium virginicum</i>. It would be a shame to destroy these species rare habitats.</p> <p>Please keep the beauty of the lake as it is by disallowing the construction of a new marina in the Hawn's Peninsula area. Please to do not lease the land to anyone. Keep it beautiful by allowing nature to remain where it belongs.</p>

When calculating the optimum acres-per-boat ratio, do you also factor in the shape of the lake? An 8300 acre oval lake is certainly different from the shape and narrowness of Raystown Lake.
I don't see how a marina with its requisite No Wake zones that will extend into that narrow part of the lake can do anything but make for even denser boating situations there. Combine that with the beaches that he wants to add and it will ruin that VERY critical area for Striped bass. Changing the classification from its Low Recreation status just CANNOT be in the best interest of the health of the lake.
<p>I am STRONGLY opposed to the destruction of the Hawn's BRidge Peninsula region for many reasons. The issue that keeps coming to mind - aside from the environmental issues - is that this amounts to public loss for private gain. He wants you to grant him the right to (bid on - I understand that) build this marina where he will have private access to it via his resort. What a sweetheart deal THAT is!</p> <p>And, if you've seen that peninsula you can appreciate the beauty of it. Now try to picture it will 150 boats docked there and camping sites and a restaurant and environmental center (where folks can stop in to see what nature USED to look like), and cabins. That just CAN'T be in the vision for that lake. The noise and pollution that will most certainly result will be heartbreaking at best.</p> <p>I am VERY much opposed to this project</p>
Hawns Peninsula is a pristine wild area on the development free Eastern side of Raystown lake. It would be a tragic case of money getting it's way if an out of state billionaire can come into our area, buy up land bordering the lake and then strong arm local politicians into letting him destroy a beautiful body of land for monetary gain. The fish, wildlife, and current users of that area of the lake will pay the price. The seasonal low income jobs are a moot talking point. Please do the right thing.
Q1: Continue to maintain the Terrace Mountain Trail. Allow Primitive camping for back packers. Q2: Protect and preserve woodlands. Please do not build roads into this pristine area. Q3: Some people are willing to sacrifice environmental qualities for economic development. Bulldozing Raystown will not rejuvenate downtown Huntingdon! Q4: I come to Raystown to soak up the natural, bungalow-free beauty.
Stationary binoculars at Ridenour Overlook and Hawn's Overlook.
<p>I understand that you will be conducting a boat density study over the summer. I do hope that the weather is good on those days so that you can see THIS:</p> <p>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CnT6Uz95ZoU I can't imagine what another 150 boats on the lake will do.</p>
<p>I understand that buoys were removed from certain areas of the lake as a cost saving move. In theory, boaters should know that it's a no wake zone. However, since it is nearly impossible to patrol that area for violations, the buoys act as a passive patrol and a constant reminder that it's a no wake zone. They protect more than just the kayakers in there. They also preserve the shoreline and the underwater topography.</p> <p>Also, I hope that the Corps will still deduct the acreage of that area from the allowable acreage when calculating the capacity of the lake. A lack of buoys doesn't mean that it's open waters.</p>
<p>At the meeting last night, after hearing about how crowded snyder's Run is with boats, I offered the suggestion of making another boat launch somewhere on the west side. WHAT WAS I THINKING? Another boat launch is the LAST thing that lake needs.</p> <p>So, take that suggestion out of the mix.</p>
Please don't ruin Lake Raystown. It's overcrowded now with boats and safety is a big concern. Too much drinking and driving and innocent folks being injured and killed. No quality jobs being created. The snack stand and 7 points restaurant can't even maintain steady tenants. We would definitely stop boating on Raystown if another marina was added. The Raystown experience would be gone for my entire family that vacations there every year. All 35 of us. Thank you
Alcohol and safety concerns while boating. - Reinforcement of "no swimming" or "picnicking" @ beach area. Specifically that area in which was designated to allow boats to pull up. People continue to swim in this area, bring down picnic tables, etc.....

As you already stated in the project overview...developing this area would.

1.increase flood damage to the proposed areas housing and infrastructure road, water, sewer that has to be brought into the area.

2 . increased boating hazards.

3 destruction of natural habitat, destruction of the striped bass population

4. increased water, land, air pollution from all the boats ,cars, and other incidental accidents. on the water, land, and increased air pollution from boats and fires that would possibly be started by the increased traffic.

5. increased boat traffic at all the boat launches would have an ecological impact on all the associated activities at these areas.

6. this is public land and should not be used for private projects such as these

7. the Raytown lake is a flood protection project designed to protect the public not to enrich a private organizations or individual

these are several reasons I DON'T WANT HAWNS PENINSULA DEVELOPED..... ☹

Raystown Lake is with out a doubt the crown jewel of Pa because its not developed , its miles of mountains and woods are what make it what it is ,to allow someone to come in and destroy this beautiful lake for what MONEY would be nothing short of a crime to the general public.

The Terrace Mountain side of the lake is currently undeveloped in large part. There is a tremendous value in keeping that large contiguous area pristine, not only for wildlife and natural beauty but also for future protection from development. Once piece meal development begins a domino effect is likely to follow.

Raystown is a unique lake currently due to its lack of shoreline development, but yet provides tremendous recreation opportunities for boating, camping, cycling, hiking, hunting, fishing, etc. I would encourage no further shoreline development and no further significant development of any kind. Instead put scarce resources and funding to keep existing facilities and programs in operation and well maintained.

Please rezone Hawn's Bridge area for a new recreation area. Two on the lake are not enough. We need access to the lake on the northeastern shore. Our community needs this!

The Hawn's Bridge peninsula should be reclassified for recreation use as it was on the original master plan. This area would be ideal for a public recreation site for swimming, boating, kayaking, camping and for a small marina facility. I understand from people who were part of the last master plan update, that this area was removed from the master plan because of the steep access to the area and the cost of building a road or access to the area. The proposed Terrace Mountain Lodge developer is willing to take on the entire cost of the access road to the area as well as the development costs of the recreation area. This would make this are OPEN TO EVERYONE including people with disabilities and mothers with small children. Right now, the only people who can access this area are people fit enough to walk in. Please open this area for the development of a recreation area.

I am opposed to any development on Hawn's Peninsula by private developer.

I am opposed to the development of Hawn's Peninsula. This is PUBLIC LAND that belongs to myself, my wife, my children, my friends and family, and you, the person reading this. If the master plan is revised to allow the development of this piece of land, where does it stop. I believe the lake already has too many boats on it for safe operation based on the acreage / boat and I also am concerned about the impact to the lake trout that summer in this area because of the ideal oxygen content of the water.

Please don't allow further development of wild, undeveloped public areas of Lake Raystown!!! This will undoubtedly impact local wildlife and the fishery, but increasing pollution and reducing habitat.

Please do not sacrifice the natural beauty and the treasure that is Raystown lake, for the sake of a privileged wealthy few. This land that was acquired by the corps for the lake, came at the expense of family farms and homesteads. They were convinced at the time, that this was for the greater good, and that their sacrifice would be preserved as a public resource for all. That sacrifice lends itself to the sacred nature of the public trust. Please deny any requests to privately develop the Raystown shoreline. The perceived benefits pale in comparison to the value of our lake and its surrounding mountains, in it's pristine state. Please take the moral high road, and preserve the gem of Huntingdon county.

The future of the lake should be open to change. Dry rack storage building for boats would relieve boat ramp parking & congestion and have a smaller footprint than a large parking lot. Leaves opportunity to generate some revenue for surrounding communities. Some type of waterfront property needs to become available for the safety and storage of boats. Large boats are transported over the road because of lack close available safe property. This could also be facilitated by a dry rack boat storage.

<p>Our local community can be at times, tough to deal with. As part of the master plan, may I suggest an alternative income for the corps and our local surrounding communities. Should changes be made that lake front property becomes available the USACE could lease The land that is waterfront on an annual basis to the property owner on a frontage basis. Similar to how deep creek lake and smith mountain va lake work. Dock installs behind homes can be charged for as well. Community tax dollars could be collected. Standards can be set so that the lake and homes built on it don't have to destroy the natural beauty of our area. With your master plan revision please leave options available considering after this year changes cannot be made for 15-25 years. My profession depends on this lake, my life has been spent on this lake since 1985. Please keep the options available. There is always opposition to change, but change is good. ☺</p>
<p>I support our public land and do not want Hawn's Peninsula developed.</p>
<p>Please update the master plan to maintain the natural/wild nature of the lake and surrounding land as much as possible. Please prioritize hunting, fishing, and non-motorized use and access. Please reject the plans for additional resort development currently proposed on Hawn's Peninsula.</p>
<p>I feel that the Raytown Dam Revision is very important to Huntingdon County. It will enable the Lake to be available to more people. It was also help Huntingdon County to grow in population, investment in private industry, support of the 4 county schools in allowing for the development of more proper classes, and it will also help the taxpayer to invest in their community</p>
<p>Would like to see more bathrooms/showers at or closer to more loops. Would like to see more or easier accessibility for handicap. Would like to see more recycling receptacles around the campsites</p>
<p>Please paint lines at 7 Points boat launch. We like the lake the way it is. Please don't over develop. Like not having construction on shorelines.</p>
<p>I hope that the Army Corp doesn't coincide with this Terrace mountain proposal and the dumbing down of this county. The negatives outweigh the positives . It's a disgusting proposal and only a rich infrastructure man would propose something like this. If it happens, I among others will stop using Raystown . It's a mess as it is and our postcard icon? Are you kidding? What a gorgeous <u>place to give in for an oilmans fantasy.</u></p>
<p>1. Maintaining natural shoreline and fish habitat areas. Preserving eastern shoreline and hillside. 2. Boating safety - lake is congested and rough on weekends. No additional boats should be added. 3. Trail systems. Would like to see primitive (low impact) camping shelters/sites for backpacking only. 4. View shed - eastern shoreline and hillside should be protected.</p>
<p>Lake Raystown offers something other lakes do not, a mostly natural shoreline and viewshed. When guests visit Raystown for the first time, they're amazed at how beautiful it is. The majority of the lake is undeveloped with uninterrupted views of Terrace Mountain. Please protect Raystown's shoreline and natural viewshed. As a recreational power boater, canoeist, swimmer, SCUBA diver, hiker, and biker, I recommend no additional roads, structures, marinas or boat launches on the lake. The lake can become quite congested on a weekend resulting in dangerous conditions on and off the lake. Red sediment laden water from shoreline erosion is another side effect of heavy boat traffic. Please protect all zones from future development. Not only will this protect the viewshed and the safety of boaters, it will also protect the plants and animals that currently live and thrive in this mostly natural habitat. Thank you for your consideration of my concerns.</p>
<p>Thank you for considering my comments. I live on Terrace Mountain and often walk along the ridgeline overlooking the lake. There are many natural vistas that I often share with friends visiting the area. I hike the Terrace Mountain Trail and mountain bike the Allegrippis Trails. I enjoy paddling and boating(speed/waterskiing/pontoon) on weekdays because the lake is too busy on weekends. I often spend time floating in the cove at Hawns Peninsula. I love having so much public land to explore. I would like to see more designated primitive (hike in and/or paddle in only) camping spots on the lake. The lake brings tourists to the area, but I'm afraid additional development will actually discourage tourists as the lake gets bigger and the view is interrupted. I don't want to see the shoreline and viewshed developed. Lake Raystown's natural beauty comes from being undeveloped. Other lakes are polluted by lights and homes. Please don't include <u>additional development into the master plan.</u></p>
<p>Zone 1 is an environmentally sensitive area and shouldn't be developed. Too many boats on the lake now. Not enough "no wake" zones.</p>
<p>Do NOT go along with the plan for rezoning Hawns Bridge Peninsula. It will in the end benefit a small percentage of people most of whom do not live in Pennsylvania.</p>

Please DO NOT allow for another marina, camping area, etc on Hawn's peninsula. The lake is already overcrowded on the weekends, and the wakes from the boats create a bad chop on the water that makes water sports/activities difficult. Adding another marina would make this even worse. You will be inviting more boating accidents and more damage to the environment.
I have been an avid hunter and fisherman most of my life.I fish the area of the proposed development frequently, and hunt morel mushrooms, and wild Turkey in that area in the spring. Late spring thru fall there is great fishing from the upper causeway, down to "5 points" for striped bass, smallmouth, catfish, lake trout and Largemouth bass. Fishing the area can be quite dangerous at night, when the fog rolls across the lake from the spillway. Particularly in the summer, thru fall months. This area is probably the most dangerous area of the lake at night, and in the early morning hours because of the dense fog. Adding an increase to the traffic in that area, will cause accidents to occur. Also the views will be severely impacted, taking away a view of virtually unspoiled natural beauty.
I urge strong support for the development of additional recreational facilities proposed for the area referred to as Hawn's Peninsula. In addition to the additional recreation options the potential for expanding the area employment opportunities is important to the region. Thank you for accepting this opinion.
I can't wait to see the lake developed further! Having had my first job(for 8 summers) at the resort be it being my favorite by far and would love to make a career change back to the area I call home.
I have been going to Raystown lake since I was a child and it is my favorite place in the world. I love it for it's natural beauty and setting. I am against changing it in any way at this time. I am against a resort going in.
Raystown needs to remain free of commercialization and development. We have a cabin nearby that we come to for the peace and quiet and we visit Raystown for the same reason. If we want development and a chain restaurant we can easily visit Altoona. Keep Raystown peaceful and calm
Please keep Raystown just the way it is. Quite and quaint. We need to stop disrupting nature. And "we don't need to reinvent the wheel"
The first thing I tell people about the lake is how much I love that it is undeveloped. I come here to get away from modern day congestion and relax. Great work so far! We come to fish, kayak, mountain bike, and hike.
Will Beer Barrel be put back to no wake. It was a nice cove to go into without fast boats!
I appreciate the beauty of the lake and approve of fixing and updating area. The environmental issues are very important to me and I hope there is no impact on wildlife and the tree and plants. There is a lot of boat traffic which is a concern to me for many safety reasons. So I don't think another marina would be a good thing for the lake.
We retired in Huntingdon in 2009 due to the beauty and serenity of the area especially the Lake. We believe if the proposed marina is approved it would have a negative impact on the Lake due to disturbing the wildlife habitat and having more boats on the lake which there are so many at this point that it isn't as enjoyable as it once was. We hope the decision will be to deny to the Resort and Marina Plan and to leave the Lake as it is now!
No development is needed the lake is not big enough for this.
I own a home on Hunter Drive which is located off Parks Road (Huntingdon). My neighbors tell me the Army Core is considering extending Parks Road and putting in a parking lot at the end where the road would meet the water. The primary purpose is apparently for kayakers to park and put their boats in the water. I am also told that the Core is considering making the entire area back there inaccessible for power boats. I have looked online and have not been able to find any information related to this. Can you please provide more details?
My name is Jill Slowakiewicz. I live in Coalmont, a small borough located 3 miles from the Weaver's Falls Boat Launch, along PA Route 913. Unfortunately, the economic impact from the lake visitors has not been seen in Saxton, PA and the immediate southern lake region. However, we do see an increase in traffic and unsafe driving. I cannot tell you how many times I have witnessed trucks pulling campers and trucks pulling boats going excessive rates of speed in a residential area. I continually bring this to the attention of Penn Dot and the State Police, and yet last weekend the boat and camper traffic started and I witnessed the majority going 50 - 60 mph in a posted 35 mph. I hope that in the Master Plan traffic control is addressed for all the areas.
I am all for the development of the land in question at Hawn's Bridge. Huntingdon Co needs all the jobs and development it can get. We are a depressed area any jobs would benefit.

I hope you will rezone the Hawn's Peninsula for high density recreation. We need more access to the lake on the northeastern shore and also more handicapped access to the lake. This public recreation area would benefit everyone. Thank you.
I myself probably will not benefit from the new Resort that's being proposed. What the Corps and interested parties have to understand is that this area didn't want changes. Most people wanted things like they were. We had a hard time getting a Wal-Mart in here. Some of the people that oppose the new resort is because the person is wealthy and not one of us. If it had been planned from someone that had been born and raised here and it was someone in high standing, it would of been a different story. What some of the people have to understand is that we need to put people to work and have tax money coming into the area. Even if a lot of the jobs maybe lower pay, it would be jobs for the younger people and give them something to build on. If some of the jobs would be full time, great, that's more money here and families being raised. Where would we be if no one had invested money around here way back. No banks, railroad, college, hospital we would be back in the 1800s.
I sent a message earlier but ran out of space, so this is a addition to that. The Corps have to understand is that if the new resort is approved, then the Corps have to oversee everything about it. Make sure the plan is stuck to and that the environment is protected. If the investor says he is going to do something, then hold him to that. It would of been nice if this project was scaled back and not be so big. Shut it down if he over steps what is proposed. I don't want to see where we have to regret doing this years from now. I hope we have very competent people that will over see this and not just be thinking about the money. Money is only a small part of this. Thanks
Please leave the lake and the amenities as is. No need to add anything. Something's are better left unchanged
Just Say No ! Our Lake is beautiful as it is already, and needs no more development, boat traffic, or invasion by people who think they possible can improve upon what Mother Nature's Beauty has already given to us all. animal and human alike.
To remove 94 Plan Area's that have not been used for approval
Concerns on evacuate and explosion zones created by pipeline.
I am opposed to further development on Lake Raystown. The lake is crowded enough, but if further development was needed I think it should occur as expansion of existing facilities. the Hawn site has lousy access, really steep terrain and is not well suited for that use. A PNDI search also turned up a number of T&E species in the vicinity. The other side of the lake has better access off of rt 26. but again I think there is enough existing development for Ravstown.
My husband and I feel the lake is already over used and too crowded. We often find litter and toilet paper and feces on the shorelines. We feel additional development will further degrade the beautiful natural peace of the lake. We vote no to more development.
I would like the Hawn's Bridge area rezoned for recreational development. We definitely need this! Thank you.
My family and I purchased a property near the main Marina at Raystown 4 years ago. The reason we chose this area was due to the simplicity and the lack of commercial properties. We want our family to be able to enjoy nature in its original and simple form. We feel that allowing new construction and another marina would conflict with our desires of "good old fashioned family time". We enjoy getting the grandchildren away from electronics and exploring the beautiful lake and surroundings in its existing state. Pleasd refrain from allowing this precious place become commercialized.
Boat Dock @ TRCR comment. Trough Creek already has soft launch @ state park. No Need.
Some trail development on east side of lake may benefit users of the south side of the lake. Additional paddle sport development would be welcome.
Zone 1: There are many good places to anchor at shore in a natural setting. There are not many other place on the lake suitable as Zone 1. This should be maintained. The biking trails have been very popular and may benefit from further development of the trails.
Some trail development on the east side of the lake in this area. May benefit users of the southern part of the lake.
Zone 2. The South end of Allegrippis trails could use more development to draw some of the crowd away from the North end of the trails. I think if any hotel/resort development were to occur, it should be in t he upper corners area and not in Zone 1.
Yes, please proceed with the resort at Hawn's Peninsula. Build the restort! There are no recreational facilities on the Huntingdon (north) end of Raystown Lake. The Seven Points area is 25-30 minutes away from Huntingdon. I believe building a new resort will not have a negative impact on wildlife or nature as there are still thousands of acres left of untouched wooded areas. No one seemed to stop Seven Points from getting built. You will create many jobs with little drawbacks. The drawbacks are by complainers and are exadurated. SO BUILD!

I think the lake is great the way it is. I also think there is plenty of boat traffic now, adding another marina would add more boats. There is already more every year.
Let's get this done on a lake that's so underutilized pass the terrace mountain resort
I would like to express my support for the hawns bridge project it will be a great asset to this area
This project is great for the community and will benefit the area all four seasons I'm pleased to support it.
I really see no benefits from this project unless you like low paying jobs. I use Hawn's bridge road for hunting. I can drive down to the lake. As a veteran I appreciate. If you take this away I won't be able to access on eastern side. When Mr. Roberts purchases the Glatfelter parcels he signed them all with No Trespassing. I seen his phone number on his signs so I decided to call and ask permission to hunt some of his lands. He told me that he will have me arrested if I go on any. All he cares about is himself.
If you look at other projects Mr. Roberts' was involved in pollution seems to be an issue. What is Mr. Roberts 10 year plan with the balance of parcels he owns in the valley? The lodge will be self sustaining it will have restaurants, activities, there will be little money spent outside the project after its built. Roads would need improved. I overhear the cost may surpass \$200 million to complete. <u>How many more boat can the lake handle without pollution.</u>
My wife and I have a home with property bordering the project. In general, we are satisfied with the management of the resource. We do power boat, canoe, fish, hike and hunt on Corp property and have not had any issues. As you know, holiday weekends draw the highest use of the boat ramps and facilities so we tend not to visit those areas during the holidays. We love the lake during the week and feel we almost have it to ourselves. Expanded No-Wake zones around Aitch, Snyder's Run, James Creek and below the resort would be our wish. You can get beat up a bit on the water with the wakes from larger watercraft and this keeps us off the lake at times. If we had more no-wake area, we would feel safer in our smaller boat and canoe. BTW, we support the proposed Terrace Mountain Resort.
Boat travel on lake during weekend has maxed out. Outside of no wake areas, boating can be dangerous with boats traveling in "all" directions, and speed and wake make trip recreation difficult. Additional development would only add to current issue.
Boat and motor size on the lake is out of hand. It's dangerous on the water way. Please reduce this to max hp of 25. That would make it safe!
Do not develop in Zone One. We love it the way it is! Nature. Fishing. Hiking. Etc. Keep it the same.
Overall I believe there are too many boats on the lake. Please reduce!
I currently own a boat and love going to raystown however there is not enough development of the lake. On a summer saturday there is simply not enough boat launching space for me to get on the water. I have also been on wetslip waiting lists at both marinas for years. I would love to see more access for boats including more launch space and another resort/marina. The lake is plenty large enough that another resort would not effect the overall peacefulness of the area and it would grant increased access as well as tourism and things to do such as restaraunt lodging etc.
Would love to have "no wake" buoys around point of Lake Raystown Resort. Anchored boating area.
Zone 1: Yes Resort. No Boat Access. Keep stripers happy.
H.P. restriction? 100 H.P. Max. We don't need ocean racing cigarette boats on Raystown.
We retired here 15 years ago expecting to spend a lot of time fishing on Raystown. This was good for several years but my last time out I was deep in a no wake zone and a boat was speeding. I motioned for them to slow down. They ran right at me and turned at the last minute. In recent years we have seen many infractions but no law enforcement. If Army Corps/Fish wardens can't keep up now, how do they handle a big influx of boaters? Parking? We are selling our boat and will fish and kayak on the river. It is safer less congested and the fishing is better. Also would <u>suggest max boat h.p. say 100 h.p.</u>
The great economic benefit, and providing access from that side of the lake would be very beneficial to the area.
My name is John Vatauvuk, Commissioner in Somerset County, and member of the SAP&DC board of directors. I am writing to offer my support for the Terrace Mountain Resort at Raystown Lake. Many folks from Somerset County visit the Lake each year since it is one of the closest lakes that permit speedboats and other such vessels on their waters. The resort would be a welcomed addition to the area and would improve the recreational opportunities in the Southern Alleghenies Region. Thank you for your time and your willingness to invest our area. John P. Vatauvuk, Somerset County Commissioner.

As a concerned resident of Huntingdon Borough, I would like to add my voice to those that would like to preserve the natural, undeveloped beauty of the lake and oppose the development of Hawn's Peninsula. In fact, I would like to see existing "no wake" zones expanded to promote more paddle sports and less gasoline engines on the lake. It is a rare gem to have a place where you can paddle and not see development everywhere. Hawn's Peninsula is a very central and visible place in zone 1, which would greatly detract from the experiences we all share on the lake if it and its access road were to be developed.
<u>I understand the arguments about jobs and tax revenues, but they are never good reasons to me for destroying the environment.</u>
I do not support the development of federal lands on Hawn's Peninsula along Raystown Lake. I anticipate your rejection of this proposal.
Is there any chance of getting a small marina at aitch boat launch?
I disapprove of any changes to the Master Plan which would open Hawn's Bridge Peninsula to future development. I also believe that Terrace Mountain should remain as a Low Density, Limited Use Recreation Area. It is the natural beauty which attracts people to Raystown Lake. Let's keep it that way.
I do not support leasing or developing the Land on Hawn's Peninsula. Putting a resort in this area would ruin the natural beauty and character of the area.
Zone 1 is a beautiful, natural, pristine zone on this lake. It must remain so. Audubon and bass fisherman position papers both agree. Hawn's Bridge must be designated as an Environmentally sensitive area and the Terrace Mt. area should be designated as a low density limited recreation area for future generations. Do we need to destroy the land on Hawn's Bridge to erect an "environmental center" to remind people of the importance of protecting the environment? Do we need another marina when the density of boats on summer weekends already exceeds safety considerations? The Army Corps has a responsibility to protect this land. Overdevelopment will ruin what many people come here to enjoy. The Natural Beauty!
The lake is already too crowded on the weekends. If there is a resort added it will be dangerous and total chaos. Fishing and hunting will be ruined as well. You can't find a parking spot at the launches now on a weekend after 12pm.
As a public land user, the slippery slope of privatization of public lands scares me. I enjoy public lands in multiple states doing many different activities, from hunting, hiking, running, camping etc. I fear that if the corp revises the master plan to allow development of Hawn's peninsula what is next, the entire lake? I am opposed to the development of marina.
We love the idea of a non-motorized boat launch at the bottom of Parks Rd. in Zone #1. We would like to see more hiking trails. Generally speaking we feel you do a great job.
What attracted us and keeps us coming back to Raystown Lake is the natural beauty and lack of man made structures along the shoreline. What I value most about Zone 1 and 3 are the no wake coves where you can spend a tranquil day on your boat. Unfortunately James Creek coves are over populated on the weekends and no longer desirable. One of my concerns is that zone 1 will become the same if the northern end of the lake is developed. I am also concerned about safety with increased boat traffic. This will force us to change our "master plan" of retiring at our Huntingdon cabin and lead to selling to pursue a less developed lake.
Our family has been visiting Raystown Lake for over 25 years. 10 years while we lived in the Baltimore, Maryland area and then for 15 years while we have lived here locally. We have used our boat all of these years and camped for a number of years. We live on the northeastern part of the lake and would like to see more access options. Our house is less than a mile from the water as the crow flies but we are 30 minutes from both the resort and Seven Points. Access to the resort is thru back roads with no cell reception and there are no amenities such as gas or groceries in the area. Access to Seven Points is how we usually go to the lake. However, the distance and travel time is a negative factor. Seven Points Marina has a long waiting list for new customers and we were fortunate to finally get a slip. However, we have at least five friends who have been on the list for a long time or were told there were no spots available. Yet if you buy a boat from Jim's Anchorage, they do.
We live on the eastern side of the lake and would look forward to a new marina! It would be much closer to friends and families in the Baltimore area and to where we live in the Calvin area. Both marinas have waiting lists for boat slips and the lake is NOT crowded and could accommodate more boats!
1. No wake from Rt 994 bridge to mile marker 22. 2. No development at Hawn's Bridge Peninsula.
Please do not change anything in the master plan which could increase the number of boats on the lake. It is currently unsafe for skiing or tubing on weekends. Any additional boats on the lake would only add to the danger.

<p>I wish to express my support for our public land.</p> <p>I most certainly DO NOT want to see Hawn's Peninsula developed.</p> <p>This area is important to hunters, hikers and anglers, as well as the host of wildlife which makes it their home.</p> <p>Please keep this area as is.</p>
<p>Raystown Lake is obviously the big attraction of this area, but I think there is potential to make it so much better for locals and tourists. I've always thought it was odd that a 30 mile lake only has two developed areas, Seven Points and the Resort, and those locations have limited hours for roughly half of the year. It would be nice to have more options to eat around the lake. And I'm talking about a meal I don't have to pack, cook and clean up after myself. It would also be nice to have a place to hear live music on the lake and do some shopping. I have friends in the Pittsburgh and Philadelphia areas who have visited here. While they think the lake was nice to look at, they say there's really no reason to come back again unless there's more for them to do. More development, especially in the zones that currently have nothing, would bring benefits to an economically depressed area. Gas stations, grocery stores, lodging facilities, shops and other area tourist attractions would all benefit.</p>
<p>Normally we launch our boat at Snyders boat launch. In summer we try to launch by 8 am on weekends because there is no parking available later in the morning. We love the lake, the beautiful shores and have observed deer quietly drinking water near mile 2. The area that will be severely impacted by development. On weekends the parking lots are full and many are turned away due to crowding. Friends come from Philadelphia to enjoy the pristine mountains, trees, water, and the possibility of seeing eagles, and hawks. Please preserve the sanctity of God's beauty and not allow more development at Lake Raystown.</p>
<p>We like the dam the way it is. Natural. Area one will be troubling. Thank You.</p>
<p>My father purchased a cabin near the lake ten years ago. Since then Raystown lake has been my families favorite place in the world. We primarily use the lake for fishing and a little hunting. We also enjoy taking the kids to Tatman Run beach or floating and pulling tubes. Please do not further develop the lake! The scenery and wildlife is without a doubt the best part of the lake. My in laws own a lake house in the Fingerlakes, NY. It is a very nice place but absolutely doesn't compare to Raystown... and the difference is development. The lake already has too much boat traffic as it is, any further development will just draw more crowds. Please do not further develop the lake.</p>
<p>We have been going to the lake since 2011. I think there are plenty of existing facilities at the lake for visitors to stay and launch their boat. On weekend there are already too many boats. I've been on a boat pulled over before because we were too close to another boat while moving but there was no where else to go. Please do what you can to prevent another entity from building near the beautiful lake.</p>
<p>We are Union Township, Huntingdon County residents and we are writing to express our opposition to the proposed development of Hawns Peninsula on Raystown Lake. We feel the low density area should remain undeveloped. It is a very environmental sensitive area and developing this peninsula would eradicate all the rare flora & fauna that call Hawns Peninsula their home. We would also like to address the already overcrowded lake. We feel that boaters safety would be at risk by the increase of boat traffic on the lake, We are confident that the boat survey results would determine this lake is already at it's maximum capacity for it's size. Please keep Hawns Peninsula on Raystown Lake as it is today, untouched and undeveloped. Thank you.</p>
<p>I have a boat at Seven Points and have boated on the lake 18 years. I do not think any development should be done to the area that will marr it's natural beauty or increase boat traffic.</p>
<p>We are a family of 5 and enjoy boating, fishing, hunting and bike riding on the beautiful trails. I have great concerns that this marina will no doubt permanently destroy the striper bass population at that end of the lake and disrupt the quiet beauty found around the dam area.</p> <p>It saddens me deeply to hear that the beauty & tranquility will be lost when this proposed marina is built. The traffic on the lake is busy now and will get worse and more dangerous.</p> <p>Thank you for your consideration in reading my heartfelt concerns.</p>
<p>As the days to submit comments come to a close, I wanted to reach out one more time and request that you keep the Hawn's Peninsula area (Zone 1) designated as low density recreation. Protect this special and unique natural area, protect the entire lake, protect the community by not allowing this area to be developed.</p>

<p>I am a local resident and am passionate about the natural beauty of the lake. I spend a great deal of time on the water . I try to participate in clean up days on the lake and always take the time to stop to pick up any plastic or other man made debris in the water when I am on the water in the fishing boat. The wooded, non developed shorelines, beautiful clear water in the many coves and the opportunities to view abundant wild life are what make this lake so special . It is the best possible combination of flood control while preserving natural beauty and recreation for generations to come. Today the many launches and two marinas provide ample access to the lake without over taxing the existing natural resources. The marinas are sufficiently far apart to spread the boat traffic and inevitable pollutants from boating across the many miles of lake. I oppose the Hawn's development. I believe the additional marina in close proximity to 7 PTS would overburden the lake ecosystem .</p>
<p>I am writing to ask that you do NOT allow the development of the Hawn's area. Please keep this one section of the lake wild and remote. It is such a unique environment for plants and habitat for wildlife. It would be shame and a crime to destroy that special area with more boats, cabins, and people!</p>
<p>To whoever it may concern! I cannot believe what I read in the newspaper. That you would even consider ruining Hawn's Peninsula, a little spot of wilderness with lots of wildlife and great fishing along its shore, for the benefit of a wealthy TEXAS man who made the mistake of buying property adjacent to the federal property for fracking. Now that that fell through he wants to ruin our Pennsylvania treasure to line his pocket. If he wants to enrich himself, he should ruin some piece of Texas land, not ours!!!! We have a beautiful facility, which is already stretched to the limit with recreational pursuits. Let's not permit a rich man to ruin it for his own personal gain. He does not appreciate this area for its natural beauty but only as a piece of land to be exploited for his own benefit. We should not erase this small wildlife refuge and supplant it with another marina, hotels, restaurants, etc., all detrimental to anglers, hikers and animals. To lease our public land for private profit is shameful!!!! Especially Hawn's Peninsula, one of the last wild and beautiful areas along the lake. To even consider supplanting this untouched area with a private commercial development boggles the mind. To ruin a great fishing area, kill off all the animals on the peninsula, ruin the hiking experience of walkers & hikers, etc. all for the monetary benefit of a rich out-of-state man is beyond comprehension. <u>Really, is another marina needed on Raystown Lake? And so, perhaps an area where Mr. Roberts plan would be less destructive to the natural beauty of the lake could be found?</u> Please don't allow this property guy to line his pockets and disturb the peace of the area. There are more reasons to oppose this plan than support it. We need to stop developing. Someone needs to be the first person to step up. Save the wildlife.</p>
<p>I am opposed to the development of public lands. Please stop the developer from building! Let's preserve this beautiful peninsula and lake.</p>
<p>Raystown Lake's exceptional value environmental areas are not the places development should occur. The bat recovery has been painfully slow in Pennsylvania and this is a peninsula that they frequent. The economic plan is based on Berkley Springs which is off major highway routes and has historical and natural attractions that have been know for more than a century. To think this development would attract as many visitors is ludicrous. As a member of Sierra Club and a visitor of Raystown as a boater, a hiker and an attender of weddings- I urge you to reject this proposal.</p>
<p>When considering an update to the Raystown Lake Master Plan, I ask you to please do the following: Visit Raystown Lake. Travel on its waters. Hike its mountainsides. What do you see? You see woods, you see nature, and you breathe in God's Country. I have traveled to 48 of 50 states, and on four continents. Few lakes of this size offer unspoiled beauty akin to Raystown Lake. Help us keep it that way. It is special because of its natural state. If others seek commercialism, that audience may go elsewhere; there are many choices to accommodate their preferences. I am familiar with the usual arguments for development; however, one question remains: Why must nature always lose? Please protect Hawn's Peninsula and say no to any master plan revision that would allow desecration of this haven.</p>
<p>Talked to 2 different groups this week, 1 from Allentown and 1 from Philly - why come to Raystown I asked. They all answered "Look around, it is undeveloped!" Keep it that way!</p>

<p>I am a Huntingdon natvie who had a summer home on the "old" Raystown dam. I grew up water skiing, boating, fishing, and playing in the woods of the "old dam." Of course, I was very sad to lose my cottage but realize that the "new" lake as it is now is so much better. My own children have grown up on the new lake getting to experience those same activities. My old cottage was between Mile marker 3 and 4 so we do most of our recreating in Zone 1. We have skied with both eagles and osprey and have been observing a copper head den in one of the coves opposite mile marker 1 on the Terrace Mt. side for over 25 years. And we have fished along that same side of the Peninsula. The lake is so crazy crowded on weekends that we don't go out any more.</p> <p>I am aware that the original masterplan (1974?) had provisions for development on the Peninsula, thus the caseway.</p> <p>This end of the lake is pristine and beautiful. Please zone the Hawn's bridge as an ecologically protected area. ☹</p>
<p>I would just like to say, we are certainly all for protecting Hawn's Peninsula. We live in Timberlake Estates, close to the proposed area. We have seen coyotes, deer, bald eagles, and bear. This project will destroy habitat.</p> <p>And, the lake is already overcrowded. ☹</p>
<p>I feel that the proposed development should not be approved. The lake and area around it is already way too crowded. Also, the land that the proposed development is to be built on was taken from families in the 1960's. It should not be going to someone to be used for profit. If anything it should go back to the people that once owned it or their heirs.</p>
<p>Keep Raystown Lake, especially Hawn's Bridge Peninsula designated as low density, limited recreation to prevent any development on the lake. The beauty of the undeveloped land is so special. I am concerned about displacing endangered bats and eagles plus other animals who live on the peninsula with any development. Increase the area for endangered bat habitat.</p>
<p>Oh, the lake is so crowded and noisy this holiday week and on weekends. Please do not allow any more boats on the lake. The boat launches are already too crowded to even put a boat into the water. And please do not consider having another marina on the Hawn's Peninsula. I believe we need rules to limit the horsepower of the boats and insist on mufflers or something to control the noise. The snake design of the lake is cause for accidents with too many boats, especially the ones that need to go so fast. It is too dangerous. I am frightened for any children to be in the water. There needs to be more wake zones for small fishing boats and kayaks. ☹</p>
<p>Why in this day and age would anyone want to destroy the natural beauty of this peninsula? Ok money talks I get it, but I live here. The men and women that would come to the new boat marina, restaurant, cabins, camping sites, etc they don't care about our area. They leave trash, pollution of the waters, and bring their problems with them and when their time is over they go home.</p> <p>I and my husband are opposed to developing Hawn's Bridge Peninsula. Once the development comes in and in time isn't used as often and the area is destroyed there is no amount of money to put the land and area back to the way it was.</p> <p>Just the other evening we took our new neighbor out to 7 points, to the breast of the dam and then to Raystown by the convention center. Our neighbor came from the hub and bustle of NJ where there isn't much beauty as this. He was totally amazed and when we told him of some big corporation wanting to come in to develop the land further...he said no way!! And we Kathy and Frank Harper say the same...NO WAY!! Unfortunately we cannot get out there to tell someone in person and as suggested in today's paper email. So now you've got it process our thoughts.</p>
<p>1. Would like to see some areas where boaters could stop and have safe areas where you could jump into water. 2. Maybe some rope swings for kids to drop into water. 3. Boat races were fun in the past. 4. Bring in other weekend attractions.</p>
<p>More emphasis / education on littering everywhere! I have been fortunate to see and boat on many lakes in the US - Raystown is the MOST beautiful. Keep the Eastern shore totally in its natural state. Maintain Zone 1 for restricted environmental management - fishing, hunting, etc.</p>

<p>Hello, I would like to briefly speak on the Rezoning of Hawn's Bridge Peninsula.</p> <p>As nice as it looks on paper, one of the biggest issues I see is the lack of boat ramps. The current public access ramps are basically filled to capacity already most weekends during the summer months. If this Resort is permitted to happen without their OWN boat ramp access, the public ramps will be complete jam packed with vehicles and trailers for days on end. I have reviewed the website, and as attractive as this may be, the public ramp usage for the resort is a huge problem.</p> <p>While I also understand this helps the local economy, it does add a burden onto the local Emergency Services, State Police and additional impact to roadways as well. I may not be a direct Tax Payer in Union Township, but my parents are and I frequent the lake multiple times a year. Please take these issues into consideration,</p>
<p>I strongly oppose allowing development of additional marinas on Raystown Lake. Specifically the proposed Hauns Bridge marina. I would like the lake and surrounding Federal Land remain undeveloped.</p>
<p>Would you consider opening areas to motorized vehicles? ATV's or Side by Sides?</p>
<p>We come to Raystown Lake because it is undeveloped. There are enough places with hotels and spas. Keep Raystown natural. Camping/hiking/mountain biking/boating is what makes this place special! It is nature at its best! Keep Raystown Beautiful! Great job to those who work so hard!</p>
<p>For Zone 5: Weaver Falls has always been one of my favorite spots on the lake. One of the suggestions I have is for better signs to get there by car. My family tried to find it a year ago and we got a little turned around. It's a great destination for people who just like to see the beauty of the lake. We enjoy the picnic and playground facilities there.</p>
<p>Consider safety over greed. Control alcohol??? Put speed limit or horsepower on boat boats. Or boat length. No need for cigarette boats on a narrow lake. You need to eliminate number of boats on lake at one time. So that means no more expansion!!</p>
<p>Zone 3. Leave the way it is. Not enough parking at Snyder's Run. The lake didn't get bigger.</p>
<p>Zone 2 leave the way it is. Tax payers need a place to park! Not enough parking at Snyder's Run to begin with. The lake did not change but boats got bigger and faster.</p>
<p>Zone 4. Tax payers need a place to park. Leave the lake the way it is. The lake did not change but the boats are bigger and faster.</p>
<p>As a property owner and a tax payer of Union Township Huntngdon County Pa. I am against Hawns peninsula Resort . I think we need to preserve the area. If one development is allowed, more will be added down the road as it will just open the door to any other developments. As a frequent user of Snyder's Ryn Boat Launch, we already have a parking problem with the weekend visitors.</p>
<p>Zone 1. Leave the way it is. The lake did not change but boats got bigger and faster. Parking @ ramps are at capacity now. Tax payers need a place to park!</p>
<p>To whom it may concern,</p> <p>I strongly urge that no new development be done on Lake Raystown or its shorelines. There are enough marinas launches and resorts. The new proposed development of Hawn's peninsula and surrounding area Will ruin the lake for fishing and recreation. There is already too much boat traffic on this and other areas of the lake.</p> <p>Furthermore it is not right to those who used to live there before the lake was made. Many people were made to move from their homes who would not moved otherwise.</p> <p>Instead of new development, I think consideration should be made to fix up the many launches already on the lake. There are launches that only allow one boat at a time, that should be made bigger. Lighting should be improved, and buoys should be made more visable at night. Also should consider installing solar powered marker signs so boaters can see them easier.</p>
<p>I oppose any new development on Raystown Lake. Including Hawns peninsula and surrounding areas.</p>
<p>Zone 1 concerned w/ the purposed Hawn's development relative to recreational boating. NOT IN FAVOR of a marina or more no wake zone. Luv Zone 1 as is.</p>
<p>My family has lived in this area for 250 years. We lived all around the lake. My mother, grandparents, and great grandparents lived near Seven Points Marina, and their homes are now flooded. I think it is incredibly disingenuous that the government took that land "for the benefit of all Americans" and now they are going to cede it to the highest bidder who can use it to make a profit. If developement is now an option, why not give us the option to repurchase our land first?</p>
<p>I am from maryland and usually visit Raystown lake a few times a year. I love the fact that it is not developed around the lake.You can have a peaceful day on the water without seeing houses every place.I mostly come to camp and fish. The peacefulness and serenity is the biggest draw for me . It is a place that you can enjoy nature without too much commercial interference. When I go to Raystown I want to get away from all of the traffic, noise ,and people and just enjoy nature peace and quiet. Please keep Raystown the way it is.</p>

Please oppose new development plan on Hahn's Bridge. Please keep Raystown Lake beautiful.

I do love the lake for its beautiful scenery. But Huntington county is in bad need of more jobs. And could use the resort it will help boost the economy. Although putting more of a strain on our local fire companies with the added people and buildings. It would be great if the local companies could get \$ for the ones that service the lake.. thank you

Given all the flooding that has occurred recently, here in Huntington County and elsewhere, the thought of developing the lake shore...any part of it...seems a foolish thing to do. It's not a question of if but when all this construction and development will be submerged. At what cost to the lake?

The real beauty of Raystown Lake is the undeveloped shoreline. Developing Hawn's Point would devastate the essential character of the lake.

More troubling though, is the fact that Lancer is a Texas enterprise that seems to specialize in fracking. The only project in their portfolio is in central Pennsylvania. What Lancer is doing (and hopes to do) will be widely injurious to our region. Our pristine environment will be polluted by the fracking activity of Lancer. Well water and municipal water alike may be seriously affected in an adverse manner. The proposed Hawn's Development is a project that only further damages Huntington County and the surrounding region.

Lancer must be opposed, and stopped, if at all possible. This is not good for the region; it is not good for the lake.

I've been a home owner in the Borough of Huntingdon since 2002. I've had my boat in the Seven Points Marina since 2003. I have real interest in the health and future of Raystown Lake and its surrounding areas.

I spend approximately 35 days recreating on Raystown annually, traveling from outside the area to do so. I live 55 miles away. My main activities at Raystown include fishing, boating, camping, hiking and hunting. I would like to see the lake and surrounding land remain as natural as possible with limited further development. There is no need to add another resort/marina which will only spoil the natural beauty of the area and cause more boat traffic on an already congested lake. Raystown is one of the few lakes of its size that is not developed. It is such a joy in that regard. Furthermore the proposal to develop Hawn's Peninsula makes little sense from a resource management perspective, the topography alone makes it not conducive to development. Also the area around Hawn's is very good for fishing, one of the best on the lake in my opinion. A marina would destroy that. The current marina's on the lake already act as if they own the lake and confront anglers in public water.

Raystown has been a retreat that I have been fortunate to have had access to since I was 14. Not only has it provided me with a getaway to relax and unplug during the summers, but I have been able to see my daughters and now my young grandchildren enjoy all that it has to offer time after time. My family has created many memories while camping, enjoying the wildlife in the surrounding woods, and learning to fish, ski, and tube on the lake. I fear that by turning Hawn's Peninsula into a commercialized area, not only is there a risk of economic detriment to the existing marinas, businesses and employees, but there will be an increase in pollution due to more boat traffic, people and development, causing the wildlife (in and out of the lake) to decrease. Heavier traffic also increases potential for boating accidents, and make it more dangerous for those who like to ski, swim, tube, etc. on the lake. Because of these reasons, among others, I oppose the development of Hawn's Peninsula.

My husband's family owns property near Weaver Falls BL. They have been escaping to the area from busy Lancaster life for over 30 years. To this day, we still enjoy the lack of cell phone service at the cabin.

We are outdoor enthusiasts in every sense of the word. We hunt, fish, and hike with our two dogs. We drop our 20' open bow into the water several times throughout the summer. Raystown is our way to escape the "luxury" seekers in the Chesapeake.

Keep the small town spirit of Raystown alive. Tailor it to those who seek a LACK of luxury - once it's changed it will never be able to go back.

NO TO HAWNS

My family and friends have enjoyed the lake for several years now, traveling 2 hours just about every weekend from spring through fall. We enjoy skiing, wake boarding, tubing, fishing and just enjoying the beauty of the lake. It is already a very busy lake and at times I am concerned for the safety of those behind the boat. The addition of another Marina would only add more boats to an already crowded lake. I love seeing nature all around. Commercializing the lake would destroy this beauty and wildlife. I feel this addition would be sacrificing safety and enjoyment for the almighty dollar. When I get on the lake I want to feel that my family and friends are safe. This beautiful lake doesn't have the capacity to hold any more boats on the weekends. Please preserve the natural resources that this lake has to offer.

<p>I have been boating on Lake Raystown for 12 years and am also a slip holder at Lake Raystown Resort and Lodge. Over the last 6 years the lake has become very active with all recreational sports. Newer trending interests in paddle boarding, kayaking, wake boarding, jet skis, etc. has produced an influx of visitors using the lake. I often see situations where these types of recreational sports are becoming a safety issue with the large amount of boats on the water. Moreover, the lack of knowledge among the people operating these recreational devices potentially creates more of a hazard to themselves and the safety of others. No Wakes zones regulations are continuously being violated by boaters and jet skis threatening the safety of these recreational sports and causing further damaged and erusion to the shorelines. On any given holiday weekend there are crowded shorelines, narrows, and coves. Each year I worry about how dangerous the lake has become with boat traffic.</p>
<p>Keep Lake Raystown as it is. The lake is already exponentially busier than it was 10 yrs ago. The proposed resort will only increase an already busy recreation area. The proposed yearly payroll averages just 20k or so a year and no way will 300 people be employed year round. It's not what Lake Raystown, nor the town or county of Huntingdon needs for sustainable income or jobs. This guy will make huge promises just to fill his own pockets and let the lake and surrounding residents suffer.</p>
<p>I support our public land and DO NOT want Hawn's Peninsula developed.</p>
<p>From an online pontoon boat forum. LOTO covers over 61,000 acres and impounds 617 billion gallons of fresh water. We honeymooned here in 1965, bought a second home, (cabin sized) in 1972. We moved our family from St. Louis to live there full time in 1975. I traveled Coast to Coast by airplane for over 8 years out of 6500 foot airfield just to stay there. I learned to fly while here and put two daughters through one of the best schools in the state. It was just great - a beautiful, relatively quite, peaceful life style. Then the "my boat is bigger than your boat" hit the lake and dealers and promoters saw the money floating on the surface. The developers built Condos and the little bucks and really big bucks started to take over. It's hard if not impossible to stop progress when superfunds are involved. So now, as Rick stated the lake is over run with large boats & Condos. Some of which went belly up in the interim and then recovered; way too many bars, restaurants, attitudes and</p>
<p>If I owned land on the mountain can I also propose development with a lease? Would the Corps have on their own decided to develop Hawn's? Would any development been in that plan? If focusing on the lake itself, as stated, and as in the past development was denied. Keep all development in the middle third of the lake.</p>
<p>I can't understand why the Corps was spurred to include Robert's scheme. I focused on the lake Roberts, in legalese would not have "standing". He has no right to use lake water to make lemonade out of his lemon.</p>
<p>Ecologically sensitive area as denoted in Huntingdon County Survey. The only pristine area of the lake (except mitigation area @ Aitch). Most photographed part of the lake - Hawn's/Ridenour Overlook. Light pollution. I take night photos. There is no other area of the lake without light pollution. A development would light up the whole horizon. We must keep 1/3 of the lake undeveloped.</p>
<p>Today 8/11 Snyder's Run is full. With 150 boat slips, visitors etc., Snyder's will need to more than double to accommodate. The local folks will be negatively impacted. If a development is on the "docket" there are far better areas - Coffee Run for example or Shy Beaver or across from 7pts.</p>
<p>There are security issues and much easier foot access to sensitive areas. In today's world that should be a concern. Infrastructure: Roberts said he wasn't paying for it (Cassville Meeting). This cost directly impacts locals. Their taxes will go up.</p>
<p>Consider invasive species. As more boaters come from other areas, which are likely to expand in range, more invasive aquatic species will be introduced. https://www.anstaskforce.gov/Documents/AIS_Field_Guide_Finalweb.pdf ☞</p>
<p>Has the security of the Lake been considered? It's a short walk from the 'rustic' camping to the breast of the dam..and no one would see anyone trespassing from that side of the dam.</p>
<p>The master plan was out if date. If Roberts had never proposed a development Would the plan have been reviewed despite his request? If not, a re-write was based solely on one man's request. If so, would the Corp have proposed such a development without a request? (No) Essentially, the rewrite is based on the request on one man...no one else has that power. No individual citizen could have made that request. We cannot let the boondoggle of one person dictate how our lake is administrated. ☞</p>

<p>#1 no change in any zone, no resorts in any zone, open space old growth forest on federal land, keep current camping areas</p> <p>#2 The State Forest can manage their land for game and timber. I would like to see the federal land not managed outside rec areas in terms of timbering.</p> <p>#3 No more resorts or private development on federal land. Control second home development surrounding the entire project.</p>
<p>I would like to take a moment to offer my support of the changes to the master plan for Raystown Lake to include high-density Recreation on the Hawns Bridge peninsula. As an education professional, an active Community member, municipality Authority member, mom, and Trough Creek Valley resident I see nothing but opportunity for growth, development, and economic success in every hot that I may wear in my daily life. I understand the hard work and dedication that it takes from the staff at the Army Corps of Engineers on many levels to be able to review, update, and execute a master plan. I applaud you for giving us the opportunity to share our support of this plan revision. Raystown Lake has been an important development in Huntingdon County and continues to be a drawing point for visitors, & even individuals looking to relocate to a serene Wonder of nature that we have with the lake. The impact of having access to the Hawns Bridge peninsula for something like the Terrace Mt resort is key</p>
<p>Hawn's Peninsula contains rare habitats and rare plants that will be destroyed if the peninsula is developed. Furthermore, there is already a lot of boat traffic on the lake and adding a small marina will make it even more crowded. I like to camp at the lake and kayak along the undeveloped shoreline. A lot of wildlife uses the surrounding forest and it is an important habitat for Indiana bats and other bat species that need large expanses of forest. I do not want to see any new facilities developed on Hawn's Peninsula, but it would be nice to upgrade some of the campgrounds that are already in place.</p> <p>The natural world around the lake should be kept as is, with sustainable forest management, but not development. One of the lake's attractions is all the undeveloped forest that surrounds the lake, creating a sense of wilderness and privacy.</p> <p>Please notify me when the public meeting will occur in April. Thank you.</p>
<p>In this current environment all must be done to protect the resource in terms of water protection, forest cover, wildlife propagation, and healthy recreation. Motorized recreation must have strict boundary's. This landscape has a project boundary, but the Eco system knows no such limit. So the management plan must take the wider area so to protect the main resource. thanks!</p>
<p>I support the Terrace Mountain and Hawn's Bridge Rec Area Project</p>
<p>Thanks for listening. I'm opposed to any more development and said so in a previous email.</p> <p>I'd like to get you to consider drawing a line from the J1 sign to the point on the College Cove and making everything from there in to James Creek and Aitch a no wake area. This would provide a giant area for kayakers and fishermen to not have to fight the recreational boats, slow down some of the hot rodders coming out of the party cove all gooned up (the fish commission tries, but they don't catch most of the drunks) and give the folks looking for a quiet place to anchor a lot more area to use.</p> <p>Other than cramping the bass boats with there mad dash every weekend morning, this would have little impact on recreational boating and provide big plusses for kayakers and striper fishermen, you'd probably see a big boost in kayak/fishermen, if they knew they'd have a safe place to go.</p> <p>I'm familiar with this area, but I'd also recommend establishing these large no wake areas on both ends of the lake too, for the same reasons.</p> <p><u>Thanks, and please don't sell out this beautiful lake, your grandchildren will thank you.</u></p>
<p>I'm writing to give my opinion on further development that involves adding a marina. I have nothing against large recreational boats,they are beautiful and enjoyable. However, we are full, there is no room for another couple hundred boats anywhere on the lake on any given weekend. Boating on the Huntingdon end of the lake is already stressful and dangerous, adding more boats will only compound the problem. Right now when the parking lots are full that is about all the boats and you can get on the lake. If we allow another marina with 200 or more big boats ready to go, on top of what we already pack in on a weekend and we will ruin that end of the lake and push the congestion further South on the lake. There is already no where to go go escape the crazy traffic, please dont make that situation worse.</p>
<p>We own a home three miles from the lake and have been boating on the lake for over ten years. My concern with developing another resort is about boat safety. On busy weekends for already don't take out the boat because we feel it is too busy and too dangerous. I think the lake is already at capacity. thank you</p>

<p>There are currently too many boats on the lake on Saturday and Sunday and holidays. It is dangerous at the current capacity. Adding a third marina is a political fat cat idea. The lake is for flood control. The marina at the upper end of the lake has made that area a hazard for boaters. People are wild up there. This proposal will ruin the lower end of the lake.</p> <p>We have been boating on the lake since 1980. I know what I'm talking about. How long will there be eagles at the damn after the influx of this many more boat? How will the roads to the lake at that end handle such traffic. Who will pay for the road improvement.</p> <p>An expansion like this puts the lives of every boater at greater risk. Let this investor take his idea and cash elsewhere. This is Republican Trump politics set to make cash off the federal lands. The Damn Master at Lake Raystown should be more interested in preserving the lake not cashing in on it.</p>
<p>Raystown Lake is pristine in its current state. Please do not allow the Haun's Peninsula to be developed. I have personally observed the development of the Finger Lakes in New York State and all the environmental concerns that are challenging aquatic life. Let's be proud of our largest Lake in the Commonwealth and keep it healthy.</p>
<p>No more development at Raystown. Enough is enough already.</p>
<p>1. Recreation considered in M.P. thus far has focused on natural use of established environment - has not drawn those seeking commercialized recreation. Please keep it that way - please! 2. Please consider restructuring path from parking lot to Ridenour Outlook - wheelchair accessible.</p>
<p>Please please do not allow someone who knows nothing about our area destroy it!!!!!!</p> <p>We have a beautiful lake, a natural wild life area. No one should be permitted to disrupt that...no matter how much money they have!!!</p> <p>Please think long and hard about allowing this to happen!!</p>
<p>Please do not allow proposed development of Haun's Peninsula.</p>
<p>This is the nicest part of the Lake. It will forever be changed if this project is allowed to continue. We have recently purchased property at the north end of the lake because of its beauty and pristeenest. Please stop this now!</p>
<p>I support the development of Haun's Peninsula. Hunt Co and Lake Raystown need this. Thank You!</p>
<p>I'm no writer, but I agree with comments sent to me recently by Valerie and Ron Rabena so I will paste those words into this email. I agree with their view whole-heartedly:</p> <p>The lake is only about a mile wide. Let high density developers develop the surrounding adjacent private land, not public land! Keeping Raystown Lake the attraction that allured millions of people every year is better for the long term economics of the area, rather than allow one man or company benefit from destroying that very treasured attraction. As I would teach my children, it would be like killing the goose that lays the golden eggs! Once it's dead, you can't bring it back. Once it's extinct, it's too late. Responsible stewardship forever was our commitment to Raystown Lake. Improvements should not include destruction for the sake of high density in sensitive areas. RLMPP should include improving conditions and services for what is there so the visitors and surrounding businesses can also grow.</p>
<p>I am not in favor of adding another marina and boat slips to an already crowded lake. The added marina would destroy the beautiful pristine area of that part of the lake and the habitat of all the wildlife that thrives in that area. More is not always better and I urge you not to allow additional boat launches and businesses on the lake.</p>
<p>The lower Raystown branch from the dam to the confluence is a superb recreational area. Trails and access should be improved while minimizing impact to the natural beauty.</p>
<p>Thank you for providing this opportunity for public input!</p>
<p>Concerns about boat density, particularly on weekends and holidays. I do not feel that Haun's Peninsula should be developed and no more boat launches. Extreme safety concerns during peak times. A day use area for access for kayaks, canoes, paddleboards would be acceptable.</p>
<p>Many boats on lake are too big. Lake is becoming very dangerous - a serious accident waiting to happen.</p>
<p>I am a lifelong resident of the area other than 9 years that I spent in the military. I am totally opposed to the development of Hauns peninsula. I grew up fishing the lake and still spend many days bass fishing. The boat and jet ski traffic on Raystown is already ridiculous after about 9:30 am in the summertime. I have said for many years that i cannot believe that there isn't more accidents on the lake due to the heavy boat traffic. Raystown is just not wide enough to add more boats and a new marina is going to do that. If you want to allow development of the Hauns peninsula then consider returning some of the land to the families of the previous owners. Way to much land was taken when the lake was constructed. Please just leave things the way the presently are.</p>

No Marina/No resort! This lake is busy! I learned how to water ski @ Hawn's. Got Married for beautiful views
Building a resort would be detrimental to not only the environment and cause a concern for more pollution in the area but also cause more damage to our water shed. This resort would be taking away the natural beauty and wild life our county has. Lake Raystown brings an extreme amount of traffic to our area, adding a resort of this size would bring more traffic (more pollution) but also cause unneeded traffic. We should be concerned with preserving this lake and all the animals that seek shelter on Hawns Bridge. People come to this area to observe the wilderness and hike the mountains and a resort like this would take all of this away from our community. Please save this land, do not allow the building of this resort destroy all the nature we have to offer.
Please consider this as our area needs the tourist traffic as well as more available jobs. I am th owner of a small business and would benefit from the tourist traffic.
Recreation facilities are adequate and further development should not happen. Please leave the Lake as it is now.
Please DON'T DEVELOPE RAYSTOWN WITH THIS NEW RECREATION AREA, PROPOSAL . MY FAMILY LOVES RAYSTOWN FOR IT'S CAMPING & BOATING ACTIVITIES . IT IS OFTEN SO VERY CROWDED NOW, THAT ADDING THIS NEW PROPOSAL WILL TOTALLY OVERLOAD THE LAKE . LET'S KEEP RAYSTOWN AS IT IS , THIS BEAUTIFUL, NATURAL RECREATION AREA , SO THAT ALL OF IT'S VISITORS CAN ENJOY IT AS IT IS . WE DON'T NEED MAXIMUM OVERCROWDING , WITH SHOPS, CABINS , AND ESPECIALLY AN INCLINE RAILROAD . I VOTE TO PROTECT HAWNS PENINSULA .
I am not in favor of any more boats on the lake. Too many boats on the lake. Too dangerous. More Biking regulations. Bikers should be more cautious. ATV Trails would be nice. Thanks.
1. No more marinas. Lake is already too busy. Hawn's Peninsula not a good option. Expand marinas already in existence. ATV trails would be great. Thanks
1. ATV Trails. 3. No more boating access on the lake, too many boats now.
1. No expansion of parking lot. Too many boat now on lake. 2. Bikes are not a good idea. Bikes need more regulations. ATV would be nice.
No more boats on the lake, no developing more access, too many boats now. ATV trails would be nice.
Add a fishing pier for fisherman without a boat! Other than that, let the lake alone. Zone 3.
This man tried to get this approved a couple years ago and it was turned down. Now it looks to me like you want to change the Master Plan so it can get approval. This man's plan will ruin Raystown Lake forever. Once it is allowed and constructed the damage will be done and it will not be able to turn back the clock. This comment will be sent to the White House, and every one in the Senate and House. This so called Revision of the Master Plan is nothing but a way to get this man's plan to destroy Raystown Lake approved. This is bullshit and nothing but DIRTY POLITICS !!!!!
Please just leave it as it is. Please. I'm old enough to remember our cottage on the old, original Raystown Dam. I even have photos of me standing at the Sheep Rock Shelter Area. It has been changed so much already. Cemeteries moved. Valleys flooded. Just leave it alone-as is. At least right now the less-wealthy lower and middle-class folk can still enjoy it, too.
First I would like to commend the Army Corps of a very well-run open house this past weekend, the Rangers and all the staff were very well-versed and very helpful in all the issues. They deserve a good pat on the back. It seems to me the way the Army Corps originally bought this property right across the Ridgetop of Terrace Mountain that somebody had the foresight to see this would be a good area to keep pristine and undeveloped. I talked to so many people that come to this Lake and this whole area specifically for the fact that it has been kept relatively undeveloped. So I am asking to please keep this area the way it is here for future generations to enjoy really experience what Pennsylvania Woodlands are like.
Stop the leasing of public land for private profit ! We do not want Hawn's Peninsula developed !
These changes are greatly needed for Raystown Lake. Boat launches need improved. I am a Coast Guard veteran and have seen many boat launches. Floating docks that are placed vertical to the ramp are needed for each ramp. (Not a horizontal dock like at Aitch. James Creek has three ramps, a floating dock should be between each one. Parking at the boat launches need restrictions. Just like at Seven Points, Parking close to the ramp should be for trailers only. No cars. James Creek for example, the front lot should be trailers only. Also if they are parking for Nancy's Campground they should have to park their trailer in the back lot. I am against any ATV trails around the Lake. I am ok with the resort but no marina. There already is one at Seven Points.

<p>We build a cabin here 10 years ago fell in love with the area so much we decided to retire here last year. The main reason the beauty and quietness. If this project goes through it will change this place forever. Rod Roberts even mentioned that he never saw such a pristine lake area that being said how could you improve on that!!!</p> <p>If he wants to do it right donate the land to the public for hiking , hunting, and nature the way it suppose to be. PLEASE LEAVE IT ALONE!!! Because I don't want to have to leave this area beautiful area.</p> <p>Thanks for your time ☺</p>
<p>I have been a regular visitor to the Raytown region initially as a boy hunting with my father in the Saxton area before the dam was constructed and have since enjoyed the region with my sons and now with my grandsons. I have recently this year when planning my retirement chose to make Huntingdon (Terrace Mountain top) my permanent residence.</p> <p>What I found most impressive as a young boy and more so as an adult is the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (UACSE) foresight and vision for the dam blending the functionality of the dam to provide flood control and hydropower along with recreation and natural resource opportunities and preservation. USACE have created a truly exception recreational area further ensuring that the recreation and development areas were balanced with undeveloped land and target areas for recreation use.</p> <p>I have read with interest the proposed developed by Terrace Mountain Lodge of the Hawn's Bridge Peninsula area and the leasing of 400 acres from the to build a resort on Hawn's Bridge Peninsula. I understand there will be significant and irrecoverable ecological impacts of development in this area from the Juniata Valley National Audubon Society, PA Striped Bass Association, boat density study, etc. and think these far out weight the minor economic impacts that might be brought from this development. Further I think county infrastructure, roads, etc. are not sufficient in the area to manage the increase traffic and ancillary development activity that may follow.</p> <p>Please maintain the Hawn's Bridge Peninsula (Zone 1) as an Environmentally Sensitive Area and Terrace Mountain as a low-density recreation area.</p> <p>I hope the USACE maintains its future orientation vision to preserve the nature and beauty of what is a great wonder of Pennsylvania.</p>
<p>I have been boating on Raystown for over a decade, hold a small slip at the resort, and own a seasonal property nearby. The thing I appreciate the most about the lake is the lack of development along the shores. I have been boating at DeepCreek, Yough reservoir, Kinzua, Lake Anna, and the Clarion and Allegheny rivers. Both Deep Creek and Lake Anna are overwhelmed with boat traffic, to the point that the experience is not enjoyable. I fear the day that the same happens st Raystown.</p> <p>The biggest concern about Raystown are the large yachts that are moored at both marinas. They belong on the Chesapeake, not a relatively narrow body of water like Raystown. We were swamped by three of them several years ago, and are lucky that no one was killed. I oppose additional marinas that will bring more huge boats that do not belong there, and oppose any development along the shoreline. This is a beautiful,precious and unique lake and I would like to see it remain for generations to come.</p>
<p>Please,NO MORE DEVELOPMENT at Raystown Lake.Terrace Mountain should be classified as LOW DENSITY RECREATION and the results of the impartial Huntingdon County Natural Heritage Inventory demand Hawn's Peninsula be classified as an ENVIRONMENTALLY SENSITIVE AREA.</p>
<p>As a neighbor to Hawns bridge peninsula not only am I worried about the loss of such a great area for hunting,hiking,ect., also I am worried about the snowball effect it would have on terrace mountain. What the developer is proposing would cause light, noise, and air pollution to this area. It would take a lot of underground water to supply his proposed development on his property and on the Army Corps property. That being said as a direct neighbor, I truly worry about my well water supply.</p>
<p>What is the average amount of deaths on the lake every year? If 150 boat marina at Hawns bridge peninsula would be added what would be the increase of deaths?</p> <p>If Hawns bridge peninsula would be developed I heard an estimate of an extra hundred thousand visitors a year in this area, how would their safety needs being met? ☹</p>
<p>1st I would like to thank the army corps for doing such a great job with 2 very well run public meetings. It put my mind at ease knowing the army corps will do what's best for the lake.</p> <p>As my property is only 200 yd from federal property at hawns bridge It is so very important to me to keep this area the way it is for future generations to enjoy. My oldest grandchildren are 4 years old now and I hope in 25 years when it's time to redo the master plan again they will fight the same fight I am fighting to keep this area natural and Pristina as it is for everybody to enjoy.</p>

I would hate to see anymore construction on the water's edge at Raystown. Please keep the Raystown Project from becoming commercialized anymore then what it already has. Our family has been using the Raystown Project lands since 1982 when we built our cabin on the route 26 side of the lake. We have to save some places in this country for nature to continue so our children's children have a place to show their children what nature really is !!!! Our family uses the beach at 7 Points and we hunt on both sides of 7 Points Road. Since I brought that up the Cycle Group have sort of ruined that part of our experience at Raystown. Since all those trails have been put in lots the game has been spooked and pushed off the project lands during the hunting season. This can't be change I know, I just don't want it to happen to other parts of the Lake Project. Please leave the Raystown Project lands alone and don't allow anymore commercializing of Raystown Lake. THANK-YOU

Should a resort such as was considered for the Hawn's Peninsula be built on Raystown Lake? Yes, I think it would be beneficial in many ways in the right area. Should the Master Plan be changed so that further consideration can be granted such a project or even given tacit approval on the Hawn's Peninsula? That answer is simply, no. There are already designated areas for such development. The logistics alone required for Hawn's Peninsula preclude development and the impact on the area would be enormous. Additionally this northern area of the lake has always been a respite for those of us who enjoy non-motorized craft away from our motorized brethren. The potential loss of the pristine environment of Hawn's Peninsula by reclassification should not occur and I urge you to have this area remain classified as a Low\Limited Recreational Area in the new Master Plan currently being considered by the US Army Corps of Engineers. Thank you.

Good morning! We couldn't make it there in person, but I wanted to give my input. We have been coming to Raystown for at least 10 years already as a family. We have a house in Entrioken, but are from Red Lion, Pa. In a generation of technology, it's nice to come to the lake to disconnect from all of that. My kids are kids when they are at the lake. Boating, tubing, swimming, laughing, talking, bonding. We come up here to relax and enjoy the views. We come up at least 2-3 weekends a month in the summer, so we invest a lot of time in the lake. We are always bringing new people up to experience the glory that is Raystown lake. We don't come to Raystown for the entertainment, we don't come to Raystown for the fine dining, we don't come to Raystown for the bars, we come to Raystown to enjoy time with each other on the water! We connect as a family when we are here. Nonstop fun on the water... without the pressure of modern society. I honestly couldn't ask for a better place to share this tradition with my family.

There are many other options we could choose to go and boat, but we always choose Raystown. The fact that there aren't any homes on the water almost makes it feel like it's your private lake every time. I feel that if the lake gets developed with this new marina and restaurant it will attract the wrong kind of vibe. Raystown isn't for all of those things. We go to Raystown to get away from all of those things. We consider Raystown our sanctuary. You feel very connected to God when on the water, watching the Eagles fly. I don't want that to be lost in this development plan. We have to stop thinking of dollar signs and start thinking of the reasons we come here in the first place.

Let's keep Raystown as is! (Ok, one request! ☺ extend the parking lots for James Creek so more boats can get in, or make a parking lot strictly for cars!)

Leave. It. Alone.

It's beautiful the way it is. No new development.

This is the best program I have attended. Very well run. I hope we can get great results!

I am contacting you to let you know that as a homeowner in Huntingdon PA I am concerned that about the Marina you are contemplating on Hawn's Peninsula. I have been vacationing here since 1962, the year I was born, and bought a 2nd home, primarily for the lake that I can remember you building. I never considered anywhere but near Snyder's Run, because of all of the activity South of Seven Points. I have had the distinct pleasure of introducing my husband's Portuguese family to the beauty of nature at the North end of the lake. My best memory of the Peninsula that you are considering as a Marina, is the morning that my family watched 2 fawns dancing in the water while Mamma watched. If you develop that peninsula where will the baby deer dance? Those of us who seek the solace of the North end want nature: deer, bear, herons, ducks, Kingfishers, dragonflies, Eagles and the fish that keep them there. How long before they are driven away by the yahoos on the jetskies? The marina will certainly bring them. Those people are not there for nature. I beg of you to consider that there are two kinds of people who use the lake that you so beautifully created. Let the yahoos have the other end of the lake, South of Seven Points, we rarely venture there, and every time we do, there is more construction. Let them have their huge, fast, loud engined boats that SCARE away the wild inhabitants of the "nature lovers" end of the lake; let them stayfar far away from our peaceful area. Please do not invite them to our beautiful, quiet, slower paced end of the lake.

Please keep in mind that those of us that use the boat ramp at Snyder's Run, appreciate the low density, limited recreation of this area of the lake and would love if you decide against allowing this Marina. If money is an issue, please consider charging a yearly fee again. We Nature Lovers will gladly pay as we once did!! ☺

I have been visiting my family on Parks Road area several times per year for the last 38 years (since 1980). The proposed Parks Road Boat Launch would create a serious safety problem on Parks Road. I have noticed the traffic using the road at very high rates of speed by users going to and from the Crops land. Just this week the traffic was unsafe. This neighborhood, on Park Road, is not conducive to boat traffic to the proposed ramp. These users have no respect for the children living in the houses on the road. This proposed project would be a safety nightmare and it also may be almost impossible to build.
No more resorts or marinas !! Enough is enough !!
I have been a Huntingdon county resident since 1998. I use Raystown Lake on a regular basis. Raystown truly is the crown jewel of our county, something most residents are proud of. While I realize that Raystown brings in a lot of revenue to the local economy, I would NOT be proud to say that we decided to be greedy by developing Hawn's Peninsula. Developing the area will destroy animal habitat. I am also very concerned that having a high density recreation area will further damage the environment and ecosystem through pollution. Once you make the decision to develop Hawn's Peninsula, you can never go back. Once you destroy the wildlife and environment, you can't go back and undo it. Only then will people say, "we've got to do something about it!!"
For further consideration, watch Mel Gibson's movie "Apocolypto." It will give you a new perspective on what it means to take from the environment until it can give no more, ultimately destroying people.
<p>Zone 1 - Keep as is. Best water quality on lake. Pristine area!</p> <p>Zone 2 - increase no wake area at Susquehannock campground on the point.</p> <p>Zone 3 and 4 - keep as is.</p> <p>Zone 5 - Dredge for debris</p> <p>We value the natural beauty that has been maintained at this lake. Lake quality has deteriorated since we first boated at Raystown in 1984. Boats and engines too big for lake. Water quality has been affected by overuse, waste pollution, and overgrowth of water plants from increased nutrients in water. People let their dogs defecate on the shore without cleaning it up.</p>
We have enjoyed boating the Lake by both power and kayak. The miles of undisturbed shoreline and carefully selected development is a breath of fresh air. Please do not cave to a developers economic interest and keep up the good work you have been doing and Hawns the natural resource that it is.
How many boats can Raystown Lake support safely? On busy weekends are we already there? Its wonderful to see the bald eagles. I'm concerned development would harm the eagles and other wildlife?
How about adding some ATV trails. They could be used all year.
Keep the lake and shoreline as it is. It is beautiful. Don't destroy our lake.
In the 1980's studies showed overcrowding of the lake, boats at that time were 10-15 ft. Now they are 20+ feet with more powerful motors. How can we not be overcrowded now?
I think it would be a huge safety issue to develop Hawn's Bridge. If you put a no wake zone around marina's and then a no wake no boat zone around proposed beach area you are choking down the travel lanes of boats making for a major accident and probably large law suit!
More parking for vehicles only. Not for trucks and trailers. More people would be able to kayak safely in no wake zone.
Campsites that are waterfront should not have their whole water front area taken by boats from other campsites that don't have waterfront spots, and have to tolerate people walking through at all hours.
There should be a separate area for pump out stations and fresh water. I've witnessed people pumping waste with no hose connections and then washing hand with fresh water.
I am opposing plans by a developer from Texas to lease 400 acres of wild federal public land managed by the United States Army Corps of Engineers to build a resort on Hawn's Peninsula along Raystown Lake in Huntingdon County, Pennsylvania. Please prevent permanent loss of this wild, federally-managed hunting and fishing land.

<p>Please reconsider the idea of allowing a new marina to be built in the Hawn's Peninsula area.</p> <p>Hawn's Peninsula is a beautiful area that will be destroyed by boat traffic if the marina is constructed. Wonderful wildlife will be disrupted and displaced and the best fishing area of the lake for Stripers and permanently ruined. Fishing is one of the most attractive assets the lake has and this will degrade that asset.</p> <p>Additionally, rare habitats accompany the peninsula that are home to the PA threatened species <i>Oenothera argillocola</i> and PA endangered <i>Trifolium virginicum</i>. It would be a shame to destroy these species rare habitats.</p> <p>Please keep the beauty of the lake as it is by disallowing the construction of a new marina in the Hawn's Peninsula area. Please do not lease the land to anyone. Keep it beautiful by allowing nature to remain where it belongs.</p>
<p>I just wanted to throw my two cents into the pot in OPPOSITION to development being written into the revision of the Master Plan for Raystown Lake.</p> <p>We have plenty of parking lots; it's the hunting and fishing opportunities that are becoming scarce. Just my opinion.</p>
<p>I attempted to submit a form on the webpage however every time I would submit an error would occur. So I would like to send my responses to the questions asked on the webpage. Please see below.</p> <p>Question 1: What recreation opportunities (ie. camping, boat ramp parking, hiking trails, etc.) would you like to see in each zone?</p> <p>Answer 1: I would like to see each zone of Raystown Lake remain the same. I believe there is sufficient recreation opportunities currently. The lake is an amazing place now due to the limited build-up in the surrounding proximity especially along the shore. I am strongly against the Hawn's Peninsula project.</p> <p>Question 2: What environmental stewardship opportunities (ie. protection and enhancement, hunting and fishing opportunities, land management initiatives, etc.) would you like to see in each zone?</p> <p>Answer 2: I would like to see the surrounding shorelines remain protected against future development which strongly includes the development on Hawn's peninsula. Again, the limited development along Lake Raystown is what makes the lake so special and a popular destination</p> <p>Question 3: Do you have a major concern about each zone?</p> <p>Answer 3: Currently my major concern is the Hawn's peninsula. I am strongly against development of another marina/resort on the lake. I believe the two currently are sufficient. Additionally there is already plenty of camping/recreational activities. The lake is very accessible from the numerous boat ramps.</p> <p>Question 4: What do you value in each zone?</p> <p>Answer 4: I strongly value the forested mountains surrounding the lake and strongly believe that is what makes the lake so special.</p> <p>I look forward to hearing feedback from the above responses. Any information you can provide in the future, or a mailing list that I could be added to would be greatly appreciated.</p>
<p>I am a current and long time resident of Huntingdon and the Raystown lake region. My family and I enjoy the solitude and undeveloped nature of Raystown lake.</p> <p>I would like to just formally make it known that myself, my friends, and my family are all opposed to the building of another marina at Hawns Peninsula.</p> <p>There is just way too much at risk to add more boat traffic to the lake and it would take away from the serenity and beauty of such a grand lake.</p> <p>Thank you for acknowledging and listening to my opinion!</p>
<p>Leave public lands as they are, and don't give in to billionaires from other states to do as they will to destroy them.</p>
<p>Question:1 I believe that everything is just perfect at Raystown as it is. Although if I could change 1 thing it would be full hook up for camping.</p> <p>Question :2 I love to hunt and fish so anything to help the lake area out with fishing and hunting I'm all about supporting it and keeping the next generation involved.</p> <p>Question :3 the only concerns I have in all zones is change I feel the Raystown Lake area should stay the same as it has been, we visit this area to get away from the everyday fast moving pace that we have come too. If there is change in this area it could result in a fast pace environment like other recreational lakes have come too.</p> <p>Question:4 same as question 3 in feel all units are valued the same with peace and quite the scenary is wonderful. The hiking and bike trails all over each zone is a plus the fishing and hunting I do is very relaxing with little pressure like I have seen in other locations.</p>

<p>I would like to see additional recreational opportunities at the southern end of the lake near the Millers area. There is already an extensive trail system that exists at that end of the lake for ATVs, I have walked them all while hunting in that area. It would be a fantastic draw for the Saxton area to have an ATV recreation area. The northern end at 7-points has the 30 mile bike trail that has been a very large draw to the area and a boost to the local economy. I also believe there would be a lot of interest in forming an ATV club that would donate time to both help make the trails and maintain them. I would welcome any opportunity to discuss this idea further.</p>
<p>To whom it may concern: for the last 18 years we have traveled 2 hours each weekend, and weeks vacation. We have watched the amount of boats increase, to the point where it is way to full. Boating is not as enjoyable as it once was. Beautiful scenery. Now you want to build an unnecessary not needed, and add yet more boats to a lake already full. Not in favor at all.</p>
<p>We use this lake every weekend from April to October. The lake is very busy and gets very scaring if you are trying to tow anyone for skiing or tubing. More building of resorts or docks will only bring more people and boats to a very busy lake. This now becomes a matter of safety!!</p>
<p>I am a PA resident who wishes you would NOT developed on Hawns Peninsula. This special area must be preserved, in its natural state.</p>
<p>I am very strongly opposed to the further development of Raystown Lake. I come to enjoy the natural beauty of the lake. I believe investing money into the infrastructure already at the lake and state parks would be a much better way to spend funding. Please don't further develop Raystown Lake!</p>
<p>Maintain slalom course. Its wonderful. Allow ski club to help</p>
<p>Protect Hawn's Peninsula.</p>
<p>Better less smelly bathrooms at Nancy's. More shade trees. And grass mowing at Aitch. That's Bad!</p>
<p>Allowing Hawns peninsula to be converted into a marina with the whole resort combo just isn't right. If you cannot protect that. What can you protect?. Some jerk in the natural gas industry that's already a Billionaire. You have 95 percent of the public against this development. If it's allowed , it means the meetings and people making time to attend , was a complete waste of time. Please don't allow the areas crooked politicians and uneducated county commissioners help you decide the fate of it. It's unwanted, unneeded and a true shame. Now the original Hawn family is speaking out. Why should that Rod Roberts be able to lease what was once their farm? I bet it's all law suits waiting to happen.</p>
<p>I am a Pennsylvania resident and user Raystown Lake for hunting and occasionally fishing. As a member of BHA, I am an advocate for increasing the acreage and access to public lands, not additional development of lake that already has plenty of campgrounds and boat access. I oppose the development of Hawn's Peninsula; 400 acres of prime hunting ground and surrounding spawning habitat for fish and a prime fishing spot for many.</p>
<p>1. What is being done to control/reduce lake water traffic. 2. I am waiting on response to my 2017 online comment. 3. Do not reclassify Zone 1 = keep it low density & wilderness & natural.</p>
<p>I wish to express my desire to keep this area preserved as much as possible in its natural state. It shouldn't be developed, as the economic benefits will not justify the stress on the environment, or the general aesthetics of Lake Raystown.</p>
<p>How you use the lake and how your experiences could be improved? I use the lake for fishing, pleasure boating, tubing, family picnics. Cleaner, better stocked public bathrooms and less high speed boat traffic on the lake would be big improvements.</p> <p>What new facilities you would like to see at the lake? A decent family restaurant.</p> <p>How you think the lake fits in to the larger socioeconomic and natural world?</p> <p>Raystown is relatively undeveloped natural treasure for Outdoor Lovers.</p> <p>What concerns or worries you have about the lake's future?</p> <p>Adding a marina to the Synders Run area will ruin that section. The lake is too small and narrow for the amount of high speed boat traffic it has now. On summer weekends overcrowding is the norm and finding a cove to anchor in for a family picnic that isn't full of drunks with blasting speakers is almost impossible. Please don't turn Raystown into another Deep Creek.</p>

<p>I am writing in hoping to reach out about possibly opening ATV trails at the lake or around the lake. My family and I have been coming to the lake every weekend of the summer since I was born and many weekends in the colder months. We are also very big into 4 wheeling and with all the new places opening and being created I would love to have some riding available near or around the lake. Many of the places we ride are near very cool scenic areas that have awesome riding and views. And everytime we are sitting out of the water we think about how cool it would be to ride 4 wheelers here also.</p>
<p>We do not need or want a marina built on Hawns peninsula, the lake and the present surroundings offer a pristine environment for sportsman and families alike. As it is ,on Holidays and any given weekend there is such an excessive amount of boat traffic that the lake conditions become hazardous. A additional marina on Hawns Peninsula knowing and recognizing the current condition set a precedent for gross negligence and civil suits. Preserve the lake for our future generations,preserve the lake for the impact it has on our communities, preserve the lake because it's the right steps to pursue .</p>
<p>Don't change current "zoning" to allow further development via private enterprise makes sense and is fair to most tax payers. Simply compare the resort to 7 Points. The facilities at 7 Points is far better taking into consideration the resort might be on better land.</p>
<p>I am a resident of Blair County, Pennsylvania who visits the Raystown Lake area on a fairly regular basis. I am against any proposed commercial development on the Hawns Bridge Peninsula. This area should be left in its natural state for all to enjoy. I feel that this area should be left designated as a low impact, limited recreation area. The temporary seasonal jobs that would be created by commercial development at this location are minimal. I enjoy hiking at this location and feel that it should be left in its current state for future generations. Thank you.</p>
<p>Hello. My family lives in Hollidaysburg and we are against further development at Raystown Lake. We recreate every summer at the lake and feel that it should be left in the state that it currently is in, without commercial development along the lake shore. Thank you.</p>
<p>No additional development! So many people enjoy it as it is.</p>
<p>Hi, Even though I went to PSU, and after ten years in SW U.S., I returned to raise a family and have been here now for 30 years, I rarely if ever visited Raystown. But, now I have water skied, paddleboarded, swam, birded and mountain biked Allegrippas trails. AND, I have brought friends, family, tourists and even international scholars to it's shores. We all agree that it would be in the best of interests of recreationists, nature & wildlife, if you conserved it in its most natural state without development of Hawn's Bridge Penninsula. (Actual favorite area for us to water ski) Please do the right thing for future generations and preserve this beautiful area in natural state. A vote for nature is never wrong. Thanks for chance to give input and for listening!</p>
<p>This marina/Lodge is really not needed. I can see if there were long lines at the other marinas for gas or at the restrants but there is not. The addition of boats on lake will only do more damage to shoreline. Areas of the lake are too narrow to accommodate current boat load now. Holiday weekends will only add more incidents on lake. I read on the website that there are local residents and local businesses that support the development.... I believe this is false. There is no one in the area that we know of that is for this development. Really.. what is the benefits?</p>
<p>My family and I use the lake to swim, hunt and fish. My family use the surrounding woods to hunt. We've been coming to the lake for the last 30+ years. We would absolutely hate and not support a new marina. There are too many boats on the lake at times throughout the summer. We would hate to lose any public woods or see anymore pollution/ trash laying around due to another marina. We use the exact woods that would be affected to hunt and hike. It would be horrible to see that beautiful area get ruined for something that the lake absolutely does not need. Please protect what we love.</p>
<p>Raystown Lake should NOT be developed any further, especially on Hawn's peninsula. The majority of residents in Huntingdon and the state of Pennsylvania do not want a luxury resort built at Raystown Lake.</p> <p>This is a democracy and the majority should win, not an individual with millions of dollars.</p> <p>Thanks.</p>

<p>I use the lake every weekend from mid April-late October, for many years. The main activity my family and friends enjoy is tow sports. The issue that is really unavoidable is lake traffic, its borderline dangerous to do these activities after noon on a weekend. Lake traffic moves in heard as there is not really much room for passing and the turns become clustered with speeding traffic. I don't see how the corps could responsibly consider the addition of anything that would promote more lake traffic. Ramp parking lots are filled to capacity by 10am, and rangers are giving tickets for anybody's tires touching the grass. Obviously the lake is a huge booster for the local economy spring-fall. Recently there was talk of a new resort although this would further that boost for those months, is it worth further overcrowding an already very busy lake? My concerns for the lakes future are obvious capacity and safety. Please feel free to contact me.</p> <p><u>Content limited by character limit.</u></p>
<p>I wholeheartedly support this project. Born and raised in Huntingdon this is a wonderful project and once in operation the naysayers would be onboard. Thanks.</p>
<p>I feel that having more lake improvements that do not make anyone or good money.</p>
<p>I am opposed to this development.</p>
<p>I would like to voice my concerns on the Hawns peninsula plans. I think it would be a big mistake to let some out of state person come in and develop the lake we have all come to know and love. I love too hunt and fish the area and have been boating on the lake since early 1980s . I have witnessed many almost deadly accidents on the lake when it's very busy. I think allowing more boats and people on the lake would be even more dangerous. The lake is already at maximum safe capacity. I think this will only bring big problems to the area. Let's please keep the lake the way it is , and not allow any development on the lake. This is one of the few places we can go and still enjoy GODS beautiful creations and a wonderful outdoor experience without being in a boat traffic jam. This would bring in a lot of in-experienced boaters and that would be dangerous. Please consider the importance of my message and keep our lake the beautiful creation it is.</p>
<p>My husband and I miss the mini golf that used to be at the resort. More people would do mini golf over disc golf. That particular course meant a lot to us. That was our first date and many dates later. We were very sad when we moved back to the area to find out it had closed.</p>
<p>We do NOT need an additional Marina, nor expanding launch areas. Weekends are so bad now, we only use lake on weekdays. Frustrating visitors who will not come again is not economic friendly.</p>
<p>Today at the restroom at 7 Points near the parking lot handicap picnic tables; the women's handicap restroom toilet would not flush. The next open stall did not have a latch. Please fix these problems.</p>
<p>Please do not develop more wild area around the lake. I am a kayaker and there is already too much traffic on the lake for canoers and kayakers. It is crazy on the weekends so I try to go during the week but even then it is no longer a peaceful experience in the Summer. You should be planning a way to encourage more quiet craft.</p> <p>The view from Hawn's Overlook is one of the best features of the lake. If you build in that viewing area it will be a great shame and an eyesore. Please don't let Raystown Lake become just a big noisy amusement park. Please protect the wildlife and the natural beauty. Everything should not be about making money.</p>
<p>Please do not develop the area in zone 1. You will ruin the view and further clog the waterways with motor boats. The lake use has exceeded its limits. On weekends it is like being in a city. Please preserve what little natural landscape, peace and quiet there is at least during the week in that zone. Don't ruin the area in the name of more recreation and money. Once these beautiful areas are developed, natural animal habitat is lost forever.</p>
<p>Please do not allow further development on Raystown lake. Public land should not be used for an individual's personal financial gain. The only thing the lake could use is expanded parking at the boat launches.</p>
<p>The new Raystown Lake master plan should include an expansion of the Snyder's Run boat launch to facilitate swimming and picnicking similar to the Tatman Run recreation area. This will provide an area close to Huntingdon for summer recreation and also a potential bicycle destination which could connect to the newly proposed Main Line Canal Greenway multiuse trail.</p>
<p>Anyone that spent the last week and weekend should realize that raystown lake does NOT need another marina. Even though I have our boat in 7 points marina, it was definitely not safe taking out. The Corp needs to be a good steward of the asset and not be swayed by thus developers promises of money to community. It will ruin a good thing and in reality cost the community money</p>

As a resident of huntingdon county, raystown lake is viewd as a natural asset. It is developed enough. On any given weekend, it is over populated with boats and sometimes down right dangerous. We have a boat tthat us kept at 7 points marina, so we do know the Lake well? With all of the additional launches and 2 major marina it us definitely enough. For the size of the lake. I believe fir the few jobs that the development will bring the destruction to a beautiful habitat and peaceful place (There are only a few around the lake as it is) is not worth it. Once it is gone, it cannot be replaced. Please do not be swayed by a few that would profit by this while depriving future generations of a beautiful wild area.
As a Pennsylvania resident I stand with Backcountry Hunters and Anglers in opposing a development plan for nearly 500 acres of Raystown Lake. It's very important to me and my family that public lands remain in public hands for future generations to appreciate. The one thing we can't manufacture more of is land.
My response encompasses all zones. Raystown Lake is prized for its inherent beauty and the fact that it has not been overdeveloped. Anyone who has visited Deep Creek Lake in Maryland can see what overdevelopment can do to a landscape. As a resident of Huntingdon County I would like to see the lake remain intact in its natural beauty; making amends to the Master Plan to allow for further development will only tarnish what we love about Raystown and negatively affect the various biomes that exist there. Thanks for allowing public input in this matter!
Just wanted to add some input for the questions listed above. Question 2: I'd like to see continued protection and enhancement of the federally owned land used for hunting and fishing to stay intact as much as possible. Question 3: My main concern is the loss of the federally owned, undisturbed land used for hunting and fishing along the lake area. Just want to see it remain mostly intact if possible. Question 4: I value the pristine, natural, and untouched areas around the lake and would like to see them stay whole as the management scheme develops for the area. Would prefer to minimize production of these lands into anything but what they are: wilderness. Thank you for the opportunity to speak on the future of the area!
Army Corps need to be good stewards of Lake Raystown and NOT be swayed by \$ from outside. 2 Marina is enough. Protect Hawn's Peninsula
I believe that the college idea for an environmental study center is a great idea, BUT not at the expense of destroying a unique area like Hawns Peninsula. The is plenty of room at an already developed area like 7 Points to build this and makes a lot of sense with the already visitors center. Please consider what wil be destroyed and cannot be recovered if you allow any development at Hawns
I am writing as a sportsman to say I oppose the proposed revision of the master plan and development of the area into a resort. The area is too vital to hunters, fishermen, and boaters, as well as other outdoor enthusiasts to allow such a development. I believe said development will run the area as it stands now.
Please designate the Hawn's Peninsula and Terrace Mountain as low density recreation.
I have heard through a conservation group I belong to, Backcountry Hunters and Anglers, that there is a proposal for development on publicly managed lands at Raystown Lake. I strongly oppose this proposal due to a number of reasons including first and foremost the natural beauty and wildlife habit it would destroy and affect. There are not many places like Raystown where you can go and camp, boat, hike, hunt, fish, and just relax in its vast splendor. I hope you would take a long hard review of the negative effects this would have and how it would impact every aspect of this quaint oasis.
Keep east shore wild. No development on Hawn's!
The little island near Susquehannock has no name. My family was the last owner of that tract of land - But originally was the "home" of native Americans who lived at Sheep Rock. My family doesn't need the name - but could it be called "sheep rock island"?
Briefly stating my MAIN concern is safety in boating and water recreation if a 150 boat marina is built. Boat space is needed to avoid accidents and keep lives safe. We have boat here since late 70s. Keep the lake safe 1st!

<p>I urge you to NOT precede with the proposed development plans for Raystown Lake for Hawn's Bridge Peninsula. We urge you to NOT revise the Master Plan to allow for intensive recreation which I understand is needed in order to build marinas. We desire the lake would continue to have restriction on recreation.</p> <p>Safety is an issue that deeply concerns me. Raystown Lake has been a place my family has enjoyed every summer since 1978. The "traffic" on the Lake on weekends and holidays is getting quite full. To increase the activity would have a major negative impact on the ability to boat safely. It makes no sense to make this lake high density recreation. Raystown Lake is an attraction for the kind of lake it is today.</p> <p>My husband and I chose to drive from Lancaster County, PA, to Raystown Lake many weekends during the summer in order to camp with our RV and boat in a lake that was safe for us and for our children to water ski, tube, and swim. Our kids are adults now, and they and our grandchildren now enjoy Lake Raystown. We passed by a closer lake because of the dangers we experienced when a lake gets too full and kids wanted to water ski and tube. Allowing 150 more slips will have a major negative on lake safety when recreating. Boaters need safe places to tie up their boats so they can recreate. Allowing 150 more slips will have a major negative impact on safety.</p> <p>In addition, I have come to understand, as my husband and son enjoy fishing at Raystown Lake, that the area around Hawn's Bridge Peninsula is a key area for striped bass. The planned marina, increased jet skis, kayaks and canoes might have the potential of driving these fish out of the two areas they are most suitable for. This project will impact underwater ecological features that provide the best water temperature, and oxygen levels. This would greatly impact the attraction to Raystown Lake by fishermen.</p> <p>Why would anyone consider making this change? I strongly OPPOSE changing the designation in the master plan for this area to allow for intensive recreation and includes the building of marinas. I do NOT want more boats on the lake and marinas at the end of the lake. I ask you to NOT pursue the proposed changes any further. Close the book!</p>
<p>I do not support the development of the land in question. In this day and age we need to protect our wild resources and preserve them for future generations and for the well being of the earth. Development of these lands is nothing more than a way to make money it does not take into consideration those things.</p>
<p>This is the 2nd master plan update i have been involved with. I have a great concern that too much emphasis has been placed on the Hawn's peninsula. Understand why that is occurring, but i would like to request the input from the public meetings about other parts of the lake are taken seriously. Main concerns for me is safety for the increased paddlesports that occur. Would like to see upper corners maintained as a possible development site and beer barrel bay go back to no wake. it is possible that developers may find an interest with the trails system and possible paddlesport area for some kind of enhancement. Also the no wake area between mile market 7&8 could also be used for paddlesports, might there be a launch established near senioa/the pfbc docks for visitors to safely use this magnificent bay.</p>
<p>Zone 1. 1. Hiking, primitive camping, non-motorized boating. 2. Protection of flora & fauna. A natural undeveloped setting free of unnatural structures (hotels, marinas) where nature can be appreciated in a pristine environment. 3. Yes: I do not want to see a resort or other unnatural development.</p>
<p>Zone 1 - RE: Economic benefit and jobs - most of the jobs will be low end and low paying. Not all jobs are good jobs. No all jobs will be filled by the local population. Many of the jobs will be part time with no benefits.</p>
<p>Zone 1 - 1. The area should be preserved for natural species so they can continue to exist. 2. A resort development is negative because it brings traffic, trash, many with "city" values who tend to want what they can get out of the land; not what the land can gain from them (preservation).</p>
<p>Zone 1 - I am opposed to development of Hawn's Peninsula as proposed by a developer. Continually building new structures tends to lead to more and more development; before we know it, we have a "manufactured" resort instead of natural beauty and an authentic setting in which to appreciate the world in all it's beauty. We need to continue to provide settings where children can freely explore and learn. Thank You.</p>
<p>Zone 4: More focus on birds' nesting. Protect the sick trees!! Focus on factors that could affect the foliage.</p>
<p>Keep the shoreline pristine. No new major development especially if adds more boats.</p>
<p>Why did my family lose our home so some guy from Texas can get rich. I can't ever go back to where I grew up but someone can park his boat over top of it. This lake was built for flood control not so certain people could make a lot of money. I even worked for the Corps of Engineers in the late 70s and they put all of our jobs out on contract. Then they talk about creating jobs.</p>
<p>Thank you for hosting the meeting at HAHS. When we did the discussions in the break out sessions, do the session moderators get to put their opinion on the preferences of the groups? Also do all answers as listed on the responses to the questions get the same weight? Our group was overwhelmingly against development in Zone 1(Hawn's Bridge Peninsula). One lady, who said nothing all meeting,said marina. This then became #2 on our responses. Should we have listed no development 25 times to better demonstrate the wishes of the participants in the session?</p>

With the last revision, during a focus group meeting held on Feb. 11, 1993 with representatives of natural resources management agencies in the Raystown Lake area, Allen Robinson from the PA Fish and Boat Commission commented that "during good boating weather, some parts of the lake are too crowded and not safe. All agencies need to promote safe recreational boating." Boat traffic has just gotten worse. Will the PA Fish and Boat Commission's comments be a part of this revision process? What is their position?
I oppose the development of Hawn's Peninsula at Raystown Lake. I visited today, & do not want to see Hawn's Peninsula changed from the natural habitat it now possesses. Development would be detrimental to wildlife & natural vegetation, as well as to those who admire & enjoy visiting there. The area is photographed often showing a natural, beautiful, quiet & peaceful surrounding. Development would lead to commercialization, resulting in noise, pollution & disruption, taking from the charm of the area...a place that people can now visit, picnic, swim, boat, kayak, canoe, fish, hunt, hike, & spend time relaxing, enjoying God's beautiful creation. Not to mention how devastating the ecological effects on the entire Lake & recreational area. We are blessed to have this lovely area nearby, let's not spoil it. <u>Please keep Raystown Lake classified as a low impact, limited development classification so that we can all continue to enjoy the unspoiled, natural beauty of the area.</u>
Please keep this place public accessible. No need to lease this place To a developer to get rich on and keep the public out not to mention the beauty of the place and the hiking and fishing and hunting opportunities of this place.
Zone 1 concern primary concern: The proposed development with one of the most beautiful views in the North East. The attraction of this lake for me is the lack of commercial development. Just becoming informed of what a special place the shale barrens provide for environment issues.
Not sure which zone, but I learned at the open house on 8/11, that there are designated development areas around the lake that have not yet been developed in the current master plan. I would think that logic would dictate that further/additional development should not be approved or even considered until the original areas zoned for development have been exhausted.
Zone 3,4,5 - I learned something new in each area at the event today. We've been coming here since the early 80s and if I am learning about opportunities and places, I'm sure that many other are not aware. More Publicity.
Thank you for choosing my questions and comments. I understand that someone must be in charge of a meeting such as this. According to The Daily News announcement of this meeting the rule is that one must present a written question or statement that would be screened. I'd like to know the names, county of residence and employers of those doing the screening. The local newspaper has previously published positive comments about this project. That person has indicated he has expertise regarding this project and has been a resident of this area for 13 years. Those types of residents come and go and do not know the history of this project. Where or who is his employer or place of employment? Those of us who have lived here before the dam was ever created, heard the same thing then and now how this project would greatly improve the local economy. My expertise comes from experience.
My concern is the boat traffic. I love coming here because its out of the ordinary tourist areas. I love the lake and the low density recreation is exactly why I come here. New is nice, but nature is best. I value the overall natural environment of the lake. My family and I drive 4 hours just to come here and get involved in nature. Reconnect and recharge from all the busy life style.
I truly value and love the low density of Raystown and Seven Points is just perfect. We live 4 hours away and travel for the experience of our family to connect with nature and the beauty that surrounds us. If we wanted to go to a busy, touristy, resort, I would go a lot closer to home. Please, I love Raystown and Seven Points and having a resort anywhere on this Lake will disintegrate why we and many others come here to begin with.
We do NOT need a "high end" hotel with "high end" food and 150 additional docks for boats. The lake is already flooded with Chesapeake style boats and speed boats and recreational fishing is soon to become extint on the lake. Try putting electricty and some modern bathrooms at places like Tatman Run and others so you can go to the restroom without having to hold your breath. Keep it simple doesn't mean stone age. Commercialism is the last thing the lake needs.
Please do not develop Raystown lake any further. It is a rare gem as is without the homes and manicured lawns running to waters edge as other lakes. This will become even more rare in the future, as progress does not always mean additional over-development. My opinion, thanks.

<p>We are writing to you regarding the possible development of Hawn's bridge Peninsula. My husband's family bought a cabin in Calvin (Terrace Mountain Property Association) approximately 35 years ago as a second home. The cabin has been in my husband's family since then, and now my husband and I own the cabin as our second home. The lake has always been a large part of our cabin life. We love camping on the lake and enjoying long weekends of boating. When we heard about the possibility of the development on Hawn's bridge peninsula, we were very excited. Although we can see seven points marina from the top of our mountain ridge, we have a 30 minute drive to Lake Raystown Resort and Marina where we dock our boat. We enjoy camping on the lake, but reserving camping spots near our boat at the resort is difficult, to say the least. we have to reserve sites 18 months in advance and when we do, half the time, waterfront spots are taken and it is difficult to get multiple sites. Some of the campsites are almost unusable because of the slopes and the campgrounds are always packed. And, if you think you will get a decent spot if you wait more than 18 months, chances are --you wont get a spot. I give you this background because it is clear to us that there is a demand for more camp grounds with water access. I also know that it is difficult to get boat slips at the resort and at seven points. we had a friend who was on a wait list for over a year.</p> <p>We know there is concern about overwhelming the lake with additional boaters. As a family that is on the water almost every weekend in the summer, I can say that we do not see that as a big concern. Yes, holiday weekends can be busy. But on those weekends, we boat early or stay late, or hang in a cove. Other than holiday weekends, we have really not felt that the lake is overcrowded or would be in danger of being overcrowded with the extra boat slips planned for the Terrace Mountain Lodge project/hawns.</p> <p>As owners of a cabin in Terrace Mountain Property Association, we welcome the idea of the development. While we love the seclusion of our cabin, we also would like the convenience of a lodge, with activities, restaurant and boat slip accomodations. We are hopeful that long term slips will be available to those that own property locally, and it would be nice to have a preference for those who live locally. Regardless, the possible development will have a positive impact on the area and will be a welcome change for us! We support this development and are hopeful that approval of the plan is forthcoming. ☐</p>
<p>Would like to see restrooms along waterway for boaters, takes too long to use restrooms at boat launch, some launch take too long to get to.</p>
<p>I fully support the proposed resort and marina. I support the changes to the Master Plan for additional development to aid the Huntingdon County. Economy.</p>
<p>My wife and I enjoy Raystown as it is now and feel strongly that it should be left basically as is. A large development is certainly not what we want to see happen.</p>
<p>My husband (Mr. William J. Deremer) and myself (Renetta F. Deremer) of 1407 Teds Way, Duncansville, PA 16635 STRONGLY OPPOSE the development as projected for the Hawk Peninsula area in the Raystown Lake complex. Please do not include any provision for such development in the revision of the master plan for the Raystown Lake area.</p> <p>The pristine, natural environment of the complex near to where we live (about 1 to 1 1/2 hours) is enjoyed by ourselves , our children and grandchildren. Usually to experience such tranquility we have to travel many miles to the Great Smokey National Park or out west to other National Parks such as Yellowstone or the Grand Tetons. Granted the Raystown is a "drop" in size in comparison to a National Park, but it's a wonderful little corner of the world that shouldn't be ruined by development. The pipeline cutting through the park was bad enough last year, but from what I've read what's proposed for Hawk Peninsula will endanger not only wildlife and plants life, but also endanger or even lead to extinction the peace and quiet we so enjoy at "The Raystown"!</p> <p>My mother had a cousin whose family owned a cottage along the Raystown Branch of the Juniata River many years ago before the dam was built for flood control. The family cottage was submerged when the development took place, The old rope tire swing that as a kid I recall swinging on into order to drop off is now "extinct" because that area is submerged under fifty or more feet of water under the lake. That way of life with family picnics at the cottage is now gone.</p> <p>I fear development of Hawk Peninsula will erode the natural habitat and area now present at the Raystown. Once those special quiet areas are "developed" the peaceful spots are lost forever. In this busy and hectic world, I feel, we need to have special oasis locations from the hustle and bustle of life. Our children and grandchildren are on the go non-stop! I'm/we're trying to ask you to please preserve the special spots where future generations can actually hear the crickets and frogs at night and gaze at the stars dreaming in their thoughts or smell the aroma of bacon being cooked on the open fire while enjoying a cup of coffee brewed over embers, or enjoy a charred hot dog and a couple of smores! These experiences with ones' family are priceless and can't be bought! Don't sell the such opportunities off to development of Hawk Peninsula or other areas around Raystown Lake!</p>
<p>Please do not permit development of Hawn's Peninsula. The boat traffic on Raystown Lake during the summer months is quite heavy – this development will add to more on-water boat traffic, leading to more collisions/accidents and potential deaths. The beauty of Raystown Lake is the fact it IS undeveloped – water, trees and mountains! We beg of you to please not destroy this beautiful lake and surrounding area.</p>
<p>Please protect quite, serene nature of eastern shore of Zone 1. Keep dark sky associated with zone 1 eastern boundary.</p>

<p>It seems to me that a large percentage of people resisting subject project never go there, and simply jump on the liberal bandwagon. I do go there ! I live at the north end of the lake, and think this underdeveloped area needs a larger,more upscale year round resort area (on private property) that could benefit that part of Huntingdon county. As the Hawns peninsula is a very small tract of land compared with the total raystown project, I think with proper regulation the total project should be approved.</p>
<p>I wish to Express my deepest objections to any further development of raystown lake especially yawns peninsula. The amount of boat traffic on the lake is already at the breaking point,having been a resident of penns township all my life I have seen the changes to traffic patterns and lake development from the beginning and while I in ageem ed not with the plans alre as dy in place, I am strongly opposed to anymore development.</p>
<p>Support classification of level/Zone 1 Hawn's Bridge for development. We can't afford to pass up on economic impact on our dying community.</p>
<p>One change that would benefit locals would be to add some amenities at Snyder Run. This the access most useful to the residents of Huntingdon. Having only a boat ramp isn't of much help to most. Some picnic tables, cooking pits et. al. would be a big addition thanks for your consideration</p>
<p>I would like to express my opposition to develop this beautiful, protected, wildlife preservation area. There are plenty of old abandoned resorts scattered throughout Pennsylvania, especially the Poconos. Why not direct the developer to one of these formerly developed properties and have them restore an area that has already been stripped away from the wildlife and nature? Please feel free to contact me if you would like to discuss further. I am happy to hear more information on the matter but what makes these places so beautiful and special is their natural beauty.</p>
<p>We use the lake for fishing, kayaking, canoeing, boating, scuba diving, swimming, and sightseeing. Many times we just go out on the boat and find a cove to tie up and just sit to enjoy the beauty of the surroundings. Sometimes we go over to the cliff area (7pts) or James Creek to find the louder parties going on over the weekends. So a couple ideas: To improve fishing, more man-made bottom structure. Controlled horsepower on boaters. Sometimes its scary how fast these big boats go on this narrow lake. Expand the docking capacity at the existing facilities. Make some areas completely un-motorized, for paddlers only. I would really like to see the facilities that already exist upgrade some. Liquor licenses. More food choices. More docking. This lake is the best balance between commercialism and naturalism. Lets keep it that way, maybe less commercialism now, make mandatory improvements on the existing facilities. I worry over the loss of the quiet areas and the natural views</p>
<p>I do not want to see any development anywhere around the Hawn's Peninsula. On both sides is great fishing, that would be ruined. Also the extra boat traffic would be unsafe.</p>
<p>I am a disabled hunter who has participated in and harvested deer in the annual hunt held in the 7 Points area. I also hunt in the area around Hawn's Peninsula. Each time I sit there either in my vehicle, a side by side or ATV I am in awe of the beauty of the place. I have spent winter days there with the snow falling softly on a windless day and been amazed that such unspoiled beauty still exists. I have taken my 5 year old grand daughter. She already knows many trees by their leaves and the animals by sight. She knows what the animals eat and where they sleep. I am saddened by the possibility of Hawn's Peninsula becoming just another developed area of Raystown Country. Please consider leaving the Peninsula in its present state. Both for us now and for our children. You have done a great job protecting this valuable resource and window to nature in its finest. You have the opportunity and the privilege of preserving it. Thank you for your consideration. ☺</p>
<p>I oppose the addition of another marina on Raystown lake.</p>
<p>Would you consider opening the gates during hunting season for easier access to pick up your deer?</p>
<p>Really concerned about the inventory - sounds like government speak for selling land for development.</p>
<p>Please do not allow a developer to add more boats to a already crowded, dangerous , high speed traffic on this lake ,it is already too dangerous to enjoy a day on lake you have way to many high speed boat traffic now ,i have been using the new lake since 1977 and have seen the boat traffic get worse every year</p>
<p>I camp every holiday at the resort and one full week in august. I also have a boat docked at G dock at the resort all year. I use Snyder's run at least once a week with my jet skis... I have a house/cabin on Jon Bum rd and would love to have a public boaters access point from Rt 829 somewhere on the back of the lake. That side of the lake deserves to be developed with public use in mind not controlled by the proposed resort builder only. I am local and love the lake, yes the holiday weekends are busy but there is plenty of other time to enjoy the lake.</p>

<p>I am writing in opposition to any development of land around the lake by private developers, particularly on Hawn Peninsula. We are at no shortage of resorts, developments, housing, and pavement. What we can't create more of is forest, wilderness, and habitat. Please make public access an anchor point in your master plan and ensure future generations can enjoy the lake as it is today. "To what avail are forty freedoms, without a blank spot on the map" Aldo Leopold</p>
<p>As a long time user (boater, camper, hiker, and photographer since 1997) of the recreational activities made available by the Raystown Lake project, I respectfully request that no High Density Recreation Areas be added to subject master plan.</p> <p>Of all the activities offered in and around the lake, the main attraction of this project is the pristineness of the lake and its' surroundings. To put a resort right in the middle of this beauty is a travesty, which is exactly what would happen if development of Hawn's Peninsula is allowed. Quite frankly, this peninsula should actually be reclassified to a Low Density Recreation Area in the new Master Plan.</p> <p>On weekends, the bay directly in front of Hawn's Overlook can already become a busy, hazardous crisscrossing of boats going in different directions. With boaters coming out of Snyder's Run and either going up or down the lake, co-mingling with boaters going up or down the main part of the lake or trying to access Snyder's run, this area can become congested and rough. Putting additional boaters in this area is unconscionable.</p> <p>Also, I have a concern about the flyover surveys being conducted during this boating season. Weather-wise this has been an unusually rainy, cloudy, cool spring and summer, which is not conducive to recreational boating. Therefore, I feel any usage data gathered during this period is going to drastically underestimate the boating activity during a normal season.</p> <p>Trust me; there are already plenty of boats on the lake on weekends. I have a 20.5 foot boat I refuse to take more than six miles in either direction of Seven Points Marina because of the traffic and rough water on most summertime weekends.</p> <p>Please don't turn Raystown Lake into another Lake Tahoe, where only the rich can enjoy the lake shoreline.</p>
<p>We love the lake just as it is!! Need no changes.</p>
<p>No no no..this lake is already over crowded..this is a bad idea.</p>
<p>Parking needs to be monitored more closely so to close lots or detour drivers. Possibly more overflow lots at other lots than 7points. #4. Channel is becoming clogged with debris and mud. Possible to dredge out to clear somehow?</p>
<p>I have been camping and boating at Raystown since 1990. I currently have a boat at Raystown Resort. Whereas I am not opposed to further development at the lake, the placement should be a consideration. Areas south of James Creek are VERY congested and narrow. Any development should be limited to North of Seven Points Marina.</p>
<p>This Master Plan Revision represents a powerful opportunity to designate a part of the Plan to include provision for the Hawn's Bridge site as a recreation area. The opportunity for this development will both preserve this unique resource in our area, and importantly can provide for responsible development that will significantly contribute to building the economic vitality of our area as a prime recreational destination.</p>
<p>Please re-classify Hawn's Peninsula as a environmentally sensitive area. The area across from Mile Marker 3 should be designated no wake. The no-wake area around the rabbit ears is a gem and should remain undeveloped and no wake!</p>
<p>The open space & natural beauty of Raystown is why we visit. The vistas are awesome. Developing the area erodes these natural features, which are the economic asset! Brick & mortar will be a short-term economic gain - not one our grandchildren will benefit from.</p>
<p>Mostly we come to Raystown to enjoy the expansive vistas and the natural setting - this in and of itself is the economic value of the region - not development - no one comes here to see more man-made stuff. We don't want this lake to look like Winnepesaukee!</p>
<p>Having some boat docks @ Trough Creek would be nice. Erect a real rope swing if you want our kids to ask us to bring them to Raystown. Several would be nice.</p>
<p>Part of the beauty of Raystown Lake are the large sections of undeveloped shorelines. As a result, boating traffic is lessened due to the restricted access in these areas. There are adequate access points on the lake for both sport and recreational boaters. Adding the developement at Hawn's Penisula would not only increase boating traffic on these lesser traveled sections but also increase the pollution from the additonal development pouring into the lake just prior to exiting the dam, possibly harming the wildlife along the river.</p> <p>I request that you do not allow this additional developement for these reasons.</p>
<p>Jet Ski's and kayaks need their own boat launch at 7 Pts.</p>

<p>Losing this wild piece of property for free public access and recreation would be a travesty and the damage done to this pristine area would be irreconcilable. Please consider the environment and the recreational users when constructing the new master plan. The joys of public land in Pennsylvania are meant to be shared by all, not just the wealthy.</p>
<p>Thank You for the information however I sold my boat 3 weeks ago and have no future plans to own another. I spent 35 years of my life enjoying that Lake. This project will go through. I feel certain of that. It was a contributing factor in my move to sell my watercraft and persue a new hobby. In the time I was a boat owner very little was done to the public launches. Pot holes and lack of parking rule enforcement, insufficient parking for the newer larger boat trailers and other irritants like crazy jet skis all where things I was tiring off dealing with. The Resort plan put me over the edge. I my still put a kayak in and paddle around a cover now and then but the main lake will be dangerous if the New Marina and launch facilities come to be. I'm not risking my family or my property on that lake with 200+ more boats on it. Good luck getting the plan you want but it's not going to affect me any longer.</p>
<p>As an avid user of the facilities at Raystown lake for the last 30 years I can tell you that the lake is already being pushed to it's limit. With the addition of the personal watercraft boom, better economy, and bigger faster boats using the lake it's hard to find a quiet place to relax. Add another marina and you are adding to an already increasingly crowded and dangerous situation</p>
<p>No Development.</p>
<p>I am against the development of Hawn's Peninsula and destroying that pristine area. The lake is already busy enough without adding extra boat traffic as well.</p>
<p>Terrace Mountain Lodge and facility. Looking at our region and especially the tri-county area of Huntington, Bedford and Fulton, I'd be interested in seeing the Raystown area have permission to expand. Many Fulton county residents spend time at the lake enjoying the amenities. It was mentioned today by one of our staff how much they enjoyed the fireworks this past weekend. As a county, we share opportunities of employment with Huntington County. I see this development as a plus for our county residents. Please consider the proposal as a plus for your area as well as ours.</p>
<p>Better marking on Terrace Mt. Trails. Parking @ Brumbaugh launch improvement. No development in Zone 1: light pollution, excess lake traffic, want to be able to kayak from Snyder's Run to the Dam. Bridge on River view trail needs repair (has become unsafe).</p>
<p>To add more recreational camping boating ect. the lake would be very unsafe for boating.the lake gets crazy now on weekends I don't even go there now. The nice thing about the lake is not overcrowded and beautiful shorelines . I hope you consider the safety reason as I have stated .</p>
<p>I'm opposed to any new development on the lake</p>
<p>Let's move on the development of at hawns it will give jobs and place to go visit I am all for it thanks</p>
<p>Please keep this a wild place, and open to the public. It is important to maintain our wild places and allow public access.</p>
<p>We put in at Snyder's run and feel it is way to crowded already on a weekend.we live 2hrs away and we have to leave at 5:00 am every time just to make sure we get a parking spot for our trailer.they can't afford to get anymore boat traffic.</p>

I'm opposed to the development of the Hawn's Bridge Peninsula.

My parents, my wife and I and our children, and now our grandchildren have enjoyed Raystown Lake for over 50 years. During that time we have enjoyed the various seasons of activity on the lake from the quiet serenity of early spring and late fall to their rowdiness of summer holiday weekends. The focus of decisionmaking about the capacity of the lake should be about the peak usage time.

I am against the developer's plan to extend development down to the Hawn's Bridge peninsula. My opposition is fundamentally based on personal experience with boating on the lake at peak periods of use (i.e., summer weekends and particularly the holiday weekends). During those periods the lake boating traffic is so busy (particularly from 7 Points to the dam) as to border on dangerous congestion.

Don't study average congestion, rather study peak period congestion at the Hawn's Bridge location to avoid a disastrous result!

Do not want to see development of my zone, but am especially against the proposed development of Hawn's Peninsula. The lake is already very busy and the area is attractive to many because of its natural beauty. If you allow this development - where does it stop?

Been recreating here for 35 years. We drive 4 hours for the peace and quiet of the area and lake beauty. Lakes around us are overpopulated and afraid that might happen here. A resort with only about 4-5 months of operation and low paying jobs is not the answer. Keep Raystown beautiful!

Hi. I'm not in favour at all with the hawns peninsula project. I have been coming to the lake for 35 years. My parents now have a house on piney ridge that they enjoy and for my family to enjoy. The many risks to the environment and the eco system of the lake make this project ridiculous alone, but the fact that the lake is already crazy busy on a summer weekend makes it just more ridiculous! Obviously this guy from Texas and the others involved have not been on the lake on a summer weekend. Thank you for taking my comments into consideration.

Public land is not for the exploit of private industry!

Please do not permit this further desecration of the natural and cultural environment of Huntingdon County. It is not a rich man's paradise, but home to over 43,000 residents who deserve to retain its natural beauty. The construction of the lake caused great distress among the population, and, over the years, we have learned to live with and enjoy it. This further development is not necessary and is once again causing deep division among county residents. Also, an important Native American archeological site was lost with the construction of the lake. There is no need to further destroy natural areas of value. This development is all about the money and does not consider the tremendous loss to our natural beauty.

As a local I can tell you that the lake already has too much traffic on it. The damage that a new resort would create will be devastating. what makes raystown special is being undeveloped putting another resort will destroy that. It will be a shame to let outside money destroy something special here in parking.

What about future generations of people who cannot afford to travel distance to enjoy outdoor recreation? All those people loose every time public lands become no longer public.

I urge you to not revise the master plan in such a way that would prevent or diminish access for hunters or anglers.

I have a campground and boat launch at the southern end of the lake, and would love to see an upscale resort and boating at the north end of the lake near Huntingdon to attract more upscale tourists. The lake provides for most of the needs of local residents but has few amenities to attract travelers from other states. Currently, the lake is used mostly on weekends, but with a comfortable well appointed venue weekday use would increase, and the lake would serve a broader population.

Save Hawn's Peninsula. Its natural beauty can never be replaced!

Please keep lake Raystown as it is. It gets crowded enough on the weekend. Can't even go out and enjoy yourself. Too many boats and unsafe drivers. I can't imagine adding another marina with more boats. If this goes through then there should be a boat size limitation so the sampler boats aren't getting run over by the bigger boats. Thank you

A disc golf course would be a good addition to 7 points or one of the boat launch areas

I use (and have used) Raystown Lake and the surrounding lands for: general sightseeing, wildlife viewing/birding, photography, biking, hiking, fishing/smelting, camping, hunting, boating, swimming, cross-country skiing, picnicking, reunions, ziplining, dinner boat dining, fireworks viewing, and maybe even a few other uses that I've forgotten. I have been using the recreational opportunities afforded by the region for nearly 30 years. We own a cabin outside of Huntingdon which we use as a "base camp." We live in State College, PA. We rent boats of all kinds from the marina and hope this service will continue, especially the ability to rent power/ski/fishing boats. We would like to see expanded/new boat launch and parking facilities. We would like to see the lake/surrounding property kept as undeveloped, wild and beautiful as it currently is, and we worry that gradual development will ruin the region. Keep the pursuit of money out of this beautiful, picturesque place, please!
Truly beautiful places in PA are rare. This site is one of them. I ask you leave the area as it is. Thank you
I've been coming to Raystown lake for 30 yrs. The Army Corps of Engineering has been doing an outstanding job of keeping the lake in pristine condition. Because this lake is the way it is, my wife and I recently purchased a cabin in Huntingdon. Our plan is to retire here in the future. I hope that your master plan can continue to preserve this lake. The proposed development of Hawn's Bridge Peninsula would be devastating to the preservation of this pristine lake. ☹️
First off, I would like to thank everyone for what they are doing. I've been coming to Raystown since I was just a kid. One thought, if I may. While boating and fishing I often find myself wanting to take a break from the waters. Especially when fishing through the night. I've pulled my boat to the side like so many others do and I worry about cooking or sleeping because I can't find the regulation to reference. I read that camping while hiking is prohibited yet I see there are 2 'designated overnight shelters' along the Terrace Mountain Trail. Mostly, I'd like to be able to pull my boat to the side of the lake for a few hours to sleep and eat before getting back to fishing. I wouldn't cut down trees or do anything destructive. Please, I love the lake and my kids are learning how special you all are making it. Can we build a small fire for cooking? Can we sleep on the shoreline? What CAN'T I do?
I wish to maintain the pristine shoreline and NOT permit the development of Hawn's Peninsula in Zone #1. Your wildlife management is good. I would like to see waterfowl management practices continue.
I oppose this plan. Leave the land alone. The Huntingdon County Natural Heritage Area is certified as home to rare, threatened and endangered native flora. This will jeopardize that status.
I believe the proposed resort is a bad idea. The boat traffic is already too congested. Ruining the peninsula for a resort is ridiculous. Sure we gain a handful of minimum wage jobs to cater the rich visitors. To me there's more negatives than positives.
I would like to see the hiking/biking trails on both sides of the lake expanded. I strongly oppose adding additional marinas and any development that would compromise the environmental and aesthetic value of the lake.
I am very much in favor of protecting our natural resources, however, I am also in favor of balancing that with providing great recreational opportunities and jobs for our community. I am in absolute agreement that the new Master Plan rezone the area of Hawn Peninsula so a new marina can be built. The additional recreational opportunities and jobs it will bring to the area are invaluable. I trust that the developers will need to follow the laws regarding the protection of the environment already on the books and the ACoE will oversee it correctly. I am the CEO of a 35 million dollar business within the Huntingdon County Area and I live in Saxton, PA Zone 5. So, not only am I a business person, I am a resident.
Hawn Peninsula needs to remain in its pristine condition, along with the rest of the Raystown Lake areas. Lake traffic is already at max capacity, and even overcrowded during holidays. Development into areas around would destroy wildlife habitat, marine habitat, and the natural splendor of this widely popular attraction. Don't be fooled by a lot of fast talking, and overreaching on how much economic good this proposed development will do, the damage will far outweigh any minor impact it will have. The impact on this pristine will only be magnified once one developer has their foot in the door. You can believe that will only lead to another and another till the beauty of Lake Raystown exists no more. Citizens of Lake Raystown had their homes and land taken from them for the good of flood control, don't insult their memory of that loss by changing the core reason of Raystown Lake. Thanks you..
Please don't reclassify Zone 1 for additional development as high density rec.
We need more activities and more competition on lake. Visitors are upset with lake activities. We need more to do, more jobs etc. I am a fulltime resident and business owner.

Zone 4 & 2: While I care deeply about the environment I also care about the viability of the entire area. Huntingdon needs more resort activities esp. year round jobs. The current resort has deteriorated over the years. I own a seasonal business and constantly have to send people out of the area.
In regards to Lake Raystown Resort in Zone 4. How long of a lease do these people have on this property? The resort is decreasing in it's ability to serve visitors to the area. From that area of the lake we must send people out of our area. We need more activities in this area.
Tired of seeing Zone 4 decrease in ability to serve needs of residents and visitors. The resort is no longer providing public needs. I live here year round and have a seasonal business. That end of lake needs more recreational activities to include possibly mini golf, horseback riding etc. I listen to visitor complaints everyday.
Hi I live on Bakers Hollow Road, my concern is the bikers that can and do ride the trails on hunting season! I don't think this should be allowed for the safety of the bikers. I can't believe that you allow this during hunting season especially Deer and Bear Season
Add Hawn's Peninsula to the plan. Huntingdon needs this! Thank You!
If the Corps of Engineers truly has Raystown Lake in its best interest why are you entertaining this idea? Certainly after the review of studies i.e., environmental impacts, the size of the lake vs the heavier flow of traffic and so on, that alone cannot support such a project. Then you review the so called proposed financial gain to the surrounding area; has the current resort brought that much of an influx into the area, No it has not. This area is not going to benefit from this project. Look at the businesses that have come and gone, this will be a empty resort sitting on what was a goldmine. There will be no silver lining with this, the only silver lining is the politicians and powers that be getting their pockets lined in hopes that this project will be approved. Ultimately the public has no say or input so the damage that will be done, the responsibility, answers and ultimately guilt will be on the decision makers. Good luck and please make the correct decision.
I am emailing regarding the future of Lake Raystown. I live near the lake and over the last few years have seen many concerning and dangerous situations with the lakes current status. The accidents have been on the rise over the last few years and I can only imagine the impact a new resort, additional boat docks etc will greatly impact the safety of the lake. Then there is the issue of environmental safety. I have seen and only wish I had taken pictures of the current environmental damage that has been done at the lake. The "mung" that is left after a busy weekend is horrible, what is that doing to the ecosystem? What used to be a serene setting has turned into an adult drunken playground wherein no appreciation or care is taken for the beauty of this environment. The current situation is near devastating and has been neglected I can only imagine what/how the proposed renovations to Hawns Peninsula is going to further destroy Huntingdons beloved Raystown Lake.
Please see http://www.jvas.org/category/conservation-news/hawns-bridge-peninsula/
Please designate Terrace Mountain and Hawn's Peninsula as Low Density Recreation areas. The eastern shore of the lake is valued for its WILD nature. Hawn's Peninsula, a Huntingdon County Natural Heritage Area of Exceptional Conservation value (part of the Raystown Dam Biological Diversity Area, noted in the Huntingdon County Natural Heritage Inventory) should be designated as an Environmentally Sensitive Area.
The Hawn's Bridge peninsula and adjacent Terrace Mountain should remain as a Low Recreation use area because it is certified in the Huntingdon County Natural Heritage Inventory as a Huntingdon County Natural Heritage Area (Biological Diversity Area), part of the Raystown Dam Natural Heritage Area. The aforementioned land should not have any additional development, especially no restaurants, marinas, cabins, environmental education centers, campgrounds, glamour camping, and associated amenities. Were this area to become developed, much or all of it would be off-limits to hunting. A marina would adversely affect fishing around the peninsula. And the unspoiled beauty of this part of our public land would be lost.
Please retain all environmentally sensitive areas. Development should be located in pre-existing areas designated in the 1994 master plan! Other, new areas for development should be discouraged.
Ever since I was a little girl, my family and I have been going to Raystown Lake to spend either just the day or one week during the summer months having fun. We always have a fun time there either boating, swimming, or staying at one of the beautiful cabins that we can rent for a week long vacation. One of the aspects of Raystown that makes it so enjoyable is it's natural, unspoiled beauty. To develop even one area, even though it is rarely visited, is ridiculous. Even though only fishermen use it, the local wildlife does and that place should be left alone for their sake. Boaters and other vacationers want to see greenery, not a fracking station. Please don't develop Raystown Lake!

<p>This entire area offers important habitat for wildlife species on land and in water. I have concerns regarding the development of this area beyond hunting and fishing opportunities. Development of this area selfishly removes wildlife from the area, places added stress on the wildlife that remain and decreases the quality of these existing natural resources. I strongly oppose developments in this area that do not support conservation efforts.</p>
<p>This area offers important habitat for all wildlife on land and in the water. I have concerns about the development of this land beyond hunting and fishing opportunities. Development of this land would remove wildlife from the area, place added stress on the wildlife that does remain and reduces the quality of these natural resources. I strongly oppose any developments of this land that do not coincide with genuine conservation efforts.</p> <p><u>I ask that this land be preserved to support all wildlife and the individuals that wish to experience their natural beauty.</u></p> <p>I oppose the permanent loss of these wild federally managed hunting and fishing lands. This land provides habitat to a number of flora and fauna as well as hunting and fishing opportunities to individuals who support conservation efforts. The development of this land would negatively impact hunting and fishing opportunities and further decrease the available habitat for it's many species. I ask that this land remain federally managed for the benefit of hunters, anglers and ultimately the wildlife that inhabit these lands and waters.</p>
<p>I lived in the area all my life. I worry about traffic on our roads with any more development in any of the zones. I also worry about Zone 1 with the access to the Island. This place is a wonderful place to live but we are a poor county in Pennsylvania so we don't get the benefit of money but by living here the beauty makes up for it. Don't ruin it.</p>
<p>Don't think that it will be a big impact locally for the economy. It will benefit a few but not all.</p>
<p>I am writing this to give you my opinion of the proposal for a new marina on lake Raystown. My family and I have been boating on lake Raystown for years now, and we do a lot of water sports on the lake. It seems crowding on the lake can be extensive at times, seemingly getting worse, especially holiday weekends making it a hazard to enjoy tubing, skiing, wakeboarding etc. By adding a new marina will inevitably cause even more boat traffic with boats, in my opinion, deserve to be in a bay or one of the Great Lakes! Not only will it cause more boat traffic, but also destroy the beauty and scenery that Raystown is so noted for and desired. It will also destroy fishing and other natural resources, for what, money in someone's pocket! I believe for the safety and overcrowding that's already happening, that you would strike down this proposal!!! Please listen to people's concerns!!!!!!</p>
<p>I feel that Raystown lake should be improved to make it easier to get a boat launched with a wider ramp, possibly another ramp, and better parking closer to the boat launch. The marina should build a new garage to store boats that will handle boats longer than 24'. A 3+ year wait list is a bit crazy. I think a casual restaurant that you can boat to would be nice as well. Floating porta potties are a welcome addition if properly maintained. The addition of flat tent campgrounds would be nice, with more places to store empty trailers.</p> <p>That being said, there needs to be a balance to not have it turn into a Lake of the Ozarks, MO with loud, too fast boats, endless bars on the water and way too much drinking. ☹</p>
<p>Hawn's Peninsula is counter to the 1994 Plan that already was addressed in the Upper Corners area. Upper Corners was already planned...keep it. There is no reason to accommodate a third party for his own greed!</p>
<p>I think the proposed dock at Trough Creek would be an excellent idea. It would open the state park for boaters to take a short hike or just to stretch your legs.</p>
<p>Hawn's bay Inlet & Peninsula 2 should be zoned low density. NO MORE development @ lake.</p>
<p>Have been coming to lake for 25 plus years, during this time the lake has gotten increasingly busier with the addition of various types of water crafts (jet skis, canoes, kayaks, stand up paddleboards, larger pull behind tubes in every shape & size, houseboats and increased horse power). Would like to see for the future that ALL ZONES around the lake NOT BE ALLOWED ANY FURTHER DEVELOPEMENT AT ALL!. We need to preserve what we already have, stop all developement! Raystown Lake is prestine and needs to remain as is so it is not reunied.for future generations.</p> <p>I have been volunteering for the Corps @ Raystown Lake 3 years now, have entered the camper comments from visitors - the majority of comments have to do with upgrading the current campsites - ie bathhouses @ all campgrounds, upgrade sites, water & electric @ all sites. Common complaint is the process to reserve a campsite but no one has said we need more campsites of anther marina. Needed are more water patrols to cont ☹</p>

<p>The lake could use more water patrols, directional pattern, it is amazing how people just don't seem to have any common sense when out on the water, adding additional boats or developing anywhere around Raystown lake is definately not needed. We'd love to take you out on the lake so you could see first hand just what really goes on. Please dont allow any developement ANYWHERE AROUND RAYSTOWN LAKE! Let's keep it prestine for generations to come.Please change any zones currently marked for possible developement to low density so nothing can be built, lake is beautiful as it is.</p>
<p>It can't be stressed enough that the ENTIRE lake area should remain as is and NO FURTHER DEVELOPEMENT OF ANY SORT should be permitted. Please remove from current master plan anything that could possibly be developed. We need to Preserve & Protect the beautiful area that is currently enjoyed by so many. Visitors constantly comment that is the reason they come to Raystown, to enjoy the nature beauty and undeveloped shorelines. Any developement would only destroy the lake and the surrounding areas. Anyone who spends any time at all on lake will attest to the traffic & how it's increased since the previous master plan was updated. So again - PLEASE NO DEVELOPEMENT AT ALL NOW OR IN THE FUTURE ON RAYSTOWN LAKE OR SURROUNDING SHORELINES. Let's keep it beautiful for future generations. After all it is Pennsylvania's "Crown Jewel"</p>
<p>Strongly oppose ANY DEVELOPEMENT ANYWHERE on Raystown Lake-period. Also wondering status of boating survey is-those of us who have slips at the marinas were told we would be getting in June or July from the corp!!! This was worst summer ever for boating. The lakes primary purpose is flood control, this year with the rain we got from hurrican Florance it is a wake up call to all the trash that is already on land surrounding the lake and washed into the water when the water level rises. Developing anywhere along the lake will only increase the trash being left by careless individuals who visit our beautiful lake. We've seen the shorelines eroding from the increased traffice over the past 25 plus years we've been here. Developement of any sort around the lake will only destroy what draws people here. Any zones on current master plan that could potentially be developement should be changed to low density. PA Crown Jewel-keep it that way!</p>
<p>Raystown is pristine - would like to see it remain this way - any development would take away from what draws people to the lake. Already over crowded.</p>
<p>I was raised on the old dam! This lake is beautiful as it is! We do not need any more development. Snyder's Run boat launch cannot handle more boats! Keep this lake as is and do not change its current landscape. Thank You!!</p>
<p>I love the lake! Love the "rubber" walking trail around 7 Pts. Love boating and kayaking. Would like to see more public picnic and swimming recreation areas. Do not want more marinas. (Too much boat traffic now.)</p>
<p>Need more bathrooms at Susquehannock (not flushable - latrines are fine.) Like music at amphitheater (entertainment). Like seeing wildlife. (except snakes when camping).</p>
<p>Would like more lake front camping (w/large enough sties for several tents)</p>
<p>To whom it may concern, I was unable to go to the meetings, and there were other meetings before that ppl. Attended and the idea was shut down, thus relieving the Huntingdon Country residents temporarily! Now here we all are again, still fighting for our rights to keep our hometown recreational area the same! We do not live in the city, and we don't want to feel like we are! Huntingdon county is crowded esp. At the the lake, on a weekend day and holidays it's like the Pacific Ocean out there, boats do not have brakes nor turn signals! Boat police can't keep p w/ everything as it is,, canoes, jet skis, it's over crowded, it's a safety issue! Having more accidents n drownings will not draw ppl. In, it will discourage ppl. From coming because it's a safety issue, and ppl. Don't want crowds, traffic, etc. it's environmental, ppl. Do not clean up after themselves, they poop in the woods, leave garbage etc. we have volunteers now, why should we pay more taxes, I see no good w/ this!</p>

Dear USACE, Raystown:

I understand that a boat launch is being considered on Parks Road and would like to voice my approval (for non-motorized boats only). While several of my neighbors have posted lawn signs opposing the idea and have been vocal about it, there are many of us who support it. As property owners for 15 years, my entire family thinks it would be a great addition to the lake and to the immediate area in particular.

As configured, Raystown Lake is much more oriented to gas-guzzling, environment-damaging motor boats, rather than eco-friendly canoes or kayaks. There is no easy way to launch a canoe or kayak without being bullied by the motor boats all around you at Seven Points. While I support Rothrock Outfitters and the great things they've tried to do to make the Raystown area more fun, having the canoe/kayak rental place by the marina gives non-motorized boaters no place to go except that small high-traffic no-wake zone nearby. However, the area accessible by walking down the path from Parks Road, which my family calls "the cove," is already a large no-wake zone that is wonderful to explore via canoe/kayak with its many inlets. Currently, in order to use our canoe, we have to wheel it down the steep 1/3 mile dirt path at the end of Parks Road. It's so difficult that we don't bother with it anymore, which is a shame.

Also, "the cove" is currently a seedy area where inconsiderate people tie up their boats, start fires on the shoreline, defecate along the path and leave garbage, broken glass and beer tops all over.

What we would love to see at the end of Parks Road, which would be extended further down toward the water is a parking area, bathrooms, picnic pavilion with bear-proof garbage cans and, ideally, a locked canoe/kayak self-storage unit <Blocked<http://ticket.heraldtribune.com/2013/01/16/bradenton-park-offers-kayak-parking-near-paddling-trails-and-tampa-bay/>> that people can rent out annually. This area should also be patrolled regularly by rangers/law enforcement to prevent the mindless destruction we see there now.

Thank you for thinking of more ways to leverage Raystown Lake, which is the area's most valuable asset and economic driver. You all have done a beautiful job with the rubberized walking path, the bike trick park, and the geo-caching program near Seven Points. My kids would also love to see a zip-line and ropes course, tennis courts, basketball courts, and mini-golf course in that area as well!

Please feel free to reach out to me at 917-273-XXXX if you would like clarification or more thoughts on the ideas proposed.

Lived here 15 years seen boat traffic increase with little policing on lake, no license checks, boaters racing in no wake zones, trash, hard to park, boat almost swamped numerous times. Jobs - min. wages, parking tough now at S.R. and other marina, develop land for housing? Construction & equipment usage wear/tear roads. How will affect taxes, how will this affect local people.

Stop the leasing of public land for private profit! I just read an article about the "possible" development of the Hawn Peninsula. This is so wrong! Please protect this area from development and keep Raystown wild. Thank you!

No wake zone from 994 bridge to MM22 Raystown Resort Area in Zone 4. Too much erosion and rough water. No wake as is - poorly enforced.

More concerned about pipeline construction and environmental impact than new resort and marina.

Love the Seven Points area. See no congestion and love fishing options. Appreciate the idea of protection the environment. Suggestions - update restrooms and changing facilities.

I support the addition of a marina, restaurant and camping in the Hawn's Peninsula area of Raystown Lake. I have visited lakes in other areas that are more crowded than Raystown is. We need the business in our economically depressed town. I do hope the developer will do his best to be environmentally friendly. The natural beauty of Lake Raystown is exceptional.

I would like to see a lake area restricted to canoes and kayaks (non motorized)

Improve the existing Terrace Mt Trail by clearing and marking the parts of the trail that badly need it. Instead of starting something new (Hawn's Peninsula) improve and update the existing facilities.

Raystown Lake is public land which should be kept as such. The government has no business leasing public parkland to a developer.

This is wild land for outdoor recreation, please keep it as such.

<p>This comment applies not only to Zone 1, to which it is directed, but in general to all zones. I realize that the COE is not a conservation organization. However, the previous Master Plan was conceived with one of its objectives to protect natural resources that had already been heavily impacted by damming a basically wild river through undeveloped areas. So, (as far as the Corps is concerned) we do not "start" with the existing situation and discuss the impacts of development; we start with the original dam, the additional inundation and developments, and cumulative environmental impacts of those. Asking the Corps to accommodate private development by opening the park boundaries and allowing private development within those boundaries not only further degrades a fragile environment with more-than-adequate documentation, it also sets a terrible precedent for future inroads.</p>
<p>All Zones: The Master Plan currently in effect does not appear to address whether or how the Corps should accommodate private development around the lake. Nor should it. The Corps is not equipped to evaluate whether a proposed development is adequately funded, likely to be economically successful, capable of restoring the land to former conditions if it fails, or whether it does, in fact, comply with the conditions originally proposed by the developer. Nor does it have control over whether the development continues to adhere to the Corps flood control and other missions. This is a totally different legal concept than inviting concessionaires and contractors to fulfill elements of the Corps plans for the lake property.</p>
<p>Boat parking is full we can't handle more boats on the lake. The busy part of the lake is contained to 2 busy zones and you can stay away from the busy zones to tube, ski, jet ski and relax.</p>
<p>We do not need any developments.. take care of what is there now.. lake not big enough for more boats already very crowded.. don't need more big boat traffic</p>
<p>Zone 1. It would be helpful and we need additional marina space in Zone 1. There is not enough slips @ current marina's. Would like to see a waterfront restaurant in Zone 1. Nice part of lake to be in, no fears of increased boat traffic.</p>
<p>Answers to Question 1/ All the activities listed should be available in each of the zones. In addition, strong consideration should be added to adding an additional marina, and activities that are clean and environmentally friendly, be they resort oriented, outdoor sports oriented, such as snow skiing, with private investment. Please see follow additional comments. Question 2/ Recognizing the region needs more than anything, economic opportunities that lead to jobs, that would be proffered above all but the truly most sensitive environmental concerns. The idea that we can't be sensitive to the needs of wildlife, if we have any economic expansion or activity is not only false, it is foolish. We can favor any species above our own, but if we don't have jobs, then what future does our region ultimately have? Hunting and fishing activities should be available in all areas, except the typical areas like boat ramps, campgrounds etc. ☐</p>
<p>Q: How you use the lake and how your experiences could be improved. A: We have been using Raystown for over 30 years and built a house just outside the Seven Points Road entrance 10 years ago. We primarily use the lake with pontoon located out of the Seven Points Marina. We mostly cruise and relax along the shore when out on the boat. We really enjoy the quiet weekdays on the lake. In the last two years, we have started kayaking out of Seven Points. Improvements we would like to see include more public parking and kayak launch loops at Seven Points. Q; How you think the lake fits in to the larger socioeconomic and natural world. A: The lake current balance of concessions vs. natural areas is about the right mix. The new proposed marina does not appear to add value to the economic or social fabric of central PA. Q: What concerns or worries you have about the lake's future. A: Too much big boat traffic on weekends; need more no wake zones for kayakers to get around shore.</p>
<p>All Zones: I strongly favor concentrating heavy use in 2 areas (existing) and specifically avoiding development in currently undisturbed area because of the lack of infrastructure and basic sources of clean water and waste disposal. Zone 5: Look for ways to control salt, AMD and sediment discharges to the lake.</p>
<p>Zone 2: If there is a planned but undeveloped portion of the plan, it should weigh heavily against private development because infrastructure is already largely in place. If Visitor Center Operations are to be considered in plan, active promoting of local craftsmen would be desirable. Invite concessions for more firewood at campgrounds.</p>
<p>I have no prior position on development (or not) at Lake Raystown. As a geologist, though, I think that any development proposal must address the quantity and quality of water required for any proposal, its sources and proof of such assertions. The amount of trash around the shoreline is very unattractive. I really enjoy the unrestricted shoreline access from boats.</p>

Please do not allow the development and destruction of Raystown Lake. The Hawn's Bridge Peninsula is the most beautiful section of the lake and I hope we can preserve it for the next generation to enjoy. Also consider the safety of boaters and the negative environmental impact it will have. I don't think we want another Pocono's here in Huntingdon County (how did that turn out?) Thank you..
<p>The request to open this area, Hawn's Peninsula, of the lake should be refused. It is one of the most untouched areas in the central part of the state and provides:</p> <p>1) habitat for a multitude of animals, birds and fish</p> <p>2) a place for boats, kyacks, canoes, on water and hiking paths and overlooks in the forest surrounding it.</p> <p>Contiguous private property owners should not be able to deny thousands of users this increasingly rare and valuable resource. Raystown Lake is an economic driver for the region and the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. Our master plan should provide for maintenance and care of the dam, the lake and existing recreation areas and the complete protection of fragile irreplaceable ecosystems ☹</p>
Would it be possible to preserve the east shore of the lake and the Terrace Mountain Trail for those who enjoy the "raw", undeveloped wilderness? Can development and "taming" nature be done in eh areas on the west shore already designated in the 1994 plan?
We enjoy nature in the "raw". We do minimum impact backpacking and like to paddle, canoe, and kayak on lakes and rivers. We live near the Terrace Mountain Trail and can actually walk to the trail. We have hiked the trail and observed a number of "wonders" of nature. Our hikes in the woods provides a great relief from the stress of our "modern" society. And, we learn a lot by taking the time to stop, look, and listen to what is happening in the woods around us.
We are concerned about the detrimental effects that an additional marina could have on the Crown Jewel of PA. We've had a boat at the lake since 2001; originally kept at Seven Points and presently docked at the Resort. We've noticed a marked increase in boat traffic and esp personal watercraft. No residential development and the resulting positive effects of room and space on the water is the beautiful attraction of the lake. One just needs to look at nearby Deep Creek Lake MD to see the negative effects of overpopulation and excessive boat traffic. In addition, look to Stonewall Jackson Lake WV as an excellent example of feasibility studies gone terribly wrong, effectively resulting in the State abandoning their asset from a financial support perspective. Additional development at Raystown will only lead to pressure of even more development down the road. You have the ability to forever preserve the natural beauty of this 'man-made' wonder. Please make the right choice!
I am not for the project. Keep raystown the way it is. Thank you .
I think allowing development in Hawns Peninsula area is a great idea for the area. It will be a great economic resource and give more people a chance to enjoy the lake.
I am extremely opposed to the development of the Hawns bridge area. My family uses the lake as a means of fun and relaxation. The lake is used by many people now, and building this new resort would only add to the already populated use of the lake. It would also tarnish the natural beauty of the shoreline. This resort should not be built for the personal gain of one person.
Handicap access to fishing off Clapper Road to Shy Beaver. Zone 1 No Changes
Zone 4: Paradise Point = rebuild campground (where the tie-ups are located).
More kayak parking at boat ramps especially at 7 Points. Specific kayak/canoe ramps/docks put in place around the lake. More boat ramps on east side of lake. More boater awareness about non-powered boats. More no wake areas for non-powered boat like canoes/kayaks
As a recreational user of Lake Raystown we have come to the point were we can't or won't come to the lake on the weekend because of the high volume of traffic. Another marina would make it more crowded and more dangerous. Please keep Raystown as safe as possible by keeping the lake less congested.
I was born and raised in Huntingdon. I remember the old lake and have had a boat n the new lake since day 1. During the weekends it's actually dangerous to be on the lake because there are too many boats on the lake. I am against a marina and a resort, period! We do not need more boats on the water. Not to mention how it will affect fish habitat and erosion of the shoreline. Costing money that doesn't justify this project.
I request that you deny the development plan for Hawn's Peninsula, and in response to the questions above, I do not want to see the addition of any activities that aren't already in place. This is not a good use of the public land, and the proposal will be detrimental to the site, and the character of that natural area.
I wanted to express my opinion for consideration. I am against any development of Hawn's Peninsula.

Please keep things how they are we have 2 area's on our small lake as it is. If anything expand the ones we have. Yes all the facts you received may look good on paper but as you know major projects like this stuff goes wrong. Do you really want to chance it and make a nice view turn into something ugly. Take it from someone who has walked the mountain. There is a lot of nice wildlife and plants. It is nice boating up to the cove and watching deer and bear coming to the lake to drink. Building here would cause a change on the games patterns and insert people into their home space. Then the game commission is going to have to trap and move bears and other animals to keep them away from the resort. Please Please if there is a need to expand do it to the 2 places we have on the lake. As far as jobs I worked at the one in Entriiken and he paid us \$3 \hr instead of min wage because of seasonal work and it was cheaper for him to pay fines then pay us. These places anyplace on earth the local people cannot afford with all the more they pay.
Please do not destroy this land. it would be cheaper and less impact to expand the 2 resort area's we have.
I am asking you to please stop plans for the development of the Hawn's Peninsula area. This area of the lake is pristine and one of the few areas where boat traffic is reasonable where a family can relax in open water without dangerous boat traffic. This is an irreversible blight to the lake. Once installed and will take one of the most beautiful views in Pennsylvania and ruin it. The lake is so crowded as it is. Please put profit aside and keep the lake as it is.
In Zone 2, 7 Points Launch Ramp. Building a new ramp for powerboats 90 deg to the left and leave the existing ramp for non-powered boats like canoe, kayaks, etc. The existing ramp crowds the docks and makes it hard to put your boat in the slip. Plus there is really not place for non powered boats to launch or retrieve. See sketch.
My family has been recreational boating at the lake for over 25 years. We have seen much overcrowding of boaters in recent years. The lake water cannot support more. Also many new boaters are very unknowledgeable about boating rules and safety causing more risk to my family.
I would like to see the boat launch ramp rearranged at 7 points. I would suggest landing a new ramp 90 degrees from the existing one so that boats being launched or retrieved do not interfere with the boats entering or leaving the docks nearby. Build a new ramp toward the big open water and not as currently exists toward the existing docks. On busy days this area gets very crowded with boats being launched or waiting to be retrieved. Those using this ramp are not very well aware of the boats at the dock. Many cases of boat damage has occurred, plus it is generally a safety issue as well. There is much more room for boats launching and being retrieved if the ramp was relocated 90 degrees to the big open water. This project would be expensive, i know, but could be part of a larger project to add more parking in this area. The existing ramp could be salvaged for use by non powered kayaks, canoes, or small non powered fishing boats. Thankyou for the chance to comment. ☺
Raystown Lake has been a summer trip for our families many years now. The hawks area development is not needed. More rentals at 7 points would be a better idea. No lodging is available there. Camping is not always a option. Raystown resort where we stay could use a little face lift too. The north end of the lake is pristine , a little more development at the south end would not hurt. Completion is good for everyone.
We hope Hawn's will be developed. It's a great potential asset to the area.
Continue to upgrade the Juniata Enviro Center.
It seems that those against developing Hawns Peninsula mostly want to keep the lake to themselves. Raystown Lake is not owned by those who happen to have used it in the past but rather to all the citizens of the US. Developing the Peninsula will give more folks access to this wonderful lake.
Maintain natural resources, habitat for wildlife. Maintain hiking trail network for year round use, but use "leave-no-trace" rules. Develop and maintain pollinator habitat. The Terrace Mountain Trail (TMT) provides good overviews of the lake, but noise from boats during the day is distracting and disturbs wildlife. The most beautiful (and enjoyable part of the TMT is where the trail leaves the lake around Hawn Bridge area and have observed nesting eagles, hawks, and other birds. Keep the "pristine" environment on eastern shore.
Zone 1. I like the natural setting of the Lake and am against the Hawn's Bridge Peninsula Project to add hotel and boat marina. The lake is busy enough in this zone without adding more congestion. Around Corbin's Bridge an access needs added for tubers to exist the river without getting fined by the Boat and Fish Commission.
Zone 1: We love and enjoy the natural beauty of Pennsylvania's "Crown Jewel", which is Lake Raystown. Please do NOT diminish its appeal by developing the Hawn's Bridge Peninsula area! This makes No sense to develop this area.
Zone 1: Please help develop a common or joint ownership of the Point Boat Launch between the PA Fish and Boat Commission and the Huntingdon Area Visitors Bureau to find some way to allow the 'tubers' to take out at the Point Access.

Please Do NOT tarnish the “Crown Jewel” of Pennsylvania’s lakes. Raystown’ natural beauty is why I and many others come to enjoy it! Giving in to a developer like Rod Roberts and his plans to change the Hawn’s Penninsula area makes NO sense since would negatively impact the beauty and strangle a currently open area of the lake creating loss of safe navigation in this area of the lake! Allowing Mr. Roberts to win would mean that a majority of the users of Lake Raystown would . Please stop his plans for this development!
I am very strongly in favor of developing additional recreational resources, including the creation of a new marina, in the Hawn's bridge area of Lake Raystown. I own and operate a luxury vacation rental property located near the lake; Bear's Paw Lodge (bearspawlodge.com). Our guests would appreciate the opportunities created by additional recreational and social options.
No camping building construction for any zone - preserve the lake
See NO heavy boat traffic - even over July 4th Holiday week.
We avoid weekend boating at Raystown, as overcrowding, high power speed boats, drunken boaters, lack of common sense navigation, inadequate public facilities, and serenity turns to chaos. An addition of another resort will only add to the problem. If anything, existing facilities should be upgraded to accommodate all types of visitors. A common sense approach and proper planning that maintains the natural beauty of the area while boosting the local economy is prudent. Responsible decision making should not be a function of private interest investment. Local citizens, local roads, mom & pop cabin rentals, small businesses, and existing natural resources must be respected. Big business and politics should not be the foundation of the master plan revision. Finally, will the new plan be beneficial to all concerned? Will it be based on truth and fairness? Will it promote good will and be recognized as resident and visitor friendly? Let this not be regrettable knee jerk planning.
Add kayak and canoe launch at Parks Rd. Allow new resort and marina on Hawn's Peninsula.
Revoke all requests for the development of a new resort at Hawn's peninsula. Preserve the lake and the wildlife areas around the lake.
Keep development away from Hawn Bridge Area. No more development on lake.
I fully appreciate the complexity of balancing the need to preserve the unique natural environment surrounding Raystown Lake and to support opportunities for economic growth in the region. Please consider the long term impact of further developing an area designated as the "Appalachian Valley Corridor" presented by Edward O. Wilson. This particular corridor represents the richest biodiversity in the United States with only a "modest amount of protected land." He calls on government agencies at all levels to protect and preserve these biospheres to reduce the risk of another mass extinction that would include human extinction.
I'm very much opposed to developing this area.. or any of the lake for that matter... People come here because the lake is a beautiful undeveloped place... That's what they love about it... It's crazy and dangerous in the summer with the amount of boats that are already using it. It would be wrong to bulldoze the natural beauty of the peninsula and ruin it with restaurants and glamping.. Can a place like that really succeed in winter... It's mostly gray and dismal around here in winter... Why would people want to come here and sit on top of the mountain and look down at a cold, windswept lake...really... Who is going to come here for that... So how are they going to keep all those jobs that they promise going in the winter.. Take a walk in the woods at the popular hangouts. You would do better to build more bathrooms in easier to reach places to accommodate the crowds that are already here.. than to build more places that add to the crowds...Try Party Cove...It's pretty gross.
Removal or trimming of trees/brush on waterfront sites. Why is this not being done - request to be completed - Point and Senoia Campground.
we do not want any more boats on the lake. How hard is that to understand??
I strongly oppose reclassifying Hawn's Peninsula as high density recreation as I enjoy hiking and bird watching there. This is destroy my recreational hobbies at Raystown Lake.
I can't believe that they would approve this marina, for financial gain, and destroying the most pristine part of the lake.
No big hotels on the lake and keep boat crowding to a minimum. Boats are larger and safety is a concern.
Please leave the dam lake like it is. I cant understand why people always want to destroy the beauty of Raystown Lake. All these people want is to stuff there pockets with money. Wake the F up people Beauty is more Important then money!!!!!!!!!!

<p>Zone 2. Upper Corners. One of the things we love about the lake are the vistas. Seven Points is very close to this area, and it is already developed. It would be nice if the Army Corps of Engineers stopped soliciting requests for this area. It would add to the congestion and eliminate some of the vistas.</p>
<p>I am in full support of the new resort. This proposed resort will offer great amenities and bring many jobs to the area. The tax revenue from the resort will benefit everyone. This area could definitely benefit from a new, modern facility.</p>
<p>Allowing this to happen on mile marker 2 would be the biggest case of environmental injustice to ever be in our area besides the official building of the dam. The area has learned to recover now as natural gas companies take over our state. This is a prime example of what good stewardship by the Army Corp can stop. All of the reasons are there. Far outnumbers the claims of greedy county business men who do not take public input as any kind of info to shape our regions economic growth. Your talking about an area where hcbi is 3xcited about rebuilding McDonald's and building a new burger king abandoning yet another building. Please don't let the large bank account of a wealthy oil company sway the decision to add this to the master plan. If this happens my wife and I are selling our property in Juniata township and leaving even being across the lake from it</p>
<p>I do not believe that another marina will be beneficial to the lake and have heard the same view from others. The dam side of the lake has the cleanest water due to the lake of a marina on that side and adding another will ruin this. Additionally, I do not think the lake needs any more boats on the water as it is over crowded throughout most of the summer already. Lastly, the dam side of the lake is the only area where people can get away from the heavy crowds. I know multiple petitions appealing the addition of another marina have been created. Why add what the local people and tourists disagree with?</p>
<p>I am against the Hawn's Bridge Recreation Area. I spend about 250 to 300 hours a year on the lake fishing this particular area. There is too much boat traffic now. Adding more boat traffic to this area would make it extremely unsafe. I could go on and on about the negative impacts of any further development on the lake. But I'd like to focus on the safety issue. A study should be done on the wind and fog. At times, it can be extremely difficult to navigate. For example, weather conditions can be totally clear at Mile Marker 4, while at the same time Mile Marker 1(Hawn's) is in a thick fog out. Many mornings the fog does not lift at Mile Marker 1(Hawn's) until 9 to 10AM, which will leave boaters in a dense fog, not able to see 10 feet in front of them. The fog rolls up over the breast of the dam at or before daybreak and sets in at the Hawn's area. It is the foggiest, windiest area on the lake. It is the last place anyone should consider developing a rec. area. I know due to experience</p>
<p>There are enough marina's and boats on the lake now. Great job with the campgrounds.</p>
<p>I now live in Hesston for the past ten years and have been coming to Raystown since 1985. I have camped at every campground I have boated skied and tubed on the lake starting with a 15 foot boat going to a 18 foot and now have a 25 foot. The lake is so busy on weekends in the summer we boat mostly weekdays to feel safe. Please, no more marinas. Thank You.</p>
<p>I am opposed to development of the Hawn's peninsula. This beautiful and unique natural area should be preserved, with no buildings, roads, or marinas</p>
<p>I am very interested in the water quality below the dam, in the section of river downstream to the "point" access. With the release of cooler water from different release levels, this section of river would become a first class cool/cold water fishing destination.</p>
<p>Please rezone the Hawn's Bridge Peninsula as a public recreation area. And we definitely need more boat slips!</p>
<p>What are you trying to do ,make raystown lake for the rich? Is that what it's about , money? There are so many large boats now that most times of the day it's almost dangerous for smaller craft to be on the lake. When I say smaller craft I am talking 18 ft and less. Where do you think these rich people are gonna shop and eat. Definitely not at your cheap restaurants and lower end stores. The only one that's gonna profit from this is the resort. Now let's talk about pollution. The more boats the more water pollution, the more boats the more trash will be floating on the lake and it's shore. You guys are gonna take something beautiful and destroy it for the sake of money. Do that and I won't be coming to raystown again.</p>
<p>As a former worker for the lake, I support all actions to keep the ideal resort area the same with no changes that I see that need to be corrected. The resort gives jobs to college kids/ locals alike, much like myself. Much money can be created from the resort area, though I do not approve of the actions that took place in 1972 to create this lake resort, many people have benefited from this place. I am also an avid fisherman on this lake, I go out on the water as many days as there is summer, I believe to attract more customers (money) that maybe efforts to push better fish population could be put in order. The lake's main popular fish attraction is striped bass. This may be great for locals but people from out west are after more typical fish such as largemouth and small mouth, which in lake raystown, are not as a popular breed and seem very rare for sport fishing. Possibly adding in fishing laws that can block certain fish from being kept, shortening seasons etc. thank you.</p>

<p>Pleas no new marina. This lake is one of a kind. All of the wrong people are involved . Raystown is deadly busy and hard to find quiet spots. There was so much land taken from people to build Raystown these people should be reimbursed if he builds. Rod Roberts has been donating to certain places for support. We all heard in the beginning that he had made a healthy donation to Juniata college now he is lying about it. As for Chuck Yohn. What environmental professor would support this??? None. This is an oil man. A pipe line share owner. A selfish individual that's trying to pull the wool over everyone's eyes. Most locals are against this</p> <p>To arts, Chambers and people from HCBI are against this! Please do the right thing!</p>
<p>The re-development of Raystown Lake would be detrimental to local ecosystems, limit sportsperson opportunity, tame a wild place, and should be reconsidered. Part of what makes Raystown Lake so great is the lack of development along the lake. The area provides vast access and opportunity to hunters and anglers. It also provides critical habitat for wildlife, including numerous species of birds that spend a portion of their year at the lake.</p> <p>Development would undoubtedly pollute, at some level, a great fishery of the state and also destroy habitat. Wildlife habitat reclamation cannot keep up with habitat destruction. As a Pennsylvania resident I urge you to look past the proposed financial gain of this project and consider the well being of the land and ecosystem. My comment is intended to voice my opinion against the revision of Raystown Lake.</p> <p>The re-development of Raystown Lake would be detrimental to local ecosystems, limit sportsperson opportunity, tame a wild place, and should be reconsidered. Part of what makes Raystown Lake so great is the lack of development along the lake. The area provides vast access and opportunity to hunters and anglers. It also provides critical habitat for wildlife, including numerous species of birds that spend a portion of their year at the lake.</p> <p>Development would undoubtedly pollute, at some level, a great fishery of the state and also destroy habitat. Wildlife habitat reclamation cannot keep up with habitat destruction. As a Pennsylvania resident I urge you to look past the proposed financial gain of this project and consider the well being of the land and ecosystem. My comment is intended to voice my opinion against the revision of Raystown Lake.</p>
<p>Keep things as they are. We love coming to Raystown Lake to camp and boat 2 weeks each summer and a week for Fall camping @ Raystown Resort.</p>
<p>I would like to see the eastern side of the lake stay natural and undeveloped along all 5 zones. I would like to see areas developed for paddle boats and no motor boats.</p>
<p>Could buoys be set up off the lake front @ Raystown Resort for no wake 100ft from shore?</p>
<p>Raystown Resort only needs to upgrade their docks. NO additional lodging for this area. Docks and camping area already @ Raystown are an eye sore. No New Development. Lake overcrowded!!!</p>
<p>I would like to see equal recreation facilities throughout the lake. I support High Density Recreation for Zone 1.</p>
<p>Please consider protecting the striper population when changing the Master Plan. This fishery is attended by the entire Northeast. This weekends tournament is a great example.</p>
<p>We have an opportunity to protect and provide something for our children and grandchildren that may not be available in the future should we continue to develop our wild areas.</p>
<p>Hawn's Bay Inlet and Peninsula 2 need removed from current Plan. Keep Lake as is Today!</p>
<p>Please do not allow building on Hawn's Peninsula. Walking paths would be ok.</p>
<p>Why not add to the marina that is already existing? By putting a fishing marina in, you are taking away another cove of the lake for use. Do not commercialize this lake. The draw to this lake is the natural shoreline. No private land owner or development. No change to Master Plan.</p>
<p>No hotel on Upper Corners</p>
<p>Peninsula 2 - Remove from current plan for boat launch, restaurant, etc. No change to area.</p>
<p>Zone 2 - No development. Please remove planned development from Upper Corners Rd. and Susquehannock North, also Peninsula 2. Lake is overcrowded!!! Enough campsites currently exist w/out adding any more to the lake.</p>
<p>Upper Corners area needs to be made low density area. No conference center, lodge. No change to area.</p>
<p>Would like to see camping on the eastern side. More walking paths throughout. High density recreation for Zone 1.</p>
<p>You need bigger parking lot - the new 26' + trucks and trailers don't fit.</p>

Zone 1 is busy enough! It gets dangerous on the weekends!
Maybe keep the no wake zone outside of 7 Pts from Fri noon till Sun 5pm?? From Memorial Day to Labor Day. Helps to keep entry and exit from 7 Pts launch safer.
You need more patrol people. Bike need to stay on trails.
Remove Upper Corners section from the Plan. Would like to see the Hawn's Peninsula put back into the plan. Go ahead with the boat dock/tie up in Trough Creek. Go ahead with the proposed shelters on Terrace Mt. trail.
Zone 1 - Would like to see development of Hawn's Bridge by Roberts. Hiking, camping, lodging, biking, something for all back in Master Plan. Zone 2 - Remove the restaurant, etc. Already on Master Plan since it was put out for bid and no one developed. Zone 3 - Boat docks into Trough Creek S.P. already on plan be done.
I think the Hawn's Peninsula should be reclassified as an environmentally sensitive area. No development permitted.
Zone 5: Locals use this area. Give us better parking so we can continue to support lake area. Locals benefit from lake. Repair culvert at road. Zone 4: Tatman Boat Launch too steep. Repair pavilion tables. Zone 2: Additional group campgrounds at 7 pts. It is in demand and a \$ maker for you.
What will it do to local traffic? The roads are hardly wide enough for 2 cars to meet let alone a 30ft pontoon boat. Campers think they own the road.
I believe more cabins will hurt. The lake is great how it is! Boat ramps can't handle what is on the lake now.
There is enough boating activity in Zone 1. So we oppose the Hawn's Peninsula development. We are concerned for the safety of our boating.
Would like to see expansion of 7 Pts Marina. They need additional slips for houseboats. Currently, you can't buy or bring a houseboat to Raystown, there are no slips for it. Like the golf course at the corners.
Zone 4. Would like to see expansion of Lake Raystown Resort Marina. They need additional boat slips for Houseboats.
I am in strong disagreement of allowing another resort to be build in Area 1. No need for this if the Corps allows this it will over habitat the lake and cause it to become unsafe. Other things I would like to see is more areas for kids basketball, volleyball etc., in all areas of lake. Thank You.
Reroute Terrace Mt Trail off road and into forest.
Spent a lot of years here. Its amazing in its beauty. Don't need to do a thing! The Gas Line....what if it would spring a leak?
Please consider the broad negative impact commercial development will cause. The natural environment coupled with the natural atmosphere will be disrupted - humans and wildlife for generations will benefit if left undeveloped. Perhaps plan may include land/financial contributions of developers be used for organized groups - school camps and community organizations to utilize holistic natural environment. Could be developers tax deduction.
Wish there were more plaques at the dam about the history. Even Pictures of the 1910 original dam. The flooding of the new lake.
Zone 5 - Would like to see Boy Scout Camp left in place.
Please note commercial development of Zone 1 will not improve or assist downtown Huntingdon. Have you considered the contributions Mr. Roberts has made to local businesses and county entities?
Parking management improvements needed. Like fishing facility concept. Concerns: Overflow parking . Pull thru's for poor drivers!
Need no tubing zone to preserve water for skiing in Zone 1. Need slalom course on Zone 1.
Do not reclassify Hawn's Peninsula to high density recreation!
Reclassifying Hawn's Peninsula to high density recreation will destroy tourism. Do not reclassify it.
Zone 2 Update Visitor Center exhibits
Love camping at Seven Points. The water view site. Wish there were more water view sites at Seven Points.
Love how undeveloped the lake is. You get to see nature and wildlife.
Add boat launch at Trough Creek or Terrace Mountain side of lake.
Please do not allow any development around Hawn's Peninsula and that part of the lake. It would destroy the pristine part of the lake.

Zone 2. With the existing marina, bike trails and restaurant at marina - I do not feel the area reserved for a convention center or golf course is needed. Too many people creates traffic jams and takes away from relaxing with a natural setting instead of viewing brick and mortar buildings.
We oppose the Hawn's Peninsula project. We are concerned for the safety of our kids' boat activities. There are already enough boats in Zone 1.
Open Terrace Mt. Trail around the resort.
I hope we can develop Hawn's Bridge if Snyder's Run is at capacity.
Please post informational signs at each launch, picnic area, where ever people gather that tell rules- if there are any environmental information, endangered species reminders of saving your trash, boat safety (speeds & no-wake), a map of You Are Here. There is something that has some of this at the Point Access on the Juniata River.
I value the remoteness/lack of development near the dam & Hawn's Peninsula, especially for its habitat for wildlife.
I have a concern that people not wanting to re-classify areas for recreation are being selfish, as they do not want to share public property and overstate impact of "new" uses, but rather spreading of people to more area.
Juniata College pays no real estate taxes to county or township no fair or how does our economy - comment what is a need or just a want. Let as is.
Access restriction to the Eastern side of the lake needs removed to accommodate visitors and residents to access lake from Eastern side (Terrace Mt. side). This would spread choke-points access densities and allow more ease of access onto the lake, especially to visitors and residents coming from the East.
Develop some of the plans existing boat in campground, then create bike-in access.
Increase non-motorized boat access points (paddle sports, fishing, tubing, swimming. Increase trails and access to Eastern Shore. Zone 2: Appreciate the accessibility for all ages and abilities. Zone 3, 4, & 1. Consider options for horseback trails.
In Huntingdon County we are in desperate need of a economic driver. I think the Corps should take a serious look at allowing use of Hawn's Bridge Peninsula for development. If done right we can strike a balance to make it work. Zone II - Allegrippis Trails Incredible VALUE. Zone I - Value large no wake zone of "Rabbit Ears" area.
With more boats going on the lake concerns about safety issues while fishing with the big boats and skiers flying down the lake. Have to be off the lake by 10 a.m. on weekends and June-sept any time of the day for safety issues. Parking concerns getting on the lake and getting off waiting time.
Boat launches need more parking - Snyder's Run - 7 Points for visitors and boat trailers. Development should occur on the west side of the lake. Keep the east free from development and maintain the environment as is. Our lake is very special in that it limits development. Traveling in the US many Corps lakes allow homes and business on the shores. WE need to keep Raystown the way it is. That's why business comes here - I mean lake business because it not like the others.
Would like to see limits placed on number of boats allowed on the lake at one time. There is currently too many boats on the lake.
No ski and tubing at narrow areas of lake. i.e. Camping area @ 7 Points bridge area point. Additional development in Zone 1 will add too many boats and would be unsafe.
The pristine look of the lake as it is, is a factor most people like about it. Why did all the private land family loved have to be given up if we continue to develop it. We don't want to look at more marinas and development while we are enjoying the lake's natural look. Would be nice to have a better restaurant at 7 points marina same location. I am against letting a marina go in at Hawn's Bridge Peninsula for various reasons that have been brought up. Both overlooks also affected.
I do not support reclassifying any land on the eastern side of Raystown Lake to be high recreation, especially Hawn's Peninsula. Hawn's Peninsula should be classified as limited recreation to protect the ecological diversity and to keep Raystown Lake as we know it. Development only serves to drive away hunters, hikers, anglers, and boaters and the infrastructure is better suited for development on the western shore.
I'd like to see development of Zone 1 to assist in driving tourists to the downtown Huntingdon areas. Also add boat launches and parking to lessen the congestion at the current launches and marina. Clear new trails, add rock climbing, snowmobiling and ATV trails.
Thank you for reading my comments. A new plan for recreational access must be re-evaluated from time to time. A yes opinion will be a forever thing. A no opinion can be changed anytime. Society today has the opinion that certain things are free. Example. Juniata College and free access to Field Station. No taxes. Its added cost to maintain.
My main concern is fishing at the dam end of the lake and also boat traffic, especially on weekends. Beautiful lake, well managed, thank you.
Protect shale barrens on Hawn's Peninsula. Protect natural areas. Enhance Pollinator plants. Develop areas for non-motorized craft such as canoes and kayaks. Develop cross county skiing trails.

Stop carp hunting at night in resort and 7 points marina.
No marina or new resort. Leave the lake as is.
Road development / expansion for whatever reason could negatively impact the lake. Potential negative environmental impact to wildlife/botanical habitats needs to be considered and prevented. No development on Hawn's Peninsula!
Don't destroy the natural areas to build a nature/environmental education center!
No new resort! Will not have good access!
Local people that are here 365 days a year like the way things are now. No Hawn's Peninsula Development. If land inventory finds lands not necessary it should be kept. If it cannot be returned to initial owner. No one else should have it.
If public interest is not a vote. Is big money more of a vote?
Reclassify the Hawn's Bridge Peninsula to include a possible environmental center, glamping, and non-power boat docking with paddle sport and sail boat rentals. Create access road to eastern shore.
Hawn's Bridge Peninsula area should remain as a low density recreation area to preserve wildlife, hunting, fishing, and trails in that area.
Many boat launches through-out the USA have rules, Raystown does not. There should be a max 10 minute launch time and mooring at docks. Can this sort of thing be posted at all ramps?
New rules in master plan?
So what's the odds of getting anything done. It don't seem like much got done since 1994 plan.
Kayak launches at all ramps safely away from ramp.
Preserve Hawn's peninsula
Follow through with 1994 developments for Zone 5. Add hike trails also with Zone 5.
As a family boater and fisherman I would like to see the safety of the original no wake zones return to Raystown. Fisheries management is not included as a factor in developing Hawn's Bridge Area. This is very disappointing.
Many users of the Weavers Falls Area feel that the launch is dangerous. No wake zones are often high speed zone. Signs should be placed on the Heritage Cove side of Weaver's Bridge. Officially designate river as no wake.
1. Zone 3 Trough Creek - add boat moorings so boaters can access state park from lake - to land hike, sightsee, etc. 2. Increase no wake zones in all coves deep enough to make this feasible. 3. Open Raystown Lake areas to horseback riding, multiuse trails should include horses (separate from biking rails), trailer parking area needed. 4. Improve conditions at boat resorts (Lake Raystown, 7pts, roads, parking, lighting, dock conditions).
The James Creek access road on Corps property is too narrow for the bigger boats. Is there any way to widen it? My husband and I have been run off the road several times.
Development at Hawn's Bridge area should still be excluded in master plan.
No more development. No more boat slips.
ADA Fishing piers throughout the lake. Have horse back riding.
Like the presentation. Would like to see responsible recreation development with economic development within the scope of environmental impact guidelines. Think it could help the county greatly. Are the lands in question in a "protected" category? Can you distinguish between protected lands and all "managed" lands such as the field station land?
Is there any way to make a sign at the boating ramps saying how many people can put in at once. Sometimes you have one person taking up the whole space where three vehicles could be putting a boat in.
Better recreational opportunities at Hawn's bridge. Re-instate in master plan.
Sorry, can't say I support this! First do you realize this is for the most part.. "seasonal"? This does no GOOD! Sure.. do a resort, which hurts other lodging in the area, then come the slow seasonal months.. Sep - Feb.. what you gonna do.. Terrible IDEA! All we need is another resort taking over the lake. Leave it well enough alone! You want to increase tax and jobs.. How about adding some manufacturers to the area!

As a council person in Huntingdon I have tried to weigh the pros and cons of the proposed Hawn's Bridge Recreation Area and I truly don't believe that the number of jobs it may create and additional tax dollars it would bring to the county are worth destroying this undisturbed natural area. Sometimes we just have to say that maintaining our environment is more important than the almighty dollar. I hope the Army Corps of Engineers does not approve this building project.

Please don't allow the development of Hawn's Peninsula. My family farm is on the branch and the traffic there in the summertime is already almost unbearable. I know that the Army Corps wishes to encourage recreation, but Raystown Lake is already a circus all summer. Please keep it as pleasant as you can without encouraging any more development. Please.

I strongly urge you NOT to allow any development on this site. More boats on the lake would only add to the already crowded waterway and would destroy this beautifully untouched, natural part of the lake. Developing this part of the lake would destroy and pollute the habitat of many animals and birds who inhabit this area.

My husband and I grew up in this area. My uncle and his family lived in a spot close to Hawn's Bridge which is now under water. I had family members who helped build the original dam. We swam in Raystown Dam. Fast forward to the time of Raystown Lake. We watched property owners lose family farms and homesteads. My ancestors' graves were moved from Ridenour Cemetery. It was not a happy time for many residents of this area. We took the plunge and bought a boat and enjoyed swimming, water skiing, fishing...just hanging out on the water. As news about the lake got out, people from hundreds of miles away came to our private playground. Shortly we found out that if we wanted to take our boat to the lake for the day, it was necessary to locate a spot at a launch almost at dawn some days or we were SOL. There were not enough parking spaces. Of course, storing our boat at the marina was an option. That turned out to be cost prohibitive on our income. What we had enjoyed for so many years, now became an ordeal for just a simple day to fish. One Sunday morning in May we were on the lake fishing in our 16' Baja boat with an 85hp Johnson motor. We had launched from Aitch because Snyder's launch was packed to the max. A 15 mile drive for us instead of 5. Sitting on the lake with our rods in the water all was right with the world. Three fellows were fishing from a small Jon boat a couple hundred feet away from us toward the mountain side of the lake. Before long the expected peace and tranquility of one of those HUGE cabin cruisers broke the silence. Double decker with multiple motors. Our boat rocked and rolled and I'm sure I had nothing nice to say to the captain as it sped by at what I felt was a high rate of speed. But that anger quickly turned to alarm and panic when I turned back to my rod and spied the Jon boat overturned in the cold water with the three fishermen holding on to their boat for dear life. As quickly as we could we got to their boat to help them. We learned two of the fellows were fishing with their dad. He could NOT swim. None of them were wearing life jackets. They couldn't leave him to even attempt to get to shore. It was an extreme act of strength to get the older gentleman into the boat and covered to prevent hypothermia. We managed and got them to their vehicle. The boat and contents we assume were lost. That day was unforgettable to me. We made a choice to sell our boat. Rarely do we visit the lake anymore. It's not worth the headache and hassle. Yes, those people should have been wearing life jackets. That boat was totally inconsiderate and unsafe that close to smaller boats. It never even stopped. Maybe was unaware. This happened 40 years ago. Imagine another marina. Imagine more boats. At what point do we say enough is enough? I hear a lot of talk from people saying how this will be quite the economic boom for Huntingdon. These jobs are seasonal. They aren't going to be full time. Where are the roads to get people to this area? If Mr. Roberts wants to build his resort so be it, it's his private land, but he shouldn't threaten not building the resort if he doesn't get the use of the peninsula! Leave the Natural Heritage Area of Hawns Bridge Peninsula alone! Keep it remote, beautiful and untouched the way it is now!

I have two areas of concern. One is air quality. On calm days the air near the marinas can be poor. What can be done for monitoring/action plan when pollutants exceed recommended levels? Second is the number of boats with large horsepower motors. This is not the Chesapeake Bay and running them full throttle is a danger to them and the rest of us. Also I would like to see larger no wake areas with dedicated launches. As it is now, small boats must traverse areas with boats at running speed. ☹

Good Morning, I just wanted to let you know of a few problems I have run into at the Lake. I love it there, it's peaceful and tranquil and I come up every summer several times a week to swim and picnic. I have been coming to the lake for about 40 years. Lately I noticed that there are people setting up boats to live off of the lake all summer. Last summer we were there and there were a group of people bragging about living on the lake and not having to spend any money on camping sites because they are living off their boats. The boats are not equipped with bathrooms so they go in buckets and then dump it into the lake !!! I had a favorite spot up near the 7 points Marina.....past the boat parking lot and past the small parking lot down to the little cove by the barricade. I can no longer swim there as we were there when these people were living there and dumping bathroom waste in the water.....it just made me sick. I always taught my sons to bring garbage bags and clean up the picnic area's with the fisherman's junk and garbagewe cleaned the picnic area's and now they are grown men with children and teach their children to do it also.....to preserve it for future generations. I love Raystown and I think the Army Corps of Engineers have done a great job. I love to swim there but many places I have found to swim that are private coves and such have such an overgrowth of weeds in the water I am afraid for the Grandkids to go in the water.....the weeds get tangled in my hair and sometimes it is hard to get loose.....I would be afraid for the grandchildren to have that happen to them. I love it that you do not have to go to the beach to go swimming.....I love finding private spots like the little cove we enjoyed so much for so many years.....but now it is ruined and Aitch is ruined now that they have built that big bridge across. Please preserve more private spots where we as a family can swim and picnic. I never thought to get the license plate on the boat up there but in the future I will watch. Those same people were there weeks afterwards when we came up again. I asked how they got away with it and they said at night when the rangers come around they just say they are fishing.....you need a rule that someone cannot be in the same spot for more than a day at a time.....it's disgusting to think that we have to swim where people are dumping feces in the water. I have been exploring and I like the Trough Creek side of the Lake. We spent most of the summer over there last year but I miss watching the boats out on the water. Hoping you can catch the people who are there destroying the beauty and safety of the Lake.

Thanks.....Keep up the Good Work

Raystown is like "God's Country" to me ☺

For what it may be worth, following is my statement in the anticipated Master Plan Revision...

I've waited until almost the last minute to communicate my thoughts. That was intentional. I've been included in a lot of "Talk" and "Ideas" that people have presented in various forums. And to be honest, anyone can come up with ideas and thoughts on how to control the destruction of the sensitive areas of the peninsula that everyone refers to. And I'm not in a position to say one idea or thought or plan is better than another.

But what I do know is that I (and my family) spend a lot of time on the lake, as we live right outside of Seven Points. What we've witnessed over the years on this lake has been a huge influx of recreation of various sorts! And that's awesome! That's the goal isn't it?

But with all of this influx has come the increased dangers that we have personally witnessed on many occasions. In some cases, it placed us at risk.

When I asked the Ranger representatives, or the PA Fish and Boat officials about enforcement, I hear that the budget effects their ability to enforce the laws of the Lake. And I understand that to a degree. I lose the understanding when I hear that there is a potential of an enormous amount of additional boats and boaters on the lake at any given time! How on earth can the dangers be controlled? The current hazards can't be controlled so as it is.

The drinking, the drugs, the racing, the violation of no wake zones, the illegal fishing and creel limits...the list goes on that we witness on an almost weekly basis. And I'm sure you have no answer as to how you will be able to BUDGET increased enforcement.

So you or any "Expert" can give us all an explanation as to how they will be able to protect the environment. And I might actually believe them.

But no one can make me believe that placing someone's ability to profit by adding more potential problems to this already overcrowded Lake, is more important than human life! I'm telling you....it's a disaster waiting to happen. It's almost there now! I truly don't believe that Lake officials know all that goes on out there. Not even a fraction. Your officials are spotted by people watching for them at all angles. And then they let everyone else know they are there or headed that way. It's just like the police in a town. They can't see it all either. And their presence is made known before they even get close to where things are happening. So I get it. But I still can't understand why anyone would want to make matters worse than they already are.

Thank you so much for listening to my concerns, and quite frankly my frustration of this anticipated disaster. ☺

As a homeowner with a property that backs up to Federal Land a hunter ,boater & fishermen I would like to express my concerns regarding master plan revisions.
it is my belief that zones 1 & 5 should remain the same as stated in the latest plan from 1994.

1. Zone1 for the following reasons

- a. Hunting , fishing & endangered species
- b. Over crowded Snyder Boat Launch with no room to expand. Also is the first to fill up on the weekends .
- c. This zone should first be considered for the fishermen that use the lake in regards to the water depth .
- d. Preserve Hawn's peninsula from becoming commercialized protecting endangered species & integrity of the lake along with safety to the dam .

2. Zone 5 for the following reason

- a. Hunting fishing for the true sportsman

Only thing to look at in both zones 1 & 5 should be boating rules

1. Size of boats (3 axle trailers in parking lots)
2. Horsepower
3. Noise level for boats

Zones 2,3, & 4 are more suited for the weekend visitors looking to visit the area for the following.

- 1.Width of lake for safe boating
2. camping , hiking & their type of boating (speed , size . & noise level not affecting those things which should be protected for zones 1 &2 for the sake of Huntingdon County & there residents) .

The ecological evidence provided in the Huntingdon County Natural Heritage Inventory demands that the Hawn's Bridge peninsula be designated as an Environmentally Sensitive Area in the Master Plan Revision.

The Hawn's Bridge peninsula is part of the Raystown Dam Natural Heritage Area (Biological Diversity Area) identified in the Huntingdon County Natural Heritage Inventory. The Inventory identifies such areas as "containing plants or animals of special concern at state or federal levels, exemplary natural communities, or exceptional native diversity." The Huntingdon County Natural Heritage Inventory was administered by the Huntingdon County Planning Commission and identifies and maps Huntingdon County's most significant natural places. The study investigated plant and animal species and natural communities that are unique or uncommon in the county; it also explored areas important for general wildlife habitat and scientific study. The inventory is a tool for informed and responsible decision-making.

The area in which a marina and other facilities are proposed includes red cedar-mixed hardwood rich shale woodland and Virginia pine - mixed hardwood shale woodland communities. These rare habitats support two plant species endemic to shale barrens: the shale barrens evening primrose (*Oenothera argillocola*) (PA Threatened) and Kate's mountain clover (*Trifolium virginicum*) (PA Endangered). Several invertebrate species associated with shale barrens and the surrounding xeric forest also are found there. These include the southern pine looper moth (*Caripeta aretaria*), the promiscuous angle (*Semiothisa promisuata*), and a noctuid moth (*Properigea* sp.)

According to the Huntingdon County Natural Heritage Inventory, "The shale barren communities and associated plant species depend upon the harsh conditions found on these steep, dry slopes where competition from other species is low. Disturbances that can lead to the introduction of exotic and aggressive species are one of the largest threats." The establishment of a marina and associated amenities on the Hawn's Bridge Peninsula would certainly cause the types of disturbances which the Inventory warns against.

In addition, the Hawn's Bridge Peninsula is clearly visible from the Hawn's Overlook and from the Allegrippis Trails. From an aesthetic viewpoint, converting the forested peninsula to an entertainment-oriented facility with a marina would create an eyesore.

Furthermore, Terrace Mountain adjacent to the Hawn's Bridge peninsula should be designated as Low Density Recreation because it contains a Bat Conservation Area, the Terrace Mountain Trail, and steep topography that is unsuitable for development. Visitors to Raystown Lake value the wild nature of the eastern side of the lake. Development should be confined to the western side of the lake, which already has infrastructure to support it.

Therefore, for ecological and aesthetic reasons, we strongly support the designation of the Hawn's Bridge peninsula as an Environmentally Sensitive Area and the designation of Terrace Mountain as a Low Density Recreation area.

I appreciate the USAC for their dedication through the years to maintaining the Raystown Lake's important habitat, and this chance to comment on the development of the Lake's Master Plan Revision. I moved here seventeen years ago beckoned by the peace and exceptional quality of the natural, undeveloped Lake and a nicely situated little house above the Branch Camp on the relatively undeveloped Raystown Branch below the dam.

As you can tell from my subject line, I'd like it to stay as natural as possible. I imagine that like me most everyone would like the living environment they choose, to stay forever as it is when they first find it! But I would like to offer a few tangible, personal and general reasons why I want Zone 1 (and, as much as possible, all 5 Zones) of the Raystown Lake Project to remain classified as low impact and limited development.

When I first arrived, the most notable sound in spring for me was the bird song. For the most part it's the same except I don't hear the lovely song of the veery near my house at all anymore, and I only hear the wood thrush's dreamy lilt occasionally in the distance. This is probably due to local private land development and beyond both our reach to change, but any development on USAC property with its significant changes to the land, installation of infrastructure and unnecessary environmental risks would inevitably impact neighboring habitat. Hiking is one of my interests. The nearby Terrace Mountain Trail is a particularly undisturbed and peaceful public place for me to go. Development of the Hawn's Bridge Peninsula would drastically interfere with this. I also enjoy walking the even closer Nature Trail from the Branch Camp paralleling the river. It, by the way, is urgently in need of maintenance from beginning to end including the lovely arched bridge.

Another of my interests is kayaking which is already sometimes threatened by power boats. It would make kayaking and canoeing more dangerous, noisy and unpleasant if more and larger power boats were brought to Zone 1 by development on Hawn's Peninsula.

Although I don't fish, I have family that visit from Vermont who do. Development of the Peninsula would jeopardize the unique underwater striped bass fishery found in that part of the lake through erosion of the steep mountain slope and pollution from the increased population of people and boats. In addition I refer you to the Huntingdon County Natural Heritage Inventory pages 160-163, which refer to the exceptionality of the Raystown Dam BDA and the Raystown Branch floodplain below the dam. Also I agree with all points made in the comments and conclusion recently sent to USAC by letter from Vice-President, Laura Jackson, of the Juniata Valley Audubon Society regarding the new Master Plan, and development on Hawn's Bridge Peninsula.

My pastimes of birds, hiking and kayaking and family interest in fishing are not unique. I know there are many, if not most who are attracted to Raystown Lake (and Zone 1) because of these same interests, as well as its exceptional quality and the natural, undeveloped habitat. Please keep Zone 1, including Hawn's Bridge Peninsula and the Raystown Branch floodplain (and, as much as possible, all 5 Zones) of the Raystown Lake Project classified as low impact and limited development. This area as it is now known could be gone forever if the effort to do so is not made.

I'm writing to share my opinion regarding the proposed development on Terrace Mountain and the Hawn's Bridge Peninsula at Raystown Lake as part of the Master Plan revision. My comments are informed by having grown up in and lived in Huntingdon, PA, for more than 20 years, and having spent much of my childhood at the lake and in the surrounding natural environment - hiking, boating, camping, swimming, and picnicking. I return multiple times each year when visiting family in town and care deeply about the community and the lake. I strongly oppose any development of the Hawn's Bridge Peninsula for a number of important reasons. These reasons include:

The peninsula and surrounding waters are public lands and therefore should not be leased to a private individual for his own private gain.

Development would permanently despoil the mountain and the peninsula. And disrupt the peace, privacy, and security of neighboring residents.

Development is short-sighted, completely unnecessary, incompatible with a sensitive natural area, and fraught with uncertain promises of economic gain for the local community. In addition, any new employment openings would be seasonal and mostly low-paying. Progress should not mean total disregard for public access to natural resources and heritage areas.

People come to Raystown Lake to boat because of the natural, unspoiled, undeveloped beauty of the lake. Boat traffic is already heavy during peak seasons at the lake, and a 150-slip marina would only exacerbate that problem--and add its associated trash, noise, light pollution, and wake. Also, the federal Master Plan already earmarks six other areas along the Raystown Lake shoreline for new development.

On Hawn's Peninsula, a host of animals flourish along the steep banks and under the thick vegetation, such as black bears, beavers, birds of all kinds, small game, snakes, and lizards. Destroying bald eagle habitat on Hawn's Peninsula would displace our national bird from the Corps-managed conservation area. Anglers boast about the fishing along the shores of Hawn's Peninsula. The excellent striped bass fishing area around the peninsula, if developed, would be destroyed. That particular area has a unique underwater topography: the waters are deeper and cooler there, and the striped bass spend the months of May to September there. These critical conditions do not exist anywhere else in the lake.

The Hawn's Bridge Peninsula is of such high ecological significance that it is designated as a Huntingdon County Natural Heritage Area "of exceptional value." According to the Huntingdon County Natural Heritage Inventory, "The shale barren communities and associated plant species depend upon the harsh conditions found on these steep, dry slopes where competition from other species is low.

Disturbances that can lead to the introduction of exotic and aggressive species are one of the largest threats." The establishment of a marina and associated amenities on the Hawn's Peninsula would certainly cause the types of disturbances that the Inventory warns against. Some of the plants on the shale barrens of the peninsula are found nowhere else in the world! The ecological evidence provided in the Huntingdon County Natural Heritage Inventory demands that Hawn's Bridge Peninsula be designated as an Environmentally Sensitive Area in the Master Plan revision.

Construction of an "environmental learning center" in a fragile natural area is the height of irony and stupidity - studying the environment from inside a newly constructed building that destroyed the pristine area it sits on. The public will be enticed to visit an environmental center that will talk about the environment that used to be there: the shale barrens, the rare plant life, the relative quiet, and the abundant wildlife.

Furthermore, Terrace Mountain should be designated as Low Density Recreation because it contains a bat conservation area, the Terrace Mountain Trail, and steep topography that is unsuitable for development. Visitors to Raystown Lake value the wild nature of the eastern side of the lake. Development should be confined to the western side of the lake, which already has infrastructure to support it. Continuing to preserve the Hawn's Bridge Peninsula area of the lake is the environmentally and socially responsible decision for the sake of both current and future residents and visitors. I urge you to seize this opportunity to do the right thing and protect the peninsula from this inappropriate and destructive proposal. Thank you for your consideration.

Thank you to all of the USACE personnel and volunteers that maintain and improve the beauty of Raystown Lake. Your efforts have provided a wonderful recreational resource to everyone who visits the lake, as well as fulfilling the primary mission of flood control which is so important as witnessed by the recent flooding and the future of Hurricane Florence. As a concerned citizen of Huntingdon, Pa for 41 years, I would like to provide some comments about the Raystown Lake Master Plan Revision. Many people have commented about the safety concerns on the lake especially with the crowded conditions between the dam, Snyders Run, and Seven Points. I have experienced unsafe boating and many near accidents. Because of this crowding, we try to stay off of the lake during weekends. Regarding the ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT of the Raystown Lake Master Plan Revision, I have attended several of the Public Meetings sponsored by USACE which have provided a great deal of knowledge about the environment around the lake. It is my understanding that environmental studies will be done on several moths(e.g. Southern Pine Looper Moth, etc), bats, and a few underwater plants. There will be a study of the mussels below the dam on the Raystown Branch and in the shallows near Saxton which are not part of the Master Plan Reassessment(i.e. that study would have been done regardless). What I find lacking is a significant assessment of the fisheries, bird life, and soils in the EA. It is my understanding that USACE will not be doing ANY studies on the fish in Raystown Lake. I have heard that USACE is relying on a private volunteer organization, the Pennsylvania Striped Bass Association, to perform these studies. However, I am not aware of any specific studies that are planned or financed for the fisheries at Raystown. Paradoxically, the Huntingdon County Commission indicated in The Huntingdon Daily News that USACE will be doing studies on the fisheries! It seems to me that there are several groups that are talking about studies on the fish, but I am not aware of any specific plans. We do have a great resource at Juniata College that has the expertise to evaluate fisheries. Associate Professor Uma Ramakrishnan is currently doing studies on the wild native brown trout in the Little Juniata River(TDN, 9/14/18, frontpage). I would suggest that USACE develop a plan in conjunction with all governmental, scientific, and volunteer organizations mentioned above to fund a study of the fisheries and oxygen levels at Raystown Lake as part of the Master Plan Reassessment. I believe that more efforts should be made to study the BIRD LIFE at Raystown Lake. We have been fortunate to have many Bald Eagles nesting as permanent residents of the lake. There have been recent sightings of Golden Eagles with their young eaglets in the Northern part of the lake. We, also, have a significant MIGRATORY BIRD population with Snow Geese, Tundra Swans, Ospreys, Common Loons, Blue Herons, Cormorants, and numerous species of ducks. I would suggest that significant efforts and funding should be made to study the impact of new developments on the bird populations at Raystown Lake and partner with the Juniata Valley Audubon Society for these studies.

SOIL STUDIES seem to be an integral part of any new development. Raystown Lake is surrounded by shale barrens and xeric forests which are very vulnerable to erosion which can effect the animal and plant life in these areas. There are many unique and rare species found along the steep, dry slopes and xeric forests(e.g. noctuid moths, Allegheny woodrats, shale-barren evening-primrose, American beakgrass, etc.) that may be effected by "Changes in the surface flow of water and direct disturbance to the slope habitat could be detrimental to these communities" (Huntingdon County National Heritage Inventory). Already, I have seen invasive species such as Crown Vetch, ailanthus trees, and Princess trees move into areas around the lake. The shale around Raystown Lake is very vulnerable to water drainage which cuts deep channels into the rock formations as witnessed by the many cliffs along side of the river and lake. I have personally witnessed severe erosions several times a year on shale roads around the lake which require constant maintenance. BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY AREAS(BDA) have been defined by the National Heritage Inventory as "An area containing plants or animals of special concern at state or federal levels, exemplary natural communities, or exceptional native diversity. BDAs include both the immediate habitat and surrounding lands important in the support of these special elements." Specifically, the RAYSTOWN DAM BDA in Juniata Township is managed by the USACE(bulk of the land in the BDA) and the recommendation from the National Heritage Inventory states "The Corp is aware of the presence of the rare species and communities, and is managing for their conservation. The shale barrens within the site have been designated as Natural Areas." Since the bulk of the land in the RAYSTOWN DAM BDA is managed by USACE, I believe it is up to USACE(and not local municipalities) to maintain this area(including Hawn's Peninsula) as a Natural Area or change it based upon USACE studies. I would suggest that appropriate soil and erosion studies be done by USACE as part of the master plan for any area around Raystown Lake. As a final comment, I have seen the struggles of the Lake Raystown Resort and the Rothrock Marina over the last 40 some years. Although I am not privy to the financial details, it seems that they have struggled and rumors of near bankruptcy have floated through the Huntingdon Community for years. I believe the Resort has not attracted the numbers of people that they would like, even though they are close to the turnpike which provides access from Harrisburg, Pittsburgh, York, Philadelphia, and Baltimore. Thus, I am concerned that a new resort on a steep Terrace Mountain side of the lake may fall short of its optimistic marketing expectations. Even with a wealthy developer, I am concerned that Raystown Lake will be left with a failing resort that will be sold and experience the similar struggles that Lake Raystown Resort has experienced.

September 24, 2018

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RE: Letter of Support for the proposed Hawn's Bridge Recreation Area on Raystown Lake

I am writing to provide a public comment as part of the Raystown Lake Master plan update. I would like to request that the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers rezones the Hawn's Bridge peninsula for high-density recreation so that a concession lease can be issued for a public recreation area to be developed using private funding. The northeastern shore of Raystown Lake needs a public access point that is handicapped accessible and available to people of all ages. Ideally, the area should include a small marina, beach, camping area and restaurant, along with other amenities open to the public.

This development would be an economic boost to Huntingdon County.

With Regards,



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Re: Proposed Hawn's Bridge Recreation Area on Raystown Lake

Dear Project Manager Kennedy:

Please accept this letter as a letter in support of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to rezone the Hawn's Bridge Peninsula for high-density recreation. I am writing this letter in my capacity as both a small-business owner and a citizen of the Huntingdon County community. I would further ask that this letter be used as part of the public record for the Raystown Lake Master Plan.

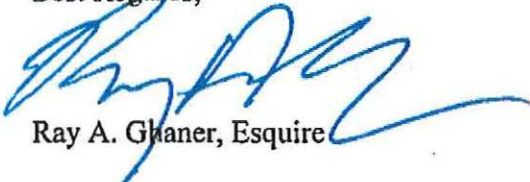
I am in support of the proposed rezoning for several reasons. It is my understanding that presently there is a proposal by a developer, Rod Roberts, to construct a resort on the property that could bring many benefits to the Huntingdon County community. First, as you are aware, our community is great need of additional jobs. It is my understanding that the proposed development could bring 300 additional jobs to our area. Furthermore, a proposed resort could bring additional individuals into our community who will spend money at our local small businesses, including restaurants, hotels, gas stations, and other local businesses. As a lifelong resident of central Pennsylvania, I am aware of what a development can do for such an area, as I have witnessed the same in other communities such as Bedford, Pennsylvania with the resurrection of the Omni Bedford Springs. Finally, I am in support of the proposed rezoning to provide an additional public access point to Raystown Lake and what I understand to be a marina, beach, camping area, and other amenities which would benefit the public in general.

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For all of the foregoing reasons, I strongly support the proposed Hawn's Bridge Recreation Area on Raystown Lake and the rezoning of the area for high-density recreation. Again, please add this letter to the public record for the Raystown Lake Master Plan Update.

Thank you for our attention to this letter.

Best Regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Ray A. Ghaner', is written over the printed name.

Ray A. Ghaner, Esquire

RAG/dkt
cc: File

Avis Kennedy

Project Manager/ Raystown Lake Master Plan

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

6145 Seven Points Rd.

Hesston, PA 16647

RE: Letter of support for the proposed Hawn's Bridge Recreation Area on Raystown Lake

I encourage the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to reclassify the Hawn's Bridge peninsula area for high-density recreation so that a concession lease can be issued for a recreation area to include a small marina, beach, camping area and restaurant, as well as other public amenities to be developed using private funding. The proposed recreation area at Raystown Lake would be a valuable economic development project for Huntingdon County and provide hundreds of jobs to a depressed area. Providing a public access point to the lake on the northeastern side affords an opportunity to create ADA-compliant facilities and opens up a virtually inaccessible area of public lands to a broader audience than just hikers and bikers.

With appropriate oversight, development in the area can be accomplished with the utmost sensitivity to environmental preservation. My 23 years of experience with a resort development company included development of Hyatt Regency Lost Pines Resort & Spa, a 405-acre destination resort on the banks of the Texas Colorado River and adjacent to the 1,140-acre McKinney Roughts Nature Park. Hyatt has a cooperative relationship with the Lower Colorado River Authority, which owns and operates the nature park. (For more information: <https://www.lcra.org/parks/Pages/mckinney-roughs-nature-park.aspx>) This has been a successful relationship for more than 14 years, and the project has had a huge economic impact on the area, bringing in millions of tourism dollars, as well as tax revenue for the City of Bastrop, as well as Bastrop County. (Note: The resort's 18-hole Wolf dancer Golf Club is certified by Audubon International.) The proposed Terrace Mountain Lodge is expected to be of the same quality level as Hyatt Lost Pines.

Sincerely,



Camilla Hardee

Whitsel, Tara J CIV CENAB CENAD (US)

From: Abbe Hamilton <agriculture@huntingdonconservation.org>
Sent: Friday, September 28, 2018 1:29 PM
To: RaystownMPRevision
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Comments on the Raystown Master Plan revision from the Active Transportation Committee
Attachments: ATC recommendations for raystown master.docx; TMT specific improvements.docx

Hi there,

Please consider the attached official recommendations of the Huntingdon County Active Transportation Committee in the update of the Raystown Lake Master Plan. Don't hesitate to contact me with questions!

Thanks,

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Abbe Hamilton

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To the Army Corps of Engineers,

Late in 2017, the by Huntingdon County Commissioners formed the Huntingdon County Active Transportation Committee. The group was formed to promote bicycle and pedestrian access throughout Huntingdon County, and to implement the recommendations made in the SAPDC Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan of 2016. The revision of Raystown Lake's Master Plan is an excellent opportunity to dovetail the goals of the Raystown Lake National Recreational Area with those of the local community the ATC represents.

Tenets of the ATC's mission include bridging gaps between existing population centers and attractions in the county. The SAPDC Regional Transportation Plan specifically suggests "improving connections between Huntingdon Borough and Lake Raystown". This is also a goal in the Alleghenies Ahead County Comprehensive Plan. The ATC suggests making those connections friendly to bicycle and pedestrian traffic and improving connectivity between the Lake and Saxton borough in Bedford County.

Another specific item from the SAPDC plan is "Improve Terrace Mountain [Trail] and connect the Terrace Mountain Trail to Saxton Borough". The Terrace Mountain Trail needs maintenance and several other specific improvements. We see the Terrace Mountain Trail as an excellent vehicle for improving connectivity between the population centers at the northern and southern ends of the lake, and an excellent trail onto which new, additional side trails exploring the peninsulas can be connected. Please see the attached document for specific recommendations regarding the Terrace Mountain Trail.

We recommend initiating efforts to connect the area's two long-distance trails to Raystown Lake. The Mid State Trail can be connected on the southern end of the lake (Contact Peter Fleszar of the MST Association). The Standing Stone Trail is farther away, but could be connected via Mapleton and Hawns Bridge Rd. in the future. Any efforts to promote the trails of the Raystown region should be mentioning all three of these distance trails as options.

Earlier this year, the ATC documented many unofficial bike routes that connected various population centers and attractions to one another in the county. Many cross through or near to the Raystown Lake National Recreational Area. We recommend improving the bike-friendliness of corridors that connect existing attractions to one another: The Fisherman's, Spelunker's, and Time Traveler's official bicycle routes, the Allegrippis mountain bike trail system, and the hiking trails in Trough Creek State Park.

Finally, the ATC recommends allowing and developing a system for broadband and wireless communications in the region of the lake and on the lake itself. This will not only facilitate our ability to respond to emergencies, but also to provide opportunities for better (digital) maps, interactive education, incentives through app-based programs, and team or family activities. An ATC member working for JC Blair is developing an app-based cardiac and pulmonary rehabilitation program that would encourage participants to use local trails. In addition, broadband and cell development is a tenet of the Alleghenies Ahead County Comprehensive Plan.

In conclusion, the Active Transportation Committee recommends:

- 1) Securing bicycle and pedestrian-friendly connectivity improvements between Raystown Lake and local population centers, especially Huntingdon Borough for its citizens and visitors as a health, recreation, and economic benefit.
- 2) Improved and increased opportunities for hiking and biking along Raystown Lake, particularly for the Terrace Mountain Trail
- 3) Improved connectivity and bicycle access in the Raystown Lake vicinity to the area bicycling and hiking opportunities.
- 4) Work with public land partners along the Terrace Mountain Trail to form a Terrace Mountain Trail Club/Association/Group to assist with administration and trail maintenance.
- 5) Providing universal access for the physically challenged at areas of the lake and trails.
- 6) Creating access to miles of new bike and hiking trails that connect to existing public trails.

Recommendations for Terrace Mountain Trail

Terrace Mountain Trail (TMT) is the only long-distance hiking trail that spans the length of Raystown Lake. Although some improvements have been made over the years, it still lacks what long-distance hikers desire in a trail and some sections in their current state are unnecessarily hazardous due to limited blazing and signage.

Maintenance is what the TMT needs most. My overall recommendation is that a trail club should be formed, dedicated to the maintenance of the TMT. The trail club would oversee major projects and allow for sections to be maintained by members. Members would hike their 2-3 mile sections a couple times a year to ensure the trail is clear and visibly marked. Trail club members would also have the experience to advise visitors, produce maps and guides, and further promote the trail.

Below is a list of other improvements needed on the TMT:

Hikers do not need half mile posts and really just expect distance signs at major crossings.

The northern terminus on Corbin Road needs an obvious trail head marker.

A sign needs to be placed at bottom of the hill after leaving Corbin Road to show direction of the trail.

There is a section 1/3 mile from the northern terminus that crosses ¼ mile of private property. Signs at either end of this parcel inform hikers that the section of trail through the property is closed from November to May. The TMT should either be rerouted away from this property or a new agreement with the landowner allowing yearround access should be reached.

There are currently no blazes through the trail between the new logging area to above Hawn's Peninsula. In addition, the logging area is using the same color of paint to mark their trees as what's used to mark the TMT.

Hawn's Peninsula should be classified as limited recreation to maintain the rugged character of the trail and keep the area free from development.

The trail is blazed at times in contradicting directions and so old blazes should be blacked out.

Sign is needed at bottom of Fink Road as there are blazes going up the road and it is not clear where the trail is intended to go.

Trail along logging roads after Fink Road is not blazed.

After Trough Creek State Park in Rothrock State Forest, trail is difficult to follow and should be better blazed.

On hillside between Trough Creek State Park and Tatman Run, side hill needs to be dug out to make a wider path.

Better signage is needed along the pipeline above Tatman Run.

Bridges are needed between Tatman Run Road and Old Plank Road.

From Old Plank Road to south of Lake Raystown Resort, the trail is impassible due to overgrown thorns. Better blazing is needed here too. The blazes that do exist are not consistent in size and should be the standard 2" by 6" rectangle.

From Lake Raystown Resort to Weaver Falls the trail would better suited being relocated away from road. A future goal should be to route every section of trail into the woods and off the roads it currently follows in certain sections.

Southern terminus needs an obvious trail head marker.



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September 14, 2018

Avis Kennedy
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Dear Ms. Kennedy:

The Huntingdon County Visitors Bureau, being the destination marketing organization for the County of Huntingdon and a partner of the US Army Corps of Engineers in the operation of the Raystown Lake Visitor Center offers the following conditional support for the re-designation of Corps property in the area of Hawns Bridge Road in Juniata Township, Huntingdon County as future high-density recreation in its master planning efforts. The conditions we feel must be met to earn this support are named below:

1. Development of high-density recreation on Hawns Bridge peninsula and island and/or the slopes of Terrace Mountain near Hawns Bridge Road should be accessible by the general public free of charge.
2. Development of public amenities in this area should be the responsibility of a private developer through an open bid concession lease subject to the normal real-estate provisions of the US Army Corps of Engineers.
3. Development should be subject to the same 14-day stay limit in effect in other public recreation areas and concessions on the Raystown Lake Project.
4. Any development in this area should provide for adequate buffer zones around environmentally sensitive areas such as shale barren cliffs, bat habitat, unique aquatic habitats, etc.
5. Tree canopy removal on the island linked by the causeway from the peninsula should be minimized in order to retain the scenic beauty of the area as seen from Hawns Overlook and the Allegrippis Ridge vista along the Allegrippis Trails.
6. At least 25% of the land area of the island from its northernmost and westernmost shore-south should remain low-density recreation.
7. Any environmental disruptions caused by development in this area should be mitigated by the developer elsewhere on the Raystown Lake Project.
8. Leases by the concessionaire to amenities on public land including overnight accommodations and marina slips must be available to the general public without preference to customers of any private business or resident members of a property owner association not located on the federal Raystown Lake Project.
 - a. Renewable slip-holder leases may not be transferred privately from one leaseholder to another, and must be made available to the general public on a first-come first-serve basis through a waiting list or public notice if no waiting list exists.

Sincerely,

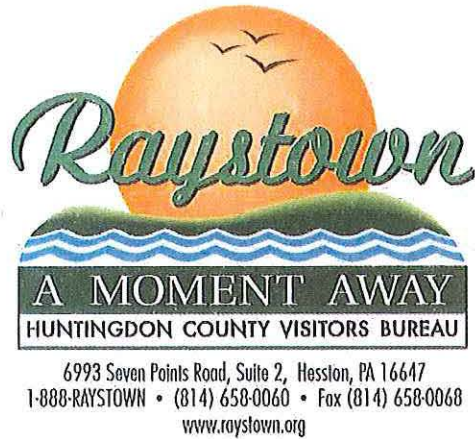
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HCVB Input for Raystown Lake Master Plan

The Board of Directors of the Huntingdon County Visitors Bureau offers the following recommendations to the US Army Corps of Engineers for the Raystown Lake Master Plan update.

Overarching Priorities and Projects not Geographically Specific

The following are ranked with our highest priority being number 1.

1. Developed access to the waters of Raystown Lake under current conditions is almost exclusively for the uses of motorized boating and swimming. HCVB would like to see lake access expanded for other uses. Specifically, we encourage the Corps to develop dedicated access areas for non-motorized boats. These areas could contain picnic facilities, fishing piers, soft launch areas (no hard-surfaced boat ramps), and ADA compliant canoe and kayak launch docks, and of course, parking. Specific suggestions for locating these areas are noted in the Zone priorities below.
2. Where possible, opportunities should be made available for concessions leases and/or organizational partnerships to develop new facilities/amenities or to add programming to existing facilities. We support the concept of a new recreation area that would provide access to the eastern shore of Raystown Lake with some caveats as stated in our letter dated September 14th. We also support the continued marketing of the Upper Corners parcel for development and make some suggestions for uses not previously considered in requests for proposals.
3. There is currently only one fishing pier, located at Aitch Recreation Area, accessible by people with physical disabilities. Shore fishing is legal on most of the lake's 118 miles of shore line, but access to fish from shore is difficult for those with limited mobility. HCVB would like to see additional ADA compliant fishing piers at most or all existing and proposed public recreation areas, with an emphasis on places where shore fishing can be successful in the summer months.
4. The Huntingdon County Visitors Bureau promotes the Raystown Lake project as an accessible wilderness lake, therefore preservation of most of the existing wilderness is preferable. Currently the 118 miles of shoreline on Raystown Lake contains about 4% human development, we would never want to see that developed shoreline exceed 10%. Therefore, the projects suggested herein should be considered and prioritized in a way that retains the wilderness experience and enhances that experience while allowing access to an optimal amount of human users of the Raystown Lake project.
5. Trail usage has gained in popularity on the Raystown Lake Project, and is a great avenue to expose more residents and visitors to the beauty of Raystown Lake. Loop trails and stacked loop trail systems provide great day-use opportunities while long distance point-to-point trails are most valuable and gain in usage when they connect trail users to commercial centers offering lodging, food, laundry and gear services for thru-users.
 - a. Trailside camping shelters are recommended at strategic locations along both the Terrace Mountain Trail and the Allegrippis Trails. These locations should be accessible by service roads near, but not directly adjacent to the main trail and ideally would be near a water source such as a spring or well.
6. Where public roads approach the peak of Terrace Mountain Ridge, HCVB would encourage the development of one or more scenic overlook areas with vehicle parking.

7. There are land-based recreation forms that are not accommodated at Raystown Lake or on other public lands in Huntingdon County.
 - a. HCVB fields frequent requests from visitors for information about places to ride ATVs. Currently, no public lands in Huntingdon County have ATV trails nor do they allow ATVs to use public roadways. With 21,000 acres of public land, we feel that the USACE could designate an area for ATV trails to be developed under a partnership similar to what exists for operation and management of other trail systems on the project.
 - b. Raystown Lake currently has a prohibition on horseback riding and snowmobiling on Corps lands. There are many local residents and visitors who would value the opportunity to explore Raystown Lake by horse or snowmobile using existing service roads or dedicated trail systems. The adjacent tract of Rothrock State Forest allows both of these uses.

Zone Priorities

These projects would be in addition to those mentioned above which are not zone-specific.

Zone 1 Specific Priorities

- HCVB continues to advocate for a paddle sports access point near Corbins Bridge on USACE land downstream of the Raystown Dam. This point would allow for lawful take-out of inner tubes on the lower Raystown Branch, as well as provide additional parking access for vehicles without trailers for canoes, kayaks and paddleboards.
- HCVB supports the development of a complete river walking and biking trail from Corbin's Island to the bridge on Corbin Road. This trail could be used as a non-motorized shuttle route for river users as well as an extension of the Terrace Mountain Trail.
- HCVB supports the establishment of a portage trail east of the emergency spillway to the Raystown Branch across from Corbin's Island Recreation Area. While this may not get heavily used, it would provide a means of through-access for paddling the entire Raystown Branch to the Juniata River National Recreation Water Trail.
- HCVB sees opportunities for new access points to be developed exclusively for non-motorized watercraft from Parks Road. This would provide direct access to a large no-wake area that is attractive for paddle sports and small boat sailing.
- HCVB supports adding boat mooring posts to the northern shore of Hydro Loop (Marker 4) peninsula for houseboat and pontoon access to the Allegrippis Trails.
- HCVB would like to see additional overnight trail shelters constructed strategically along the Terrace Mountain Trail and Allegrippis Trails. Such shelters could be used year-round to accommodate hikers and mountain bike riders outside of the seasonal availability of Corps, concessionaire, and state park campgrounds.

As previously submitted, HCVB offers the following conditional support for the re-designation of Corps property in the area of Hawns Bridge Road in Juniata Township, Huntingdon County as future high-density recreation in its master planning efforts. The conditions we feel must be met to earn this support are named below:

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Zone 2 Priorities

- HCVB sees opportunities for new access points to be developed exclusively for non-motorized watercraft on the Upper Corners area to a renewed no-wake Beer Barrel Bay.
- HCVB would like to see additional overnight trail shelters constructed strategically along the Terrace Mountain Trail and Allegrippis Trails.
- HCVB encourages the Corps to retain the parcel along Upper Corners Road in Penn Township as future high density recreation, and encourages another RFP to be considered expanding the use of this area for a youth program camp in addition to the already proposed use of a resort/lodge.
- New interpretive technology exists that could better engage patrons of the Raystown Lake Visitor Center than the existing 20-year old exhibits. We encourage the Corps to introduce new exhibits in and around the Visitor Center and replace some that have become outdated or are no longer working as they were intended.

Zone 3 Priorities

- HCVB sees opportunities for new access points to be developed exclusively for non-motorized watercraft on the Trough Creek Inlet and Brumbaugh Bay (from either Weller Road or Backbone Road). These points all provide direct access to large no-wake areas which are attractive for paddle sports and small boat sailing. The Trough Creek inlet, in particular would provide a convenient take-out point for late winter and early spring whitewater paddling on Great Trough Creek, which is the only navigable whitewater in Huntingdon County.
- Rothrock State Forest adjacent to the Raystown Lake project on its Eastern border allows both horseback riding and snowmobiling. HCVB supports expanding this trail network onto USACE land.
- HCVB would like to see additional overnight trail shelters constructed strategically along the Terrace Mountain Trail.

Zone 4 Priorities

- HCVB sees opportunities for new access points to be developed exclusively for non-motorized watercraft on the Coffee Run inlet. This would provide direct access to a large no-wake area that is attractive for paddle sports and small boat sailing.
- HCVB would like to see additional overnight trail shelters constructed strategically along the Terrace Mountain Trail.
- HCVB encourages the Corps to reopen the boat-to-shore campground known as Paradise Point in the area of lake marker 24 through a concession lease or in partnership with a local organization such as the Friends of Raystown Lake.

Zone 5 Priorities

- HCVB advocates connecting the Terrace Mountain Trail south from Weaver Falls Bridge to the borough of Saxton and eventually to the Huntingdon and Broad Top Rail Trail via a right bank river walk.
- An additional public recreation area for fishing and trailhead parking at Weaver Falls Bridge or upstream on the eastern shore of the lake at its headwaters would provide day use facilities and enhanced access for future trail expansion to connect the Terrace Mountain Trail with the Huntingdon and Broad Top Rail Trail.

Sincerely, on behalf of the Board of Directors



Matthew A. Price
Executive Director

June 11, 2018

US Army Corps of Engineers
Raystown Lake Office
Attn: Nicholas Kurpa
6145 Seven Points Road,
Hesston, PA 16647

Dear Mr. Kurpa,

I am writing this letter in regard to the proposition to install the Parks Road boat launch as part of the Raystown Lake Master Plan Revision Project. The intent of this letter is to provide both the US Army Corps of Engineers and the Juniata Township Board of Supervisors points to consider before selecting the final site for the new launch.

Raystown lake has been a part of our family culture and tradition for as long as I've been alive. I grew up on the lake, and my parents have been patrons of Raystown since the 1970s. As active campers, boaters, and property owners the James family considers Raystown Lake a second home. I am now serving in the U.S. Air Force as a pilot, and I continue to visit my parents' home at Raystown Lake several times a year. I would like to voice my reservations for proceeding forward with the Parks Road boat launch project.

Our family home is located on Hunter Drive, which is only accessible via Parks Road. The residents of the neighborhood would be negatively impacted by the installation of a boat launch. Hunter Drive is a no outlet road, with the only point of access being off Parks Road. This is a major point in regard to accessibility and could easily lead to restricted access or the inability to depart the neighborhood should an accident occur due to increased traffic and tourist activity. In addition, if vacationers are illegally parked or are blocking the road, emergency vehicles needing to access Hunter Drive could be unable to do so. Without providing an alternate exit route from the West side of Hunter Drive connecting it to Piney Ridge Road, this project could compromise accessibility and safety for residents.

Piney Ridge Road is also a concerning factor and should be considered in evaluating the suitability of the proposed launch site. The road is narrow and has blind turns. This is especially apparent where Piney Ridge Road meets Parks Road. The street is not equipped to handle an increase in traffic flow and this could have a negative effect on residents.

My next point is the practicality of selecting Parks Road for the new launch considering Snyder's Run Boat Launch exists 1 mile to the Northeast of Parks Road. Snyder's Run is deconflicted from residential neighborhoods and offers access to Hawns Run Cove. The topography of the land would offer expansion of both the parking area and boat launch to the East. If the North end of the lake is where expansion is desired, I believe Snyder's Run launch site is the best place for growth. The addition of another boat launch in the same cove is redundant and seems to be serving the self-interests of the few and will have a negative impact on the residents who own property.

Last, the Parks Road Launch does not lend itself to the availability of parking or accessibility. The significant downslope of the land as well as the single access road will increase congestion and disturb the integrity of a quiet neighborhood. The addition of a large boat launch and a parking area will negatively affect families' ability to enjoy the untouched shoreline. Families use this cove to fish, swim, and even tie the boat up in an area that historically has a low amount of activity and is a relaxing place to spend a day. I believe it would prove more beneficial to install a new launch site in a cove that is not already served by one.

I appreciate your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

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

From: mark krug [mailto:markkrug@yahoo.com]

Sent: Friday, April 27, 2018 11:58 AM

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(US) <Edward.P.Chamberlayne@usace.army.mil>

Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Raystown Lake - Huntingdon, PA

Dear Edward
Chamberlayne,

I am
contacting you about Raystown Lake in Huntingdon, PA. I know the big talk is about the resort. This letter is not about the resort. I would like to talk to you about needed improvements.

First, the
boating ramps to the lake are the worst design I have ever seen. I am a Coast Guard veteran, I have seen many. They need upgraded to a floating dock in between each ramp.
Some boat launches only have one ramp. I understand the boat launch at Seven Points may not be able to upgrade due to space but James Creek, Aitch and others there are plenty of room.

Parking for
boaters with trailers are another big problem. At James Creek for an example cars park in the upper lot and prohibit trucks with trailers from parking there. If cars are aloud to park there they should be at least in the back lot.

Please help to improve Lake
Raystown. It was designed a long time ago and needs upgraded to accommodate the growth of the lakes boaters, visitors etc.

Thanks,

Mark Krug
U.S.
Coast Guard veteran

CLASSIFICATION: UNCLASSIFIED

TERRACE MOUNTAIN LODGE + HAWNS BRIDGE RECREATION AREA

September 27, 2018

Avis Kennedy
Project Manager/ Raystown Lake Master Plan
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RE: Letter of Support for the proposed Hawn's Bridge Recreation Area on Raystown Lake

I am writing to provide a public comment as part of the Raystown Lake Master plan update. I would like to request that the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers rezone the Hawn's Bridge peninsula for high-density recreation so that a concession lease can be issued for a public recreation area to be developed using private funding.

The northeastern shore of Raystown Lake needs a public access point that is handicapped accessible and available to people of all ages. The project is economically viable and has been endorsed by a Major Public evaluation company. Ideally, the area with the USACE controlled lands could include a small marina, beach, camping area and restaurant, along with other amenities open to the public.

Best Regards,



Rod C. Roberts

Avis Kennedy
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With Regards,

Christine Weber

Sept. 26, 2018

To Whom Concerned,

I am against the Raystown Project to Change Hawk's Peninsula. I would like for it to be open for picnics, biking, walking and maybe horseshoes & Volleyball.

Thank You.
Margaret Hawk
4367 McAllewig St. Rd
Petersburg, Pa 16669

P.S. There are many people against this project that don't have computers or have internet. Who couldn't vote because they didn't know how else to vote against it.



Sept. 26, 2018

To Whom Concerned,

I am against the Raystown Project,
I want Haver's peninsula to stay
natural. Leave the Wildlife alone and
protect the fish. We don't need a resort
on boats there.

Thank You,
George Merle Haver.

P.S

I wrote this for Merle
since he can't write
due to a stroke.

Margaret Haver



PS I believe the Army Corps.
will do whatever (Baltimore)
they want in the end! (heavily distressed)

No matter how many meetings and
letters are sent, (no wakes as
an example)

I have been fishing on Raystown since 1970's
Former member of Jarey Lake
Raystown
Striper Club since it
started!

I don't have room to
list all the things Rich Lambert
and that club did for this lake!

If this Marina goes through and becomes
reality it will be proof that they
do not care at all about fisherman,
the boat, ^{now} anyway!

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To Who it may Concern: U.S. Army Corps (1)
Let me start off by saying that I can't believe
you are considering letting them put this
thing on the lake, isn't this a 99% off road
control lake, that is what it was built for
considering all the accidents, one near fatal
accidents, because there was too many and
too big of boats left on the lake from
day 1. There should have been no wake buoys
put at Lee Wee Island from day 1. Instead
they took some out, where do you think our
fisherman are supposed to hide on this lake
from 30 ft. and cigarette boats let alone
try to fish! Me and my fellow fishermen
are no strangers to near fatal accidents
Rock Strayer for one, almost died and prob. would
have, only by the grace of God, he is still
fishing today! I could go on and on because
I have seen it all, and you are considering
200 more big boats on the lake, not to
mention seeing a beautiful part of the
lake in many areas, all I can add is
I hope the almighty God doesn't rain
out again like the R. out! OVER
Concerned fisherman ^{at St. Johns Bay} member Larry H. Baker

To Whom it may concern

My name is John Brunozzi and I have a property off Rt 829. We bought this property years ago because the area was full of exciting things to do for raising a family. Land for family enjoyment was abundant. Having a neighbor such as Glatfelter Paper Pulp Holdings was a dream allowing those who wish to explore nature whether to just walk around or to hunt. But all good things seem to end.

Today Marcellus Shale owns the lands once enjoyed. Marcellus Shale didn't purchase the land for the people they purchased it for profits hoping that oil or gas deposits would be found. All the Marcellus lands are signed off no trespassing stopping all that at one time enjoyed exploring on. There is a phone number on the signs but the worst thing anyone might do would call that number and ask if one could explore their land. The answer to your request is the same, "If you are caught trespassing on any of our lands you will be arrested and prosecuted". Wow, what a way to make new friends.

Mr. Roberts wants to build a lodge adjoining the Federal Lands of Raystown Lake. All well and good but doesn't want to build unless he can secure public Federal Lands so that his lodge can have lake access. Wow, it's all or nothing. Rumor has it he is stuck with this land purchase. Test wells provided nothing showing any minerals of value. Could he have a white elephant and now doesn't know what to do about it?

Let's talk about the area Mr. Roberts wants. First, this is the only access on the Northeastern side of the Lake where the public can walk down Hawn Road to the lake enjoying nature at its best. Hunting access is also permitted using Hawn Road to hunt the Federal lands on the Northeastern side of the lake. Due to the geographic of the terrain it's very difficult walking down to the Hawn's peninsula. During hunting season the old road is opened allowing those who wish to drive down to the lake instead of walking. The only other access known to me on the Eastern side is at Trough Creek State Park. Those who live on the Eastern side should be able to enjoy the lake the same as those who go on the Western side. Let's also talk about additional boat traffic. This new lodge includes another marina which will include another no wake area including the Hawn's Peninsula, I'm sure that this will go over.

Before you consider removing this area from the public I would like you consider:

#1 Opening up an area on or near Trough Creek State park for the purpose of swimming and picnicking. The area needs Rest Room facilities .

#2 Boats use this Trough Creek area as an area to relax in. The problem is trash and human waste in the water. It is a known fact that boaters use the lake as their rest room. This needs to be addressed.

#3 It is also my belief that we need more security on the lake in order to reduce the boating issues and other concerns involving the environment.

#4 Explore another way to allow the public to have access access to Hawn's Pininsula . Maybe a new roadbed or improved existing one. Instead of taking away you should consider ways that more people can use the lake and surrounding lands.

Question:

#1 Maybe lots could be sold off on Federal lands allowing people lake front homes. Probably will never happen then why should this?

Another major concern is that Mr. Roberts has his hands in all the top officials pockets in the area. I guess some could say that they owe him now and it's time to pay up. I can only hope not.

These great jobs that are being thrown around. How many people who works in the service community has outstanding pay and benefits, very, very few. It's a hotel were talking about, wake up.

Who am I

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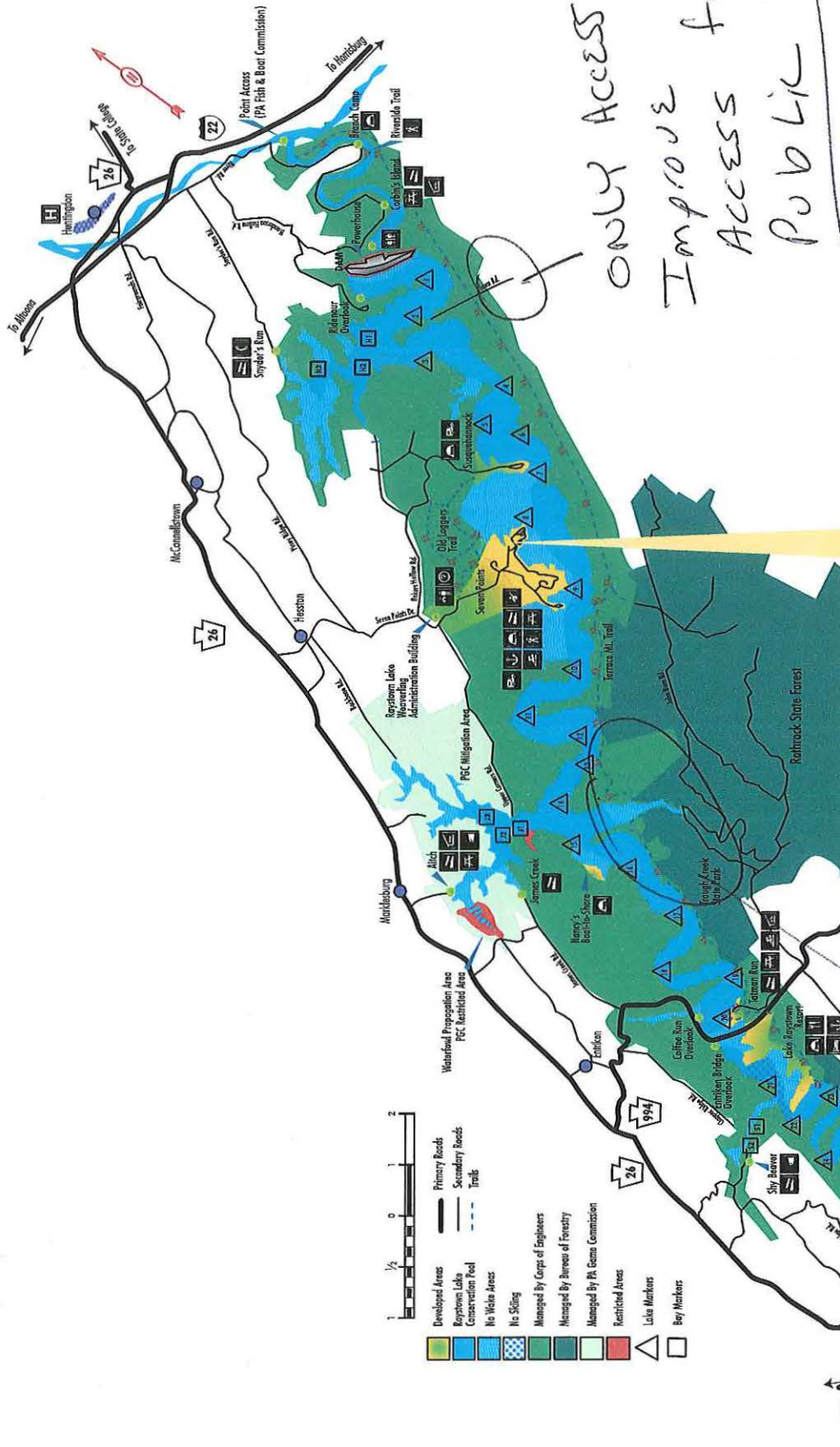
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RE: Letter of Support for the proposed Hawn's Bridge Recreation Area on Raystown Lake

I am writing to provide a public comment as part of the Raystown Lake Master plan update. I would like to request that the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers rezones the Hawn's Bridge peninsula for high-density recreation so that a concession lease can be issued for a public recreation area to be developed using private funding. The northeastern shore of Raystown Lake needs a public access point that is handicapped accessible and available to people of all ages. Ideally, the area should include a small marina, beach, camping area and restaurant, along with other amenities open to the public.

With Regards,

Scott Burnett
Owner
Car Care Auto



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With Regards,


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Miss Avis Kennedy
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE)
Raystown Lake Master Plan
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August 21, 2018



RE: Raystown Lake Master Plan Update

Dear Miss Kennedy:

As Pennsylvania State Senator for the 30th District, I am providing this letter of comment to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Baltimore District (USACE-Baltimore), which is in the process of updating the Master Plan for the Raystown Lake Project, a USACE facility located on the Raystown Branch of the Juniata River in Huntingdon and Bedford Counties, Pennsylvania. The revised Raystown Lake Master Plan, as the strategic land use management document that guides the comprehensive management and development of all project resources, will provide a framework for consistent, responsible decision-making for the next 15-25 years.

I urge the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) to rezone the Hawn's Bridge Peninsula at the northeastern shore of Raystown Lake for high-density recreation and issue a concession lease. This rezoning would allow the development of a restaurant, environmental learning center, public beach, camping and glamping sites, children's programs, boat docks and slips, fishing areas, and many more activities attractive to local residents and visitors to the lake. Raystown Lake, as well as Union and Juniata Townships where proposed development could occur, are within the state's 30th Senatorial District, so I am particularly interested in the significant opportunities that could result from this update.

It is imperative that USACE reclassify the Hawn's Bridge Peninsula for public recreational use and issue a concession lease in order for the proposed Hawn's Bridge Recreation Area and Terrace Mountain Lodge Project to move forward. This reclassification would provide an opportunity for public-private cooperation with many benefits for the entire area. Once developed, the public would have a wonderful recreational area to use for many generations to come.

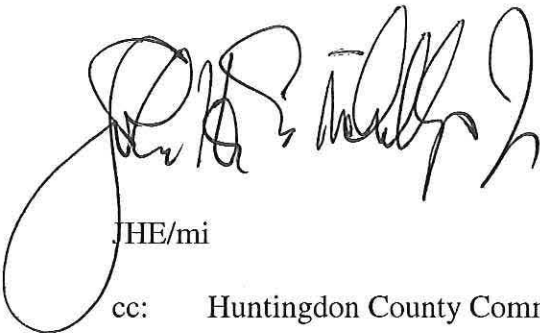
Miss Avis Kennedy
August 21, 2018
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As a former Blair County Commissioner and Chair of The Alleghenies Tourism Council, I am very familiar with the impact of tourism on the economy of this region. Allowing development of a world-class resort at Raystown Lake would provide recreational opportunities that do not currently exist at the lake. This type of facility with year-round amenities would attract business and recreational visitors from all over the world and would offer a venue to host large events.

The project's projected \$100 million private investment would result in huge direct economic impacts that would benefit the entire region, including job creation estimated at 250-300 full-time jobs and generation of significant tax revenue. In addition, spending by visitors at local businesses and new opportunities for supporting businesses in the area will strengthen the local economy.

I believe that the Hawn's Bridge Recreation Area and Terrace Mountain Lodge Project presents a great opportunity for Huntingdon County and the region. I wholeheartedly support further exploration of these projects and look forward to the development of these tremendous community assets.

Sincerely,

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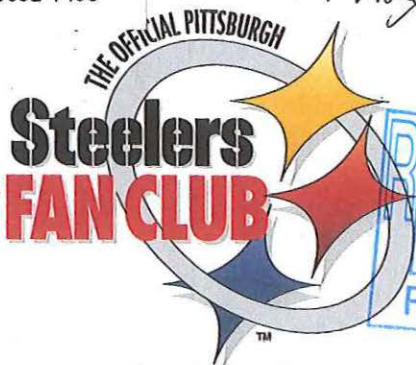
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cc: Huntingdon County Commissioners

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14 August 2018

2 Hours'
(sp)
development



My name is Richard Forr & I support
the development of Hours' Peninsula.^{sp} In
60's my family had a trailer on
old Branch Road. My dog & I
spent a lot of time there. In the late
50s we lost our place to eminent
domain. In 1972 my dad bought me a
ford station wagon. We would go to
Hershey & canoe. This was the 1st
Official Pittsburgh Steelers Fan Club Member

In the 1980s' we had a Harris Fleet
Boat, which we kept at 7 points. To this
day I take my sister to the Breast of
the dam. We do not see much traffic
thru the week. We often see Bass boats
chasing the no wake zones. I go to
trotman^{SP} Row early Saturday or Friday
morning each week. I see more kayaks
& jet skis at that end. It is
time for development on the other
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GOVERNOR'S ADVISORY COUNCIL FOR
HUNTING, FISHING & CONSERVATION

August 31, 2018

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
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RE: RAYSTOWN LAKE MASTER PLAN REVISION

To Whom It May Concern:

The Governor's Advisory Council for Hunting, Fishing and Conservation is a group of twenty distinguished volunteers appointed by Governor Wolf to deliberate on a range of issues, including all forms of outdoor recreation, the preservation of our environment, and our hunting, fishing and trapping heritage.

We appreciate the fine work that the men and women of the Army Corps of Engineers perform daily to support and maintain the intrinsic, aesthetic and ecological features of Raystown Lake. We are also thankful for this opportunity to provide comment in your update of the 1994 Master Plan, as required by Section 1309 of the 2016 Water Infrastructure Improvement for the Nation Act. In that update, we ask that you consult your own language in Raystown Master Plan Revision Overview, which defines a Master Plan as "the strategic land use management document that guides the comprehensive management and development of all project recreational, natural and cultural resources throughout the life of the water resource development project."

The Governor's Advisory Council for Hunting, Fishing and Conservation interprets "strategic" in this context to mean a long-term view and approach to managing the Raystown Lake Project and its natural resources and regionally unique values. Consequently, we view elements of the 1994 Master Plan relating to conserving the Project's unique habitats, low-density recreational opportunities, and stellar scenic and aesthetic qualities to be as valid today as when they were conceived—indeed, consideration for these resources is more compelling than ever.

Visitors to Raystown remain awestruck by its natural beauty which inspires them and beckons their return. As a council, we believe that the expansive and largely undisturbed viewshed offered from the lake, or high atop Terrace mountain, is the most significant attribute this remarkable destination offers; it should be preserved. We found great comfort in the statement in section 2.3.2 which plainly states that the Corps' mission, under its Natural Resource Management Plan, is to, "manage and conserve those natural resources, consistent with ecosystem management principals, while providing quality public outdoor recreation experiences to serve the needs of present and future generations."

From Section 2.3.4:

Approximately 129 bird species, 47 mammal species, 45 fish species, 25 reptile species, and 24 species of amphibians can be found within the boundary of the project. Important wildlife game species in the project area include white tailed deer, wild turkey, ruffed grouse, gray squirrel,

eastern cottontail rabbit and various waterfowl. **Although the project provides a variety of wildlife habitats, increased habitat areas are desirable to provide additional food and cover.**

Council feels strongly that this objective should remain in place and that it starts with no net loss of available land for wildlife habitat. Further, increasing desirable habitat should remain a goal.

From Section 2.5:

Area residents and project user groups at Raystown have expressed concern with the amount, type, and placement of future development at the project, as well as the management of its recreation facilities and natural resources. Public opinion also clearly supports preserving the integrity and aesthetics of the lake and project lands and expanding the economic capabilities of the area. Throughout the master planning process, the public expressed strong displeasure for the concept of development activities that were directed toward private and exclusive use. However, the public was supportive of the concept of development "nodes," which would encourage new development in areas that have existing facilities and infrastructure. These public concerns were incorporated into the proposed plan.

While entirely subjective, we believe that public support for this section remains strong and relatively unchanged and that the most significant economic asset of Raystown is the natural environment in which she exists. Increased brick and mortar development chips away at the fundamental reason people visit the lake, to enjoy the mountainous topography, the unique forested viewshed, and the diverse living creatures inhabiting its varied habitats. Further human encroachment will deplete the primary natural assets Raystown offers to the region.

From Section 3.2.7.c

There are at least 11 Appalachian shale barrens, considered extremely rare in Pennsylvania, within the project boundaries. These barrens are located around the shoreline of Raystown Lake and support two rare plants, Kate's mountain clover, a state-designated endangered species that is currently being considered for federal listing, and the shale barrens' evening primrose, a state-designated threatened species. Other plants uncommon to the area may also be found on the shale barrens. The shale barren communities of Bedford, Fulton, and Huntingdon Counties are one of the most unusual, and most endangered, vegetational ecosystems in Pennsylvania. These areas are few in number and small in size, but contain plants species known only in these limited habitats. Thus, the small total acreage and harboring of rare endemic species makes the barrens important for natural area preservation.

Council supports changing the designation of all identified Appalachian shale barrens found within the project boundaries from "Natural Areas" to "Environmentally Sensitive Areas." Recently, it's come to council's collective attention that the Hawn's Bridge Peninsula is under threat of future development by corporate interests from Texas. We would strongly encourage carrying forward the language in the 1994 plan which pledges complete protection of Hawn's Peninsula with the aforementioned change in designation. We would also hope that Terrace Mountain's designation as a Low-Density Recreation Area remains.

From Section 3.6.2

The mass and man-made appearance of the dam is a strong nonconforming element which is visible from Ridenour Overlook and a road pull-off immediately below the dam. Other man-made elements on the project lands include the recreation facilities, roads, and abandoned

railroads. The recreation areas and roads located on the project lands were well-designed and blend in with the natural surroundings.

Council predicts and warns that the proposed Hawn's Peninsula resort development would not blend with the natural surroundings and instead would present a man-made intrusion inconsistent with the existing largely pristine viewshed, which is highly valued by the public.

From Section 4.1.2

The boating capacity of Raystown Lake is dependent upon two major factors, lake acres and available access to the lake...

Regarding boating activities, council believes that additional "no-wake" areas in strategic locations are warranted to reduce shore-line erosion, even if placed only during the summer months. The posting of more conspicuous signage about navigation rules would be helpful as well, especially for first-time visitors.

Council asks that you also consider the unique and constraining geometry of Raystown Lake as a factor affecting boating capacity and safety. Acknowledged, the lake contains 8,300 total acres, but its long and narrow shape concentrates boats to a greater degree than might be expected, otherwise, on a lake of this size. In this regard, Council points out the expressed concerns of the Pennsylvania Striped Bass Association (PSBA) whose members have invested countless volunteer hours, partnering with USACE, and the PA Fish and Boat Commission to improve the recreational fishery at Raystown. PSBA notes that the Hawn's Bridge Peninsula is the one area of the lake most important to the striped bass fishery and the angling effort it attracts. Greatly increased boat traffic, originating from a marina in that exact location, would disrupt this hard-earned fishery and increase the likelihood of boating accidents there.

The threat of development on Hawn's Peninsula has evoked broad concern from a unanimous council.

We believe:

- There is already too much recreational pressure on the lake and that the planned marina would increase boat traffic in an area that is prime Striped Bass territory.
- That recreational boating activity on Raystown is already at peak capacity and that the lake is now under threat of being "loved to death."
- That the absence of housing and man-made structures on the lake contributes to its economic vitality
- That it's getting tougher for the average angler to compete with the plethora of large boats, especially in the warmer months and on weekends.
- That the planned "environmental learning center" is a token gesture intended only to distract the public; it's counterintuitive in that the construction of the center will precipitate the loss of sensitive habitat in an area now designated for natural preservation.
- That development may seriously complicate the primary mission of the USACE, which is one of flood control. What happens if heavy rains or a hurricane is predicted and the Corps needs to reduce the lake level quickly in anticipation of the event? How will the proprietor of the new marina and its customers react and will the Corps be able to respond quickly?
- That the ongoing concerns raised by groups like the Juniata Chapter of the Audubon Society, the PA Striped Bass Association, Backcountry Hunters and Anglers, and the Coalition to Protect Hawn's Bridge, are credible and worthy of heeding.

- Current permitted usage of Raystown Lake and its surrounding recreation area, including seaplane operations, is working, and supports hiking, mountain biking, hunting, fishing, trapping and boating. Large commercial development decreases primitive recreational opportunities and may lead to marine congestion and unwarranted complaints about noise from traditional activities.
- Commercial interests may become overly influential regarding future permitted use due to their desire to earn maximum return on investment.
- In the years to come, the same commercial interest will deploy political leverage to grow their footprint, making it increasingly difficult for the corps to fulfill their mission to conserve the area's natural resources.

Many thanks for taking our concerns and suggestions into consideration. We wish you the best as you endeavor to balance the needs of competing interests and hope that you'll err on the side of caution, recalling the original vision of the 1994 Plan, which sought, pre-eminently, to sustain Raystown's unique natural attributes. Once developed, the sensitive barren lands will be unalterably changed and permanently lost to future generations. We hope that you'll exercise the same far-sighted vision for Raystown as those who created this marvelous landmark.

Respectfully submitted,

-The members of the Governor's Advisory Council on Hunting, Fishing and Conservation-

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To Whom It May Concern,

Re: Retaining the existing natural beauty of Hawn's Bridge Peninsula at Raystown Lake.

I would like to present several points for your consideration while you undertake your 25-year review of the Master Plan for Raystown Lake.

Point 1: Comparison with New Jersey lake development. I grew up in rural New Jersey in the 1950s and watched productive agricultural fields and rich woodlands evolve into tightly-packed housing developments and condominiums. I watched as the lake where my father grew up went from one house way off the lake on a dirt road, to hundreds of houses huddled together each featuring a view of the water. Farmland near the lake, once belonging to my grandfather, became infused with fast-paced city dwellers with headsets and lavish automobiles each trying to portray themselves as a robust part of a "rural outdoors" click. Sadly, the developers got rich and moved on. Raystown Lake deserves more.

Point 2: Environmental sequence: Appreciate-Respect-Preserve. For our American society in general – and for Raystown Lake specifically – should we not attempt to preserve as much woodland as possible, especially natural areas that are publicly owned? I suspect many visitors to Lake Raystown will learn to appreciate unbounded nature. Realize, if they APPRECIATE then they will RESPECT, and if they respect they will PRESERVE. (Conversely, if they do not appreciate, then they will not respect and hence will casually build rights-of-way, highways and visitor complexes, thus effectively destroying many natural habitats.)

Point 3: Myth: Developing Raystown Lake will rejuvenate downtown Huntingdon. For over 40 years I have observed the gradual decline of downtown Huntingdon due to loss of businesses. To bypass downtown parking inconveniences and the like, merchants developed the strip mall along US22 as an "easy in, easy out" access for patrons. A few years later, Wal-Mart with ample parking and commodities galore was wooed into the region in the name of economic development. Many locally owned downtown businesses went belly up. Regarding non-local visitors to Raystown Lake, I predict most will swing through downtown Huntingdon, realize it has little to offer, then will head to Sheetz or Wal-Mart on US22 to get their weekend supplies. Yes, this process may have some economic benefits to the region, but in my opinion, Raystown

Lake visitors will not be the salvation of downtown Huntingdon as the Chamber of Commerce hopes.

Point 4: Eminent domain shortsightedness. Many years ago, local citizens were driven from the land that was to become Lake Raystown. This process for the greater good would have been fine if it had ended there. However, it seems hypocritical to chase one group of inhabitants off to preserve the natural beauty of the future lakefront, while years later inviting businesses onto lakefront tracts in the name of tourism and under the guise of economic development. Something seems radically wrong with this line of thinking.

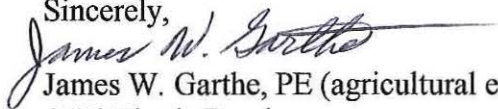
Point 5: Oxymoron surrounding environmental centers. It seems odd that the proposed developer of Hawn's Bridge Peninsula will advertise and feature an on-site environmental center for educational purposes. Rhetorically speaking, would it not be a better educational situation to allow boaters to get off their craft to explore the pristine woodlands for flora, fauna, and other natural habitat... on their own? Again rhetorically, what will be featured at this manmade building: "This is what used to be on Hawn's Peninsula before the construction of this complex destroyed it?"

Point 6: Raystown Lake and global climate change. Extreme weather events are projected to continue for decades. Additional development along this lake will encourage soil erosion and increase runoff into the lake, thus affecting downstream sections of the Juniata River and onward into the Chesapeake Bay. Decision makers, please do not lose sight of the fact that Raystown Lake's main purpose is to act as a flood control system.

Point 7: A visitor's haven. Over the past 40 years, our family has taken numerous friends and visitors from foreign countries to Raystown Lake. Together we have boated on the lake, and have enjoyed many vistas from trails nearby. Overwhelmingly, visitors have remarked how spectacular the lake and surrounding forests are, free of urbanized clutter. One group of visitors from Lake Wallenpaupak in northeast Pennsylvania brought their own boat to Lake Raystown, later remarking how wonderful it was to boat without fear of collisions. They also qualified that the greatest benefit of all was their ability to go ashore most anywhere without being in someone else's backyard.

Thank you for considering these viewpoints.

Sincerely,



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Revising the USACE Raystown Lake plan

Dear Madam or Sir:

As a member of the Huntingdon County Planning Commission for 30 years, I saw hundreds of land development plans. Some were hand-drawn on a single sheet of paper while some had a sheaf of papers including professional drawings, charts, and surveys. Some had good ideas to work with only a shoestring budget, while others had too much money and not enough good sense to improve a poor plan.

We eventually gave up on the idea of Approving or Disapproving plans and went with "Reviewed with the following comments." Some plans were flawed from the start because the developer was just greedy and wanted quick money without thinking through topography, soils, erosion, access, zoning requirements, future land use, etc. Sometimes it was just a bad idea to cut down and pave over oxygen-producing trees and land for one more, tiny, chain discount store.

This developer's plan belongs in several of those categories. It takes land from forest creatures to build human recreational housing. It steals the deep quiet of bass habitat for docks to tie up more boats on an already dangerously crowded water surface. It plans an "environmental center" to replace bat habitat when bats in Pennsylvania have been decimated by disease and need their safe, protected places to regroup and multiply. Where there are shale barrens and protected plant species already there, why wouldn't they be acknowledged and guarded instead of being replaced with glass boxes and visual aids on the walls?

The area of Hawn's Bridge Peninsula contains too many species from our natural heritage that once gone cannot be replaced. This information was collected and catalogued in the *Huntingdon County Natural Heritage Inventory* during my tenure on the HCPC. This proposed development is not a responsible development that saves what is there in nature and adds good to that. It disrespects nature, the wilderness on the hillsides, and under the waters of the lake. It's greedy and self-serving; it doesn't protect the environment we are supposed to save for future generations. Once these parts of nature--the animals, plants, and fish--are gone, they're gone for our lifetimes and beyond. We need to do a better job of listening to the earth and protect what we can. Please do not include land/water development at Hawn's Bridge Peninsula in your revised plans for Raystown Lake.

*Yours truly,
Ginny Hill*

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Master Plan Revision Comment

I would like the following suggestions to be considered for the Master Plan Revision process.

- 1) Designate the shale barrens on the Terrace mountain slope as environmentally sensitive to protect the endangered species native to this environment.
- 2) Expand upon the already first class mountain biking trails around Raystown. The Allegrippis trail system has created a significant boon to the local economy. The trail has substantially increased visitation to Raystown during the Fall and Spring seasons, in times of the of year when past visitation consisted mainly of a few retirees and fishermen. There are mountain bikers flooding into the area from all over the country now. Mountain biking provides this enormous recreation opportunity in the Raystown region without increasing the boater saturation issue on the lake by a single vessel. An expansion could include revamping the Terrace Mountain Trail, making more sections of the trail bike friendly, with fresh grading, additional access points, and improved overnight shelters. Adding bathroom facilities at the trail heads of the Allegrippis trail would also be a welcomed improvement.
- 3) Create additional hiking trails. This will also add recreational opportunities without increasing boater traffic.
- 4) Improve access for kayaking. Kayaking is America's fastest growing watersport and the opportunities at Raystown are limited due to access issues. As a kayaker myself, this is a frustration with Raystown and solving it would create another great recreational experience for our visitors and do so without contributing to boater saturation. While kayaks are also vessels, they are diminutive, slow, and unmotorized. Kayakers for the most part, stick to the no-wake zones. This would piggyback on the local economic benefit created by the mountain bike trail system, as the participants of these sports often cross over between these activities, making Raystown an even more attractive vacation destination to this demographic. The current kayaking options at Raystown mainly consist of launching at a Marina or public boat launch. The marina areas are very busy with boater traffic and not fun at all for kayakers, who prefer to be immersed in a natural environment and away from boater congestion. The boat launches can be difficult to launch from because, like the marinas, kayakers start in areas with higher boater congestion.

To alleviate this issue, I suggest building non-motorized vessel launches at several of the gates that are currently in close proximity to the water. One prime location is the gate at the very end of Baker's Hollow road. Another could be at the mouth to Trough Creek, but this may create a jurisdiction issue as visitors would have to utilize the road that runs through the state park, which closes at sunset.

Trough Creek Bay is a no wake zone and the shoreline is very scenic, making it a great place to kayak or canoe. There could also be one at the Upper Corners, below the handicap access gate as well.

- 5) Reinstate the no wake zone for Beer Barrel Bay. This area used to be a peaceful bay to kayak and fish, but it is now dominated by vessels looping the bay repeatedly to pull wakeboarders and water skiers. This churns the bay up and contributes to erosion of the shore lines. Doing this would encourage the water skiers and wakeboarders to utilize the rest of the lake rather than concentrating in one area.
- 6) Preserve the view from Hawn and Ridenour Overlooks as well as the pristine shoreline of Raystown. This cannot be understated as a significant and beloved feature of the lake for our visitors, the vast majority of whom appreciate Raystown the way it is and this makes it very unique among lakes in this part of the country. People love the natural, undeveloped shoreline and the privacy afforded by it. They come to Raystown because it is not the congested developed mess that is Deep Creek Lake, for example.
- 7) Add a small mooring dock to Senoia campground. This would not increase the number of vessels on the lake, because the dock would be restricted to campers who already intend to moor along the shoreline. This would alleviate the numerous conflicts between campers with waterfront sites and those with sites on the upper tiers of the campground, who also moor in front of the waterfront sites. It may entail removing one site from the waterfront, but I believe it would make a more enjoyable experience for the campers.
- 8) No additional marina slips or boat trailer parking at the launches. The lake is extremely busy on weekends. Even in the 1988 study it was determined to be over capacity. I've heard an opinion that people are better boaters nowadays, which could make it safer than at the time of the earlier study, but I strongly disagree. There are many new, inexperienced boaters today as well and they are operating much larger and faster vessels. There is far less room for user error at these higher speeds. And as a boater myself, I regularly see boat operators performing questionable or downright dangerous maneuvers on the lake such as cruising too close to other boaters, ignoring no-wake zones, navigating against the grain of traffic on the wrong side of the lake, or boating without their navigation lights on after dusk.

The Army Corps should maintain the status quo on trailer parking and dock slips as a means to cap the number of vessels on the lake on any given day. Favoring the quality and safety of the overall experience should take priority over quantity.

I understand the Master Plan revision is not about the Terrace Mountain Lodge proposal that was rejected under the current Master Plan. But it is the proverbial elephant in the room, and it is my belief that no other resorts or similar large scale developments should occur on the Raystown Lake Project. Aside from the detriment to the aesthetics of the landscape surrounding the lake, I would like to also address the most pressing issue I see with the current proposal, the inclusion of an additional marina.

The marina being proposed would add 100 seasonal slips and 50 transient slips. On weekends, it can be assumed that the vast majority of the transient slip holders will be on the water as they will be utilized by current visitors. On Summer weekends, a significant portion or majority of the seasonal slip-holders will likely be on the water as well, judging by similar usage patterns at the Seven Points marina. On these weekends, the total number of vessels on the water attributed to this resort would easily surpass the number launched from a public launch (with the exceptions the very largest launches, James Creek or Shy Beaver) and would likely have a similar effect of adding 1 to 2 more public launches to a lake that is busting at the seams with boater traffic on the weekends. We can also assume that as Mr. Roberts intends to build an upscale resort similar to Bedford Springs, his clientele will most likely bring upscale boats with them, regardless of what the group's PR team has been indicating in order to garner public support. It doesn't take much thought to determine that these crafts will not be 20 foot pontoon boats, but the overpowered and oversized vessels that are already too numerous on Raystown. The incident that occurred on July 29, when a man was ejected from his fishing boat after hitting the wakes from much larger vessels underscores the issue that these types of boats should probably not even be on Raystown to begin with. Kayakers, canoers, operators of smaller vessels should feel safe on the water, rather than as though they are navigating the Chesapeake. Raystown meanders down a narrow river valley with many choke points.

This marina would also severely overburden the Snyder's Run launch, the only public launch north of Seven Points. This would tax the public in valuable time and money for fuel to travel to other launches located many miles away, and inconvenience those that depend on this launch for the benefit of a private company. That runs counter to the purpose of public lands and facilities, resulting in a conflict of interest. The public pays for Snyder's Run to use it, not for the benefit of Mr. Roberts or any other private investor.

By enhancing and increasing access to the non-powerboating outdoor activities on and around the lake while limiting further development to low key improvements such as kayak launches and hiking trails, there is vast potential for new recreation opportunities that will provide a significant economic benefit to the region, and do so by preserving what most people love about Raystown; the pristine shorelines with its park-like atmosphere. This will also protect the environment in and around the lake and not exacerbate the issues of an already overcrowded lake with even more vessels. This would grow the Raystown region in the same spirit that makes this place special; as an outdoor enthusiast's paradise, rather than a playground for the wealthy. With this revision, the future identity of Raystown Lake is at stake, and the choice could not be more stark, as it cannot be both. These 2 competing visions are no more compatible than oil and water, because a lake full of oversized powerboats spoils it for the majority of the public.

There will always be those looking to profit off our most beautiful and cherished public lands. If it were permitted, the Grand Canyon would be ringed with high-rise hotels and Yellowstone would be full of luxury resorts. I am not trying to equate Raystown to Yellowstone, but to many of the lake's frequent visitors, it is every bit as important. Developing these areas would create economic opportunities, but is it really worth forever spoiling these places for what will amount to, for the most part, a couple hundred low paying and seasonal jobs? We must instead preserve these special places not only for our own enjoyment but for our children, and one day, their children as well. It is our responsibility to prevent greed from depriving them of the natural splendor we are able to enjoy today.

Sincerely,

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Paul Grubb

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Huntingdon County, Pennsylvania

OFFICE OF

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

HUNTINGDON, PENNSYLVANIA 16652

Huntingdon County Commissioners – Resolution 13-2018

A resolution of the Board of Huntingdon County Commissioners in support for the Army Corp of Engineers to designate the property in the area of Hawn's Bridge Peninsula in Juniata Township, Huntingdon County into the Raystown Lake Master Plan as future high density recreation.

WHEREAS, The Board of Commissioners of Huntingdon County recognize the importance of regional economic development; and

WHEREAS, The Board of Commissioners of Huntingdon County recognize the significant role that the Terrace Mountain Lodge would provide as a four season tourism destination; and

WHEREAS, The Board of Commissioners of Huntingdon County have been informed that development would be of low environmental impact with the resort and recreation area blending with the natural environment; and

WHEREAS, The Board of Commissioners of Huntingdon County understand the project as described provides for public access through the Terrace Mountain Resort Trail Head to the Hawn's Bridge Recreation Area; and

WHEREAS, The Board of Commissioners of Huntingdon County recognize that the residents on the eastern side of the lake would have benefits of access to the water that the residents on the western side have enjoyed for years; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Huntingdon County Commissioners hereby declare their full support for the Terrace Mountain Resort and the Hawn's Bridge Recreation Area proposals as presented.

Approved this 28th day of August, 2018.

Mark A. Sather

Scott Walls

Jeff Thomas

Michelle R. Barnett



September 28, 2018

Nick Krupa, Project Manager
US Army Corp of Engineers/ Raystown Lake
6145 Seven Points Road
Hesston, PA 16647



Dear Mr. Krupa,

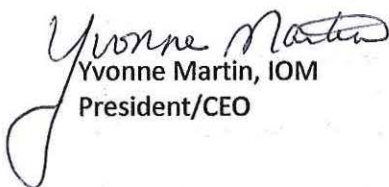
The Huntingdon County Chamber of Commerce is writing in support of the Terrace Mountain Resort and Hawn's Bridge Marina project. As a Chamber of Commerce, we support economic development and believe that the new resort will be a positive addition to our county. In order for the resort to become a reality, Hawn's Bridge Peninsula will need to be reclassified for development. We understand that this development will have a low environmental impact and that maintaining the beauty of Raystown Lake's natural resources can be accomplished in a manner that will still allow for the development of Hawn's Bridge Peninsula.

The proposed Terrace Mountain Lodge and Hawn's Bridge Recreation area will bring from 200-300 full-time permanent jobs to our area and help our local economy greatly with added tax dollars and spending. We urge the USACE to move forward in a manner that will allow more recreation areas on the lake so the general public can have access to lake amenities like camping, boating, kayaking, canoeing, fishing and other sports. We believe that the plans for the adjacent proposed Terrace Mountain Lodge project is consistent with the needs of our community to offer additional convention space, more hotel rooms, and an upscale venue for events that tourists, hotel guests and locals can enjoy.

The Huntingdon County Chamber of Commerce is an organization of about 350 businesses and individuals who are committed to the economic stability and growth of our area. The Chamber is involved in many activities to support our members such as educational programs, networking opportunities, cost saving activities, and advocacy with local, state and regional elected officials on topics of interest to our members.

We have been informed that the Terrace Mountain Lodge project will not move forward without the reclassification of the Hawn's Bridge Peninsula for high-density recreation use since lodge guests will want access to the lake. Therefore, we urge the USACE to reclassify the Hawn's Bridge area for high-density recreational use with the stipulation that the developer provide adequate buffer zones around environmentally sensitive areas and minimizes tree canopy removal.

Sincerely,


Yvonne Martin, IOM
President/CEO

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January 31, 2019

Miss Avis Kennedy
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE)
Raystown Lake Master Plan
6145 Seven Points Road
Hesston, PA 16647

Re: Raystown Lake Master Plan Update

Dear Miss Kennedy:

As the newly-elected State Senator for Pennsylvania's 30th District, I am submitting this letter of comment on the Raystown Lake Master Plan Revision. The 30th District is comprised of Blair and Fulton Counties and portions of Cumberland, Franklin and Huntingdon Counties, including Raystown Lake and many of its surrounding municipalities. The largest lake that is entirely within Pennsylvania, Raystown Lake is referred to as the "crown jewel" of the state. Originally constructed as a hydroelectric project, the lake has become one of the most popular outdoor recreation locations, drawing approximately two million visitors per year.

The significant impact of tourism on the economy of Huntingdon County and The Alleghenies Region is detailed in the *Alleghenies Ahead Regional Comprehensive Plan* adopted in 2018. The plan cites Raystown Lake is as a major economic driver and confirms that the region's natural assets and recreational amenities play an increasingly vital role in attracting investment by contributing to the quality of life to attract businesses, residents, and visitors. Using an extensive public involvement process to gather input, this plan identified support for land use changes and investment that will allow for positive improvements for both residents and visitors.

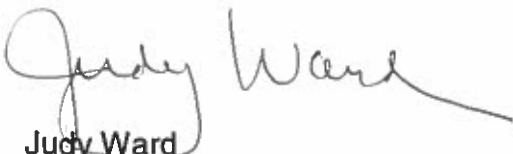
I understand that the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Baltimore District (USACE-Baltimore) is currently updating the Raystown Lake Master Plan, which will prescribe an overall land use management plan, resource objectives, and associated design and management concepts for the lake. This plan is vitally important to the region since it will govern the way the land is managed and will guide consistent, responsible decision-making for the next 15-25 years.

As a result, I support the rezoning of the Hawn's Bridge Peninsula at the northeastern shore of Raystown Lake for high-density recreation to allow expanded public access to the water from that side of the lake. This rezoning and issuance of a concession lease would allow public-private cooperation and would open the door to the development of a world-class resort at Raystown Lake to provide increased recreational opportunities at the lake, particularly in Union and Juniata Townships, which are within the state's 30th Senatorial District.

I support the Terrace Mountain Resort and Hawn's Bridge Recreation Area proposals because these developments will add recreational amenities while having a low environmental impact to preserve the natural environment that makes the area unique. As result of this development, the area will benefit from \$100 million in private investment, the creation of approximately 250-300 full-time jobs, and generation of significant tax revenue, plus the additional benefits to local businesses from visitor spending.

It is important that USACE reclassify the Hawn's Bridge Peninsula at the northeastern shore of Raystown Lake for high-density recreation to enable the Terrace Mountain Resort and Hawn's Bridge Recreation Area Projects to move forward. They offer a tremendous opportunity for Huntingdon County and the region. I support these efforts to enhance recreational opportunities at the lake, resulting in significant economic benefits while showcasing our natural resources and protecting the environment.

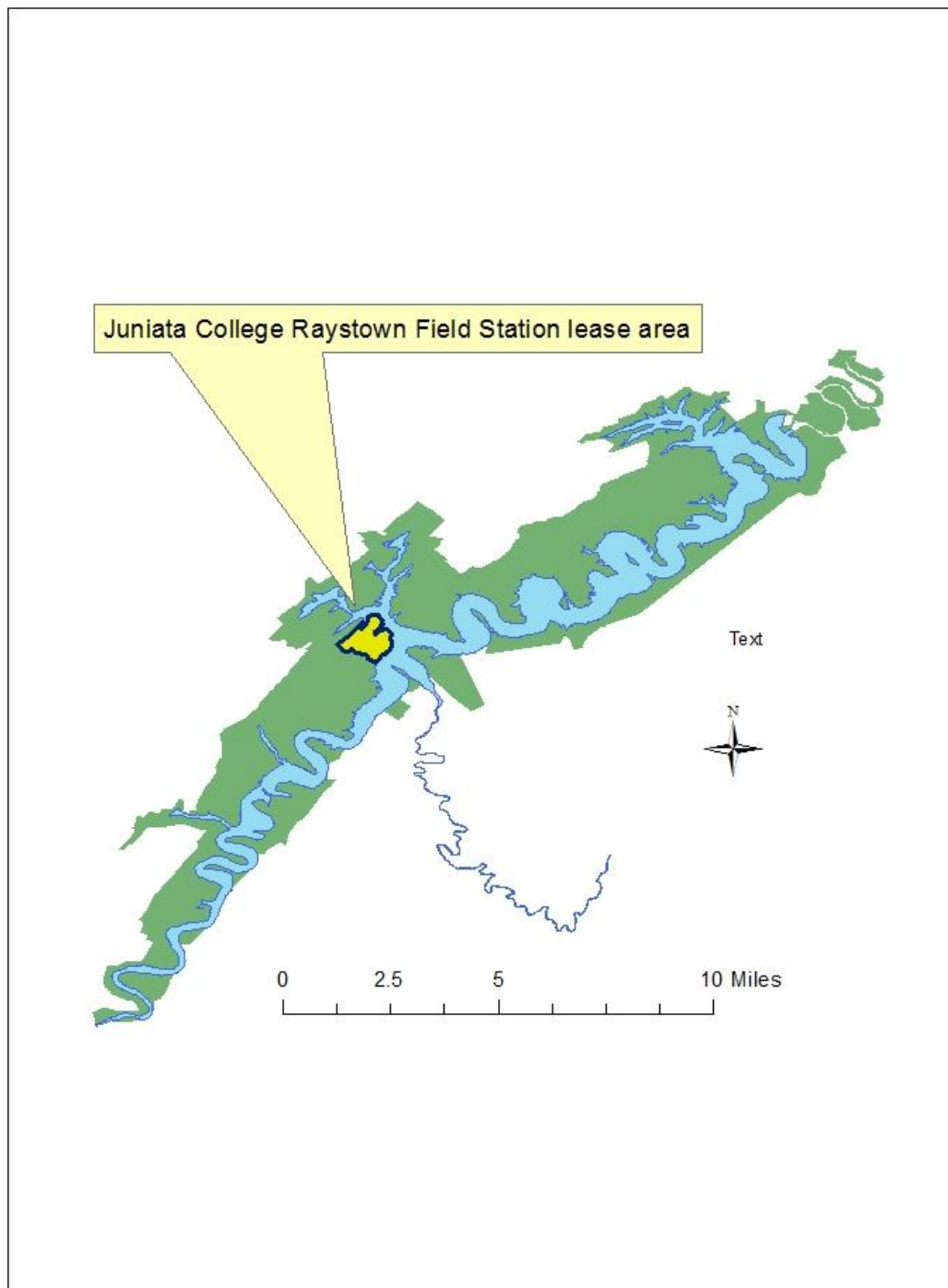
Sincerely,

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Judy Ward
State Senator, 30th District

cc: Col. John T. Litz, Commander, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Baltimore District
Huntingdon County Commissioners
Huntingdon County Business & Industry (HCBI)

The Raystown Field Station (RFS) is an entity of Juniata College. We currently lease approximately 365 acres on Lake Raystown near the town of Entriken (please attached figures).



The RFS is comprised of 2 main areas or complexes – Grove Farm House and Lakeside Center. The Grove Farm House area also includes a boat dock area. See attached figure (image provided by Google <https://goo.gl/maps/n4Sr6tRCVPM2>)

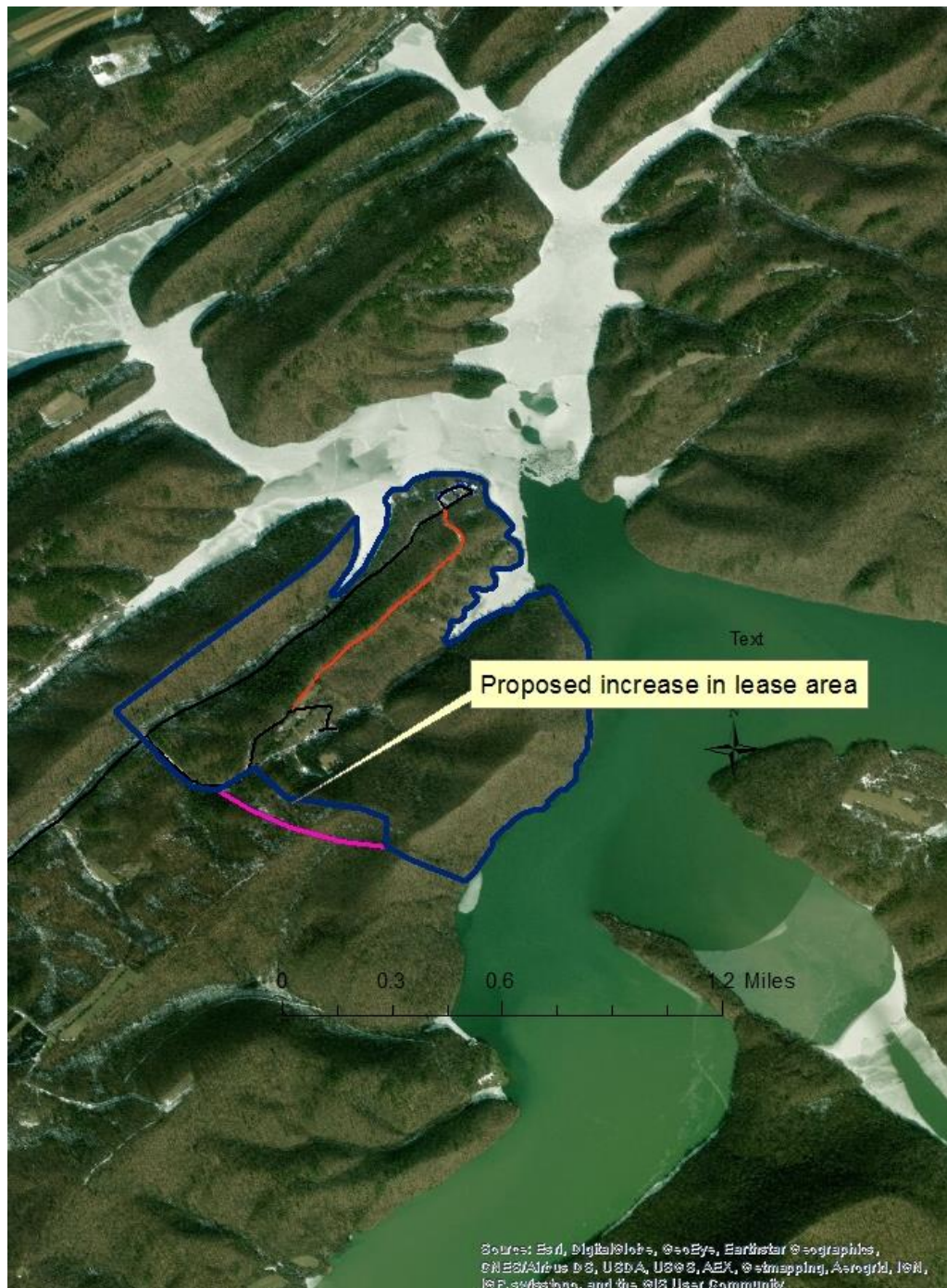


Grove Farm house complex is made up of Grove Farm house, a garage, and building known as the “sugar shack” – where traditional maple syrup making takes place. There is also a dock below the complex where several boats are maintained throughout the boating season. Lakeside Center complex includes Shuster Hall (a 6,000 sq.f t. multipurpose facility), 2 housing lodges (Davis and Robison), a storage shed and a wastewater treatment building and underground wastewater drip-infiltration system. We also maintain a variety of other features such as a small recreation areas at Lakeside, numerous trails, and research sites throughout the acreage.

For future planning and as part of the Raystown Master Plan, we anticipate the following:

- We would request an extension of the southwest boundary of the leased property. This will create an additional buffer protecting Grove Farm and student activities from public access. We request the lease boundary adjustment for safety reasons. The college’s original lease boundary survey was inaccurate. When the boundary was resurveyed by the U.S. Army Corps, the boundary was determined to exist at the very top of the ridge looking down with a clear view into Grove Farm. We desire to have add this small buffer between outreach activities at Grove Farm and areas of active hunting, which now occur within view and potential line of fire of Grove Farm. The additional boundary increase is approximately 300 feet in width and we would

work with administration and staff at the Raystown Project to determine a suitable increase and locations. See attached figure.



- Given the anticipated lifespan of the Master Plan, we would anticipate completing the Lakeside Center according to the original plan or some variation. This would include:
- Additional housing
- Another classroom/multipurpose building
- An outdoor pavilion/classroom
- We may also construct storage and facility buildings
- At the Grove Farm complex, we also anticipate potential boat storage and covered dock space being constructed.
- Additional recreational opportunities may also being included in future plan,s such as a ropes course.

We realize, of course, that all future construction would be vetted thru proper permitting and completed in accordance with all local, state, and federal guidelines. Exact or final locations have not been discussed at this time, however; future construction would be concentrated in areas that are already currently developed. Future construction at RFS would also continue the practice of embedding facilities into the landscape in a naturalistic and sustainable manner. The proposed expansion of facilities will allow the Juniata College Raystown Field Station to continue to fulfil its mission of education, as well as, research and monitoring in service to natural resource stewardship at Raystown Lake.

Juniata Township Board of Supervisors
P.O. Box 248
Huntingdon, PA 16652

September 4, 2018

Avis Kennedy
Project Manager/ Raystown Lake Master Plan
US Army Corp of Engineers
6145 Seven Points Road
Hesston, PA 16647



RE: Letter of Support for the reclassification of the Hawn's Bridge peninsula for high density recreation

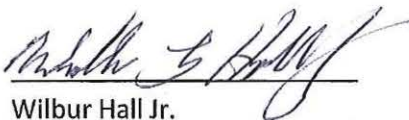
The Juniata Township Supervisors would like to express our full support for the proposed re-classification of the Hawn's Bridge peninsula for high density recreation as part of the master plan update for Raystown Lake. As you are aware, this land is within the jurisdiction of Juniata Township. Our residents would benefit greatly from additional public usage recreation area on the northeastern shore of Raystown Lake. Currently, there is very limited access to the lake within Juniata Township.

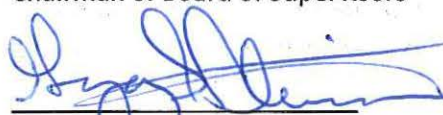
Reclassification, and the potential awarding by the Corps of a concession lease for water-based recreational facilities, would allow the Terrace Mountain Lodge and Hawn's Bridge Recreation Area to move forward as a public-private effort. If awarded the concession lease, we understand that Lancer Resources, LP, is willing to pay for all the development costs, including any environmental studies, to create this public recreation area on Raystown Lake. The new area would allow access to the lake to those with disabilities while providing a new access point to the lake on the northeast shore. Most importantly there are employment, economic and tax benefit opportunities for Juniata Township residents that cannot be ignored.

We strongly urge the USACE to reclassify the Hawn's Bridge peninsula area for recreational use, as it was in the original 1977 Raytown Lake Master Plan. We urge you to pursue a public-private partnership that would afford access to new water-based recreational facilities on the northeast side of Raystown Lake for everyone to enjoy.

With regards,

The Juniata Township Board of Supervisors:


Wilbur Hall Jr.
Chairman of Board of Supervisors


Gregory S. Stein
Supervisor Board of Supervisors

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Dean Parks
Vice-Chairman Board of Supervisors

RECREATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

The fast pace of our lives seems to increase exponentially from day to day. Our "busy" schedules dictate where we go and what we do every waking moment. If we are not careful the stress of our "busy" schedules will kill us! It is important to schedule some "quiet time" to relax; time for recreation.

There are many different ways to spend our "quiet time" in recreation. Some enjoy watching or participating in individual or team sports. Others simply ~~like~~ do an exercise program. Some seek to "unwind" at elaborate amusement parks. Some like to stay at resorts or in campers with all the comforts of home, while others choose tents or to sleep under the stars. Some prefer to "tame" nature on ATV's, dirt bikes or motor boats. Still others desire to experience the raw beauty of nature in low impact activities such as hiking, backpacking or enjoying paddle boats like canoes and kayaks.

The Raystown Lake in Huntingdon County Pennsylvania provides opportunity for many different types of recreation. The Raystown Dam, built in the 1970's, replaces a smaller dam that was located on the Raystown branch of the Juniata River. The primary function of the present Raystown Dam is to control water levels and prevent serious flooding in the Juniata river basin. The potential to produce electricity using the water retained by the dam was recognized and a hydro-electric generating station was built at Raystown Lake. Other outcomes of constructing the lake have been the potential for diverse recreational activities, and formation of unique aquatic and woodland habitats which have become home for some rare and endangered species.

The large lake created by the Raystown Dam has attracted a variety of watercraft primarily motor boats such as jet skis, pontoon boats, and speed boats. Also, the lake has immense potential for canoes, kayaks and other paddle boats. The many coves and inlets invite exploration by boat. The deep waters of the lake provide habitat for striped bass and other species of interest to fisherman. The rolling hills predominantly along the west shore offer scenic campgrounds and easy access to the lake. The Allegrippis trail system on the west shore presents a challenging course for mountain bikers of all skill levels and is shared day hikers as well. And the steep slopes predominately on the north and eastern shore provide habitat for wildlife, for example many birds of prey including eagles, hawks and osprey find shelter, hunt and nest in these areas.

Careful planning, development and management of recreational areas are necessary to facilitate diverse recreational opportunities, maintain safe operations and minimize the impact on aquatic and woodland habitats for wildlife. Hasty and uncontrolled development reduces

recreational options and destroys wildlife habitats, which can never be recovered. For example, crowding more motor boats on a lake makes it more difficult to navigate through the boat traffic; it impacts other activities such as fishing and paddle boats; it increases the chance for collisions and other boating accidents. The same is true for random lakeshore and forest development: The goal cannot be to simply crowd more people into campsites or on trails; nor can it be to develop every foot of shoreline around a lake. Overcrowding increases stress and reduces enjoyment of once relaxing recreational activities.

There are many factors that should be considered for responsible development of our dwindling natural areas. These factors include, but are not limited to: current use, topography, existing infrastructure such as road and utilities, and impact on the environment especially resources that will be changed or lost forever. I commend the Army Corps of Engineers for taking the time to evaluate many factors, perform studies, conduct surveys, and solicit comments from the community and public in preparation for the mandated review of their Master Plan for Raystown Lake. The Army Corps of Engineers has refrained from issuing any comments, opinions, or decisions before all the data is compiled and thoroughly reviewed. Unfortunately, some folks, many in positions of power or influence, consider only one factor, money. They have personal or political agendas, but their primary concern is money and the Return On Investment (ROI). An investor purchased large tracts of land near Raystown Lake; speculating on a high-risk venture that has become unprofitable. Looking to improve Return On Investment, the investor now proposes building an exclusive resort on land with little or no supporting infrastructure and seeks access through forest and down steep slopes to extend the resort development along the Raystown Lake shoreline. It is important to note that in the current Master Plan for Raystown Lake there already are areas designated for development of a resort and related amenities with existing and easily expanded infrastructure that would complement a variety of existing recreational activities in the vicinity.

Personally, I would prefer an impartial review of the studies and surveys before deciding whether another resort is needed and where it should be located at Raystown Lake. I pray that wisdom and logical thought prevail over irrational notions and impulsive ideas, as decisions are made that will indelibly affect the future of the Raystown Lake and environs.

Thom Lintner
Huntingdon, Pennsylvania

Comments and Concerns
Of the
Pennsylvania Striped Bass Association
Regarding the
Master Plan Revision for Raystown Lake
And the
Proposed Hawn's Bridge Peninsula Development

Introduction

Raystown Lake has earned a reputation as a great fishery. Anglers travel large distances to come to Raystown Lake to fish for a variety of species including Crappie bass, Lake Trout, Large and Smallmouth bass, Muskies, and other species. Raystown Lake is best known as the premier Striped Bass lake in the Northeast US and is the site where several Pennsylvania state records have been taken.

Anglers have provided an important economic benefit to the communities surrounding Raystown Lake. Fishing tournaments are held almost every week from early spring until fall with anywhere from 25 to 125 teams participating, each team involving two or more individuals. While some teams are composed of family members, many teams are comprised of individuals from different families. Teams come from surrounding states as well as Pennsylvania. They stay in local lodging, eat at local restaurants, and purchase groceries and supplies from local stores. Importantly, anglers are not just summer visitors. Examination of boats and trailers during early spring and late fall shows that the vast majority belong to anglers. They provide an important economic benefit during those times of the year when traditional summer vacationers are not present.

Anglers also contribute to the benefit of the lake in a variety of other ways. Since these comments reflect the views of the Pennsylvania Striped Bass Association, we shall focus on the activities of our Association which we believe have benefited Raystown Lake and the general public recreating there for many years.

The Pennsylvania Striped Bass Association is an all-volunteer non-profit organization which traditionally has funded all its activities through its membership dues, donations, and fundraisers. All work done for the benefit of the lake and the Pennsylvania Striped Bass Association (PSBA) hatchery has been accomplished through volunteer labor. Our past efforts included raising funds for the purchase of striped bass fingerlings to stock in Raystown Lake for the benefit of the general public. However, changes in the fish farming industry have now made it impossible in some years to purchase striped bass fingerlings and the cost of these fingerlings has skyrocketed. Fish farmers desire hybrid striped bass for their operations so firms spawning striped bass have switched over to producing hybrids instead of the pure-strain striped bass we are required to stock in Raystown Lake. Our difficulty in obtaining fingerlings for stocking to help keep Raystown Lake as the premier striped bass fishery in the Northeast led our members to spend considerable time and effort in building a hatchery to spawn striped bass taken from the lake. Our hatchery has become a Cooperative Nursery with the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission. We were grateful to receive grants from the USACE, the Friends of Raystown Lake, and the Huntington Visitors Bureau to help expand our hatchery. We are also grateful that the USACE has leased a building to us for our hatchery operation. We believe our efforts are critical to maintain and support the striped bass fishery and the economic benefits that accrue to community businesses by the large number of anglers that come to fish the lake. The following pages show some of the activities the PA Striped Bass Association does as our members "Give back to Raystown Lake." Also included are several pages of photos of the hatchery that we have built and operate in our efforts to continue to stock striped bass in the lake for the benefit of the general public. We are pleased to be part of a private, state, and federal partnership in our efforts to help maintain a quality fishery at Raystown Lake.

Pa Striped Bass Association Activities

"Giving Back to Raystown Lake"

Striped Bass Anglers have contributed over \$500,000 to purchase over 1,500,000 fish to stock in Raystown Lake since 2005 for the enjoyment of the public.

Hatchery Efforts

1. Construct Hatchery -\$40K
2. Pa Fish & Boat Commission
Cooperative Nursery
3. Spawn fish for Raystown Lake and other
Pa Lakes
4. Provide educational tours to group
5. First hatchery this far north to
successfully spawn striped bass.



1500 Gallon Recirculating System, Degassing Column for Water Source



Recirculating System: Bio-filter (blue tank), Bead filter (Brown tank), UV light chamber (black tube)



**Nursery: Chesapeake striper strain hatch tanks (green); Roanoke striper strain hatching jars (clear);
Aquarium for raising brine shrimp**



Tanks for Newly Hatched Fry with Air and Water Spray Nozzles to Remove Oil from Water Surface



Water Preconditioning Tanks for Hatchery Gravity flow System



Water Preconditioning Tanks and 1200 Gallon Tanks used for Tank Spawning Male and Female Stripers



Cooling Units and Bead Filter with 1200 Gallon Tanks for Tank Spawning



Water Purification Tanks to Condition Artesian Well Water for Hatchery



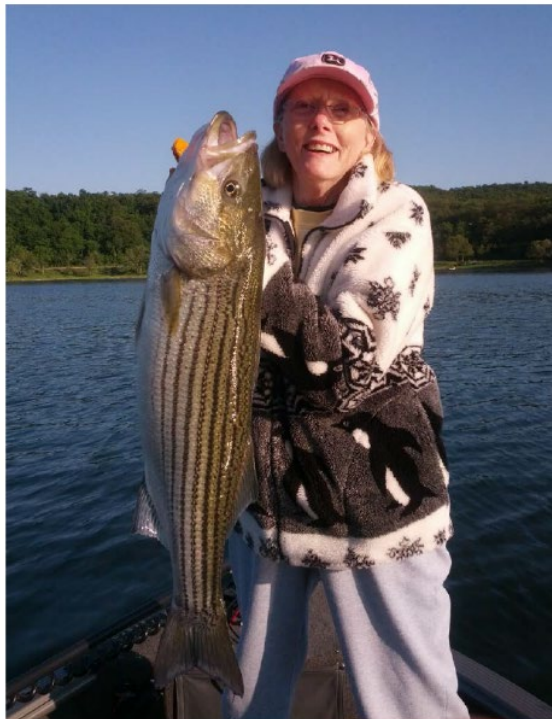
Young Striped Bass Fry -3 Weeks Old in Hatchery Tank



Four-Inch Striped Bass being stocked by PSBA into Raystown Lake for Benefit of the Public



The Thrill of Catching a Striper is What Makes Raystown Lake Great for Anglers



Pa Striped Bass Association Activities

"Giving Back to Raystown Lake"

Lake Activities

1. Provide boats for Lake Cleanup
2. Help maintain lights on shore points
3. Fishing day for Veterans
4. Big Brother fishing day
5. Tournament for Cancer Research
6. Seminars about Striped Bass for visitors



Angler Concerns and Comments

There are a number of concerns of anglers which we hope the Master Plan Revision team will address. We are aware that these concerns are shared by anglers fishing for a number of species in the lake. However our comments here specifically relate to concerns originating within the membership of the PSBA. These concerns involve:

1. Preservation of critical summer striped bass habitat areas between the breast of the dam and marker 4, especially the underwater structures found along the shoreline from marker 2 past the Five Fingers area. Preservation of this habitat, in our opinion, requires that area to be designated as an area of restricted or limited recreation in the new Master Plan. Designation of this area as an area for intensive recreation and/or the construction of marinas on both sides of Hawn's Peninsula would adversely impact the area where a significant proportion of our striped bass are located mid-May to September due to water temperature, dissolved oxygen levels, presence of baitfish, and specific underwater structures important for striped bass.
2. The ability to continue to collect striped bass for the PSBA hatchery efforts from the Five Fingers area. All of our males collected during the last two years came from the breast of the dam to Marker 4. Our first successful female to spawn in our hatchery also came from that area.
3. The ability of our members to be able to fish where the fish are located. As seen in the enclosed member survey, the area from dam to marker 4 is the area of the lake most important to our members and it is where our members spend the greatest amount of time fishing.
4. The ability of striped bass anglers to fish safely. Anglers fishing for striped bass need more room because of the methods of fishing for striped bass, and their boats are moving very slowly. A large percentage of our members have experienced near collisions or have experience other boats running over and cutting off their planer boards lines. The removal of buoys from Beer Barrel Bay and most of Trough Creek has brought water skiers and jet skiers into those no wake areas designated by the Master Plan, removing an element of safety for striped bass anglers fishing those areas spring and fall as fish move with the seasons. Our membership has serious safety concerns with the present boat density and believes additional education and enforcement of the no wake zones designated by PA state law and by previous Master Plans is necessary.

To fully understand the concerns of the PSBA, one needs to understand how we fish and where we fish. One also needs to know information about the seasonal movement of striped bass and why the striped bass habitat in the Five Fingers area is so important to the fish and the activities of the PSBA. PSBA members donate substantial funds and time for the benefit of the general public at Raystown Lake. If the ability of our members to fish safely and productively for striped bass is adversely affected, the reason for continuing our efforts will be diminished.

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Angler Concerns and Comments

There are a number of concerns of anglers which we hope the Master Plan Revision team will address. We are aware that these concerns are shared by anglers fishing for a number of species in the lake. However our comments here specifically relate to concerns originating within the membership of the PSBA. These concerns involve:

1. Preservation of critical summer striped bass habitat areas between the breast of the dam and marker 4, especially the underwater structures found along the shoreline from marker 2 past the Five Fingers area. Preservation of this habitat, in our opinion, requires that area to be designated as an area of restricted or limited recreation in the new Master Plan. Designation of this area as an area for intensive recreation and/or the construction of marinas on both sides of Hawn's Peninsula would adversely impact the area where a significant proportion of our striped bass are located mid-May to September due to water temperature, dissolved oxygen levels, presence of baitfish, and specific underwater structures important for striped bass.

2. The ability to continue to collect striped bass for the PSBA hatchery efforts from the Five Fingers area. All of our males collected during the last two years came from the breast of the dam to Marker 4. Our first successful female to spawn in our hatchery also came from that area.

3. The ability of our members to be able to fish where the fish are located. As seen in the enclosed member survey, the area from dam to marker 4 is the area of the lake most important to our members and it is where our members spend the greatest amount of time fishing.

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Methods of Fishing for Striped Bass

1. Trolling with Planner Boards and live bait

Slow Speed -.6 to .8 mph using electric trolling motor

Wide space required –planner boards out 50' each side of boat

2. Trolling with Umbrella rigs

Speed 2.5 mph with kicker motor

Umbrella rig out 90-100' behind boat

3. Shoreline Casting

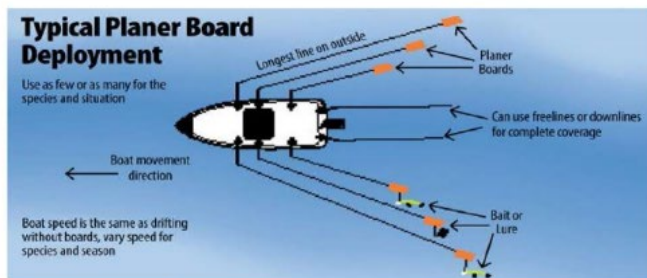
Casting plugs or jigs from boat to shoreline and retrieve.

4. Bank Fishing

Anchoring along shoreline, casting live bait further out into lake

Raystown Lake enjoys a wide diversity of recreation. Fishing for striped bass is one of them, and like other types of recreation it has its own requirements to safely recreate. Boats fishing for stripers are slow-moving boats. Their use of a electric trolling motor does not allow these anglers the option to rapidly accelerate to avoid a potential collision from another boat. Striper anglers require space, 50 feet on each side of the boat for the use of planer boards. In addition, lines may extend 100 feet behind the boat. The following pages contain pictures showing how fishing for striped bass occurs at Raystown Lake. Much of the public is not familiar with how we fish. Although our planer boards are clearly marked, our members have continuing issues with other inattentive boat operators cutting off our lines and speeding by too close to our slow moving boats. No wake zones provide a great margin of safety for our fishing. However, there is little enforcement of the PA law requiring a no wake zone 100 feet from the shoreline, and the removal of the buoys from Bear Barrel Bay and Trough Creek Bay has removed some important protection for striper fishermen and other anglers who fish those areas in spring and fall. Since most of our members' fishing during summer months occurs between the dam to marker 4, we believe the construction of a marina with 150 boat slips around Marker 2 would increase boat density in that zone leading to even greater safety issues than those already being experienced with current boat density levels.

Planer boards with bait are pulled by electric trolling motors at a speed of 0.8 mph. They can extend out to 50 feet on both sides of the boat.



Boat fishing with planer boards –only 4 of 6 shown in picture frame.



Umbrella rigs are pulled slowly at 2 to 2.5 mph and extend up to 100 feet behind. These rigs resemble a school of baitfish.

Umbrella Rigs



Seasonal Movement and Locations of Striped Bass in Raystown Lake

The seasonal movements and locations of striped bass in Raystown Lake has been well established. Many of our members have over 20 years, even 30 years, of fishing experience for striped bass on this lake and will follow these fish as they move. There is one area in the lake, from the dam to Marker 4, which holds striped bass year-round. This contrasts with other areas of the lake where changes in water temperature, dissolved oxygen levels, the presence or absence of baitfish and underwater structures which are not conducive for striped bass during certain times of the year. The current Master Plan points out that the upper half of the lake is not suitable for striped bass for periods during the summer due to low oxygen levels and other factors. Our members believe that hypoxic conditions for striped bass extend down to and includes Beer Barrel Bay. Trout being used as bait will die quickly in Beer Barrel Bay if fished in July and August, while trout will survive in the area from the dam to Marker 4. So striped bass are concentrated in that zone from mid-May to September and some remain there all year. This is not to say there is not a single striped bass in other areas. Trough Creek, or other tributaries, may bring more oxygenated waters to a smaller zone that may include a few fish, but fisherman know and go to where the fish are, and the PSBA survey reflects where most of the fish are as evidenced by where our members spend most of their time fishing.

Many of the striped bass move with the seasons as depicted on the map on the next page. In early spring, April-early May, fish migrate to the upper part of the lake to the area from the old power plant to Weavers Falls. They do this in response to warmer water temperatures and the presence of baitfish which move into that area. They may also do this due to the innate urge in striped bass to go up river to spawn. However we have not observed them attempting to spawn at this time as water temperatures remain too cold. As water temperatures warm up on the rest of the lake, the fish begin moving back to the dam. As they move toward the dam, these fish can be caught at various locations (Tatman Run, James Creek, Trough Creek, Beer Barrel Bay, and Seven Points) as they move through the area. They remain in the area from the dam to marker 4 until September. With cooling temperatures and better oxygen levels, they will begin moving up the lake. In October they seem to congregate for several weeks at Tatman Run before continuing further.

The location of striped bass and the ability to successfully fish for them is controlled by the ecological factors mentioned (water temperature, dissolved oxygen, presence of baitfish, underwater structure) and by human factors such as boat traffic. There are a number of studies demonstrating that high-speed boat traffic can cause fish to move from their preferred area to areas with less desirable ecological factors. As fisherman, we observe that on our sonar screens. Fish may move a short distance away from slow-moving boats but remain in the area. Repeated fast-moving boats can cause fish to vacate the area completely to areas containing less dissolved oxygen thus stressing the fish.

The area from the dam to marker 4 is unique in that it will hold striped bass year-round. It has all the significant ecological factors that are important for striped bass year round. Most importantly, there are multiple unique underwater structures along the Hawn's Bridge Peninsula, particularly from Marker 2 past the Five Fingers area, that are heavily utilized by striped bass. On a following page, we have circled critical striped bass underwater structures in blue. The green circle represents several wide benches running from 20 to 65 feet in depth that are also utilized by striped bass. The proposed Marina on both sides of Hawn's Peninsula would adversely affect these underwater structures, and in our opinion, the construction of the docks and the additional boat traffic would likely force striped bass to leave the habitat most ecologically suited for them during the warm summer months. The following two pages show the seasonal movement of striped bass and the topography of the lake from the dam to Marker 4.

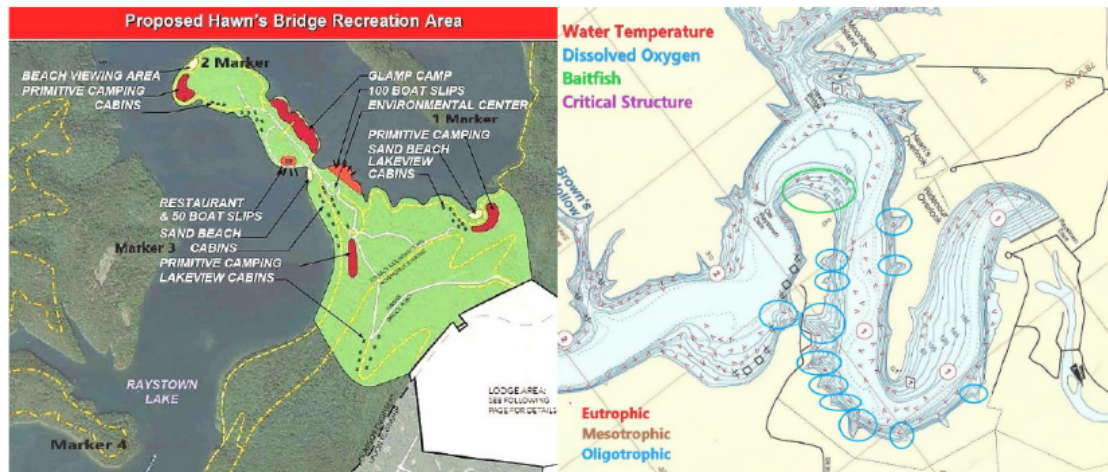
Water Temperature
Dissolved Oxygen
Baitfish
Critical Structure

Brown's Hollow
 NO WAKE
 In Channel

Eutrophic
Mesotrophic
Oligotrophic

Map features include: Moonbeam Island, GHI, Hawk's Overlook, Ridgour Overlook, Reptown Dam, Gate, and various depth contours (e.g., 145, 100, 85, 70, 55, 40, 25, 10, 0). The map also shows a series of blue circles and a green oval highlighting specific areas of interest.

Important Ecological Factors for Striped Bass Present along Hawn's Peninsula



We believe the most critical area of yearlong habitat for striped bass is the area along the dam side of Hawn's Peninsula going past Five Fingers to the dam. This area is especially important during the summer months when ecological factors are not suitable for striped bass in the upper half or more of the lake as pointed out in the previous Master Plan. Four critical ecological factors (water temperature, dissolved oxygen, baitfish, and underwater structures) are what bring stripers back to this area after their seasonal movements and also are the reason why some stripers stay here year-round. The blue circles indicate underwater ravines and humps where stripers will suspend waiting to feed on baitfish (See following page). As baitfish near the shoreline, stripers move in forcing the baitfish closer to shore where they slap the baitfish with their tails, stunning the baitfish which they then consume. Baitfish can be thrown several feet into the air when the stripers trap them along the shoreline. The green circle indicates several underwater broad benches that stripers also utilize. There is no other place in Raystown Lake that has such a number of close underwater structures important to striped bass which when combined with the important ecological factors mentioned provide a critical water habitat for striped bass during the summer when other areas of the lake are not suitable. In our view, a designation of this area for "intensive recreation" in the Master Plan would have significant adverse effects on the striped bass fishery and anglers who support it. The PSBA believes the construction and presence of marinas on both side of Hawn's Peninsula would adversely impact this important striped bass habitat. A look at the important underwater structures circled in blue shows that the structures go up to the shoreline and stripers

often feed along this shoreline along with walleye and smallmouth bass. The presence of docks over this habitat, the movement of 150 boats into and away from the docks, the operation of jet skis from the proposed resort, the movement of canoes or kayaks along shoreline, and all the human activities that could occur on or along the beach will most certainly drive striped bass from these areas of critical underwater structure. Striped Bass cannot handle stress well when forced into areas with higher temperatures and/or lower dissolved oxygen levels. When stressed, studies have shown striped bass may dive into areas of underwater timber where they die. In these cases, the carcass often does not flow to the surface and the mortality that occurs goes unnoticed.

As mentioned earlier, almost all of the striped bass we have acquired for our hatchery operations were caught in this area. Environmental conditions can impact the fertility of the fish acquired for spawning. We have obtained a few striped females from other areas of the lake, but have not had a successful spawn from those fish to date. Likewise, the quality of sperm evaluated under a microscope has been superior in males caught in that area, probably in part to the more ideal ecological factors in that area. Although we attempt to catch fish for the hatchery from different areas of the lake, the area from Marker 2 to the dam has been where we have acquired the most fish because that is where significant amounts striped bass are located and feeding during the months of our hatchery operation. We have concerns that the building of the proposed marinas and all the associated activity will impact our ability to acquire the fish that have demonstrated to be fertile for spawning purposes.

Striped Bass Feeding on Baitfish



Impacts on Anglers of a Change in the Recreational Density Classification in the Hawn's Peninsula Area

To ascertain the potential impact of designating the area around Hawn's Peninsula as an area for intensive or high density recreation in the new Master Plan, we asked members of the PSBA to respond to the questionnaire seen below. The questionnaire sought to determine how important the area from Marker 4 to the dam was to our members and if they might be impacted should a change in recreational density allow the building of the marinas on both sides of Marker 2. We also wanted to determine the degree of utilization of that area by our members. The questionnaire is self-explanatory, and the results of the questionnaire are given with each question. Approximately 60% responded with the greater % of responses coming from members with many years of experience on Raystown Lake. Comments follow the survey results-Exhibit A.

PSBA SURVEY RESPONSE – (% of Members Responses)

1. During May through August, do you fish for striped bass in the area from the Dam to Marker 4? **Yes** **No**

98% 2%
2. How much of the time that you fish during May through August do you spend fishing from the Dam to Marker 4?
Less than 25% **25%-50%** **50%-75%** **75%-100%** **50% of last group spends over 90% of time there**

3% 24% 29% 44%
3. What % of the fish that you catch May through August are caught from the dam to Marker 4?
Less than 25% **25%-50%** **50%-75%** **75%-100%** **53% of last group caught over 90% of fish there**

9% 15% 41% 35%
- 4a. Do you fish striped bass tournaments in the area described above during May through September? **Yes** **No**

65% 35%
- 4b. How important to your recreational fishing is the ability to safely pull bait and fish for striped bass from the dam to Marker 4? **Doesn't matter** **Somewhat important** **Very important** **My continued fishing depends on it**

1% 2% 63% 34%
5. How late in the morning do you usually fish before boat traffic causes you to stop pulling bait in the area described above?
8 am **9 am** **10 am** **11 am** **12 pm** **1pm or later**

3% 36% 41% 16% 2% 2%
6. Have you encountered boat traffic cutting off lines or planer boards while fishing for striped bass? **Yes** **No**

72% 28%
7. How does the present boat traffic impact your ability to enjoy fishing for striped bass on Raystown Lake during May through August? **No effect** **Occasional impact** **Limits when I can fish** **Frequently creates serious safety issues**

0% 8% 43% 49%
8. How important in your view is it for the PSBA to continue to stock striped bass in Raystown Lake?
Unnecessary **It helps but not critical** **Very important** **Absolutely critical to maintain quality fishery**

0% 0% 5% 95%
9. Have you helped to fish for striped bass to provide stock for the PSBA hatchery? **Yes** **No**

43% 57%
10. If you caught fish for the spawning efforts at the PSBA hatchery, did you catch any of those fish in the area from the Dam to Marker 4 in the period of May through September? **Yes** **No**

56% 44%

PSBA SURVEY RESPONSE – (% of Members Responses)

11. Do you bank fish along the shoreline on either side of Marker 2 during May through August? **Yes** **No**

68% 32%
12. Do you cast plugs or jigs along the shoreline from the Dam to Marker 4 during May through August? **Yes** **No**

93% 7%
13. Acquiring baitfish by permitted throw nets is an important part of successful striper fishing. If you net baitfish, do you do so in the area described above? **Yes** **No**

57% 43%
14. In your experience as a striped bass fisherman, what area of the lake is most important to be able to safely pull bait during May through August? **Dam to Marker 4** **Marker 4 to 8** **Marker 8-12** **Marker 12-16** **Above Marker 16**

83% 7% 5% 3% 2%
15. How many years have you fished Raystown Lake? **Average 21.8 years; 30% > 30 years; 24% > 20 but < 30 years**
 About how many hours do you spend on Raystown Lake fishing each year? **Average 363 hrs; 8 average 995 hrs; rest average 267 hrs**
16. How do you believe the marina and docks on either side of Marker 2 along with additional boat traffic will affect your ability to safely enjoy striped bass fishing at Raystown? **Minimal effect** **Some impact but I can live with it**

0% 5%

Will disrupt the ability for enjoyable striped bass fishing experience in that area 85%
I'll go to another lake for striped bass fishing 10%
17. Will you continue to support all the PSBA activities on the lake if the marina is constructed? **Yes** **No** **?**

84% 7% 9%

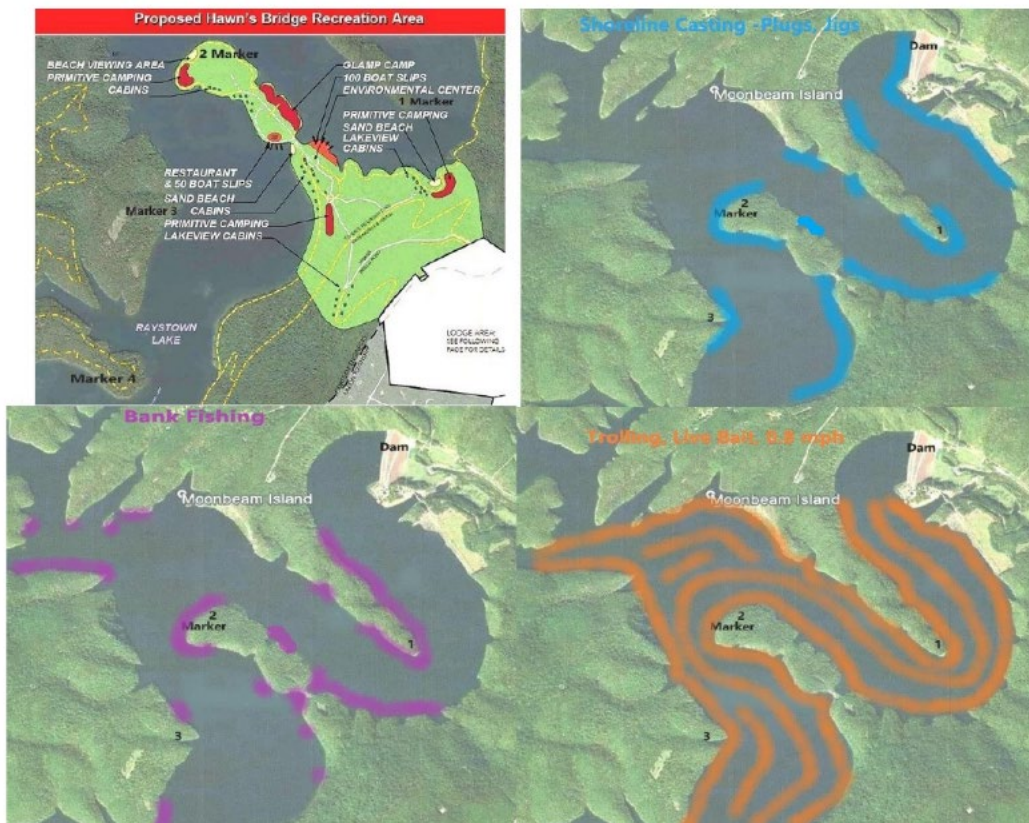
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Summary:

1. The area from the dam to Marker 4 is the most important area of Raystown Lake for our members to fish May-Aug; it is also the area where members spend the greatest amount of time fishing during that timeframe; and 85% indicated that the building of a marina at Marker 2 would disrupt the ability for an enjoyable striped bass fishing experience in that area.
2. Almost half (49%) of the responders stated that present boat traffic on the lake creates frequent safety issues, and 43% indicated that the present boat traffic on Raystown Lake limits where they can fish; 80% stated that they stopped fishing by 10 AM due to concerns with the present boat traffic which intensifies during the day; 64% stated that the ability to safely pull bait and fish for stripers was very important to them with an additional 34% stating their continued fishing at the lake is dependent on it.
3. The respondents averaged over 20 years of experience fishing Raystown Lake.

Members were also asked to plot on a map where they fished by trolling bait, casting plugs along shoreline, and bank fish at night in the area from Marker 4 to dam. Those results are on the following page:

Locations where Members Troll, Cast Plugs, Bank Fish in area of Proposed Hawn's Bridge Development



Issues of Boat Safety

The percentage of PSBA members who have encountered serious boat safety issues, near collisions or boats speeding by too close and actually cutting off planer boards lines, was much higher than we anticipated in our survey. Members have experienced boats passing by so closely that fishing rods were snapped off of the rod holders. As indicated in the survey, present boat traffic on Raystown Lake during the summer months dictates where we can fish and how long in the morning we can fish before boat traffic becomes problematic. Almost half of the survey respondents indicated they have frequent safety issues with the present boat traffic. These incidents occur as a result of speed and boat density. Many recreational boaters are simply not paying adequate attention to their surroundings. Some members of the public are not aware of how we fish or the space our boats require when pulling planer boards. Even so, they should be able to see marked planer boards alongside our boats, but many simply are not attentive.

We see the need for additional education and enforcement of the no wake zones listed in all the previous Master plans or mandated by Pa Law. The removal of buoys in areas where our members fish as strippers move seasonally has reduced the areas where striper fisherman can fish without direct contact with water skiers, jet skis, or other high-speed watercraft. The lack of buoys to delineate the no wake zones in Bear Barrel Bay, Trough Creek, and other areas stipulated in the Master Plan or by Pennsylvania Law has basically opened the door for high-speed recreational boating in those areas. Bear Barrel Bay is fished by striper fisherman, walleye fisherman, small and largemouth bass fishermen, and Lake trout fisherman at various times of the year. It was also the spot where families could pull their boat to the shore and allow their kids to swim or recreate while there. Now jet skis, water skiers, and even the high-speed "cigar" boats make continual laps through Bear Barrel Bay making some activities uncomfortable and/or unsafe. We understand the buoys were removed because of the expense of maintenance. The PSBA is willing to assist the USACE in the placement and recovery each year of buoys in Bear barrel Bay and Trough Creek. We are aware that other Bass Clubs have been doing this on other lakes.

It is the consensus of our membership that there are safety issues with the present density of boats on Raystown Lake that need attention. For that reason, we urge the Master Plan Review team to NOT make any changes in the Master Plan which would allow for additional boats or the construction of the proposed Marina at Hawn's Bridge Peninsula. Times have changed since the 1970's. Just as the 1970's acceptable grazing practices in our National Forests were changed after subsequent studies revealed their deficiencies, the issue of boat safety has been closely and carefully studied on a variety of lakes by independent investigators, state agencies, and federal agencies as the NFS and USACE. The issue of boat safety is no longer a matter of public opinion on issues of feeling crowded, rather it is a matter of spatial relationships needed to safely operate boats of various sizes and speeds. Shapes and configurations of lakes play into the equation, and managers can no longer consider no wake zones to be available for water skiers and other high-speed watercraft. While no boat density fits all size lakes, there is remarkable consistency among the boat density recommendation for safety reasons by many investigators. We urge you to give careful consideration to the work done by your peers, colleagues, another highly qualified investigators. The next several pages are slides on boat safety considerations which were presented during a presentation to USACE members at Seven Points by Nelson Wert. We urge careful consideration of the USACE Fort Worth District lake study and their conclusion to deny permits on District lakes unless the plan can demonstrate a density of at least 22 acres per boat. With so many investigators of differing agencies concluding that densities should be at least 20 acres or more per boat, we can find no justification for anything less on Raystown Lake especially after considering our lake's configuration.

Considerations for Future Boat Studies & Master Plan

1. Appropriate boat density should be based on more than a boater satisfaction survey.

Recreation Carrying Capacity: In recreation management, carrying capacity refers to the level of use that a recreation area can receive without suffering negative impacts to its environmental resources or the visitor experience. -USACE

- a. **Determination of Useable Water surface** –subtract regulated shoreline zones, no wake zones at marinas or obstacles, shallow water zones
- b. **Water Safety** –Need to base study on–spatial relationships/speed of various watercraft, not uniformly distributed, may need zone considerations
- c. **Resource Protection**–shoreline erosion caused by boat wakes, underwater environment, fish spawning beds and seasonal fish concentrations
- d. **User Enjoyment** –what type of lake is desired by lake users, zone uses

A. Boating Safety –consider many of the more recent lake carrying capacity studies and recommendations that have been implemented in other states by State Agencies, US Forest Service, and USACE.

1. **Educate/Enforce** - no wake or 5mph speed limit along shoreline or designated bays (Beer Barrel Bay, Trough Creek, Baker's) – protects anglers, shore tie-ups, decreases shoreline erosion, helps minimize silt disturbance, greater margin for boater error.
2. **Restore Marker buoys** in bays designated in Master Plans (1977, 1994) as “no wake” zones.

B. Develop Appropriate Boat Density for **peak use** based on **useable acres**; utilize **SDF** (Shoreline Development Factor) and **LSA** (Limit of Sustained Activity) calculations with acres necessary for safe boat activities.

- a. Ashton 1971 5-11 acres/boat - all uses combined
- a. Kusler 1972 Waterski -15-20 acres/boat; Waterski + Unlimited HP -40 acre/boat
- b. Jackson 1989 Waterski -20 acres/boat, Fishing -10 acres/boat; canoe -8 acres
- c. Wagner 1991 All boating activities combined 25 acres/boat
- d. Warback 1994 All motorized uses > 5 HP 30 acres/boat
- e. Florida DEP 2005 Waterski with unlimited HP -20-50 acres/boat
- f. NY Parks/Rec 2005 Waterski -15-20 acres/boat
- g. US Forest Service 2004 WROS Class “Rural Developed” 20-50 acres/boat (WROS = Water Recreational Opportunity Spectrum)
- i. USACE Little Rock District 2001 Geers Lake Study 24 acres/pleasure boat, 36 acres/ water ski, 5 acres fishing boat
- i. USACE Fort Worth District 2002 Establish policy for Lewisville Lake, extended to all lakes in district. Goal of at least 22 acres/boat during peak use, applicable to all lake zones. Lake <27 acres/boat require additional study. (Read!)

Unlawful Operation of a Boat or PWC

Pennsylvania law states that it is unlawful to operate a vessel in a reckless, negligent, or dangerous manner. The following dangerous operating practices are illegal.

- ◆ **Improper Speed or Distance** is not maintaining a proper speed or distance while operating a vessel or while towing a person on water skis or any similar device. Specifically, it is illegal to:
 - Operate at a rate of speed that endangers the life or property of any person.
 - Operate a vessel at greater than "slow, no wake speed" if within 100 feet of:
 - A shoreline
 - Docks or launch ramps
 - Swimmers, downed skiers, or persons wading in the water
 - Anchored, moored, or drifting boats or floats
 - Operate a boat less than 20 feet in length at greater than "slow, no wake speed" while a person is standing on or in the boat.
 - Cause a vessel to become airborne (leave the water completely) while crossing another vessel's wake when within 100 feet of the vessel creating the wake.
 - Operate at faster than "slow, no wake speed" within 100 feet to the rear of or 50 feet to the side of another vessel that is underway (unless in a narrow channel).
 - Operate within 100 feet of anyone being towed behind another vessel.
 - Weave your vessel through congested waterway traffic or swerve at the last possible moment in order to avoid collision.
- ◆ **Improper Use of Docking Lights** is using docking lights while underway. It is illegal to operate a boat using docking lights while underway, except when the boat is:
 - Docking *and...*
 - Traveling at "slow, no wake speed" *and...*
 - Operating within 100 feet while approaching a dock, mooring buoy, or shoreline.

REMEMBER ...

As an owner of a vessel, you are responsible if you allow others to operate your vessel in an illegal manner. Also, you are responsible for your wake and any damage caused by it.

"slow, no wake speed" (minimum height swell speed)

The slowest engagement speed for the engine and the speed at which the wake or wash creates a minimum disturbance

overboard

Over the side or out of the vessel

gunwale

Upper edge of vessel's side (generally pronounced "gunnel")

docking light

A flood or spotlight type of light permanently installed or permanently mounted on a motorboat that is used to illuminate a boat's forward course of travel



Stay up-to-date on new boating laws!

Be sure to stay abreast of new boating laws and requirements. For state boating law information, contact the Pennsylvania Fish & Boat Commission

Environmental Considerations in Considering Boat Density

The PSBA has many members with over 20-30 years fishing at Raystown Lake and many of them bank fish at night. They indicate that they have seen significant changes in some areas where they bank fish due to erosion by constant wave action during the summer. We believe the USCAE has found it necessary to spend significant funds to help deal with erosion caused by boats. The improvements at Seven Points Marina is one example. We have seen environmental damage, primarily shoreline erosion, occurring with the present boat density, and there are unanswered questions about future issues with gray water being dumped in the lake, all which argues for using caution and careful thought before allowing an additional marina with 150 boats on Raystown Lake.

Summary

The Pennsylvania Striped Bass Association values the relationship that it has had with the USACE at Raystown Lake over many years. For our part, we have spent a tremendous amount of effort and resources to help make Raystown Lake a better place. We believe that our activities to help the lake and to provide striped bass for stocking in the lake have demonstrated our desire to be a good partner with the USACE. We value the opportunity which the USACE gave us to construct the hatchery. This project has become even more important with recent developments occurring with Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission's fiscal problems and their decision to close some hatcheries and lay off staff. At the time of this writing, we understand that the PBF will be stocking 40,000 1" fish as compared with over 120,000 fish last year, and we as a cooperative nursery will receive 500 instead of 5000 we received last year to raise to 4" before stocking in the lake. We believe the future of Raystown Lake as the premier striped bass fishery the Northeast will be highly dependent on the continued operation of our club.

As an association, we believe in the wise development of our natural resources. We are not opposed to development per se. However the proposed development of the Hawn's Peninsula could literally bring an end to our efforts. There is no denying the impacts that the building of the marina along with all its associated watercraft activities would have an area which is critical striped bass habitat during the summer. Our ability to collect fish for our hatchery from that area will likely be impacted. One hundred and fifty more boats, along with jet skis, traveling to and from the area will add congestion to an area where as many as 30 striper boats can be found fishing on weekends. We have serious concerns about the welfare of the striped bass and our ability to safely fish for them if the marinas are built at Hawn's Bridge. The Hawn's Bridge development is simply proposed to be located at the worst possible site on Raystown Lake from the viewpoint of our members and other anglers as well. Therefore we have no choice but to ask the Master Plan Review Team to consider leaving the Hawn's Bridge Peninsula area as an area for limited recreation. A change to allow more intensive recreation and the construction of the proposed marinas at that site will create multiple problems for our Association and many other anglers. When our members no longer feel they can safely fish where the fish are, or when the fish they stock are no longer to locate where ecological factors dictate they should be during summer months, there will be no incentive for the continued giving of the time and resources that our members have done for many years. If that happens, it could likely spell the end to a unique private, state, and federal partnership to benefit the general public at Raystown Lake. We say this not to be alarmist, but because we do believe it is a matter of fact.

We recognize the potential economic benefit this development can bring, but it needs to be relocated to another area or the marina needs to be eliminated. We point out that there are many very successful resorts in Pennsylvania that do not have marinas or even lake frontage. The marina itself provides very limited job opportunities, the primary benefactor of having 150 boat slips is the owner who receives the rental income. The potential economic loss to the community if anglers no longer wish to travel to Raystown Lake to fish is not inconsequential. Sadly, there has never been an economic study of the benefits of all the fishermen who come to Raystown Lake during the summer and continue to do so during spring and fall when other summer vacationers are long gone.

We understand the financial benefits that could accrue to the USACE and which would allow you to do additional projects that you cannot do the present time. We respect that, but that does not eliminate the reality that anglers would be the sacrificial lamb if the Hawn's Bridge development project occurs as proposed. If the USACE has any ideas of how the development could occur without the negative impacts to anglers or our Association, we are always open and available for discussion on this matter.

Finally, as important as fish are, there is one resource which needs to be protected by the Corp above all others. That is the lives of the kids, parents, grandparents, family members and friends who come to Raystown Lake. We urge you to make boat safety a priority in the new Master Plan. We encourage you to provide a specific section of boating safety in the Master Plan. Please consider the total evidence available on safe boat densities now recommended by multiple qualified investigators. There is unique close consensus on what boat density should be for safety reasons done by a variety of private, state, and federal agencies. Losing a fishing opportunity is one thing, but losing a friend or family member in a preventable boating accident is another. Too often in the past, economic factors have trumped environmental and human safety concerns. We recognize that there are some intense pressures from organizations or agencies that stand to benefit financially from the proposed project. We believe and trust that you will carefully balance the scale with the environmental and human safety concerns. Thank you for the opportunity to provide our comments and concerns about issues in the new Master Plan.

Jim Tucker, Board Chairman

David Rhoades, President

Nelson Wert, VMD, Hatchery Director

Exhibit A. COMMENTS IN FAVOR OR OPPOSING THE MARINA

Some respondents to the PSBA Survey added comments. These comments were signed with the exception of one so identified below. For the sake of brevity and not adding 96 more pages, these comments have been typed below and identified by members' initials. PSBA is willing to have a member of the Corp examine the actual surveys if deemed necessary.

1. WS -Boat traffic is too much now. People come to Raystown for the natural beauty not for development. That's why I came here.
2. WO -Raystown Lake is too congested already. If you must add another Marina/Docks - make the whole area no wake from the Dam to Marker 4.
3. RS - I'm against the new marina. The lake is already unsafe. Hard to fish with recreational boaters. They don't consider the fishermen.
4. DH -I am not in favor. The lake is getting very unsafe without having this new marina. Recreational boaters have no consideration for fishermen. It's too unsafe.
5. DT -We do not need another marina! There are too many boating accidents and near accidents due to the boat traffic and people not paying attention to what they are doing or where they are going. Also the fact that they are inexperienced.
6. PM -I oppose any marina of that end of the lake. The boat traffic on the lake now is at capacity. It will affect everyone that fishes the lake. Example: Lake trout, bass, stripers - A lot of us have been forced to fish at night.
7. JW -Opposing.
8. RB -Definitely oppose wholeheartedly. There's way too many joyriders already; affects striper fishing already, we don't need more reckless joyriding.
9. SL - No more marinas.
10. TH - Fish Raystown all my life both dams.
11. DG - I oppose the new marina.
12. RM -A new marina is not needed.
13. JM -Oppose. Enough traffic already!!!
14. JS -There are too many big boats that do not have respect for fishing boats. We sure do not need another marina. This marina would destroy some of my best fishing. I would fish in other states more.

15. BS -No marina. Too much traffic. Lake has too many boats now. It is overcrowded. It is unsafe on weekends.
16. JB -This marina would destroy the beauty of the lake shoreline and fishing at MM2. I hope this never happens.
17. JP In addition to making one of the areas (point across from MM2 to MM4) I love to fish more challenging, due to heavier boat traffic my bigger concern is boater safety. This area is already a funnel/pinch point for traffic heading to and from Hawn's Run and the dam, so adding another 150 boats + transient traffic to marina attractions, it seems logical that the risk of collision would be even greater than it's been in the past. I've seen boats pulling tubes come around the point at MM2 completely oblivious to oncoming traffic with boats going both directions at a high rate of speed hugging the shoreline. This creates a blindside for the many boaters who seem less concerned with boater safety than having a good time on the water. I'm not necessarily opposed to additional boater amenities/resourced, but this location just seems like a place that will compromise boater safety more than it already is with the number of irresponsible boaters that make Raystown their personal playgrounds without regard for the safety of others. From my experience (many more hours enjoying the lake than hours spent specifically fishing for stripers) most boaters are conscientious and courteous but the few that disregard common sense and boater safety will become an even greater hazard if this development proceeds in the proposed location.
18. RW - I feel that the lake is overcrowded now with two marinas.
19. JS -Build your marina on a bigger lake not Raystown. It's already a zoo in the summer months!!
20. CC - Boats on lake get bigger and people operating them get dumber.
21. BC - Do not let them build it. The lake is too crowded now!
22. BL -I am opposed. The lake is already too crowded. If more docks are needed, build them adjacent to already existing docks.
23. RM - Would like to not see it go in but unsure what can be done to stop it. Would be nice if marina provided funds to help fishing.
24. RR -Boating traffic is so bad on weekends, May-Aug, you can hardly fish those days now. This marina will ruin striper fishing in the lower half of the lake (May thru Aug).
25. RM -Boat traffic in the summer is already dangerous enough!
26. TM - As a fisherman and someone who has used the lake for recreation for over 25 years, I am opposed to having overcrowding of boats and people that don't know what they are doing.
27. GF -This will hurt our striper fishing deeply. Will have too many boats to enjoy fishing.
28. LY - I oppose the marina due to boat traffic safety and bank erosion. Many of the places that we used to bank fish have been destroyed already.
29. AD -This marina will have a high negative impact on the fishing of that entire area and beyond. Fishing is tough enough as is due to excessive traffic, but boat safety is also going to be impacted in that area. That #2 point is a danger many times just trying to merge into traffic as it stands. Add the marina, and boating accidents and injuries will increase.
30. SR -Strip bass fishing is very tough anytime. Taking this area out of the fishermen control will hurt fishing forever.
31. (Unsigned) Too much boat traffic now; will be worse.
32. WT - Do not need a second marina or more boat traffic.
33. LB -Too many boats & people now. Can't fish safely now. No-wake buoys have been taken out of other areas. A friend got run over by a big boat, almost killed. Another one had boat sunk. Too many close calls, don't have enough fingers to count. Can't believe they would really consider another marina; development would ruin natural beauty of area, ruin hunting.
34. CD -Everything I know will change about fishing for stripers if this marina is built.
35. RM -Boat traffic is already too heavy in summer. Another marina with more big boats would ruin the lake. Raystown's unspoiled shore lines are what makes it special.
36. LF -Don't need any more resort or lodges on lake, if so put at Seven Points. At #2 there will be too much boat traffic.
37. CF - The lake isn't safe now. With another marina built, the lake will be out of control for everyone.
38. FR - I would strongly oppose any further development or marina on the lake.
39. SY - Well to be perfectly honest, I am surprised there have not been more boating fatalities on the lake to date. It's a big lake but it is long and skinny and on holidays it is crazy out there. Just think what another 150 boats and jet skies will do.
40. DZ -I think more boats will make unsafe conditions. Fish like cold water – "that's why they are there"
41. GB -Do not want it.
42. No comment
43. KR -I'm in favor of a new resort, just not a marina!

44. CS -Raystown is unsafe now after 9:00 AM in recreation season. How many boats do the powers that be think this lake can handle safely?
45. EH - I feel more boats will add to an already bad situation for fishing in the summer months. It may force us to pull bait at night in the area of the proposed marina if we fish the area at all.
46. SM -The marina is a bad idea not only for the striper fishermen, but for the lake trout and bass fishermen. In the summer months it is tough enough fishing with current boat traffic and jet skis, etc. You can fish until 10 am "maybe" safely if you are lucky.
47. GC -100 percent oppose! I've had people at Seven Points Marina pull their boats within 3 feet of my boards telling me I had to get out of the way of house boats coming in. Had to call Fish Commission. They didn't bring boat back in for an hour after threat.
48. RH -A Big No.

Comments on the Raystown Master Plan Revision, Boat Study,
and Boating Safety Considerations

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MP Revision Team

From: Nelson Wert, VMD

Greetings to all,

First, the following comments are my personal comments regarding the referenced subject matter. They have not been reviewed or read by the PA Striped Bass Association and as such should not be considered to be comments of that group.

Second, I appreciate and thank each of you for the tremendous amount of time you are putting into the revision of the Master Plan. Having participated in the development of revised National Forest plans and in the development of the Montana Wolf Management Plan, I understand the pressure that various interest groups can bring on a group given your task. Thank you for considering my comments. With my comments, I also offer some constructive criticism of the past Master Plan calculations for boat capacity which I hope can be received as such, constructive and not personal. My comments are made with great respect for all on the Master Plan Revision Team and the work you are doing.

I want to focus on specific parameters which I believe that lake managers need to consider in helping to ensure safe recreational boating on Raystown Lake. Boating safety is an issue for which I will admit I have great sensitivity. During our years in Montana, my wife and I were involved in starting a new church which was built on the shoreline of Canyon Ferry Lake, a lake very similar in many ways to Raystown Lake. I served as pastor of that church for a number of years. One of the difficult duties of any pastor is to help families deal with tragedies, and unfortunately preventable boating tragedies occurred on our Canyon Ferry Lake. I also shared with you previously a personal experience I had involving a very near collision with a boat pulling a water skier while fishing in Beer Barrel Bay, which is designated in the Master Plan as a no-wake zone. So I feel strongly about doing what is necessary to ensure that families coming to recreate on Raystown Lake can do so safely. That said, I have tried to base my comments on established facts about boat safety rather than personal experiences.

It has been encouraging to see the changes in boat study protocols that have occurred over the years. Safety has come to the forefront in modern day boat studies whereas the goal in some past studies seemed to primarily be the justification for X number of boats on a given lake. There has been recognition that boating safety is not just a matter of public opinion of crowding but needs to be based on sound science which considers the spatial relationships between various size boats and their speed in a given area. The trend has been to develop recommendations and policy that are **non-lake specific** and which can be applied to all lakes within a jurisdiction or within a similar recreational setting. Examples of this can be seen in the US Army Corp of Engineers Study (Fort Worth), the USFS WROS Guidelines, the Bureau of Reclamation's WALROS Guidelines, and numerous State Comprehensive plans. There is sound scientific reasoning for doing so. First, to operate safely, each boat needs a minimal amount of space to operate without coming into contact with other operating boats, and that factor does not change with the size of the lake. Larger lakes can hold more boats and smaller lakes less, but the spatial relationship between moving boats as it relates to safety remains the same. Second, as the US Army Corps of Engineers points out in their Fort Worth study, *"there are common factors that contribute to water surface congestion on all lakes. These factors include the presence of*

the Corp's and outgranted boat ramp parking spaces, wet slips and dry stack slips at marinas, yacht clubs, private docs, etc." –USACE (Reference 3 –pg. 16.) Third, there is recognition that boat studies done by a variety of agencies on a variety of lakes of different sizes and environments are coming up with very similar recommendations regarding the minimal boat density required for boating safety and the protection of lake resources. The fact that similar recommendations and the policies subsequently implemented have come from multiple agencies studying a variety of lakes has given greater credibility to those specific recommendations. These factors have all played a role in the reasons why boat study protocol has changed over the years, why boat density recommendations (acres needed per boat to boat safely and to protect lake resources) have increased significantly, and why policies are being implemented that apply to all lakes under one jurisdiction or recreational setting as opposed to creating a lake-specific policy. Some of the most significant work in this area has been done by US Army Corps of Engineers. I hope that the Master Plan Revision team will give serious consideration to the non-lake specific recommendations and policies implemented by the US Army Corps of Engineers and other lake managers with an emphasis on protecting both boaters and the environment. I have divided my comments into several sections addressing different issues.

First, I wish to address the boat carrying capacity for Raystown Lake as stated in the current Master Plan (MP). The MP calculation of Daily Boating Capacity of over 2800 boats is still being cited as justification for allowing more boats on Raystown Lake. I discuss this subject with some hesitation because of my respect for the current Master Plan Revision team and the realization that many of you were not involved in those calculations. However, I believe it is extremely important that the data we use to make crucial management decisions is accurate. With all due respect for the Corp, I believe the 1994 Master Plan (MP) contained some errors which have resulted in the boating capacity for Raystown Lake being significantly overstated. First, one issue is that all 8300 acres of Raystown Lake were considered suitable for all boating activities regardless of a boat's speed (Reference 12, pg. 24-27). In calculating boating capacity, no acreage was deducted for the no-wake zones or other restricted zones established in the Master Plan and by the State of Pennsylvania which prohibit any activity in those zones where a boat's speed exceeds "no-wake" speed. The acreage of water under no-wake zone or other restrictions in Raystown Lake is very significant, and I respectfully submit that it is incorrect to consider that these zones are available for use for waterskiing, pleasure cruising, or any activity where the boat is going above no-wake speed when Pa Law prohibits those very activities in those zones. I will provide documentation in Section 1 demonstrating that no-wake zones need to be subtracted from total lake surface acres *before* calculating boating capacity.

Second, in calculating the boating density, the 94MP used "*Guidelines for Understanding and Determining Optimum Recreation Carrying Capacity*" (Bureau of Outdoor Recreation-1977). From that document, the MP used the 1977 boat density figures of 4 acres/boat for "limited" power boats and 9 acres/boat for "unlimited" power boats. Those Bureau of Outdoor Recreation guidelines defined *limited* power as boats "*powered by less than 10 hp.*", describing those boats as "*sailboats, rowboats, canoes and other types powered by <10 hp.*" (Reference 13, pg. 27). The 94MP defined limited power boats as "*boats with motors that operate at slower speeds; these boats may be used for fishing*". The 94MP also listed "*a descriptive profile of types of recreational activities, power classes of boat, and their percent use of the lake*" which designated 42% of the boats on Raystown Lake as boats with limited hp power. This conflicts with the 1988 Boat study (Reference 15- pg. 28) which determined that less than 18% of boats had < 65 hp. There was no breakdown in the 1988 study of how many of the boats having <65 HP were actually boats with <10 hp, but I believe that the % of boats with <10 HP would be far less than the 18% total for boats with <65 hp described in the 1988 Boat Study. Thus, the

1994 MP in calculating boat carrying capacity assigned 42% of the boats on the lake a density of 4 acres/boat which was designated by the BOR guidelines for the very specific category of "sailboats, rowboats, canoes, and other types powered by less than 10 HP". Swimmers were also assigned the density of 4 acres/boat specifically designated for boats with <10 hp although the 1988 Boat study determined that "swimmer" boats were actually larger in size and had more hp than boats operated by water skiers. If the MP was actually referencing boats with greater than 10 hp in its definition of limited power, then the 4 acres/boat density, which applies only to boats with <10 hp, should not have been used in calculating boat capacity. If the MP was saying that 42% of the boats on the lake are truly limited power boats with <10 hp, that is significant different from the 1988 Boat Study.

Third, while the 1988 Boat study showed that 82% of the boats had >65 hp, the MP listed only 58% of the boats as having unlimited hp (>10 hp) and applied the 9 acres/boat to those boats. Finally, the MP took the total boat carrying capacity for the lake and multiplied it by 2 for a 100% boat turnover. The 1988 boat study data does not support this turnover and in fact provides evidence to the contrary. I believe the net effect of each of these factors was to significantly increase the boat calculated carrying capacity to levels that cannot be substantiated if modern boat study protocols are used and the preponderance of evidence regarding minimal boat densities needed is accepted, so I would urge caution in relying on the 94 MP boat capacity numbers.

That said, your decisions will be based in part on the new boat study. This study will play an important role in your decision regarding the classification of recreational density around Hawn's Bridge Peninsula and in determining if a new marina should be permitted. More importantly, it will provide valuable information about how the Corp can help ensure the safety of the families who come to recreate on Raystown Lake. It is important that the study be done correctly and in accordance with the preponderance of evidence regarding what minimal boat densities are needed for boating safety and the protection of lake resources. Following are some parameters which I hope will receive your careful attention in conducting the new Boat Study and drawing conclusions from it.

1. Increase the scope of the boat study to include issues other than boater's opinions of their boating experience and perception of crowding.

The 1988 study states, *"This study examined peak boat use patterns and their effects on boating quality at Raystown Lake during summer, 1987. The objectives of the study included documenting use densities and visitors perceptions of the conditions they encounter during peak use periods. The information collected provides a baseline for: (1) evaluation of acceptability of existing peak use boating conditions, and (2) prediction of the likely consequences of potential expansion in facility development on the lake. The study also provides a recommended procedure for monitoring boating conditions on Raystown Lake in the future"* (Reference 1-pg 15). Boat studies over the last 15 years have examined other important issues in addition to the public's perception of boating quality on a lake. These include specific references to the impacts of boat density (present and/or future) on resources (shoreline erosion, shallow emergent vegetation, fish spawning beds and seasonal fish concentrations), water safety (necessary spatial relationships of boats for safety), and user enjoyment (what type of Lake is desired by lake users). For example, the US Army Corps of Engineers boat study and Water Related Development Policy (Fort Worth) states *"Our main concerns are resource protection, water safety and user enjoyment as affected by the number of vessels on a lake during peak use hours on peak use days"* (Reference 3 -pg. 16). It is my hope that those three concerns will also be the main concerns for Raystown Lake Master Plan Revision team, and that each one (lake resources, water safety, user enjoyment) will be specifically addressed in the new boat study and Master Plan. I

also hope that any survey taken will also include questions about the type of lake that is desired by those who currently recreate on the lake.

2. In the calculation of *boating capacity*, the *"usable lake surface area"* or *"boatable area"* needs to be used instead of the *"total surface areas"* of the lake. The usable lake surface area is determined by subtracting the area for all no-wake or restricted zones along shorelines and around marinas and beaches from the total lake surface area. Areas dedicated as wildlife preserves and other environmentally sensitive areas as emergent aquatic vegetation should also be deducted.

No wake zones have been established for Raystown Lake by both the Master Plan and by Pennsylvania Law. The no wake zones established by the Master Plan are defined and described in the Master Plan along with a map. (Reference 4- pg. 20). No-wake restrictions along shorelines are also described by USACE on their website: *"In addition to the zones located on the map to the right boaters should remember that no wake speed is required by law when operating within 100 feet of shorelines, docks, and ramps."*

(<http://www.nab.usace.army.mil/Missions/DamsRecreation/Raystown/Boating/#top>).

No-wake zones established by PA law (Reference 5 -pg. 21) are described as follows:

PA law states, *"that it is unlawful to operate a vessel in a reckless, negligent, or dangerous manner. The following dangerous operating practices are illegal:*

1. *Operate a vessel at greater than "slow, no wake speed" if within 100 feet of a shoreline, docks or launch ramps; swimmers, down skiers or persons wading in water; anchored, moored, or drifting boats or floats.*

2. *Operate at faster than "slow, no wake speed within 100 feet to the rear of or 50 feet to the side of another vessel that is underway (unless in a narrow channel).*

3. *Operate within 100 feet of anyone being towed behind another vessel"*

In addition to the shoreline restrictions, PA law describes additional larger areas of no wake zones as in Seven Points, Yocum Bay, Woodcock Valley Cove, James Creek Cove, Great Trough Creek Cove, Coffee Run Cove, Shy Beaver Cove and others (see Exhibit 5- pg. 21).

The importance of these no-wake zones for both water safety and environmental protection has been well established both in fact and law. They have been established to help protect anglers, families recreating along the shoreline, and people using canoes or kayaks from high-speed boats and their resulting wakes. They have also been established to help prevent shoreline erosion, damage to emergent vegetation, and fish spawning beds. The no-wake zones cannot legally be used for any boating activity exceeding no-wake speed. It is illegal for a pleasure boat going 30 mph to cruise through the no-wake zone behind Marty's Island. It is illegal for a boat towing a water skier at 20 mph to do so through that same no-wake zone. I respectfully submit that it is inappropriate for a lake manager to consider that same no-wake zone as acreage available for boats engaged in cruising or water skiing when those same specific activities are prohibited in that area by Pa law. It is illegal for a boat pulling a water skier to conduct that activity in the Waterfowl Propagation Area at Aitch, and therefore it is inappropriate to consider that restricted acreage as available for water skiing when determining boat capacity. Thus, in the calculation of carrying capacity for Raystown Lake in the new boat study, the sum of all the above-mentioned restricted zones should first be subtracted from Raystown Lake's 8300 surface areas to get the usable lake surface area. This requirement is noted in many boat studies including the following:

1. **US Army Corps of Engineers Study (2002) (Reference 3 -pg. 17):** In "determining an

appropriate physical carrying capacity for the lake surface” states that “Boatable areas would not include areas that are densely covered with dead timber, extremely shallow, or restricted.” No-wake zones and Waterfowl Propagation areas are restricted zones.

2. Bosley (2005) (Reference 6 –pg. 22) *Techniques for Estimating Boating Carrying Capacity* states, “The most common way to calculate usable lake surface area is to subtract a shoreline buffer zone of predetermined width from the total acreage of the lake. These buffer zone widths typically range from 100 to 200 feet. Jackson, Buszynski, and Botting (1990) also recommend buffer zones around emergent aquatic vegetation (100 feet) and marinas and public swimming beaches (400 feet).”

3. Doshi (2015) (Reference 9 –pg.22) *Recreational Carrying Capacity in Lakes* –“Calculating carrying capacity- 1. Calculate the usable surface area of the lake. Swimming areas, no-wake zone, sensitive habitat, and shallows (less than 5 feet deep) should also be subtracted from the lake surface area. In Indiana, this should exclude areas within 200 feet the shoreline, which are designated zones.”

4. FERC & PG&E - *Pinecrest Lake Boat Carrying Capacity Review* (2012) (Reference 7-pg. 22). Factors determining capacity thresholds: “Usable lake surface area. Evaluating usable lake or reservoir surfaces often considers shoreline buffer zones or buffers near shoreline areas, as well as objects in the water (and safety buffers around them) that would limit or restrict certain types of boating activity. The intent of buffers is to generally identify areas where high-speed boating or certain types of boating would not be appropriate due to safety or environmental factors. Establishing buffers removes these areas from the total amount of usable lake surface. The buffer distances identified in the reviewed literature are provided in the bulleted list below; these examples are generally for larger lakes, and it should also be noted that these buffers are likely not directly applicable to Pinecrest Lake due to the existing speed limits (20 mph) on the lake that would somewhat negate their utility: • 100 feet from the shoreline at a large lake in Maryland on which a variety of water-based activities occur (Bosley, 2005) • 200 feet from the shoreline and 400 feet from marinas and swimming beaches at large lakes with power boats traveling at high speeds (Jackson et al., 1990) • 200 feet from the shoreline at Lake Ripley, a 418-acre lake in rural Wisconsin (Lake Ripley Management District, 2003) Other objects within a lake or reservoir, such as docks, buoys, stumps, rocks, aquatic vegetation, swimming platforms, and dams, are also considered (and in some cases assigned a buffer) when determining usable surface area. The degree to which these objects could reduce usable surface area is determined by the speed and type of boats using the lake, the types of activities that occur, and the size of the lake. Greater distances would be required for objects in reservoirs where higher speed limits are allowed versus reservoirs where there are lower maximum speed limits. Likewise, lakes where high-speed activities such as waterskiing occur would require greater buffers than lakes where slower and less active activities occur.”

5. WALROS Handbook –pg. 53 (2011). WALROS creates a spectrum of 6 recreational settings and then gives boating capacity coefficients to define the numbers of acres needed per boat within each of the 6 classifications. “These coefficients can be multiplied by the *suitable* or *available* water surface acres for each WALROS class on a body of water to help justify and defend a boating capacity decision.” (Emphasis mine)-Note that **total surface acres** are not used. WALROS recognizes that not all acres on a lake are suitable for calculating boating capacity or density. In fact, WALROS “recognizes and accommodates special circumstances at the site level. Some areas within a WALROS zone may need additional site-specific management direction to accommodate their special needs, circumstances, or opportunities. Examples of such special area include the following: no-wake zone, wildlife nesting areas” among others (WALROS xiv).

The above five references represent the instructions from a USACE study, an independent investigator (Bosley), and a state agency (Doshi), an Utility and Federal Regulatory Commission (FERC)

study, and the Bureau of Reclamation's WALROS Handbook. There are many additional studies which state that restricted or no-wake zones need to be subtracted from total surface area before calculating boating capacity and boating density. I have shown just these 5 to demonstrate the diversity of agencies or groups that provide these instructions.

I believe the no-wake zones as described under Pa Law 2. & 3. above are often forgotten, but they are real and are required by law. For example, a boat towing a water-skier has a legal no-wake speed zone protecting it that extends 100' wide (50' on each side of the vessel) and 100 feet behind the skier. A standard ski rope is 75 feet so the protective no wake speed zone behind the boat is 175 feet. The protective "slow, no-wake speed" zone around the boat and skier is 175' X 100' =17,500 sf. Boats without skiers have a protective "no wake speed" zone around them of 10,000 sf. Boaters violating these zones of protection can be cited by law enforcement personnel. If there were 600 boats active on Raystown Lake with half towing skiers and half being pleasure boaters, the no-wake speed zones protecting those boats would be 190 acres. It technically would be a violation of the protection intended by the enactment of these laws to consider that these safety buffers should be included as being available for boats going greater than no-wake speed.

There is one additional factor which is often considered in calculating usable lake surface area. Water level fluctuations should be considered in the calculations. *"When the water level drops, the usable lake area is reduced. Carrying capacity will thus be lower during periods of low lake level."* Bosley (Reference 6 -pg. 22.) Bosley's report did not provide suggestions for accounting for this fluctuation. However, we know that there are substantial drawdowns of Raystown Lake which occur periodically, so this factor should not be ignored.

In calculating a new boat carrying capacity or boat densities from the new boat study, I believe that it is important to list all the deductions for no-wake zones which have been made from Raystown Lake's 8300 total lake surface so the useable acreage available for boats that may travel at a speed exceeding the no-wake speed is accurately determined. It is equally important that there be no contradiction between the USACE and Pa law regarding activities permitted in no-wake or restricted zones. The "Standard of WALROS Decisionmaking" includes 4 key criteria, one of which is "Sound Professional Judgement. *Sound professional judgment is defined as a reasonable decision that has given full and fair consideration to the appropriate information, is based on principled and reasoned analysis and on the best available science and expertise, and complies with applicable laws. Complies with applicable laws is the expectation that a decisionmaker must duly consider and be in conformance with relevant laws and regulations.*" (WALROS Handbook -pgs 22-23). So, I respectfully submit that on the basis of all facts discussed in this section, the acres of no-wake or restricted zones does need to be deducted from total surface acres before calculating a boat carrying capacity or desired boat density for Raystown Lake.

3. Boat safety needs to be based on more than the public perception of crowding. Flyover studies which are used to designate boat activity for the purpose of calculating boat density also have some significant deficiencies which are discussed below. Consideration needs to be given to the preponderance of boat studies on various size lakes which have concluded that a minimum of 20 acres or more per boat is needed for protection of boaters and lake resources, and that additional acreage is required for lakes allowing boats with unlimited horsepower or very large boats.

A measure of the public's perception of crowding may be helpful particularly if a significant portion of the public feels that other boats are coming too close. The 1988 Boat Study indicated that 1/3 of the respondents felt other boats were coming too close. This % exceeds the WALRUS recommendations for Natural Developed and Natural Undeveloped Classifications of Raystown Lake. In

my opinion, this should be viewed as a red flag indicating a much closer look is needed at water safety. Respondents also reported that 27% stayed off the lake and 23% did not participate in some boating activities because of crowded conditions. On the other hand, the lack of perception of crowding does not necessarily indicate the absence of any boat safety issues. We live in a society where crowding has become an accepted norm. Drivers of automobiles and other vehicles are instructed to allow a distance of at least one car length for each 10 mile per hour of speed. The spatial relationships between moving vehicles demand such a distance for safety. Yet many drivers have no perception of crowding and are comfortable driving much closer than safety measures dictate even to the point of tailgating. Accidents and loss of life result from this behavior. **What may be comfortable is not always necessarily safe.** I submit that anyone who spends significant time on Raystown Lake has encountered boaters who demonstrate no concern about closeness.

Surveys seeking to determine the public perception of crowding on a lake may contain significant bias if they are distributed only to people coming to the lake. Boaters coming to the lake on weekends or holidays are less likely to be concerned about crowding as demonstrated by their willingness to actually be there during times of peak use. There are recreational boaters and anglers who refrain from going to the lake on weekends or holidays because of their concerns about crowding and safety. Some of the boats remaining in boat slips during times of peak use are there because their owners share the same concerns. Their perception of crowding would never receive consideration if survey forms are distributed only to those individuals coming to the lake during periods of peak use. In order to eliminate this bias, some boat studies are distributing survey forms through mailings to local residents or to owners of boats kept in boat slips. This gives an opportunity for those individuals whose concerns with crowding are sufficient enough to prevent them from boating during times of peak use to also have input into the survey data.

Finally, there are actually a number of studies which have questioned the value of using the perception of crowding as the primary basis for determining whether a carrying capacity is appropriate or not. *"While crowding and social carrying capacity have been extensively studied for more than 40 years, significant disagreement about the utility of the concepts has pervaded academic debate for some time now"* (Stewart & Cole, 2001). One such example is a Utah State University report that included an analysis of data from numerous boating studies in three different states collected over a seven-year period by the Institute for Outdoor Recreation and Tourism at Utah State University. The conclusion of this study was that, *"Overall, results suggested crowding-based recreational carrying capacities may lack utility as a generalized management framework and are perhaps best reserved for sites specifically managed for low use levels or solitude experiences. Results also call for a regional scale, rather than site-specific, recreational planning"* (Reference 10-pg. 23). Recent boats studies and Guidelines as WROS and WALROS are placing more emphasis on the needed spatial relationships between boats and a lake's configuration rather than perceptions of crowding when determining boat carrying capacity.

Information obtained by flyovers of the lake taking photographs of boat activity can be very important in getting a more accurate *number* of boats on the lake. However, using these photographs to determine the *daily activity* of a particular boat for the intent of assigning the acres needed for that boat during that *day* can be very misleading.

We know that these photographs represent only a moment in time unless multiple flights are done during the day, and the activity seen in those photographs can change significantly before or after the photographs are taken. Where misleading data can be generated is when the activity seen on

the photograph is used to assign the acres of water needed by that particular boat for the purpose of calculating the *daily* boat density or *total* carrying capacity of the lake. There are problems in making the assumption that the activity seen in one moment of a snapshot truly represents the activity of that boat for the day in calculating daily boat capacity. Consider one example, a bass fisherman fishing along the shoreline. The photograph shows a boat that is dead in the water with a fisherman. In past boat studies, that boat might be classified as a "fishing" boat with the need of 5 acres of water. The facts are that bass fishermen move frequently, often only spending 10 to 15 minutes in a particular cove. When they move to a new location, their boat has potential speed far exceeding that of water skiers and on par with unlimited horsepower boats. A bass fisherman may frequently cover more miles on the lake than a water skier. On a lake the size of Raystown Lake, few fishermen are using boats of limited horsepower (<10hp). Photographs of anglers fishing for striped bass may show no wake as they move very slowly with electric trolling motors. Yet when moving to a new location, they will often be traveling at speeds exceeding those of boats with water skiers. So, the reality is that many "fishing" boats will, within a relatively short period of time, be traveling at speeds exceeding water skiers and may very well cover more miles than the typical water skier. These boats truly require and should be assigned a similar number of acres/boat as water skiers. This example is one of the reasons why many of the more recent boat studies are now simply assigning a minimal boat density (acres/boat) requirement for all boats over 10 hp.

A second deficiency in attempting to assign a specific activity (fishing, swimming, water skiing) to a boat for the purpose of determining how many acres that boat requires is the fact that a very high percentage of boaters engage in more than one activity. The 1988 boat study (pg. 25 of study) demonstrated that of the 1164 boats surveyed, 913 (78%) did a second activity and 477 (40%) did a third activity while on the water that day. So when a swimmer assigned 4 acres/boat in the 94MP, started a second or third activity, the acres/boat needed to be increased significantly because the study showed that swimmer boats were larger and had more hp than boats of water skiers. Thus, while a photograph of one moment in time is valid for determining the number of boats on the lake and the activity at that moment, it simply does not accurately represent the span of activities by any boat occurring throughout the day which should be considered when calculating the acres needed for a particular type of boat. Simply put, there are inaccuracies inherent in basing daily carrying capacity on activities seen in a single moment in time rather than several hours or the day. It is because of these variables that investigators began to look at assigning a minimal boat density for lakes which would provide adequate protection for lake resources and boaters during their multiple activities. Wagner (1991) suggested 25 acres/ boat for all boating activities combined. Warback (1994) recommended that all boat users with hp greater than 5 hp should be assigned a density of 30 acres/boat. Other agencies have reverted to assigning a single minimal boat density for a lake as discussed in the section below. USACE (2002) agreed with assigning a minimal boat density for all lakes under their jurisdiction and determined that minimal density to be 22 acre/boat. US Forest Service with WROS set minimal boat densities for all lake within each of their distinct recreational classifications. The Bureau of Reclamation with WALROS states the lowest reasonable boat densities for all lakes within each of their 6 recreational classifications and then provides for upward revisions to specifically address the spatial distances needed between boats of varying size and speed and for lake confirmation as well. Thus the problems associated with calculating boating capacity and boat densities on the basis of a single snapshot of activity rather than the day are eliminated, but the snapshots are still valuable for a more accurate determination of the number of boats on a lake.

4. What is an appropriate boat density for Raystown Lake that will provide a safe environment for boaters and protection of Raystown Lake's resources? I believe there is a preponderance of evidence that suggests a lake like Raystown needs a minimal boat density of at least 20 acres per boat to adequately protect recreationists and the lake resources.

I recognize that no recreational activity can be completely without risk, and no two lake are identical. However, more recent boat studies are attempting to minimize that risk by placing an emphasis on the spatial relationships between various boats, their size, and their speed as a key factor in determining boat density requirements for boating safety. A thorough review of how boating is affecting lake resources is also a key component of these studies. Recommendations for minimal boat density have come forth that are non-lake specific. These recommendations are far more than an individual investigator's opinion. They are conclusions based on multiple studies conducted on multiple size lakes in various locations. They are also more than mere recommendations, they have been implemented as policy for all lakes over which the governing agency has authority. One of the most thorough such studies has been done by US Army Corps of Engineers (Reference 3 -pgs. 16-19). This study provides recommendations both for the *minimal boat density* and for the *desired boat density* for *any* lake under their jurisdiction, and this includes lakes both larger, smaller, and similar in size to Raystown Lake. The study concluded that a desired boat density is 27 acres/boat for maximum boater safety and environmental protection of lake resources, and that a minimal density should be at least 22 acres/boat. Again, these recommendations are not lake-specific but apply to all their lakes under their jurisdiction.

Two other federal agencies, the US Forest Service and the Bureau of Reclamation, have developed guidelines (WROS & WALROS respectively) for lake managers which classify lakes and recreation areas according to their recreational settings (Urban, Suburban, Rural Developed, Rural Undeveloped, Semi-primitive, Primitive), and they also give guidelines for minimal boat density for all lakes within each classification. Raystown Lake zones fall under the description of Natural Developed and Natural Undeveloped recreational settings. WROS and WALROS then give a list of criteria for which the number of acres/boat should be increased. I am quite familiar with WALROS because WALROS was used in our MT. Canyon Ferry Lake Study. The following 2 charts are from are WALROS, pgs.53-54.

Table 2.5.—A range of reasonable boating capacity coefficients

WALROS class	Range of boating coefficients (acres per boat)	
	Low end	High end
Urban	1	10
Suburban	10	20
Rural developed	20	50
Rural natural	50	110 (¼ sq mi)
Semiprimitive	110	480 (¼ sq mi)
Primitive	480	3,200 (5 sq mi)

WALROS recommends a low of 20 acres/ boat for Rural Developed lakes or lake zones and a low of 50 acres/ boat to for Rural Undeveloped lakes or lake zones. WALROS also lists several important characteristics for which the boating capacity of a lake should be moved from a higher to a medium or lower capacity. Boating capacity is the inverse of boating density, so the need to utilize a lower boating capacity demonstrates the need for more acres required per boat. Moving from a higher boat capacity to a lower boat capacity means that the minimum number of acres per boat should move from the lowest level of 20 acres per boat toward the middle or upper range of 50 to 110 acres per boat for

Rural Developed and Rural Undeveloped respectively. WALROS accounts for the different spatial requirements needed for safety by boats of varying size and speed in these adjustments. It also accounts for the importance of lake configuration in calculating a safe desired boat density. I believe Raystown Lake has the following characteristics for which WALROS (pg. 54) specifically recommends moving away from a higher capacity (lower acres per boat) to a lesser capacity (higher acres per boat):

1. **Typical Size of boats** -16-25', Medium Capacity;
2. **Typical speed of boats**-at least 10-25 mi/h, perhaps higher, Medium Capacity;
3. **Different types of boats**-unpowered to unlimited hp –Medium Capacity;
4. **Different size of boats**- kayaks to 70' House Boats –Medium Capacity;
5. **Different speed of boats**- 0 to >100 mph-Lower Capacity (See <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wtE-zxTuazQ> for Raystown Lake boat doing 126 mph)
6. **Shoreline configuration** –Moderate Capacity;
7. **Level of Boater Stewardship** -1988 Boat study showing % closeness is above WALRUS –Medium Capacity.

All of these 7 factors argue for moving from a Higher Capacity to a Medium or Lower Capacity. The **Historic Boat Safety** could argue for the Higher Capacity of 20 acres/boat.

Table 2.6.—A boating capacity range decision tool

Instructions: The purposes of this decision tool are to help ensure that managers consider important factors affecting boating capacity and to help document the reasoned analysis used in making a boating capacity decision. For each WALROS zone, consider the following factors that may affect boating capacity. Circle the descriptor that best matches the situation. The preponderance of the answers will indicate which part of the capacity range may be more reasonable.

Factor	Higher Capacity	Medium Capacity	Lower Capacity
Typical size of boats	<16 feet	16 to 25 feet	>25 feet
Typical speed of boats	<10 mi/hr	10 to 25 mi/hr	>25 mi/hr
Diversity of boating: • Different types of boats • Different size of boats • Different speed of boats	low low low	moderate moderate moderate	high high high
Boater visitation pattern	simple/ predictable	moderate	complex/ unpredictable
Level of boater stewardship/ civility/respect for resource and others visitors	high	moderate	low
Shoreline configuration	simple/ circular	moderate	complex/ meandering
Boater destination or pass-through area	pass-through corridor/in-transit	mixed	destination area/overnight area
Extent of sensitive resources/ potential for impact	low	medium	high
Compatibility with adjacent recreation/nonrecreation land uses	high	moderate	low
Islands/shallows/hazards	infrequent	occasional	frequent
Historic public safety record/ accidents/complaints/conflicts	infrequent	occasional	frequent
Level of boater management/rules/information/education/ compliance	high	moderate	low
Suggested capacity range	lower end (more boats)	mid-range	higher end (fewer boats)

WALROS states "the preponderance of answers will indicate which part of the capacity range may be more reasonable", and the preponderance for Raystown Lake clearly indicates that capacity should be

moved toward the Medium Capacity rather than the Higher Capacity. Since WALROS suggests moving from a Higher Capacity to a Medium Capacity for lakes with these characteristics, WALROS' "low reasonable" boat density of 20 acres per boat should be increased, moving upward toward the middle range or higher range of WALROS's boating densities for this recreational setting. Thus, the recommendations of WALROS fall in line with the other minimal *desired* boat density policies or recommendations implemented by the US Army Corps of Engineers in other districts as well as individual State Comprehensive plans.

There are also other studies conducted over a number of years involving various size lakes that echo the recommendations of both the USACE study and the WALROS Guidelines (Reference 11 - pg. 23). Kusler 1972 -lakes with waterskiing and unlimited horsepower boats-40 acres/boat; Jaakson 1989-waterskiing 20 acres/ boat; Wagner 1991-all boating activities combined 25 acres/boat; Warback 1994 - all motorized uses> 5HP - 30 acres/boat; Florida DEP 2005 - 20 to 50 acres/boat; and USACE 2001 Little Rock -24 acres/pleasure boat, 36 acres/boat waterski to name a few. A review of these studies, conducted by various agencies over differing size lakes, shows a remarkable concurrence in regard to the minimal acres needed per boat for participants to recreate safely and to minimize environmental damage to the lake from boating activities. These studies concur that at least 20 acres per boat are needed for boats with motors >10 hp, and there is also agreement that more acres are needed if boats of unlimited horsepower or very large boats are present as they are at Raystown Lake. When consideration is given to all of the studies and their resulting recommendations, it is my opinion that any recommended boat density of less than 20 acres per boat for Raystown Lake is difficult to justify. While that determination is obviously the judgment and prerogative of the Master Plan Revision team, I think a designation less than 20 acres/boat clearly goes against the preponderance of evidence and the prevailing wisdom on boat safety. It would also fall outside the bounds of what WALROS considers to be the minimal "reasonable" boating density. WALROS states that it's "*set of boating capacity coefficients has been developed based on collaborative expert opinion, professional experience, published articles and plans, sound professional judgment, the rule of reasonableness, and the sliding scale rule of analysis discussed in chapter 1 of this handbook.*" WALROS also cautions lake managers to not step outside its guidelines. To do so would be to ignore all of the expertise that WALROS used as the basis for its guidelines for reasonable boat densities, and it would ignore the preponderance of other studies, including USACE studies, which also support a minimal density of at least 20+ acres/boat to protect boaters and lake resources.

5. In addition to water safety, I would encourage the Master Plan Revision team to consider the environmental impacts that Raystown Lake has already experienced with the present boat density. We have all seen the effects of shoreline erosion by the continual wake action from boats seen on many days at Raystown Lake, and the USACE knows the dollars and labor that have been spent in trying to mitigate these effects. Areas of emergent vegetation are important to waterfowl and to several species of fish. Presently these areas are damaged when high-speed boats run directly through them. There presently is no protection for area of emergent vegetation in shallow flats as seen near mile markers 5, 10 and 12 just to name a few. There needs to be consideration of the effect of boat density on aquatic life, fish spawning beds or habitat, or seasonal fish locations. These are no less an important environmental consideration simply because they lie beneath the water surface and often go unobserved. The present concerns of the PA Fish and Boat Commission regarding the effects that the dumping of gray water from boats is having on Raystown Lake should also be examined. If found to be valid, it would certainly argue against adding to the problem by increasing the density of boats on Raystown Lake.

6. When should an additional new marina or public boat ramps with additional parking space be permitted on an existing lake?

The question of whether or not additional boating capacity should be added to a lake through an additional marina or new boating access ramps has also been addressed in non-lake specific recommendations and implemented as policy. The most thorough study providing these recommendations again has been done by the US Army Corps of Engineers (Reference 3 –pgs. 18-19). The purpose of their study was to: *"To establish a development policy for water-related facilities on all Fort Worth District Lakes"* (underline is mine). The US Army Corps of Engineers, after an extremely thorough study, developed a policy which would apply to all lakes in their district including lakes smaller, larger, or the same approximate size as Raystown Lake. In my opinion, this was an extremely well thought out policy applicable to all their lakes regardless of size. It would be applicable to Raystown Lake if it were located in that district. I encourage the Master Plan Revision team to carefully consider the study, recommendations, and the non-lake specific policy implemented by your USACE colleagues. Their recommendations and policy cover all lakes under their authority. The USACE policy *"establishes a goal of 22 acres of water per boat during peak use times as the standard for resource protection and user enjoyment."* The policy implemented regarding the potential permitting of a new marina is also a non-lake specific policy. Applications for a new marina may be approved if a lake can demonstrate a boat density of at least 27 acres per boat and the addition of a marina will not lower that level of protection. Applications for a new marina on lakes with a boat density of less than 27 acres will require additional studies and may be approved if the lake can demonstrate that the new marina will not result in a boat density of less than 22 acres per boat. Applications for a new marina for lakes with a boat density of less than 22 acres per boat will not be permitted. The minimal desired boat density in this USACE policy is in line with and supported by the recommended minimal boat density levels of numerous other recent studies and the WROS and WALROS Guidelines. I believe the USACE policy is sound and could be applied to Raystown Lake. I would ask, "What facts about Raystown Lake would cause the implementation of these USACE guidelines to be considered as inappropriate levels of protection for Raystown boaters and lake resources? Or, why should Raystown Lake's recreating families and resources not be given the same level of protection that the USACE is providing on numerous other lakes?"

7. I see a challenge for the Master Plan Revision team in view of the political and economic interests who desire a new marina and additional boats on Raystown Lake. I believe that the calculated boat carrying capacity in the current Master Plan may have created some unrealistic expectations of how many boats are appropriate for Raystown Lake. In my opinion, if an objective review of the preponderance of evidence regarding the minimal boat density needed to protect boaters and lake resources is compared to Raystown Lake's present boat density, the facts will demonstrate that the present boat density on Raystown Lake is already considerably above those safety recommendations, and therefore I believe that no additional facilities which would increase the number of boats on Raystown Lake should be permitted.

The new boat study will provide new current boat density numbers hopefully based on *usable* acres. If usable acres are used, and the lowest recommendation of at least 20 acres per boat is used as per WALROS, USACE (Fort Worth), and other private and state agency recommendations, I believe it quickly becomes clear that our present boat density is already substantially above recommended levels for the protection of boaters and lake resources. In the 1988 boat study, the boat density on Raystown Lake ranged from 7.5 to 10.5 acres per boat, less than half the acres/boat recommended by WALROS and the other studies cited, and that calculation was done without subtracting any acres for the no-

wake zones or wildlife propagation areas. I would encourage the Master Plan Revision team to show in their report exactly how a new boat carrying capacity and/or boat density is calculated by showing all appropriate deductions for no-wake zones or other restricted zones designated by the Master Plan and the laws of Pennsylvania. I will leave it to the team to determine the exact amount of acreage under no-wake restrictions on Raystown Lake, but my own initial calculations using Google Earth maps indicate that shoreline no-wake zones plus the no-wake zones around marinas or in various designated no-wake bays or wildlife propagation areas may amount to 2000 acres or more. I do not believe personally that any justification can be made for a *desired* boat density of less than 20 acres per boat in Raystown Lake. In fact, based on additional lake characteristics described in WALROS, the acres per boat should be moved higher than their minimum of 20 acres per boat. To consider anything less than 20 acres per boat, in my opinion, is to ignore the preponderance of evidence from many boat studies conducted by different agencies which support the WALROS' lowest recommended boat density. It would also ignore one of the most thorough boat studies done by the US Army Corps of Engineers which has resulted in non-lake specific recommendations and policy for all lakes in their area. I fully support the US Army Corps of Engineers' policy (Fort Worth) that no new marina should be permitted for any lake which cannot demonstrate a minimum of 22 acres/boat after including boats associated with a proposed new marina. I support WALROS' recommended boat densities because WALROS does consider the spatial needs of boats of various size and speeds as well as lake configuration.

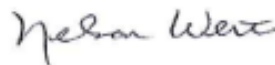
8. Are there other potential locations for the proposed Hawn's Bridge development?

In the years that I worked with the Montana Consensus Board and with the MT Dept. of Fish, Wildlife, and Parks trying to help resolve resource conflict issues, I learned that when one criticizes a proposal, one should be prepared to offer alternatives. I was a strong advocate for resource development in many of the cases there but here I find myself on the other side of the preverbal fence. I simply see the proposed Hawn's Bridge development as being in the wrong location, a location where ecological and recreational impacts will be quite serious. I also believe that we are already considerably above an appropriate boat capacity for boat safety and resource protection during peak use periods, and that adding a new marina with 150 boats would require disregarding the preponderance of evidence regarding what levels are needed to adequately protect recreationists and resources here at Raystown Lake. I personally urge the Master Plan Revision team to keep the area around Hawn's Bridge peninsula as an area of low density recreation. I will await the results of your boat study, but I do believe that we should not put additional boats on the lake. I have been on the lake during periods of peak use and common sense alone tell me that we have more than enough boats on the lake during peak use. That said, **IF another resort must go in**, is there an option that the USACE could do a land swap and relocate the proposed development to another area of the lake? Relocating the resort would preserve a unique and important ecological area on Raystown Lake. Relocating the resort would avoid the concerns with the destruction of the Shale Barrens area on the Hawn's Peninsula and avoid impacts on other ground-based important ecological sites as the special bat habitat zones. It would avoid adverse impacts on key fish habitat and the ability for anglers to fish on what many anglers consider the most important 2 miles of shoreline. It would avoid the loss of acreage for use by handicapped hunters. It would avoid the loss of one of the most scenic views of Raystown Lake as viewed from the overlook. ***"It is important to understand that the loss of an important natural or cultural resource is also, in effect, the loss of a recreation opportunity. It is the loss of an opportunity to experience and enjoy these very special or unique features."*** (WALROS xii). Relocation would avoid tremendous congestion around an already congested Snyder's Run boat launch. There is better access to other areas as Seven Points or Aitch, and the environmental disruptions of bringing

new roads to Hawn's Bridge Peninsula would be avoided. How would the request for boat slips for the resort be handled? I do not believe that there should be any increase in the number of boats on Raystown Lake for reasons already discussed. I have been told, but frankly do not know if it is factual, that Seven Points Marina currently has more boat slips than allocated for it under the original Master Plan. If this is indeed factual, could some of those slips be assigned for use by a resort in the Seven Points area? This would eliminate the adverse impacts that building the proposed marinas on both sides of Hawn's Bridge Peninsula would have, and the boating density of Raystown Lake would not be increased from present levels. The Master Plan states that mitigation is mandatory, not optional, where resources are impacted. How do we mitigate the loss of the Shale Barrens, Bat habitat, and critical summertime habitat for Striped Bass? We cannot change the important ecological factors (water temperature, oxygen levels, presence of baitfish and underwater structure) that bring those fish to that location for the summer. Perhaps there are reasons why locating a resort elsewhere is not feasible, but I do think all options should be considered that would relocate the proposed resort and preserve the unique and ecologically sensitive areas of Hawn's Bridge Peninsula and the water that surrounds it. I encourage the Master Plan Revision team to take the time to adequately consider all options for other locations of a resort that would gain the support of our community residents in addition to business interests. I encourage you to examine these options before making revisions to the Master Plan so that the new master plan could accommodate these options. We also need to remember that there are many very successful resorts areas in Pennsylvania that do not have lake frontage. I would respectfully submit that lake frontage is not necessarily critical for a well-built resort with a successful management plan.

Thank you for your time considering these comments. I hope those comments which I offered in the spirit of constructive criticism can be received as such. You have my respect as you make difficult decisions. I close by saying that as individuals, I personally believe there is no greater thing any of us can do than to help save or protect the life of our fellow human beings. No one exemplifies that concept better than our Armed Forces. I believe that is true in war or in peace, while we work or when we recreate. Please give boat safety and the protection of Raystown Lake's unique resources your deepest consideration as you formulate the new Raystown Lake Master Plan.

Best regards,



Nelson Wert, VMD

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This study examined peak boat use patterns and their effects on boating quality at Raystown Lake during summer, 1987. The objectives of the study included documenting use densities and visitor perceptions of the conditions they encountered during peak use periods. The information collected provides a baseline for: (1) evaluation of the acceptability of existing peak use boating conditions, and (2) prediction of the likely consequences of potential expansions in facility development on the lake. The study also provides a recommended procedure for monitoring boating conditions on Raystown Lake in the future.

Study Overview

This study focused on peak boat use patterns and their effects on boating quality at Raystown Lake during summer, 1987. Emphasis was placed on documenting actual use levels and boaters' perceptions of and reactions to these use levels. Quality in the boating experience was measured from the perspective of current users of Raystown Lake.

Reference 3. USACE Policy for Water Related Development --Fort Worth -(highlights- mine)

WATER-RELATED DEVELOPMENT POLICY FOR FORT WORTH DISTRICT LAKES

CESWF-OD-R/CESWF-RE-M

April 2002

SUBJECT: Enactment of a Policy for Water-Related Recreational Development on Federal Lands and Waters Within the Fort Worth District

1. **PURPOSE:** To establish a development policy for water-related facilities on all Fort Worth District Lakes. This policy applies the criteria and principles gained from the recently completed Water-Related Recreation Use Study (WRRUS) at Lewisville Lake to any lake at which new water-related development is contemplated or planned.
2. **APPLICABILITY:** This policy applies to the Corps of Engineers and all entities and/or leaseholders having rights and responsibilities, now or in the future, for development of Federally-owned land and water areas at any Fort Worth District lake (except Lewisville Lake), as of the date of this policy. Lewisville Lake is currently covered by a water-related development policy in effect since February 1999.
3. **BACKGROUND:** In response to requests for new marina developments on Lewisville Lake, the Corps initiated an effort in the fall of 1997 to facilitate a comprehensive lake use study. The Corps partnered with the North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG), acting on behalf of eleven governmental entities and several leaseholders agreeing to share half the cost of the lake use study. These governmental entities and leaseholders shared an interest in the future development of the lake and participated both materially and financially in the study effort. The effort consisted of two phases - a water-related recreation use study and a lake-wide programmatic environmental assessment (PEA). The WRRUS provided base level information necessary for the Corps to determine and prudently allocate facilities and services required for new water-related development, including marinas. After completion of the WRRUS, the effort moved into the second phase wherein stakeholders submitted water-related recreation and other land use development plans for inclusion in the PEA. The PEA has now been completed and a water-related development policy for Lewisville Lake has been published. The policy states that the Corps will manage the number of boat slips and boat ramp parking spaces so that on peak-use days, the number of vessels on the lake will rarely exceed 1112. In simple terms, the policy regulates development of facilities which increase boating use of the lake. More information is available on the District website at <http://www.swf.usace.army.mil>.
4. **DISCUSSION:**
 - a. Lewisville lake is not alone in the need for prudent allocation of water-related recreation facilities. To some degree, all of the District's lakes experience increasing demand for space on the lake surface. While some lakes do not necessarily have the same boating use characteristics as Lewisville, there are common factors that contribute to water surface congestion at all lakes. These factors include the presence of Corps' and outgranted boat ramp parking spaces, wet slips and dry stack slips at marinas, yacht clubs, private docks, etc. Our main concerns are resource protection, water safety and user enjoyment as affected by the number of vessels on a lake during peak use hours on peak use days.
 - b. The US Army Corps of Engineers is the steward of the lands and waters at our lakes. Our mission is to manage and conserve those natural resources, consistent with ecosystem management principles, while providing quality public outdoor recreation experiences to serve the needs of present and

future generations. In line with this management responsibility, we have routinely evaluated proposed actions and visitor use patterns for their affect on natural resources and/or the quality of the recreation experience for our visitors. These efforts have resulted in constraints on visitor use such as requiring campers to use only designated sites, or limiting the size of parking lots at beaches and picnic areas to reduce crowding. At some lakes, the numbers of hunters are limited as needed to improve hunter safety and user enjoyment. However, until recently, little consideration had been given to the affect proposed actions might have on use of the lake surface during peak use days. We would be remiss to ignore this factor in future decisions. The absence of a marina on a lake does not negate the potential for lake surface congestion.

5. **POLICY:** Based on the data provided in the WRRUS, dated December 1998, and, in an effort to insure that use of the lake surface is considered in all actions, the Fort Worth District hereby enacts the following policy regarding water-related development:

a. Nothing herein may be inferred to approve development requests or imply future approval of development requests. National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) compliance will be required for any new development. The NEPA process could prescribe that this policy be adjusted for environmental reasons.

b. Existing written authorization (as of the date of this policy) for development of water-related recreational facility development issued to leaseholders will be honored, even if actual construction has not yet begun. No authorization(s) will be revoked as a result of issuance of this policy. This policy is not intended to cause removal of any existing, or currently authorized facilities.

c. The Corps, in cooperation with its water purveyor partners and recreational leaseholders, will oversee and monitor water-related development programs involving wet slips, dry stack slips, boat ramps and boat ramp parking spaces. Requests for authorizations for these facilities will be evaluated by the Corps for impacts to use of the lake surface, natural resources, water safety, and user enjoyment.

d. In determining an appropriate physical carrying capacity for the lake surface at Lewisville Lake, the WRRUS designated three levels of resource protection/user enjoyment: maximum, median, and minimum. These levels equate to acres of usable water surface per boat - having a high number of acres of water per boat tends to maximize resource protection/user enjoyment while a low number would tend to threaten the resource and reduce user satisfaction. The formula to determine the level is to divide the number of boatable acres of water surface (at normal pool) by the number of acres required for each type of boat (a figure determined by previous research), then multiply the result by the actual percent of each type of boat on the lake simultaneously (determined by an actual count on 6 high-use weekend days). [NOTE: Boatable acres would not include areas that are densely covered with dead timber, extremely shallow, or restricted.] The WRRUS determined that, at Lewisville, the maximum resource protection/user enjoyment level requires 27 acres of water per boat, the median level requires 18 acres of water per boat, and the minimum level requires approximately 14 acres of water per boat. The Lewisville Lake development policy sets the median protection level of 18

acres of water per boat as its standard. All other lakes in the Fort Worth District will adopt a more conservative standard. This policy hereby establishes a goal of 22 acres of water per boat during peak use times as the District's standard for resource protection and user enjoyment. This figure was derived from the more conservative (protective) extremity of the median

range determined in the WRRUS. Some lakes are large enough to have definable zones of use, or are geographically configured in a way that results in distinct zones of boating use. In these cases, the 22 acre-per-boat rule would be applied to each zone. In other words, if a comprehensive boating use study indicates the existence of distinct use zones, each zone would be managed so as not to exceed 22 acres-per-boat. Using zone-based capacities will allow for some latitude when hard decisions about future development must be made.

6. POLICY APPLICATION:

a. An inarguably accurate determination of a lake's existing resource protection/user enjoyment level would require an in-depth study similar to the WRRUS wherein actual counts were made on a series of peak use days. (The WRRUS accounted for types of boats, activities, and which sections of the lake were being used and also included face-to-face visitor interviews and mail out surveys.) It is possible to get a thumbnail estimate of a lake's current resource protection/user enjoyment level on peak use days, without performing an in-depth study, by counting "on-water" boats originating from marinas, boat ramps, campsites and any other known significant source. At Louisville, the WRRUS revealed that marinas contributed 1 boat to the lake surface for every 10 occupied wet slips or dry stack slots in the facility. Dry storage on trailers was found to be negligible in terms of contributing to boats on the lake surface. At boat ramps, each occupied car with trailer parking space (including unauthorized parking) equates to a boat on the lake surface. Boats can originate from other sources such as campsites.

b. It is highly desirable, although not mandatory, that each lake's current resource protection/user enjoyment level be estimated to provide a baseline from which this policy can be applied. Operations Managers are responsible for determining which lakes require this estimate. Lakes where an estimation survey should be considered include: a) those which compute to less than 27 acres of water per boat on the Potential Lake Surface Boat Load Table; b) those where major development requests are likely to occur; c) those where there is a current perception of water surface crowding; and/or d) those which are perceived to experience high levels of pleasure boating (as opposed to fishing). The estimation work should be done by a contractor. CESWF-OD-R staff is available to advise on methodology and/or assist in the estimation effort. Requests for major development which would increase the use of the lake surface on any lake which shows less than 27 acres of water per boat on the Potential Lake Surface Boat Load Table will not be processed by CESWF-OD-R until a peak use thumbnail estimate is in hand, unless there are mitigating circumstances.

c. Specific applications of this policy in response to proposed development actions known to increase boating traffic (adding marina slips, expanding boat ramp parking, etc.) are as follows:

(1) At lakes with current estimated resource protection level above 27 acres of water per boat, determine the resulting change in the protection level. [NOTE: 27 surface acres per boat is the threshold for the maximum protection level]. If the protection level estimate remains above 27 acres of water per boat, the proposal is not in opposition to this policy and can be processed accordingly. If the estimate is at or below 27 acres of water per boat, the action may require an in-depth water-related recreation use study before approval is issued. The necessity of a study will be determined by the Operations element on a case-by-case basis.

(2) At lakes with current estimated resource protection level at or below 27 acres of water per boat, an in-depth water-related recreation use study and an environmental assessment will be required prior to approval of

Reference 3 cont.

any new development. If the study verifies that the development will cause the protection level to fall below 22 acres of water per boat, the development will be disapproved unless it is altered to result in 22 or more acres of water per boat. It may then proceed to the environmental assessment phase.

(3) Lakes with current estimated resource protection level at or below 22 acres of water per boat will be considered to have exceeded the District's standard for resource protection/user enjoyment. Generally, no further development actions will be favorably considered. A possible exception would be a relatively large lake that has distinct use zones with some zones being overcrowded while other zones receive only light use. Although it is theoretically possible to remove certain types of facilities to facilitate placement of other types of facilities, such measures are discouraged. A particular concern is that proponents may opt to remove a boat ramp or several parking spaces as a trade-off for an equivalent number of marina slips. An action of this type will most likely require an environmental assessment, to include extensive public involvement, and must be shown to be in the public interest.

d. Requesting entities are responsible for the cost of any study, research effort or NEPA requirement in conjunction with application of this policy.

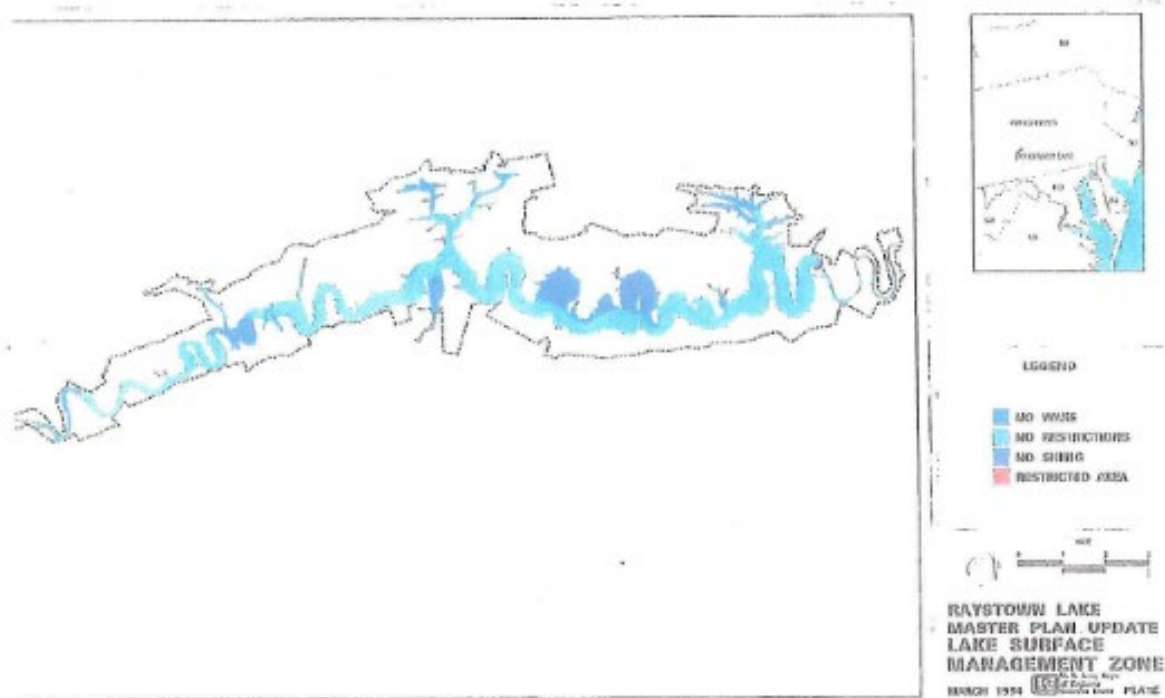
7. **POLICY EXCEPTIONS:** Approval of water-related development which results in a level of protection below the District standard may be considered at the discretion of the Chief, Operations Division and the Chief, Real Estate Division on a case-by-case basis.

8. **IMPLEMENTATION:** This policy will be implemented by the Operations and Real Estate elements. The term of this policy is indefinite. This policy becomes effective immediately upon the date of signature of the Chief, Operations Division and the Chief, Real Estate Division.

 Date: 4-30-02
Dwight L. Quarles
Chief, Operations Division

 Date: 30 Apr. 02
Kyle J. Reed
Chief, Real Estate Division

Reference 4 USACE No Wake Zones –Raystown Lake



No Wake Zones

The Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission defines no wake speed as:

"...the slowest possible speed of a motorboat required to maintain maneuverability so that wake or wash created by the motorboat on the surface is minimal."

This speed varies depending upon the size and hull of each boat.

Several no wake zones are established at Raystown to ensure safety, environmental protection, and quiet relaxation. These zones are identified by no-wake buoy markers. In addition to the zones located on the map to the right boaters should remember that no wake speed is required by law when operating within 100 feet of shorelines, docks, and ramps. These areas may or may not be designated by a buoy marker.

Additional situations require no wake speed and are defined by the Fish and Boat Commission. See the Rules and Tips section of this page for details.

From: <http://www.nab.usace.army.mil/Missions/Dams-Recreation/Raystown/Boating/>

Reference 5. Pa. No Wake Zone Requirements

BOAT OPERATION REQUIREMENTS

In Pennsylvania, it is illegal to...

- Operate a watercraft in a reckless, negligent or dangerous manner. Boats must be operated at a rate of speed that does not endanger the life or property of any person.
- Operate a boat at greater than slow, no-wake speed within 100 feet of the shoreline, docks, launch ramps, swimmers or downed skiers, persons wading in the water, anchored, moored or drifting boats and floats. Slow, no-wake speed is the slowest possible speed of a motorboat required to maintain maneuverability so that the wake or wash created by the motorboat on the surface is minimal. (The slow, no-wake zone for wake surfing activity is 200 feet. See page 35.)
- Operate a motorboat less than 20 feet in length at greater than slow no-wake while a person is standing on or in the boat.
- Operate a motorboat at greater than slow, no-wake speed with a person riding outside of the passenger-carrying area or while a person is riding on the bow decking, gunwales, transom or motor covers.
- Cause a boat to become airborne or to leave the water completely while crossing another boat's wake when within 100 feet of the boat creating the wake.
- Weave through congested traffic.
- Operate faster than slow, no-wake when within 100 feet to the rear or 50 feet to the side of another boat that is underway, unless in a narrow channel.
- Operate within 100 feet of anyone towed behind another boat.
- Operate a pontoon boat while a person is riding outside the passenger-carrying area.
- Operate a motorboat with anyone sitting, riding or hanging on a swim platform or swim ladder attached to the boat.



From: www.fishandboat.com/Boat/Documents/boalboat_complete.pdf



Pennsylvania Waters with Special Boating Regulations

The special boating regulations listed below are taken from Title 58, Chapter 111 of the [PA Code](#). Additional regulations not listed here or in the code may be in place for some waters.

HUNTINGDON	Lake Raystown	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Boats are limited to slow, no wake speed in the following areas: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Seven Points, Yocum Bay, Woodcock Valley Cove, James Creek Cove, Great Trough Creek Cove, Coffee Run Cove and Shy Beaver Cove - From the no-wake buoys between Putts Camp and Weaver Falls Access to the extreme backwaters of the lake. - Between peninsula number one and peninsula number three known as the Rothrock Recreation Area above the Route 994 bridge. - Other coves, bays, inlets, arms and areas marked with slow, no-wake buoys. • Waterskiing is prohibited between the Route 994 bridge and the point of peninsula number 3 of the Rothrock Recreation Area approximately 3/4-mile upstream.
	Whipple Lake	The operation of boats powered by internal combustion motors is prohibited.
	Perez Lake	The operation of boats powered by internal combustion motors is prohibited.

Reference 6. *Techniques for Estimating Boating Carrying Capacity*

Techniques for Estimating Boating Carrying Capacity: A Literature Review Prepared for: Catawba-Wataeree Relicensing Coalition Prepared by: Holly E. Bosley North Carolina State University Department of Parks, Recreation & Tourism Management August, 2005 –pg.2

Reference 7. *Boat Carrying Capacity Review-Pinecrest Lake (2012)* by FERC & PG&E

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Reference 8. *The Water and Land Recreation Opportunity Spectrum (WALROS) Handbook (2011)*

Reference 9. Doshi (2002) *Recreational Carrying Capacity in Lakes*- Indiana Clean Lakes Program

<https://clp.indiana.edu/doc/fact-sheets/carrying-capacity.pdf> - pg.1

Reference 10

12-2008

Perceived Crowding and Visitor Support for Use Rationing: A Reanalysis of Existing Data

Jascha M. Zeitlin
Utah State University

While crowding and social carrying capacity have been extensively studied for more than 40 years, significant disagreement about the utility of the concepts has pervaded academic debate for some time now (Stewart & Cole, 2001). Pg. 1

"Overall, results suggested crowding-based recreational carrying capacities may lack utility as a generalized management framework and are perhaps best reserved for sites specifically managed for low use levels or solitude experiences. Results also support calls for regional scale, rather than site-specific, recreation planning." Pg IV

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Boating Area Capacity

This section contains an explanation of the formulation of the carrying capacity for boating on the lake. The carrying capacity can be used to estimate boating use on the lake and the facilities required to support such use.

The boating capacity is assumed to reflect a reasonable or maximum number of boats which may use the lake at one time. For evaluation purposes the lake was divided into five zones which were used in summarizing boating area capacity on the lake and boating facilities at the lake (Plate 1). Table 3 identifies the lake zones, the recreation areas, and the facilities which support boating.

- Zone 1, closest to the dam, includes the Snyders Run boat launching facilities
- Zone 2 includes Seven Points and the Seven Points Marina
- Zone 3 includes Trough Creek and the backwater areas of James Bay with access provided by boat launch ramps at Aitch and James Creek
- Zone 4 includes Tatman Run, Shy Beaver and Lake Raystown Resort (the most developed recreation area at the lake)
- Zone 5 has a single boat ramp located at Weaver Falls

Boating density for this analysis is described for three types of boats; non-power, limited power, and unlimited power. Using information from Guidelines for Understanding and Determining Optimum Recreation Carrying Capacity (Bureau of Outdoor Recreation), it was possible to determine typical area requirements for the three classes of boating. Non-power includes boats without motors such as sailboats and canoes. Limited power includes boats with motors which operate at slower speeds; these boats may be used for fishing. Unlimited power includes boats operating at high speeds and they may be used for water skiing and cruising.

The following list shows the acres required per boat in each power class, and the lake's carrying capacity for each power class. The carrying capacity of the lake is based on the total size of the lake (8,300 acres) divided by the number of acres required by the boat class. The lake's carrying capacity number is the maximum number of crafts, in that class, accommodated by the lake if only that power class was on the lake.

<u>Boat type (area requirement)</u>	<u>Carrying Capacity</u>
Non-power (0.7 acres/boat)	11,857 boats
Limited power (4 acres/boat)	2,075 boats
Unlimited power (9 acres/boat)	922 boats

ZONE	RECREATION AREA	LAUNCH LANES	DRY/WET MARINA SLIPS	BOAT-TO-SHORE MOORING	PARKING SPACES (trailer only)
1	Snyder's Run	3	0	0	65
2	Seven Points (public)	3	0	0	145
	Seven Points Marina	2	800	0	61
	Sawyer's Neck	0	0	15	38
3	Aitch	1	0	0	61
	James Creek	3	0	0	134
	Nancy's Camp	0	0	30	5
4	Lake Raystown Resort	6	650	0	1,021
	Tanner Run	1	0	0	44
	Shy Beaver	3	0	0	151
5	Waves Falls	1	0	0	38
ALL	TOTALS	23	1,450	45	1,785

However, this is not a true scenario, because more than one power class of boat will be using the lake at the same time. A descriptive profile of types of recreation activities, power class of boat, and their percent use of the lake is listed below.

Limited Power	Percent Use
Fishing	18%
Other	3%
Swimming	21%
Subtotal	42%
Unlimited Power	
Pleasure Cruising	36%
Water Skiing	22%
Subtotal	58%
TOTAL	100%

The boating area carrying capacity may be calculated by multiplying the percentage of use by the number of lake acres and divide this number by the area required for each type of boat.

- 42% (limited power) x 8,300 acres = 3,486 / 4 acres/boat = 872 boats (limited power)
- 58% (unlimited power) x 8,300 acres = 4,814 / 9 acres/boat = 535 boats (unlimited power)
- TOTAL Carrying Capacity of the lake at ONE time (872 + 535) = 1,407 boats (limited and unlimited power) OR 5.9 acres/boat

The daily carrying capacity (or a peak day carrying capacity) is found by multiplying 1,407 (the ONE time carrying capacity) by a turnover rate of 2.0. The resulting number is 2,812 boats that may access the lake on peak days.

- DAILY Carrying Capacity of the lake = 2,812 boats (limited and unlimited power)

Boating-Related Facilities

Launch Lanes. According to the Corps of Engineers regulation on the design of recreation sites (EM 1110-2-400), one launch lane can accommodate 40 launchings per day. Therefore, 70 launch lanes would be needed to accommodate the 2,812 boats (2,812/40=70) identified as the carrying capacity at Raystown Lake. The 23 existing launch lanes at the lake can accommodate 920 boats per day, based on Corps standards.

Marina Capacity. Wet and dry boat storage at the two marinas at Raystown Lake provide boat access in addition to the access provided by Corps operated launch lanes. This additional access makes necessary an adjustment to the number of launch lanes needed at the lake. The marinas provide 1,163 wet slips and 287 dry slips. Forty percent of the boats in wet slips and 20 percent of the boats stored in dry slips will be used on a peak weekend day. Therefore, marina storage will account for 522 boats of the 2,812 boat capacity of the lake and eliminate the need for 13 launch lanes. The remaining lake capacity of 1490 boats could be launched from boat ramps and would require a total of 35 launch lanes.

Moorings Capacity. On peak weekend days 45 boats tie-up at campground moorings. Approximately 30 boats will be moored at Nancy's boat to shore and 15 boats at Susquehannock, based on a 60 percent peak day use of the existing moorings. The 50 moorings at Nancy's and 25 moorings at Susquehannock reduce the lake deficit in launch lanes by one.

Summary

The boating capacity of Raystown Lake is dependent upon two major factors, lake acres and available access to the lake. Raystown Lake has a water surface area of 8,300 acres. With an average density of 5.9 acres/boat, the lake could accommodate approximately 1,407 boats at one time or 2,812 boats per peak day. These boats can gain access to the lake either by using the of

the 23 launch lanes, one of the two marinas, or mooring facilities. Of the 2,812 boats which could use the lake, an estimated 522 boats currently use marina access, 800 boats use existing launch lanes, and 45 use mooring access. This leaves 1,345 boats unable to gain access to the lake; a deficit of 24 launch lanes. Table 4 shows the Peak Day Capacity by persons, boats, acres and zones for the lake. It should be noted that, for any added boat access capacity, either launch lanes or slips, and additional car/trailer parking spaces must be provided to serve any increased number of access facilities.

Zone	Peak Day Facilities Capacity (people)	Peak Day Capacity (Boat)	Acres per Zone	Peak Day Area Capacity (Boat)
Zone 1	480	120	738	247
Zone 2	1280	320	1,696	574
Zone 3	640	160	1,735	588
Zone 4	2280	563	2,490	844
Zone 5	160	40	1,652	560
TOTAL	4,880	1,203	8,300	2,813

- IV. Resource-Expressive - Activities oftentimes competitive, in which a natural resource provides the vehicle and/or challenge of the event. Man-made facilities are important to the successful undertaking of the sport; however, the main constraint is the availability of the unique combination of natural resources required by the activity.

A. Boating

Description - Riding watercraft on any body of water for pleasure.

Unit of Measurement - Boats/water surface acre or boats/mile

Physical Characteristics -

- o Non-powered flatwater boating - rowboats, canoes, and small sailboats using water bodies which are still or of low current speed (less than 2 MPH).
- o Non-powered boating on flowing water - requires a flowing river or stream with a current speed greater than 2 MPH. Watercraft typically includes canoes, rafts, kayaks or inner tubes.
- o Limited-power boating (10 h.p.) - included are sailboats, rowboats, canoes and other types powered by less than 10 h.p.
- o Unlimited-power boating (10 h.p.) - included are all types and power ranges of boating able to navigate a given body of water.

Reference 14 Florida DER—*Visitor Carrying Capacity Guidelines- Table 2*

Turnover rate for Water skiing and Unlimited Power Boating (>10 hp) is 1X.

Turnover rate for Limited Power boating (<10 hp) and No Power Boating is 2X

Reference 15 *A Boating Capacity Evaluation Of Raystown Lake* by Grafe, Todd, Moore, Lenz

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TABLE 12
TOTAL ENGINE HORSEPOWER BY PRIMARY ACTIVITY
(VALUES IN PERCENT)

	TOTAL HORSEPOWER					n	AVG.
	< 65 (n=207)	65-99 (n=234)	100-139 (n=227)	140-174 (n=215)	> 174 (n=241)		
FISHING	50	24	8	10	8	194	75.5
SWIMMING	11	21	21	21	27	236	141.5
WATERSKIING	6	20	26	26	22	255	138.2
PLEASURE CRUISING	16	20	23	18	23	407	135.5
OTHER	16	16	19	19	31	32	159.4
TOTAL	18	21	21	19	21	1124	127.7



TO: THE RAYSTOWN LAKE MASTER REVISION PROTECT TEAM

THIS LETTER IS TO INFORM YOU OF MY CONCERNS
OF THE HAWNS BRIDGE DEVELOPMENT.

I AM A MEMBER OF THE PSBA AND FISH FOR
STRIPED BASS. I AM AGAINST THIS PROPOSAL FOR
A NUMBER OF REASONS.

THE BOAT TRAFFIC ON RAYSTOWN IN THE SUMMER
AND FALL IS UNSAFE NOW WITHOUT ADDING
MORE BOATS. WHEN I FISH RAYSTOWN ON THE
WEEKENDS NOW I TRY TO GET OFF THE
LAKE BY 10:00 AM TO AVOID ALL OF THE
BOAT TRAFFIC. ALOT OF PEOPLE RENTING
BOATS SHOULD NOT BE ALLOWED TO OPERATE
A BOAT. I HAVE HAD TO MANY CLOSE CALLS.

THE PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT WILL RUINING
FISHING IN THE BOTTOM 6 MILES OF THE
LAKE WHERE I SPEND 60% OF MY TIME
FISHING. IT WILL DESTROY 2 MILES OF SOME
OF MY FAVORITE FISHING SHORE LINE.

I SPEND ABOUT 8 TO 9 HUNDRED HOURS FISHING
RAYSTOWN LAKE A YEAR. IF THIS DEVELOPMENT
GOES IN, I WILL NOT CONTINUE TO FISH
VERY OFTEN. I ALSO HELP AT THE LAKE
CLEANUP AND OTHER ACTIVITIES AT RAYSTOWN.
THE FISHING AT RAYSTOWN IS DECLINING
NOW. THIS PROPOSAL CAN ONLY HURT IT MORE.

FEEL FREE TO CALL WITH QUESTIONS Dennis A. Rarob 814-932-8253



Ann Kyper Reynolds, PE
11572 Station Road
Huntingdon, PA 16652-7617

August 12, 2018

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
Raystown Lake
6145 Seven Points Road
Hesston, PA 16647

Re: Raystown Lake Master Plan Comments

Dear Planners,

I have worked in Huntingdon County as a Consulting Engineer to many municipalities since 1991. Our firm provides advice to Township Supervisors and Borough Councils on land development, subdivisions, municipal road maintenance, drinking water and wastewater disposal. I was a member of the Huntingdon County Planning Commission for 27 years.

While I share many of the environmental concerns I am sure you have heard, my comments will focus on the impacts of a development like the Terrace Mountain Lodge on local municipalities and the local taxpayers.

I have seen out of state developers develop seasonal subdivisions, campgrounds and RV parks in the municipalities I have served. In all of my experiences, it is the local tax base that is forced to improve infrastructure under pressure from developers without any contribution by the developer or the vacationers using these facilities.

One Township has been sued twice by a developer whose development is not even in their Township. The issue is the condition of the road, that is the only access to the development, is a Township road. The vacationers complain about the road being a dirt road. The Township has spent, to my knowledge over \$60,000 in lawsuit settlements and improvements to the road. There are fewer than 600 full time residents in this Township and no other road in the Township is in as good a condition as this one.

Another developer subdivided a large tract with lake views from the top of the ridge. The developer defiantly kept selling lots and building vacation homes without proper septic systems until DEP placed a building moratorium on the Township to stop the development. The Township was forced to sign a Consent Order with the State and the developer did build a private wastewater treatment plant with a stream discharge.

However, DEP required that the Township be the permittee. After the developer failed to operate the treatment plant in compliance with the discharge limits, the Township took over operation of the plant. All subsequent Boards of Supervisors have battled with the developer to gain ownership of the plant, which is over 20 years old and requires maintenance that the developer will not perform.

Several municipalities I am aware of have tried to collect a "tax" on the recreational sites within a campground or resort that become permanent with additions, decks, patios and screened porches, but

efforts to have these non-transient "residents" contribute to their tax bases have been struck down in court. Even though the vast majority of wear and tear on the roads is from vacation traffic.

Municipalities have been pressured to widen local road intersections and turns to accommodate large campers, RVs and boat trailers. None of those with complaints contribute to the local tax base from which the funds are spent to address these "first world" issues.

I have to be skeptical that the Terrace Mountain Lodge visitors will have any less of an expectation that the local roads should be paved and they should be able to easily drive their toys on vacation. Will DEP allow the Terrace Mountain Lodge to be owned and operated by the developer or should Union Township brace to unwillingly being the permittee for sewage disposal facilities?

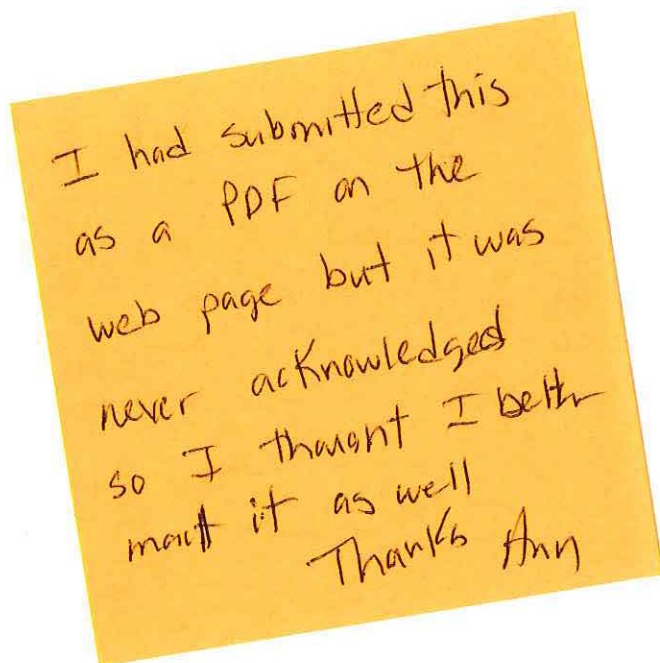
I would feel remiss if I did not bring the collateral damage I have witnessed both in municipal meeting after meeting, as well as twice in court. Thank you for your consideration of these concerns that are not likely on many peoples' minds but have a great financial impact on the tax payers in our small Huntingdon County municipalities.

Sincerely,



Ann Kyper Reynolds, PE

Cc: Huntingdon County Commissioners
Representative Rich Irwin
Senator John H. Eichelberger, Jr.
Union Township Supervisors



I had submitted this
as a PDF on the
web page but it was
never acknowledged
so I thought I better
mail it as well
Thanks Ann

8/31/18

"Rural Pennsylvania doesn't fascinate the world, not generally. Buy cyclically, periodically, its innards are of interest. Bore it, strip it, set it on fire, a burnt offering to the collective need." — Jennifer Haig, 2016, *"Heat and Light"*

Dear Army Corps of Engineers staff,

I hope not to be too late in offering a few thoughts as you draw closed the comment period for the updated plan for the Raystown Lake property, and as I watch a growing debate with regards to the potential development of Hawn's Peninsula by developer Rod Roberts of Lancer Resources.

Several months ago, I watched and listened to Rod and his group of developers present their tentative plans for the Hawn's Peninsula "glamping" environmentally friendly marina / resort / meeting center / blitt blatt development, in a public meeting held at the Cassville fire hall. It was an impressive presentation in some ways. Impressive in a way that would, to many, make his plans look extremely attractive to a community in desperate need of economic opportunity. A community where the tax base doesn't successfully support the needs of its schools. A community in need of jobs. Of prosperity. Of a brighter future. Smoother roads, both real and figurative. I get that. I believe, fearfully, that Rod's promises are like so many promises of late, at best too good to be true, and most likely truly empty. And I lament the consequences for Lake Raystown should his plan come to pass.

To begin with, I grew up in Huntingdon. My family has had a float boat docked at 7-Points since the early eighties. In High School, my friends and I spent many - Many! - quiet evenings on our first pontoon boat somewhere between 7-Points and Nancy's Camp. Despite Ranger Hudy's suspicion, we were never drunk or high. I remember a time when the road at "The Cliffs" passed a cemetery and ended at a guard rail some 50 feet from the lake shore. It was a quiet and tranquil place to spend a summer evening on a twenty four foot Harris pontoon boat with a whopping whole 35 horses under it's Evinrude hood. Now that guard rail is barely hanging on - if it's even still there - as the shoreline has eroded and exposed its support legs. But even in 1987, a Tuesday or Wednesday night was the preferred time to enjoy this space, for on Saturday afternoon, the cruisers with their deep V-hulls and 200 hp Volvo inboard /outboards were churning up wake enough to make the waters choppy, the hollows noisy, and the skinny dipping nooks and crannies populated. Now with racing boats as big as a house skimming the water at 70 miles an hour, twin V-8 engines and glass pipe mufflers roaring along, audible from 3 miles up stream on an otherwise quiet Sunday night, the joy of a tranquil lake is often left to my memory, not my reality. I wasn't in favor of horsepower limits on the Lake twenty years ago, but now I've seen the damage. Perhaps I'm wiser.

But I digress to the romantic. Let me be more blunt.

It's painfully obvious that Rod Roberts purchased a substantial area of land adjacent to the lake with the hope of drilling the Marcellus Shale in the area for gas. He's now discovered that where

there is Marcellus, there only might be gas, and in Trough Creek Valley, there isn't. So now he has a white elephant to work with. An investment that will bear no fruit. So now what? OH - let's build a resort. A convention center. And let's sell it to the local community as an economic windfall.

OK.

He's promised 300 jobs. I would say that's an overstatement. By an order of magnitude. Maybe 30. Maybe.

He's promised upward mobility for his work force. Opportunity for professional development and moving up the pay scale. Sure. For, perhaps five or six of those employees. I've lived in places like Durango, CO where tourism is the chief economic driver. Most of the jobs pay minimum wage. In those places, trust fund children wash dishes and change sheets so that they can ski in their hours of leisure. No one makes a living wage cleaning toilets at a convention center. Am I supposed to believe that Huntingdon County and Raystown Lake are somehow different? Jim Filson has certainly done well for himself and his family. I learned long ago that if I wanted gasoline for our boat, I'd better get to his pumps at least 30 minutes before closing time. After that, the posted and actual hours of service didn't necessarily overlap.

I can't even imagine what it will take to put in an adequate road to service a marina and convention center or "glamping" sites on Hawn's Peninsula. As a former geologist, I probably have a better understanding of slope and erosion, shale barrens and ecology, dip slope failures and landslides than most. He's proposed a shuttle. Really???? (Hey - I have my class B CDL and passenger endorsement so that I can not only drive a school bus, but I am a licensed school bus trainer for the state of PA.... Sign me up!!!) What about utilities. Sewage? Trash? Boat trailers that loose their brakes. Oh won't that add excitement to the front page of the Daily News!

Sadly, I also think that public road access to his property is terribly lacking. Does the State or Township intend to, or is it willing to, invest in improving the road to access the east side of the mountain? The township won't even put a proper traffic light in at the intersection of Rt. 22 and State Route 829. I remember when 7-points road was narrow and winding. I remember getting ice cream in Hesston at the old Huntingdon & Broad Top Mtn. railroad station - driving by was the only way to the water. The roads accessing Rod's property haven't been improved to modern standards since trains were actually stopping at the station!

I could go on. I could ask that an erosional study be done on the lake shore to determine the damage caused by increased boat traffic, to determine the relationship between increased boat size, horsepower, and soil erosion. To look at the increased lake turbidity due to boat traffic and the effects on aquatic life. To ask what economic pressure would be put on Lake management when it has to choose between stock piling water to control flooding (the Lake's reason to be after all), compared to property damage to an additional marina due to lake surface elevation changes of 20 feet. Or more. To ask what consequences an additional marina will have on aquatic wildlife. What additional boat traffic and noise pollution will do to Bald Eagle nesting sites in the area. I could go on...

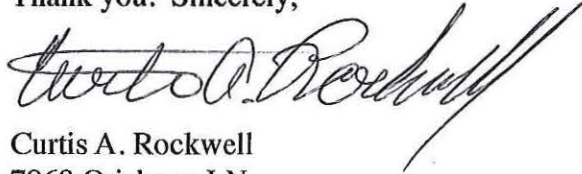
In short, I hope very much that you, with good reason, leave the current status of Hawn's Peninsula as it is, and deny Roberts' forthcoming requests for development allowances with changes to Hawn's Peninsula's current designation for conservation. It's painful enough to drive past acres of land transformed by a pipeline on my way to the marina. Land taken and raped under the laws of eminent domain, that will serve a few corporate CEO's from Shell handsomely as our State's resources are shipped across the oceans while most of us stand by and watch, don't benefit, or clean up their spills.

I want to see economic and social prosperity in my community, my lifelong home of almost 49 years.

I want to see smart development.

Developing Hawn's Peninsula doesn't look smart. It looks like pie in the sky. Greed.

Thank you. Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Curtis A. Rockwell". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name and address.

Curtis A. Rockwell
7968 Oriskany LN
Huntingdon, PA. 16652

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, The Board of Directors of the Southern Alleghenies Planning and Development Commission recognizes the importance of regional economic development and continues to support tourism as one of the pillars of the regional economy; and

WHEREAS, The Board of Directors of the Southern Alleghenies Planning and Development Commission has supported the development of tourism at Raystown Lake through the programming of funding from the Appalachian Regional Commission for the Allegrippis Trail System; and

WHEREAS, The Board of Directors of the Southern Alleghenies Planning and Development Commission acknowledge the significant impact that the Terrace Mountain Resort would have on the economy of Huntingdon County as a four seasons destination; and

WHEREAS, The Board of Directors of the Southern Alleghenies Planning and Development Commission understand the project as described provides for public access through the Terrace Mountain Resort Trail Head to the Hawn's Bridge Recreation Area; and

WHEREAS, The Board of Directors of the Southern Alleghenies Planning and Development Commission recognize that the residents located on the eastern side of Raystown Lake would have the same opportunity to access the waterfront as the residents on the western side.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Directors of the Southern Alleghenies Planning and Development Commission hereby urge the USACE to rezone the Hawn's Bridge Peninsula for high density recreation as part of the master plan update for Raystown Lake and issue a concession lease.

Approved this 18th day of July, 2018



Southern Alleghenies
Planning and Development Commission
Altoona, Blair County, Pennsylvania


Gerald Walker, Secretary



ECONOMIC IMPACT PROJECTIONS

Introduction: A developer from Austin, Texas, has proposed developing a resort at Raystown Lake in Huntingdon County PA. Based on the designs and plans it is estimated that the resort construction costs will be more than \$89 million and will take 2 years to construct. When opened, the resort will employ 300 people with a combined annual payroll of \$6.5 million. The annual operating expenses beyond payroll are projected to be more than \$15 million.

Southern Alleghenies Planning and Development Commission (SAP&DC) developed the following projected economic impacts that may be realized should the resort be constructed. SAP&DC used IMPLAN, a world leader in providing economic impact data and modeling to governments, universities, and public and private sector organizations for assessing the economic impacts of project decisions in all industry sectors, and the construction costs, annual payroll projections, and annual operating expenses provided by the developer based on marketing and feasibility studies that were conducted.

Projected Impact from the Construction of the Resort

697 Direct Construction jobs created

1119 Indirect Jobs

106 Induced jobs

\$35 million in payroll dollars spent on construction

\$39 million of value added dollars due to the investment of \$89 million.

\$2.9 million new state and local tax revenue

\$5.7 million new federal tax revenue

Projected Impact from the Annual Payroll and other Operating Expenses for the Resort Operations

300 resort jobs created

217 direct jobs created in the community

42 Indirect jobs created annually

17 Induced jobs created annually

\$15 million of additional payroll will be influenced by the annual resort payroll and operating expenses

\$2.3 million new annual state and local tax revenue

\$1.5 million new annual federal tax revenue

Indirect jobs and payroll will be created by the resort's suppliers.

Induced jobs and payroll will be created because of the employees of the resort buying additional goods and services in the community.

The industries that will benefit directly from the resorts operations include: food and drinking places, services, maintenance and repair of other buildings, advertising and related expenses, civil, social and professional organizations, postal services, accounting and payroll preparation services, waste management and employment services.

9/24/2018

Avis Kennedy
Project Manager/ Raystown Lake Master Plan
US Army Corp of Engineers
6145 Seven Points Rd
Hesston, PA 16647

RE: Letter of Support for the proposed Hawn's Bridge Recreation Area on Raystown Lake

I am writing to provide a public comment as part of the Raystown Lake Master plan update. I would like to request that the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers rezones the Hawn's Bridge peninsula for high-density recreation so that a concession lease can be issued for a public recreation area to be developed using private funding. The northeastern shore of Raystown Lake needs a public access point that is handicapped accessible and available to people of all ages. Ideally, the area should include a small marina, beach, camping area and restaurant, along with other amenities open to the public.

I feel this area really needs the economic benefits that this will bring to the area. Especially to the eastern side of the lake.

With Regards,



Burgess Smith
310 2nd Street
Huntingdon, Pa 16652



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September 3, 2018

Nicholas E. Krupa
Operations Project Manager
Raystown Lake
6145 Seven Points Road
Hesston, PA 16647

Dear Nick,

Thank you for the opportunity to provide stakeholder input to the Raystown Lake Master Plan. Please consider the following comments based on our 40+ years of operating Seven Points Marina on Raystown Lake. Our stockholders met to gather the following comments.

Zone 5

This area of the lake is ideal for small boats and paddle sports. Any enhancement to further promote safe areas for paddle sport enthusiasts seems logical.

Zone 4

The Shy Beaver, Resort and Tatman Run areas are highly congested areas. Depending upon the outcome of the boat study, perhaps additional parking for the Tatman Run Beach and launch could be included in long range plans.

Zone 3

- The Trough Creek State Park and Rothrock State Forest Areas are beautiful assets bordering the USACE property; is it possible for the USACE and DCNR to partner to allow for improved access by boaters to the state park area? From the lake to the Ice Mine, Rainbow Falls and Balanced Rock is a doable hike from the inlet at Trough Creek. It seems that some shoreline clearing for boat tie up and access to the land would allow for more access to this under-utilized park and forest.
- The Aitch and James Creek no wakes zones are ideal areas for paddle sports and if the existing no wake area was increased this would allow for safer access between the rabbit ears for this boating population. Perhaps the area at the Juniata Field station could be the beginning of the no-wake area which provide safe haven and also protect Pee Wee Island from continued erosion.
 - One option would be to expand the Aitch and James Creek boat ramps to allow for non-motorized boat parking and easy access for those who wish to remain in the safer no-wake zones.
 - Another alternative might be the utilization of several 'old road beds' that lead into the lake (examples include Hollow Road and Backbone Road) to allow for paddle sport and fishing/parking access in these areas which might help relieve some of the pressure at the public ramps.
- Party Cove, along with a few other places in different zones continues to be a popular spot for boats to raft together. Unfortunately the shorelines are paying the price for those who enjoy a day/weekend in these areas without bathroom facilities. One of the rangers suggested a floating porta potty which makes sense but the management of these facilities seems unlikely with the current budgetary limits on the federal park. Perhaps there are 'best practice' models at other Corp facilities that could be applied at Raystown. If grant opportunities would exist, perhaps Friends of Raystown Lake could manage a floating rest room system

Come out and PLAY!

Zone 2

This zone encompasses another high density area, but is also the widest part of the lake. Seven Points Marina is located in this zone and has been in operation over 40 years at this location. We are probably most familiar with this area since it is our "back yard".

- We would like to keep the area of Upper Corners as an area for future development. Even with the expanded trail system in this area, we believe it could be ideal for development for outdoor camp for youth similar to the network of camps in New York State. When the upper corners project was put out for bid, this particular market was **not** included in the campaign to attract developers and we believe this was an oversight. It would be helpful to maintain development status for this location as an opportunity that could be further explored by the economic development organizations in the region.
- A few years ago, the 'beer barrel' bay between Upper Corners and Point Camp was changed from no-wake to wake. At the time, we were told the USACE had to cut expenses of buoy placement and that is why the designation was changed. We have mixed feelings about this decision. In many ways it is another area for paddle sports and anglers to get off the main channel of the lake, and it does have a crappie/perch honey hole, but we have suggested to our daily pontoon renters that it is a safe place to tube in an area that is off the main channel of the lake on busy weekends. The USACE will know best if there has been more erosion and or boat damage for those camping at Point campground. It would be difficult for us to recommend campers moor boats at this campground without the no wake protection.
 - If it were changed back to no-wake; the upper corners could perhaps become another paddle sport/shore fishing area for non-motorized craft.
 - If a youth camp type facility was attracted for development, they may want to have the option to teach watersports such as skiing, wake boarding; perhaps have a ski jump, slalom course, etc. in this bay.

Obviously we do not have a clear opinion about this bullet point, but want to offer suggestions. Bottom line is that we see potential for some type of development of the Upper Corners land, and believe it is worth additional thought and consideration by the USACE and regional economic development/tourism agencies.
- The public boat launch in the Seven Points basin is a popular ramp and expansion of this facility should be based on the outcome of the boat study.
- With our expanded 663' courtesy dock and given the hike to the public rest rooms at the boat launches (understand it is a flood plain issue?) we are becoming a most popular spot for bathroom facilities and we do welcome the general public during business hours. While we are happy to offer the facilities.....it does put pressure on our facilities and water and sewage costs paid to the Corp..
- Please do NOT change the no – wake designation for the bay between Mile Marker 8 and Susquehannock campground. The shale barrens are magnificent and this is also becoming a popular spot for boaters to 'raft up'.
- Raystown Lake Maps clearly define Marty's Island but the beautiful island near Susquehannock has no name. We respectfully request that it be designated as "sheep rock" island in honor of the archeological site close to this area. The Filson family owned this land prior to the development of the lake so we feel it appropriate to ask for the name designation.
- For several years, we have offered Rothrock Outfitters space at our marina for the rental of canoes and kayaks. While we are happy to have this service on the lake, we would rather have space for them in an area that is not between our docks for two reasons. We are a high congestion area and we have electricity running to many of our docks which causes us concern for folks who may not be stable on paddle sports. Is there space in Senoia area for the outfitters to operate? This would be a much safer access point and perhaps launch site for paddle sports. There is enough to do for a day in this no-wake area which would keep visitors in a safer environment than from our facility. We would be happy to keep Rothrock as a subcontractor 'offsite' if that would help maintain the service and provide a safer access for their customers.
- Since the development of our marina, we have expanded as much as USACE will allow and while we respect this decision, we still have over 200 potential customers on our waiting list. From a business point of view-supply and

demand are out of sync. We have re-arranged our rack spaces and dock spaces trying to adjust for the demand for larger boats, but want to make sure that we have plenty of spaces for the smaller boats which allows the 'average joe' the affordability and convenience of a slip at our marina. Pending the outcome of the boat density study, we may request additional docks.

Zone 1

- There has been much ado about the Hawn's Peninsula Proposed development, we will simply state that we are not opposed to the development from an economic development point of view if, indeed, the market research study is accurate with revenue to local municipalities, tax base and job creation. Our 950+ slip marina employs 24 full time seasonal employees; the job creation aspect would have to include the private land development in order to truly have a significant impact. We support the expertise of the USACE to make a decision on the project based on results of the boat study and the environmental assessment as well as the overall plan for development not only on the land that would be leased, but also, the activities proposed on the private land bordering the USACE land. We did find the Striper Club research to be an interesting aspect of this development, as Raystown Lake as a fishery does support the local economy.
 - From a marina development point of view, our marina is tucked into the cove and even with the 2 wave breaks we've installed; we have had to add a double seawall in many places because of erosion. We feel certain this situation will also occur on the Peninsula at Hawn, and should be addressed by their marina development company.
 - Since we are tucked a bit into the cove, we still experience damage to our docks on the Oak Peninsula side of our facility with high wind episodes. The prevailing wind hits the Peninsula; the USACE would have to determine if this would be an issue for the development.
 - Based on presentation from the Public Relations arm of the developer, it is understood that the lodge and other activities located on the private land would have to support the loss which appears to be logical outcome of the proposed income stream on what would be the USACE concession area.
- The Snyder's Run area of Raystown is an incredible space for many activities. The 'Pebble Beach' area allows for visitors without a boat to enjoy the lake. Some further expansion of this area development of parking and paddle sport access would allow others to safely enjoy the passive activity offered in this space.
- Future development of the coves in Zone 1 may help to reduce the congestion in other areas. We would suggest further development of the dead end road beds to allow visitors without power boats access to Raystown Lake.
- We also suggest that the area around Moonbeam Island be included in the no wake area of Snyder's Run, which should help to preserve this area.

Thank you again for the opportunity to share our comments on the master plan update.

Sincerely,



Pauline F Hetrick
COO

Seven Points Marina

MARK A. SATHER
SCOTT WALLS
JEFF THOMAS

MICHELLE BARNETT
Chief Clerk



PETER McMANAMON
Solicitor

MEETING DAY
TUESDAY--9:30 A.M.

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Huntingdon County, Pennsylvania

OFFICE OF

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

HUNTINGDON, PENNSYLVANIA 16652

August 10, 2018

Avis Kennedy
Project Manager/Raystown Lake Master Plan
US Army Corps of Engineers
6145 Seven Points Road
Hesston, PA 16647

Dear Avis,

First off, I would like to say that I am a lifelong resident of Huntingdon County and experienced the creation of Raystown Lake. With my entire childhood being in Marklesburg, I cherish the memories with family and friends from the displaced areas. Some of my fondest memories are visiting camps along the now flooded areas of the Raystown Branch of the Juniata and the ride from Marklesburg thru Aitch to visit the swimming and picnic areas of Trough Creek State Park. It was sad to see the families being forced to leave their homes and farms and many folks hold a grudge until this day. We all know that change is difficult and uncertain, but folks have moved on and adjusted for the most part to the new man made environment of Raystown.

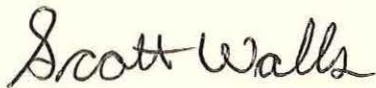
Where are we today? We have this beautiful treasure in the midst of our County that multitudes of people enjoy every year. Raystown exhibits and displays the beauty of nature, but it is a "man-made creation". Those that oppose further development and expansion of recreational and hospitality resources on the premise that "natural beauty will be destroyed" are taking a very delusional position on the proposal for the Hawn's Bridge Peninsula. We all know, or at least those of us who have experienced the construction of Raystown, that with careful planning and foresight good things can come from what some view as destruction.

Being a County Commissioner and lifelong resident of Huntingdon County, compels me to seek the best for every resident of our great County. Be assured that I would never support any project which could have the potential to harm our environment or our citizens. As Commissioner's, we face situations every day in which we must weigh the benefits verses the impact on our citizens. From this prospective I must lend my full support for the proposal to designate the Hawn's Bridge Peninsula area of Raystown as an area for High Density Recreation. The term **High Density Recreation** can be misleading to the public as it sounds like major change, however, I believe this would be the same designation as Seven Points Marina and Raystown Resort. As outlined previously, change does not necessarily have to mean destruction. Those who oppose this development do not want to consider that changes to what they see as their natural beauty, could result in additional opportunities to experience that beauty.

The concept for the development of Hawn's Bridge, that the Corps requested, and Mr. Roberts provided, was exactly that, a concept. It should be noted to the public that "not a single shovel full of dirt" will be turned on any Corps or public accessible land, without stringent regulations and final government approval. There can be a balance that will allow further development of this area to provide services and opportunities for others to enjoy.

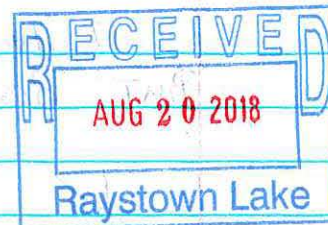
The "all my way or nothing" attitude is not what we are seeking nor want from others. Any development will have to go through the regulatory process and will have to continue to comply after construction. My issue with those who oppose any development is that they are unwilling to come to the table and try to compromise. I believe that by working together, the Hawn's Bridge Peninsula can be developed into another asset that will enhance the recreational value of Raystown "The Crown Jewel of Pennsylvania".

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Scott Walls". The script is cursive and fluid, with the first letters of "Scott" and "Walls" being capitalized and prominent.

Scott Walls
Commissioner, Huntingdon County
233 Penn Street, Huntingdon PA 16652
814-643-3091
swalls@huntingdoncounty.net

RAYSTOWN LAKE OFFICE
6145 SEVEN POINTS ROAD
HESSTON, PA 16647



TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

I DON'T VISIT YOUR LAKE OFTEN, BUT
IN HISTORY, I KNOW ABOUT THE LAKE GOES BACK
TO THE 1960'S WHEN PEOPLE WHO OWNED OR
RENTED HOMES ON OR NEAR THE OLD LAKE OR
RIVER.

WHY WAS IT SO IMPORTANT BUY LAND
SO FAR BACK FROM THE WATER IN THE
1960'S, AND NOW YOU WANT TO SELL OR GIVE
LAND NEAR THE WATER SO SOMEONE CAN
MAKE MONEY.

WHEN THE FIRST DAM WAS BUILT, AS I
UNDERSTAND WAS TO STOP FLOODING.
THEN LATER BOATING AND SWIMMING WAS
WANTED ON THE NEW HIGHER DAM WAS
PUT IN. IT WAS STILL FOR FLOOD
CONTROL (RIGHT)

A SYSTEM FOR ELECTRIC POWER WAS
PUT IN FOR THE GOOD OF THE PEOPLE WHO
PAID FOR THE DAM (TAXPAYERS)

SINCE LOCAL OWNERS WERE NOT ALLOWED
TO DO THINGS FOR 40 YEARS. NOW SOMEONE
WITH LOTS OF MONEY WANTS TO BUILD OFF
WHAT WAS OFF LIMITS

RECEIVED
8105
BUT BIG MONEY SREAMS.
8105
Lake
IF JUST SEEMS THAT MONEY TALKS,

KEEP THE LAKE CLEAN
OF BUILDINGS IN
THE CENTER OF THE
LAKE. SHOULD BE
SOME DISTANCE FROM
THE EDGE OF WATER
NOT OUT INTO THE
LAKE.

THANK YOU

KENT F WILSON
Kent F Wilson

109 WILSON DRIVE
WILLIAMSBURG, PA
16693

814 832 3284

Let's Make Raystown Lake Better!

Would you like another boating destination on-Raystown Lake where you can swim, grab some lunch and rent kayaks or canoes? The proposed Hawn's Bridge Recreation Area (HBRA) would be open to the public and have great amenities such as a restaurant, beach, camping and rental area.

Would you like a new place to take the kids hiking and biking on the northeast side of Raystown Lake? The proposed HBRA is slated to add more trails for hiking and biking with the possibility of connecting the trails to Huntingdon, about 10 miles from the area.

Would you like a great place to learn about the environment, aquatic life and local wildlife? The proposed HBRA plans to include an Environmental Learning Center with programs on our local wildlife and habitats, as well as the history of our area.

If you would like to see a new public recreation area on Raystown Lake, please fill in this postcard and send it to the US Army Corps of Engineers. They are currently updating the Raystown Lake Master Plan and need to hear from YOU on what you would like at Raystown Lake in the future.

Thanks for your participation!

Local Residents Committed to
Making Raystown Lake Better

More info at:

www.MakeRaystownLakeBetter.com

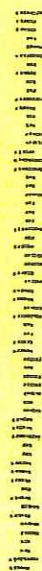
You may also complete an online survey at:

<http://www.nab.usace.army.mil/Raystown-Master-Plan-Revision/>

Scroll down on right to: SUBMIT a Comment



Avis Kennedy
Project Manager/ Raystown Lake Master Plan
US Army Corps of Engineers
6145 Seven Points Road
Hesston, PA 16647



Dear Mrs. Kennedy and the Raystown Lake Master Plan Update Team:

I urge the USACE to reclassify the Hawn's Bridge Peninsula on Raystown Lake as a future public recreation area so that everyone can enjoy access to the lake on the northeastern shore. I support this because:

After her coming here for every year since 1982. - It's a great place to visit friends' family & enjoy the lake & its beauty - The Hawn's Bridge project is a much needed addition to the area & a much needed economical boost to the area.

Ann & Parisi depend on area
Dolores B Parisi *7/24/18*

Name *140 Johnson Rd* Date

Address *Kirkwood, May 13795*

www.MakeRaystownLakeBetter.com

If you would like to help make Raystown Lake better, please show your support for the proposed Hawn's Bridge Recreation Area (HBRA) on Raystown Lake by writing a comment on the attached postcard and mailing it to the US Army Corps of Engineers. By supporting this new recreation area you are paving the way for the future Terrace Mountain Lodge to be built on private land adjacent to the HBRA. The lodge will not be built without this new recreation area.

Reasons to support this project:

- New PUBLIC recreation area on Raystown Lake. We are proposing a water access restaurant, very small marina with day or hourly boat docks, public beach, environmental learning center, camping and glamping sites, and kayak and canoe rentals..... **All developed at no cost to the public!**
- Miles of new hiking and biking trails with potential to connect trails to Huntingdon
- ADA accessible recreation area so everyone, regardless of mobility, will be able to fish and enjoy what Raystown Lake has to offer
- The Terrace Mountain Lodge will be a great place to visit and stay with 220 high end rooms, convention space, wedding gazebo, spa and restaurant.
- Environmentally responsible design and operation
- \$15 million in annual payroll = money spent locally to help our local businesses
- 300+ year round jobs will help our local economy

Tear off postcard along dotted line and mail

Tear off postcard along dotted line and mail

Dear Mrs. Kennedy and the Raystown Lake Master Plan Update Team:

I urge the USACE to reclassify the Hawm's Bridge Peninsula on Raystown Lake as a future public recreation area so that everyone can enjoy access to the lake on the northeastern shore. I support this because:

More jobs

Tom Bellis

Name

P.O. Box 74 Petersburg, PA 16809

Address

9/14/10

Date

Dear Mrs. Kennedy and the Raystown Lake Master Plan Update Team:

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DONT DO IT.

Local Lifer

Name

Huntingdon

Address

Date

Dear Mrs. Kennedy and the Raystown Lake Master Plan Update Team:

I urge the USACE to reclassify the Hawm's Bridge Peninsula on Raystown Lake as a future public recreation area so that everyone can enjoy access to the lake on the northeastern shore. I support this because:

Of the increase of jobs in the area, this is something that Huntingdon is really in need of. I am not in favor of the marina there as it is a threat to the lake now. I do want the restoration on the lake now. I do want the recreation areas and camping and other recreation facilities. Along with the lodge.

James Yarnall

Name

Date

1155 11th Ave Huntingdon PA 16802

Address

Dear Mrs. Kennedy and the Raystown Lake Master Plan Update Team:

I urge the USACE to reclassify the Hawm's Bridge Peninsula on Raystown Lake as a future public recreation area so that everyone can enjoy access to the lake on the northeastern shore. I support this because:

I DO NOT SUPPORT THIS. THE PUBLIC HAS ACCESS TO THAT AREA THROUGH SNYDER'S RUN BOAT RAMP. THE MARINA WOULD NOT INCREASE ACCESS IT WOULD JUST INCREASE BOAT TRAFFIC. GETTING INTO SNYDER'S RUN ON WEEKENDS IS DIFFICULT.

JULY 19, 2018

Name

10892 FOXLAIR DR. HUNTINGDON PA 16822

Address

Date

Dear Mrs. Kennedy and the Raystown Lake Master Plan Update Team:

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Ray L Cramer 9-16-18
Name 35 W 28th ST. Huntingdon, PA 16652 Date
Address

Mrs. Kennedy and the Raystown Lake Master Plan Update Team:

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it will provide employment opportunities,
more recreation, environmental education
opportunities, and more tourism dollars
to the county.

Chrissa Davis 8-17-18
Name 307 2nd St, Huntingdon PA 16652 Date
Address

Dear Mrs. Kennedy and the Raystown Lake Master Plan Update Team:

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Please Rezone Hawn's Bridge for
high density recreation. We live
on Piney Ridge in Juniata Township
& own a boat at 7 PTs marina. The
lake is never busy compared to other
lakes we visit. We want another boating
destination on Raystown Lake

Brian Intoccia 8/30/18
Name Live in Chester City - Vac Home @ Raystown Lake Date
Address

Dear Mrs. Kennedy and the Raystown Lake Master Plan Update Team:

I urge the USACE to reclassify the Hawn's Bridge Peninsula on Raystown Lake as a future public recreation area so that everyone can enjoy access to the lake on the northeastern shore. I support this because:

I own a transport bus
business here, and live here.
We NEED this!

Adam Miller 8/15/18
Name 419 14th St Suite D1 Box B Date
Address Huntingdon PA 16652

Dear Mrs. Kennedy and the Raystown Lake Master Plan Update Team:

I urge the USACE to reclassify the Haw's Bridge Peninsula on Raystown Lake as a future public recreation area so that everyone can enjoy access to the lake on the northeastern shore. I support this because:

This area need more diverse businesses to spur growth in the community.

Sharon D. Hawson

Name

7098 Standing Stone Rd, Huntingdon, PA 16652

Address

Date

8/22/2018

Dear Mrs. Kennedy and the Raystown Lake Master Plan Update Team:

I urge the USACE to reclassify the Haw's Bridge Peninsula on Raystown Lake as a future public recreation area so that everyone can enjoy access to the lake on the northeastern shore. I support this because:

This area needs the jobs this project will provide. The local shops need tourist business year round. This will also encourage more businesses to move into the area.

David R. Peoples

Name

717 Washington St, Suite 2, Huntingdon, PA 16652

Address

Date

8/22/2018

Dear Mrs. Kennedy and the Raystown Lake Master Plan Update Team:

I urge the USACE to reclassify the Haw's Bridge Peninsula on Raystown Lake as a future public recreation area so that everyone can enjoy access to the lake on the northeastern shore. I support this because:

I live within a few miles of the proposed resort. I think it would be a wonderful opportunity for economic and vacation and graduate for our community.

Brenda Court

Name

13629 Smith Rd, Huntingdon, PA 16652

Address

Date

8/16/18

Dear Mrs. Kennedy and the Raystown Lake Master Plan Update Team:

I urge the USACE to reclassify the Haw's Bridge Peninsula on Raystown Lake as a future public recreation area so that everyone can enjoy access to the lake on the northeastern shore. I support this because:

this project creates a better Raystown Lake. The 104 opportunities created. The monies that are spent locally will only enhance our country.

Stacie D. Lutschall

Name

11702 Simon Fox Rd. Huntingdon, PA 16852

Address

Date

7/19/18

Please update Master Plan

Dear Mrs. Kennedy and the Raystown Lake Master Plan Update Team:

I urge the USACE to reclassify the Hawk's Bridge Peninsula on Raystown Lake as a future public recreation area so that everyone can enjoy access to the lake on the northeastern shore. I support this because:

We need more ADA accessible areas!! Need more natural areas for Hiking and camping. Environment Learning Center... Great! We need it now! More jobs are needed in our area!!

Name Scott Brechler Date 8-5-18
Address 13152 Raspberry Lane
Hesston, PA 16647

Dear Mrs. Kennedy and the Raystown Lake Master Plan Update Team:

I urge the USACE to reclassify the Hawk's Bridge Peninsula on Raystown Lake as a future public recreation area so that everyone can enjoy access to the lake on the northeastern shore. I support this because:

We've enjoyed many vacations to the Raystown Lake area. These type of facilities we feel would greatly enhance the experience and provide something new for future planning.

Name Dave + Marie Parisi Date 8/2/18
Address 10253 Citippena Ct. Harrisburg NC 28075

Dear Mrs. Kennedy and the Raystown Lake Master Plan Update Team:

I urge the USACE to reclassify the Hawk's Bridge Peninsula on Raystown Lake as a future public recreation area so that everyone can enjoy access to the lake on the northeastern shore. I support this because:

It will bring increased tourism and revenue to the county. It will also increase tax mileage rates/returns by increasing property value in southern area of the county by allowing development on the northeastern shore. It will bring jobs to the local area. It will help support existing businesses. Raystown Lake is a man-made lake. It is no longer a natural area and it should be developed for its beauty.

Michael Smith 8-17-18
Name 308 Main Street Alexandria, PA 16611
Address

Dear Mrs. Kennedy and the Raystown Lake Master Plan Update Team:

I urge the USACE to reclassify the Hawk's Bridge Peninsula on Raystown Lake as a future public recreation area so that everyone can enjoy access to the lake on the northeastern shore. I support this because: To not do so is to place yourselves in a position in which you are discriminating between persons - entities and financial interest. You cannot protect one entities financial interest over another. Once you open the lake to for-profit businesses, you must open it to all for-profit business individuals. If you deny this you will find yourself legally liable. It is ALL or NOTHING. You have created the lake (man-made) so this is not its natural environment... you have already made the decision that developing it was of greater value than preserving the natural state of the land. To not allow this development is to discriminate.

Rebecca Smith 8-17-18
Name 308 Main Street Alexandria PA 16611
Address your own selves as well as denying the people

Dear Mrs. Kennedy and the Raystown Lake Master Plan Update Team:

I urge the USACE to reclassify the Haw's Bridge Peninsula on Raystown Lake as a future public recreation area so that everyone can enjoy access to the lake on the northeastern shore. I support this because:

I HAVE BEEN VISITING MY FAMILY IN HUNTINGDON FOR MOST WEEKENDS SINCE THE EARLY 80'S. A NICE RESTAURANT IS ABSOLUTELY NECESSARY ON THE LAKE TO ACCESS FROM BOATS. PLEASE INCLUDE THIS IN THE MASTER PLAN UPDATE.

MARC BYRDS

Name

42464 Leesylvania Ct Ashburn VA

Address

Date

7.29.2018

Dear Mrs. Kennedy and the Raystown Lake Master Plan Update Team:

I urge the USACE to reclassify the Haw's Bridge Peninsula on Raystown Lake as a future public recreation area so that everyone can enjoy access to the lake on the northeastern shore. I support this because:

I love coming to Lake Raystown. I would definitely go to Hawk's Bridge Rec. Area if it had a restaurant & beach area.

Kyle Davis

Name

42464 Leesylvania Ct Ashburn, VA 20148

Address

Date

7/31/18

Dear Mrs. Kennedy and the Raystown Lake Master Plan Update Team:

I urge the USACE to reclassify the Haw's Bridge Peninsula on Raystown Lake as a future public recreation area so that everyone can enjoy access to the lake on the northeastern shore. I support this because:

Hunt. upland Co. can use the employment as it brings outside money into the area

Robert C. Roth

Name

2380 Forestview Dr.

Address

Date

7-30-18

Dear Mrs. Kennedy and the Raystown Lake Master Plan Update Team:

I urge the USACE to reclassify the Haw's Bridge Peninsula on Raystown Lake as a future public recreation area so that everyone can enjoy access to the lake on the northeastern shore. I support this because:

Robert C. Roth

Name

2380 Forestview Dr.

Address

Date

7/28/18

17243

Dear Mrs. Kennedy and the Raystown Lake Master Plan Update Team:

I urge the USACE to reclassify the Haw's Bridge Peninsula on Raystown Lake as a future public recreation area so that everyone can enjoy access to the lake on the northeastern shore. I support this because:

- It will boost our economy. Approx. 15 mil. yr.
- 300 jobs year round
- Another opportunity to show our beauty
- First class facility - weddings, conventions, and recreation.
- Small Marina is good

Jim Foster

2-20-2018

Name

P.O. Box 102 Alexandria, PA. 16611

Address

Date

Dear Mrs. Kennedy and the Raystown Lake Master Plan Update Team:

I urge the USACE to reclassify the Haw's Bridge Peninsula on Raystown Lake as a future public recreation area so that everyone can enjoy access to the lake on the northeastern shore. I support this because:

It will be a tremendous asset, not only for Huntington Co. but the region. This will be one more draw to help recruit doctors & executives & others to the region. Also, will pump a lot of \$ into the local economy.

STEVEN HOWSARE

7/18/18

Name

3 SPERATON DR, ALTOONA, PA 16601

Address

Date

Dear Mrs. Kennedy and the Raystown Lake Master Plan Update Team:

I urge the USACE to reclassify the Haw's Bridge Peninsula on Raystown Lake as a future public recreation area so that everyone can enjoy access to the lake on the northeastern shore. I support this because:

IT will benefit residents from all the surrounding counties.

RODNEY MCLEARY

7-24-18

Name

116 WEST MARKET ST.

Address MC CONNELLSBURG, PA 17233

Date

Dear Mrs. Kennedy and the Raystown Lake Master Plan Update Team:

I urge the USACE to reclassify the Haw's Bridge Peninsula on Raystown Lake as a future public recreation area so that everyone can enjoy access to the lake on the northeastern shore. I support this because:

I would love to see more options for boating + kayaking in the area. A new resort would be great for special events as well.

Andrea Vorobish

Name

122 Daywood Lane

Address

Duncansville, PA 16635

Date

7/20/18

Dear Mrs. Kennedy and the Raystown Lake Master Plan Update Team:

I urge the USACE to reclassify the Hawm's Bridge Peninsula on Raystown Lake as a future public recreation area so that everyone can enjoy access to the lake on the northeastern shore. I support this because:

as the manager of First National Bank in Mount Union I see this creating jobs for locals. Which will help all the local business. Huntingdon county needs places like this for the public to enjoy.

Morgan Rhone
Name
116 E Shirley St, Mount Union PA 17066
Address
8-10-18
Date

Dear Mrs. Kennedy and the Raystown Lake Master Plan Update Team:

I urge the USACE to reclassify the Hawm's Bridge Peninsula on Raystown Lake as a future public recreation area so that everyone can enjoy access to the lake on the northeastern shore. I support this because:

JOB'S & TAX REV:

R KREUTZBERGER
Name
904 JOHNSON AVE
Address
8-16-18
Date
PORTAGE, PA 15946

Dear Mrs. Kennedy and the Raystown Lake Master Plan Update Team:

I urge the USACE to reclassify the Hawm's Bridge Peninsula on Raystown Lake as a future public recreation area so that everyone can enjoy access to the lake on the northeastern shore. I support this because:

bring employment opportunities to County.

Denise Bilger
Name
2287 Blacklog Rd Orbisonia PA 17243
Address
8-15-18
Date

Dear Mrs. Kennedy and the Raystown Lake Master Plan Update Team:

I urge the USACE to reclassify the Hawm's Bridge Peninsula on Raystown Lake as a future public recreation area so that everyone can enjoy access to the lake on the northeastern shore. I support this because:

Increased JOBS & Tax dollars
To the community.

W. S. Decker
Name
Cassville PA
Address
8-15-18
Date
16623

Dear Mrs. Kennedy and the Raystown Lake Master Plan Update Team:

I urge the USACE to reclassify the Hawn's Bridge Peninsula on Raystown Lake as a future public recreation area so that everyone can enjoy access to the lake on the northeastern shore. I support this because:

The need for additional recreational facilities where none exist on South East of Lake near Cassville.

Name Beardy Sather Date 7/25/18
Address 8 Brookall St Huntsgton PA 16650

Dear Mrs. Kennedy and the Raystown Lake Master Plan Update Team:

I urge the USACE to reclassify the Hawn's Bridge Peninsula on Raystown Lake as a future public recreation area so that everyone can enjoy access to the lake on the northeastern shore. I support this because:

It is greatly needed in the area. Increase in jobs for locals & enhancement for the Lake & it's visitors.

Name Ric C Parisi Date July 23 2018
Address 31 Sycamore Rd
W. Huntingdon Pa 15705

Dear Mrs. Kennedy and the Raystown Lake Master Plan Update Team:

I urge the USACE to reclassify the Hawn's Bridge Peninsula on Raystown Lake as a future public recreation area so that everyone can enjoy access to the lake on the northeastern shore. I support this because:

I encourage job growth

Name Robert Wendle Date 08/15/2018
Address 625 6th St Apt Huntingdon Pa 16650

Dear Mrs. Kennedy and the Raystown Lake Master Plan Update Team:

I urge the USACE to reclassify the Hawn's Bridge Peninsula on Raystown Lake as a future public recreation area so that everyone can enjoy access to the lake on the northeastern shore. I support this because:

Many people from The Somerset Johnston area camp & boat at the lake.

Name John Vatauvak Date 7/13/18
Address 1016 Berkeley Rd. Windber, PA 15980

Dear Mrs. Kennedy and the Raystown Lake Master Plan Update Team:

I urge the USACE to reclassify the Hawm's Bridge Peninsula on Raystown Lake as a future public recreation area so that everyone can enjoy access to the lake on the northeastern shore. I support this because:

It just makes good economic sense for Huntingdon and the greater community.

Name Sue Deobill Date 8/17/2018
Address 241 Susan Drive
Belleville, PA 17004

Dear Mrs. Kennedy and the Raystown Lake Master Plan Update Team:

I urge the USACE to reclassify the Hawm's Bridge Peninsula on Raystown Lake as a future public recreation area so that everyone can enjoy access to the lake on the northeastern shore. I support this because:

This is what Huntingdon County needs to unite entire County. I have a business in Mount Union PA. All the traffic is Rt 6 South.

Name Dwight Ruttaro Date 8/17/18
Address 114 W Poplar St
Mount Union PA 17004

Dear Mrs. Kennedy and the Raystown Lake Master Plan Update Team:

I urge the USACE to reclassify the Hawm's Bridge Peninsula on Raystown Lake as a future public recreation area so that everyone can enjoy access to the lake on the northeastern shore. I support this because:

This will provide many jobs and recreation for many people. It will be a wonderful tourist attraction and generate a lot of income.

Name Stacey Rhodes Date 8-17-18
Address 114 W. Poplar Street, Mount Union, PA 17004

Dear Mrs. Kennedy and the Raystown Lake Master Plan Update Team:

I urge the USACE to reclassify the Hawm's Bridge Peninsula on Raystown Lake as a future public recreation area so that everyone can enjoy access to the lake on the northeastern shore. I support this because:

we need to provide more jobs, provide additional recreational opportunities and have more opportunities to learn about our environment

Name Robert Deobill Date 8/17/2018
Address 241 Susan Drive
Belleville PA 17004

Dear Mrs. Kennedy and the Raystown Lake Master Plan Update Team:

I urge the USACE to reclassify the Hawn's Bridge Peninsula on Raystown Lake as a future public recreation area so that everyone can enjoy access to the lake on the northeastern shore. I support this because:

1. This region would benefit from the economics of the project
2. We love the lake and now it would be even closer!

Gretchen Crouse
Name
107 W. Market St.
Address

9/11/18
Date

Dear Mrs. Kennedy and the Raystown Lake Master Plan Update Team:

I urge the USACE to reclassify the Hawn's Bridge Peninsula on Raystown Lake as a future public recreation area so that everyone can enjoy access to the lake on the northeastern shore. I support this because:

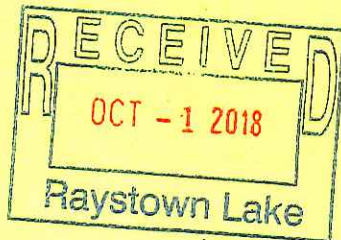
I THINK IT WILL BE A GREAT
Boost For Supporting Small Business
AND more Employment. I am
A NATIVE OF McCONNELLSTOWN AND
SPEND A LOT OF TIME IN THE AREA.

Larry Robb
Name
1431 CUNTING ST. S.E.
Address

AUG 15
Date
2018

Dear Mrs. Kennedy and the Raystown Lake Master Plan Update Team:

I urge the USACE to reclassify the Hawn's Bridge Peninsula on Raystown Lake as a future public recreation area so that everyone can enjoy access to the lake on the northeastern shore. I support this because:



Christopher F. Miller
Name
12558 Big Valley Pike. Mill Creek PA. 17060
Address

9-26-18
Date

Dear Mrs. Kennedy and the Raystown Lake Master Plan Update Team:

I urge the USACE to reclassify the Hawn's Bridge Peninsula on Raystown Lake as a future public recreation area so that everyone can enjoy access to the lake on the northeastern shore. I support this because:

My family and I vacation in this area once a year and this would make our trip SO much more fun especially for the kids. The plan includes activities we love to do and we would love this. Thank you for listening.

Francesca Allen
Name
3390 Woodchuck Dr. Kannapolis NC 28081
Address

8-10-18
Date

Dear Mrs. Kennedy and the Raystown Lake Master Plan Update Team:

I urge the USACE to reclassify the Hawn's Bridge Peninsula on Raystown Lake as a future public recreation area so that everyone can enjoy access to the lake on the northeastern shore. I support this because:

Steve Carper

9/10/18

Name

Date

1401 Bald Eagle Ave, Tyrone PA 16686

Address

Dear Mrs. Kennedy and the Raystown Lake Master Plan Update Team:

I urge the USACE to reclassify the Hawn's Bridge Peninsula on Raystown Lake as a future public recreation area so that everyone can enjoy access to the lake on the northeastern shore. I support this because:

- 1) - this will offer more employment opportunities to Huntingdon County/Union Township.
- 2) As long as its open to the public

Nicole Harbst

9-10-18

Name

Date

PO Box 123 Petersburg PA

Address

16609

Dear Mrs. Kennedy and the Raystown Lake Master Plan Update Team:

I urge the USACE to reclassify the Hawn's Bridge Peninsula on Raystown Lake as a future public recreation area so that everyone can enjoy access to the lake on the northeastern shore. I support this because:

Patricia Wise

9/10/18

Name

Date

920 Main Street Saxton, PA 16678

Address

Dear Mrs. Kennedy and the Raystown Lake Master Plan Update Team:

I urge the USACE to reclassify the Hawn's Bridge Peninsula on Raystown Lake as a future public recreation area so that everyone can enjoy access to the lake on the northeastern shore. I support this because:

Tom Gruber

9-12-18

Name

Date

6202 Tuscarora Drive Huntingdon Pa 16652

Address

Dear Mrs. Kennedy and the Raystown Lake Master Plan Update Team:

I urge the USACE to reclassify the Hawm's Bridge Peninsula on Raystown Lake as a future public recreation area so that everyone can enjoy access to the lake on the northeastern shore. I support this because:

I want to see more Recreation Area.
Boat Docks, Restaurants, Employment.

Donald J. Benner

Name Donald J. Benner Date 09/11/18
Address 2729 Cold Springs Rd, Huntingdon, PA 16652

Dear Mrs. Kennedy and the Raystown Lake Master Plan Update Team:

I urge the USACE to reclassify the Hawm's Bridge Peninsula on Raystown Lake as a future public recreation area so that everyone can enjoy access to the lake on the northeastern shore. I support this because:

To boost the economy in
Union Township

Gene Harbst

Name Gene Harbst Date 9.16.18
Address 164 John Bum Road, Huntingdon, PA 16652

Dear Mrs. Kennedy and the Raystown Lake Master Plan Update Team:

I urge the USACE to reclassify the Hawm's Bridge Peninsula on Raystown Lake as a future public recreation area so that everyone can enjoy access to the lake on the northeastern shore. I support this because:

More things to do, jobs (plan to see my
resume marketing) as long as it
stays public it'll always have
my support.

Jen Bellis

Name Jen Bellis Date 9.15.18
Address 291 Washington St, Petersburg, PA

Dear Mrs. Kennedy and the Raystown Lake Master Plan Update Team:

I urge the USACE to reclassify the Hawm's Bridge Peninsula on Raystown Lake as a future public recreation area so that everyone can enjoy access to the lake on the northeastern shore. I support this because:

It will bring more recreation &
dining opportunities. As a waitress, the
tip represents way above minimum
wage. It would be nice to have
an upscale restaurant. We need
to boost our economy.

Robin Walls

Name Robin Walls Date 7/19/18
Address 10944 Raystown Rd, Huntingdon, PA 16652

APPENDIX B
Agency and Public Coordination

Part C

Public Comment:

**2nd Public Comment Period October 23,
2019 - December 7, 2019**



Raystown Lake Master Plan Revision - Public Comments Received on Draft Plan

Comment

Thank you for not including development of the peninsula in your master plan revision. In my opinion, for ecological, boating and commercial reasons, the peninsula should NEVER be developed. Development of Terrace Mountain would serve no real purpose without lake access and again, would have negative impact on the ecology and natural beauty of the area.

You are to be commended for listening to the public. Please, please, please do not allow changes to the draft.

Thanks to the army corp for hearing those people who use and appreciate the lake for what it is today. My only other concern would be with the adding of soft launches and further developement in Zone 2, adding to the already crowded conditions on and around the lake. Zone 2 already has a Marina, Public launch, Swimming, Many camp grounds. Seven Points road leading to this area can not handle additional traffic. Please revisit this in the plan and hopfully change to low density to prevent anymore to this area.

I wanted to thank everyone involved in the Master Plan Revision for Raystown Lake for their hard work. There are a few things that I've seen that do concern me with the "Proposed" update. The soft launches mentioned for various spots around the lake. According to the information provided from the study the lake has already exceeded the recommended capacity, so why would you consider adding "soft launches" anywhere at the lake. Won't this add to an already overcrowded waterway? I realize that kayaks, stand-up paddle boards and canoes have become very popular in recent years but it's still a vessel on the water. While I do have a kayak myself and take it out on the lake, I'll only use it during the off season to avoid the crowded waters during the recreation season. When you are traveling in a motorized boat, pontoon, jet ski and suddenly come upon one of these non-motorized vessels it is just a matter of time before someone is seriously injured or killed. Motorized vessels can't stop on a dime and many of those in/on the non-motorized vessels can be difficult to see due to where they are on the lake, time of day, sun/cloudy or colors difficult to be seen. Another area of concern is Upper Corners Road, this is still on the plan for future developement. Upper Corners Road is a narrow country road with only one way in/out. Developing this area will take away great hunting areas, add polution/trash due to "visitors" coming to enjoy nature but leaving evidence of them being here. Unfortunately people anymore seem to think that leaving trash behind or dumping trash is acceptable! It's also a concern that any developement in this area will add additonal traffic to an area already conjested area. Living in this area during the recreation season has it's ups as well as it's downs. On a beautiful day in the Seven Points area the roadway is conjested with vehicles speeding up and down the road, vehicles pulling boats and campers flying on this road. Trash is a problem, traffice is a problem. Speed limits don't seem to mean a thing to drivers and law enforcement isn't sufficient to handle any more traffic than we currently experience. I realize there are individuals who are all for developement, many simply don't plan ahead to make reservations, feel there just isn't enough launch areas, camping facilities, well the lists go on and on. But somewhere along the line the Army Corps needs to take a stand and say "enough is enough" the more you give the more people are going to want and expect do be done. Raystown Lake is beautiful as well as the surronding wooded areas. But please don't give in to all the hype that adding additional camping sites, launches etc., will be a boost to the economy. As mentioned earlier the area leading into Seven Points can not handle any more traffic! What about the first responders, they are getting spread out pretty thin as well, more developement only slows down response time when accidents happen. Rangers - there are not enough rangers to adequately handle the visitors during the recreation season. Any developement around the lake, who will patrol these areas. Water Patrols - this is also an area that needs to be addressed, to many violations witnessed but nothing being done because no one is out partoling. Realize can't be everywhere but to much traffic on and around the lake.Please keep Raystown lake the pristine for future generations. When it's gone, it's gone.

Very glad to see they are not developing Hawn's bridge peninsula! I have been coming to the lake since I was 10 years old, I'm now 46. We drive 4 hours twice a month to enjoy long weekends at the lake. I love the peace and quiet and uninhabited beauty of the lake region. My parents also live in Hesston, close to the ranger station, so we get to spend even more time there! Let's keep the lake undeveloped for many years to come so my children can enjoy it like I did. Thank you.

Thank you for doing an excellent job, recognizing the environmental impact, plus the boating safety factor. Thanks

Thank you for the opportunity to comment in this important process. The Corps has done an outstanding job in preparing the new Master Plan for Raystown Lake. I agree with all the conclusions and recommendations of the draft proposal and support the adoption of those recommendations. I am especially glad that Hawn's Peninsula and adjacent Terrace Mountain were designated as Environmentally Sensitive Area, Wildlife Management, and Vegetative Management, as was demanded by both the public sentiment and the scientific data. I STRONGLY OPPOSE ANY ADDITIONAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE HAWN'S BRIDGE AND TERRACE MOUNTAIN AREAS and urge the USACE to not cave in to political and business bullying.

Hats off and a salute to the USACE for respecting the science and public sentiment that demanded the conservation of the Hawn's Peninsula and adjacent Terrace Mountain, designating those areas as Environmentally Sensitive Area, Vegetative Management, and Wildlife Management.

I'm writing to ask that you keep the plan as is. Private interests are attempting to make billions off of this wonderful lake and make it more crowded than it is. Stay the course!

I agree with all the conclusions and recommendations of the draft proposal and support the adoption of those recommendations. I used the lake for kayaking and agree that the lake is currently at capacity/exceeding boating capacity. I also agree that Hawn's Bridge Peninsula is an environmentally sensitive area, which should be protected from development. I strongly support the proposal to protect for Hawn's Bridge Peninsula from development.

My name is Josh Brycki, and I'm a Biology student at Juniata College. I'm also a stakeholder in the local economy, as I own three rental properties (which I rent out to locals and to college students) and live/work in Huntingdon as a student researcher over summers and breaks. I want to begin by lauding the work that's been done by those responsible for writing up the master plan for Raystown Lake. Y'all are the experts here, and I just want to share my humble opinions as someone who cares deeply about the environment, Huntingdon, Juniata College, and the future successes of our area. There should be development of Raystown Lake with respect to the unsolicited developer looking to build a resort near Hawn's Peninsula. I've seen the jobs and economic impact report, and it's unfathomable that this opportunity will be squandered due to competing environmental interests/ resistance to change. I sincerely hope that instead of altogether denying this proposed economic development, that a compromise can be reached where the lake can be developed further in a manner with minimal harm to the environment. Beyond the economic benefits, I also believe that this will add incredible social value to the region, as there's very little access on that side of the lake right now. Opening it up for development will give more people the access they need to enjoy nature. As a recreational runner, I'd particularly like to see some extension of the trails in that area of the lake (like the rubberized trails around the marina... those are really nice to run on).

As a follow up to my last email, please add recreational amenities on parcel #5303.

Thank you for all your work and dedication to this very important task! I would like to express my support of the Raystown Master Plan draft that was recently released for public review. I support its preservation of Hawn's Peninsula in its current state as development will forever remove wild life habitats and the natural beauty of area. Thank you again for your work!

I recently attended the open house at the visitor center, and I was very pleased with what was presented. I want to thank the Army Corps of Engineers for its due diligence, for the details and evidence provided, and for its commitment to protect Raystown Lake and Hawn's Bridge Peninsula in particular. The values of protecting & conserving sensitive ecological and biological areas were most evident. As I stated in other communications and in conversations during last year's open public comment period, what makes the lake so special and beautiful is the lack of private development around the lake. Protecting wildlife, native plants, threatened species, ecologically important areas, and the lake itself is of paramount importance. Thank you again.

I want to thank you for your thorough and diligent revision of the Raystown Lake Master Plan. I believe the natural beauty of the lake will be well preserved into the future with the guidance provided by this new master plan. Let there be no mistake, without a strong master plan Raystown Lake will always be threatened by development and over crowding. I have seen first hand the encroachment of unchecked development on Lake Wallenpaupack, another Army Corp lake in Northeast Pennsylvania. This is not a fate I wish for Raystown Lake. Economic advantage is no argument for the sacrifice of the delicate environment of the lake.

After I e-mailed my thoughts and thanks to you for your hard work on the new Master Plan earlier today, I read the latest proposal from the Texas "entrepreneur and philanthropist". His latest ideas would certainly have a very negative impact on the entire Hawn's Bridge area. I applaud you for your decision to protect the lake and its surroundings and putting the environment, eco-systems and public opinion above big money and politics. I encourage you to continue protecting the lake. Don't let a Texas oil company's latest proposal become a reality.

I'm writing in response to the recent release of the Master Plan for the lake. I have owned property at the northeast end of the lake for almost 20 years and was disappointed to see that there are no plans to allow any recreational or water access activity on parcel #5303 near the Hawn's Bridge Road area. Although my property is only a mile or so from the lake, it takes over 30 minutes to get to one of the existing boating and recreational locations. I would like to see the USACE consider allowing some light/low impact recreational activity on parcel #5303. If so, there may be opportunity for a public-private partnership to improve existing roads and establish these recreational resources.

Please continue to follow the master plan and reject the development of parcel #5303, Hawn's Peninsula. As an avid waterskier, kayaker, paddle boarder, hiker and swimmer I use the lake approximately 4 days per week. Hawn's Peninsula is special for it's beauty, smooth water, wildlife and pristine shoreline. I have strong objections to developing this area with a resort, marina and campground. Please contact me with any questions or concerns concerning my opinion.

My family and I have owned a home at Raystown Lake for the last 41 years. I have looked over the Update proposal document and feel that there are missing recreational areas in the Plan. That needs to be corrected. There is no access to the lake for citizens and visitors who live on the Terrace Mountain side of the lake (East side). Citizens and visitors must drive more than 45 minutes to access the water. It doesn't seem right or equitable. It is not acceptable for the Army Corp of Engineers to not allow this access. I am an engineer and feel that a small recreational access site could be developed on Parcel #5303 in the Raystown Lake Master Plan. This recreational area could provide great day-use activities and be environmental friendly.

I have been visiting Raystown Lake area for most weekends for the last 40+ years. In response to the Master Plan Update draft, I offer the following: I enjoy the pristine beauty of the lake and the adjacent areas. I believe there is over a quarter of the Huntingdon County population living in the eastern side of Terrace Mountain. There is no direct access to the Lake from that side for the citizens and visitors. It is vital that access to the Lake be provided in Parcel #5303. Using this parcel of land would provide a great opportunity for access to the Lake and for low-density recreation. Your Master Plan Update is incomplete if you do not include this opportunity. I appreciate the opportunity to voice my public comment. Thank you for your consideration.

Thank you so much for preserving Hawn's peninsula. This is such wonderful news. I am so happy and so are many many others. Thank you!

The analysis and conclusions produced in the draft for the Raystown lake master plan are wise and well balanced. The Plan regarding the Hawn's bridge peninsula is a especially sound, reflecting ecological principles of protection of the natural environment. You and the Corps of Engineers have my support and appreciation for your research and conclusions.

Thank you for preserving the environment surrounding our beautiful lake. Just as its creation stirred controversy, any change in usage is bound to have those who approve and those who dissent. As a former director of the local historical society I spoke with many people whose families were forced from their homes, some of whom refused to ever return to Huntingdon County. Thank you for recognizing the negative impact that any more development would make upon the lake environs and upon our rural way of life.

It has come to my attention consideration is being made to provide access to Raystown Lake on the Northeast side of the lake for parcel #5303. Since that part of the lake does not provide access to the public, I find it imperative the USACE allow access to citizens for daily activities as provided on other parts of the lake and other USACE lakes. This access could include roads, beach, boating, hiking and biking trails with public use such as restrooms. I feel it is the USACE responsibility, charter, and mission to provide for the needs of the public for access to recreational lakes. Your positive consideration is greatly appreciated to move dowsed with this project.

I am asking the USACE to allow access to Raystown Lake on the northeast side to provide better use and accessibility option in addition to current access. Access is now limited and inconvenient for many people not near the other end of lake. I feel it is important that the American Disability Act be a consideration and am sure it is a mission of the USACE to meet this requirement. New access should allow boat access, beaches, hiking and biking trails, as well as other public uses such as restrooms. Thank you in advance for providing additional access to Raystown Lake.

Thank you so much for protecting the Hawns Peninsula and the entire Raystown Lake. Raystown Lake is a real natural treasure, unlike most lakes in the USA it has natural protected land surrounding the lake. I applaud the decision to keep the Hawns Peninsula areas low density and natural protecting the many natural plants and animals located there. Please also do all around the lake, the two resorts located on the lake are enough as the lake is way to over crowded as it is. I avoid the lake on weekends as it is dangerous with way to many boats on the lake already. I do feel the lake on summer weekends needs to be patrolled more I see so many boaters not abiding to the no wake areas. Please stick to the Master Plan draft as it is written and keep it wild and natural for my grandchildren. And future generations the will use the lake and enjoy it's natural beauty.

My name is Bruce S Cavanaugh, I have been coming to Raystown Lake since it was created. I have watched the boat population increase to dangerous levels. Even paddle boats with no motors are increasing at alarming numbers. I wish to thank the US Army Corps of engineers for their decision to keep the Hawns Peninsula undeveloped and wild. There are way to many people and boats at Raystown Lake now. For years now I will not get near the lake or launch my boat on weekends. Please stick to the master plan proposed revision and do not develop the Hawns Peninsula area or for that matter anymore areas at Raystown Lake.

I hope you will make more access to Raystown Lake on Parcel # 5303. Some light day-use recreational activities would be great so that the public can access the water in this area. I know you will pick what goes on this land, but it would be nice if there were a small beach, hiking and biking trails, fishing area or fishing pier, wildlife viewing area with benches and wildlife signage displays, an area to pull up a boat with land-based tie off posts, and picnic area. This proposed access site to the lake could include ADA accessibility and offer greatly needed access from the Northeastern shore of the lake where none exists now.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment in this important process. The Corps has done an outstanding job in preparing the new Master Plan for Raystown Lake. I agree with all the conclusions and recommendations of the draft proposal and support the adoption of those recommendations. I am especially glad that Hawn's Peninsula and adjacent Terrace Mountain were designated as Environmentally Sensitive Area, Wildlife Management, and Vegetative Management, as was demanded by both the public sentiment and the scientific data. I STRONGLY OPPOSE ANY ADDITIONAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE HAWN'S BRIDGE AND TERRACE MOUNTAIN AREAS and urge the USACE to not cave in to political and business bullying.

We need additional development to continue high quality improvement to grow tourism in the Raystown Region.

Huntingdon County is home to a recreational based economy. If as a community we are interested in improving our economic structure, improvements will likely be recreationally based. Opening up the Northeast Side of the lake shore for public use would expand our present recreational options and should a Resort concept be presented to piggy back on that access, all of Huntingdon County benefits. Please reconsider the Master Plan and open up the Northeast Side of the lake.

I would def like to see more access to Raystown Lake on the northeastern shore on parcel #5303 with some limited, day-use recreational amenities. I feel like Raystown Lake is lacking enough location to support the amount of people who would like to visit the lake. I've been to several different lakes in Virginia, Maryland and South Carolina and they all seem to offer a lot more options for recreation areas. I also feel like it would be nice to have additional restaurants and places you can take your family for day trips on the lake. Well just wanted to show my support for the possible future plans on the lake.

I live 1/2 mile from Hares Valley Road (Rt. 655) and would be more likely to use Lake Raystown if I didn't have to drive so far. I support the public access to Raystown Lake on the Northeast Side.

Please, no more development. The draw to Raystown is the undeveloped areas.

I have a place on the Mapleton Depot side of the lake that we plan to retire to in the near future. I would love to have access to the Raystown Lake so we did not have to drive around the lake to the west side as we do now. I hope you will seriously consider making a recreation area on parcel #5303.

I have visited Raystown Lake several times and see a significant advantage to the local community and larger outdoors community by allowing more access for people in the Hawn's Bridge area. This area would be great for mountain biking, hiking and tent style camping, just to name a few. The topography and views would allow for a unique experience not available anywhere else on the lake. I believe, if properly done, there would be minimal environmental impact. In fact, I think this would have far less impact compared to other recreational areas on the lake. Not only would it provide a different and NEW type of recreational experience on the lake, but you would see a different type of outdoors person who prefers a lighter style recreational experience that is not like the other larger and congested marinas. I also see this type of camping and recreation attracting a younger outdoors person that prefers this style of camping. In summary, I see this area as different, unique, and not a repeat of other areas on the lake. This is needed for the younger and different type of outdoors person. Like myself.

With regards to the Raystown Lake Master Plan Draft, I would like to make my support known. Increased access to Raystown Lake on the Northeastern shore is needed. The existing road does not allow for recreational access to the water. As it currently stands, visitors coming from the Northeastern side of Raystown Lake are required to drive very far to access the water. Please consider adding hiking and mountain biking trails, a beach and dock. It would also be wise to provide a restroom facility.

For the Master Plan for Raystown Lake I believe that more recreational access to the Lake is needed. The best place for access is on the north eastern side on parcel #5303. A road is there and with a little effort the area could offer free family access to the water. There are not a lot of areas where someone who is limited by physical barriers can enjoy the lake. Please consider opening this area up to some picnic facilities, swimming and some things for those who don't have a boat. This will help people coming from Mt. Union and east to access the lake.

As recent studies have indicated, Raystown Lake has enough development and boat traffic. We are opposed to any further development. Thank you for allowing input.

The study was definitely correct, the lake is over crowded now! Absolutely no new construction of any form should be permitted anywhere around the lake. I can remember many years ago that even after a holiday weekend the lake water would be murky. But by Tuesday the clear clean water would return. Now this isn't the case. It takes till Thursday for the water to recover and all of the silt, mud (or what have you) settle to reveal the clear water. I've seen times when the water was still churned up come the following Friday. It's a real shame 7 points and the resort were permitted to grow to the behemoths they have become. As it stands, the resort should have to adhere to the "NO PARKING ON THE GRASS POLICY" that is the law in all boat launches! Over the years they have added more and more places for people to stay with no regards to the impact of over crowding the lake. Do not permit any more facilities to be built that would increase the boat or human traffic around or on the lake. Raystown was built in the pristine mountains of Pa. I think everyone needs to take a step backwards and realize the environmental impact the lake has had on the mountains surrounding it. The water quality, boating safety and the surrounding environmental impact should drive any and all decisions being made.

If anything needs discussed it should be about parking management around the lake.

I am responding to an add in the Huntingdon Daily News sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce, elected representatives and others regarding subject topic. I DO NOT SUPPORT ADDITIONAL DEVELOPMENT OR PUBLIC ACCESS TO THE LAKE ON THE NORTHEAST SIDE OR ANYWHERE ELSE ON THE LAKE. The lake is already very congested with boats and tourists around the shoreline especially during summer weekends and holidays. I personally spend thousands of dollars annually for a boat and slip at the marina as do many others who live within or visit the Raystown Lake area. Additional development of the lake will not result in support from most of those who are currently the financial backbone of the local tourist industry. What brings tourists and local residents such as me to the lake for recreation is the undisturbed natural beauty of most of the shoreline. We appreciate that the Army Corps of Engineers has done a wonderful job to maintain a relatively pristine environment for over 3-decades. With 2 marinas and boating and swimming access at multiple locations on all sides of the lake the need for another access point at one of the most scenic locations is highly questionable. Please feel free to share this email with the Chamber of Commerce and our elected officials since they should be aware of and support those who they represent. Apparently they have not yet heard our opinion on this matter. Thanks very much for your consideration of this opinion.

After reviewing the master plan draft I agree 100% with your decision to NOT allow the HAWNS bridge peninsula. This kind of development would have changed and we'll over crowded our lake . The lake is already grew in the last 10 years . You have to be scared to go take your children tubing on a bright sunny Saturday after due to the amount of boat traffic. The lake could never hold or with stand that much more of a development. So in closing I am in total support for your draft on the master plan with NO HAWNS BRIDGE DEVELOPMENT!!!

I totally support the raystown lake master plan I have been to several meetings and definitely support the non-development of the lake... I feel any new development would be unsafe.. let's keep raystown lake the beautiful non-commercial area that it is. I have been coming to the lake for over 25 years.

I support a new access to Raystown Lake with day-use recreation on parcel # 5303. A great many residents would find this access a wonderful and convenient addition to the area.

In response the master plan draft, I would like the USACE to consider more access to Raystown Lake on the Northeastern side on parcel #5303. There is a road there now, but no recreational activities. Please consider adding some low impact, day-use activities like hiking and biking trails, a picnic area, maybe a beach or even a fishing dock. It would be helpful for the public to also have some type of restroom facility and there must be some that are environmentally friendly. Thank you for your consideration.

As a resident of Timberlake Estates, right off Hawns Bridge Road, I know all the residents of this area are opposed to the development plans on the Northeast side of the lake. The reason I own a home here is the unspoiled nature and the quiet we currently enjoy. I've recently seen bears and foxes, in addition to the deer that are always nearby. The addition of golf carts and tourists is not something I would look forward to. The developers keep talking about people with mobility issues and strollers being able to better view nature. Adding picnic areas and kayak area is just going to scare any wildlife away. Residents don't mind driving down to the lake access points if it means keeping the Terrace Mountain area wild.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment in this important process. The Corps has done an outstanding job in preparing the new Master Plan for Raystown Lake. We agree with all the conclusions and recommendations of the draft proposal and support the adoption of those recommendations. We are especially glad that Hawn's Peninsula and adjacent Terrace Mountain were designated as Environmentally Sensitive Area, Wildlife Management, and Vegetative Management, as was demanded by both the public sentiment and the scientific data. WE STRONGLY OPPOSE ANY ADDITIONAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE HAWN'S BRIDGE AND TERRACE MOUNTAIN AREAS and urge the USACE to not cave in to political and business bullying.

I wanted to thank all of those involved with the Raystown Lake Master Plan rewrite for a very thorough job well done. I was pleased to see that the issue of boating capacity was acknowledged and that in spite of political pressures, the classification of the Hawn's Bridge Peninsula was left unchanged. I am wondering how adding soft launches will not increase the boat capacity on the overcrowded lake.

I've been thinking about the statement that the USACE would consider more camping and "soft launch" areas. How does that not add to the already (acknowledged) overcrowded conditions on the lake? Allowing more watercraft, regardless of the kind in question, would HAVE to add to the total numbers on the lake, would it not? I'd like to see the USACE reconsider that proposal and NOT add more camping or soft launch sites.

Thank you for the wisdom of seeing the value of Raystown Lake unspoiled. Thank you for realizing that the lake is already too full of boats. Thank you for leaving the bass fishing industry /hobby alone. Thank you for leaving the animals in the forests of that area alone without security lights and increased traffic. Thank you for being true protectors of those woods and waters even though Big Business and Politicians want what they want. Your work is appreciated . Thank you.

Hello, I would like to see more lake access on parcel 5303 thank you

To whom in may concern, I like to say that the area of 5303 lake access for the lodge needs to be allowed so that a new resort can be built. This would bring tax dollars and revenue to our town and provide full time jobs, plus provide other local businesses with work. The lake is the only resource we really have. So let's utilize it for future growth. Thank you

I am grateful for the work of the Corps to revise the Master Plan and the due diligence they have performed to ensure an environmentally and ecologically sound future. I am in support of adopting the plan with no further changes. Please remain committed to not developing along the lake. Thank you.

As a concerned citizen and visitor to Raystown Lake, please note that I recommend that a small portion of USACE land Parcel 5303 be made available for light day-use recreational activity so that the public can access the water in this area. While the USACE will determine what light recreational activities might be in this area on perhaps 10 or so acres, I would like to suggest activities such as a small beach, hiking and biking trails, fishing area or fishing pier wildlife viewing area with benches and wildlife signage displays, an area to pull up a boat with land based tie off posts, and picnic area. This proposed access site to the lake could include ADA accessibility and offer greatly needed access from the Northeastern side of the lake where none currently exists.

My idea is to limit any plans that would increase boat traffic, Any plans to increase land use would also increase boat traffic.
PLEASE HELP!

I support the conclusions of the Master Plan revision and oppose development in the area of Hawn's Peninsula and Terrace Mt.

I'm really glad that everyone involved took the time to do a lengthy study on the lake traffic and congestion. Again I think it is very busy in the summer months to the point where more marina's is not the answer, and or boat traffic either. So many more kayakers in the last 2years will be the next traffic problem.

Please keep the lake the way it is. It is beautiful. The lake is already overcrowded.
No new development.

Please do not allow any development at raystown lake. The lake is beautiful the way it is. Already overcrowded as well.

I wholeheartedly support the decisions made by the USACE Master Plan revision. I appreciate the rigor and thoroughness given this process. Thank you very much for your hard work.

I want to once again express my support and appreciation of the stellar job done on the Master Plan Revision. I concur with the results of the study which show that the minimal additional access for kayaks, etc is in order and to keep the boat access and marina the way it is. Your boating capacity study only illustrated in a crystal clear way what any boater already knows. The lake is at capacity, nothing is to be gained in the enjoyment of the lake to add more boaters and make it unsafe for recreational activities. More boats is a tragedy waiting to happen. Any lake where access has not been managed creates an awful situation --- Lake George, NY and Lake Wallenpaupack. I wholeheartedly support the master plan revision and beg you to stick to the Plan as it is. The hard work was already done, there is nothing to rethink.

Please continue to keep commercialization of public lands to an absolute minimum. Once it is GONE, it's GONE. Thank you for your very thorough revision.

I am contacting you to let you know that I do not support additional development at Raystown lake in the Hawn's peninsula project. I am an avid fisherman and enjoy the natural beauty of the lake area. Please do not allow further destruction to the shoreline that can never be reversed.

I DO NOT support any development on or near Hawn's Peninsula or the proposed "Public" Access to Raystown Lake on the Northeast Side. Please keep this part of the lake as is, free from development.

I believe that the Army Corp has done a fine job of reviewing the Master Plan, listening to comments on both sides and then creating a draft that took the interests of the majority of the people (not only the wealthy one that will gain the most) into consideration. We have lived in this area, paid taxes here and appreciated the stewardship of the Army Corp for over 15 years. The lake cannot take more development without ruining why it is such an asset. If you don't protect it, it will be destroyed. It is in your hands to protect this for our grandchildren and their grandchildren. Keep the draft as it is.

My wife and I have been serious supporters of not seeing more boats on the Lake or for a lodge to be built on Hawn's Peninsula. In addition we are really happy there are more opportunities for non motorized launch and recreation areas.

In response to the master plan draft, I would like the USACE to address more access to Raystown Lake on the Northeastern side on parcel #5303. Currently, the top one third of Raystown Lake is not accessible to visitors except on poorly maintained rugged trails. If the USACE could add some light recreational activities on parcel #5303, then maybe a public-private partnership with the county, township or other enterprises could be established to repave the road there for better access. A public-private partnership might also be available to create a small low impact, day use recreational area with perhaps a beach, hiking and biking trails, picnic area, fishing area, and wildlife viewing area with interactive displays. Please include some light recreational activities on parcel #5303 so that there is more access to Raystown Lake on the Northeastern side of the lake.

So sorry that the Hawn's Bridge resort is not going to happen. The sad part is that many of the people who were against it, aren't even from the area. Now we have another opportunity to do something for the residents on the Northeast side of the lake, and all of Huntingdon County. I live in Union Township, on Terrace Mountain and are very close to the lake, as the crow flies. But to get to spend a hour at the lake on a summer afternoon, traveling time is almost 2 hours. Public access from the Northeast Side would be very welcome, myself and everyone I've spoken to in the area agrees. Please don't let this opportunity get away, please approve this proposal

After reading about the new master plan for Raystown Lake, I believe there needs to be more recreational access to the Lake on parcel #5303 which is on the northeastern side of the lake. The Hawn's Rd accesses this area now but the road is only open during hunting season. I believe this road should be open to everyone for year-round access. Please consider allowing some activities like a -picnic area, maybe a beach and picnic areas. Everyone should be allowed to enjoy the entire lake and surrounding forest

Comment on Draft Raystown Lake Master Plan: As Vice-President and Conservation Chair of Juniata Valley Audubon Society, I applaud the Corps for their environmental analysis of the Hawn's Bridge Area and their decision to protect this sensitive area from development. We support the Corps' sound decision-making process and the recognition that development in this area would compromise not only the scenic beauty, but the conservation of fish, wildlife, special habitats (shale barrens), forest health, and lakeshore stability. Thank you for choosing conservation of natural resources over economic gain, which would be at the expense of the natural community. Juniata Valley Audubon Society

Thank you for the opportunity to comment in this important process. The Corps has done an outstanding job in preparing the new Master Plan for Raystown Lake. I agree with all the conclusions and recommendations of the draft proposal and support the adoption of those recommendations. I am especially glad that Hawn's Peninsula and adjacent Terrace Mountain were designated as Environmentally Sensitive Area, Wildlife Management, and Vegetative Management, as was demanded by both the public sentiment and the scientific data. I STRONGLY OPPOSE ANY ADDITIONAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE HAWN'S BRIDGE AND TERRACE MOUNTAIN AREAS and urge the USACE to not cave in to political and business bullying. I moved to this area about 5 years ago because of how beautiful it was. I hope that is not jeopardized.

I write in support of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers findings that Hawn's peninsula should NOT be developed. They have made a careful study of current use and environmental concerns in coming up with these recommendations. The lake is too crowded now anywhere near the Marina's or boat ramps, and the quality of the water is compromised when there are too many boats in an area. Please do not let big money override these concerns. Once destroyed, the environment cannot easily be restored.

I appreciate the work of the Corps to revise the Master Plan and the due diligence they have performed to ensure an environmentally and ecologically sound future. I am in support of adopting the plan with no further changes. Please remain committed to the core next steps espoused in the plan. Thanks again. Please email me with questions or concerns about my official comment.

After thoroughly reviewing the Master Plan Revision, we are in agreement and are strongly opposed to any future commercial development to Hawn's Peninsula and adjacent Terrace Mountain. We are also relieved that there is no proposal to expand boat traffic to the Raystown Lake Region. We thank you for the opportunity to weigh in on this extremely important decision on the future of our wonderful Raystown Lake Region and thank the Corp for the great job in preparing the Master Plan!
We need access to the northeast side of Raystown Lake as a way to improve tourism! Please rethink Hawn's!
Thank you for all the work and time you spend in preparing the Master Plan for Raystown Lake. I think you created an excellent and and fair plan. I am so glad you designated Hawn's Peninsula as environmentally sensitive area. it is a natural beauty and can now be enjoyed and protected for future generations.
I continue to oppose additional commercial/recreational development on the lake. I do support developing more access areas specific to non-powered watercraft.
Please adopt the draft plan as is with no changes. We do not want any development of the Terrace Mountain side of Raystown Lake. Thank you for listening to all of us the enjoy the beautiful and wonderful maintained Raystown Lake.
Hats off and a salute to the USACE for respecting the science and public sentiment that demanded the conservation of the Hawn's Peninsula and adjacent Terrace Mountain, designating those areas as Environmentally Sensitive Area, Vegetative Management, and Wildlife Management.
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Thank you for your diligence in protecting the precious natural heritage areas around Raystown Lake in your revision of the Raystown Lake Master Plan.

My wife and I attended the Open House program Monday (4 November) to review the draft Master Plan for the Raystown Lake Project. We commend the US Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) for recruiting a diverse team to conduct in-depth studies and evaluate study data to compose this draft of the Master Plan for Raystown Lake. The authors of this Plan have taken the time to impartially evaluate the impact of different developments and recreational activities on environs of the Raystown Lake area. The results indicate there is potential for expansion or development of some recreational activities, primarily low impact activities, in specific areas around the Lake. But, many recreational activities such as motorboats frequently meet or exceed safe levels and discourage other activities. The conclusion is that Raystown Lake is close to the maximum optimal use and the negative impact if further development will override any advantages.

I am not for the development on hawks peninsula! Thank you!

Having grown up in Huntingdon and as a current owner of property in Huntingdon County near the Raystown River I oppose the idea of allowing new access to the lake and any "private-public" partnerships that result in new/additional development near the lake. It is possible to balance economic and environment impacts to find a solution that benefits the many rather than the few. A great example of this would be the Allegrippis mountain bike trail system at the Lake. A project that led to still growing economic impact for the region and little or no environmental impact that doesn't lessen the Lake experience for other users. More of that please. Perhaps a trail that circumnavigates the Lake or that extends the trail system toward the dam and the Raystown River? Thanks for your efforts.

I'm contacting you to request that a portion of USACE land parcel #5303 be designated for light day use recreation. Our county prides itself on having such a beautiful lake that attracts visitors from all over and currently there is no water access at parcel #5303. That access would only improve what we already have here and allow residents as well as visitors to do things there such as fishing, swimming, etc. It would also be beneficial to have hiking and biking trails, a picnic area, wildlife viewing area and a place to tie boats. I hope you consider this request.

To whom it may concern: I am writing to ask that you please add new day-use recreation on parcel #5303 at Lake Raystown. We really need more lake access for our families.

Hope you are having a great start to the holiday/ Christmas season. I would be really nice if you could add more access to Raystown Lake on the Northeastern side on parcel #5303. The road that is there now could lead to a great place for recreational activities for East-side folks. As lake access is currently situated, visitors coming from the Northeastern side must drive over 45 minutes to enjoy lake frontage. Thanks for your consideration.

I applaud the time and effort put into all the studies and I also applaud the result of no development. We need to be stewards to the environment and save places such as the Terrace Mountain and the land that surrounds the lake in its natural state. I do realize there are places or areas labeled as future sites but I would ask that it not happen as well. The unaltered beauty is the draw to the area. People leave the cities and towns to go to nature not to see more roads and buildings. Piece by piece nature is slowly being taken away in the name of greed and money. Once gone it never returns. One road leads to more roads and more traffic and more trash. One building leads to two then to five just as the few launches have led to 500 or more. I hope we can keep the pristine beauty and wilderness for generations to come. I mean let's face it, every day we see houses pop up, land dozed and developed, hills shaved off and once forested areas turned to parking lots. Keep it natural and keep Terrace Mountain and the surrounding lands clean, forested and development free. Natural beauty is key. I lived 5 minutes from the lake and visit it regularly to this day. I have friends that live there and my father in law lives right above Weavers Falls Bridge. We've seen the uptick in traffic and the changes just since the campground was put in up there. I really hope more attention is paid to the Weavers Falls area as there are constantly boats and watercrafts speeding up and down the no wake area. Especially if kayak launches are put in. People will be tipped and more accidents will happen. Thank you for allowing me the opportunity to express my opinion.

You're doing the right thing! Be careful and make sure you check the origins of all the emails you get in favor of more access (that they aren't all coming from the same mail servers for example) The people that want this may try anything.

THANK YOU for not allowing the development of Hawn's Overlook area. As a kayaker, I have been appalled at the motor boat use on the lake in recent years. I have absolutely stopped going to the lake on the weekends. We do not need anymore development of land which would also encourage more boat travel. Please keep the lake undeveloped and beautiful. Thank you.

I support lake access at parcel 5303.

I support the draft Master Plan as it is written and do not want Parcel #5303 by Hawn's Peninsula.

I would like to commend the USACE on the new master plan that protects Terrace Mountain and Hawn's Peninsula from development. Along with the rare flora and fauna above the waterline, the shallows off the end of the peninsula are a very important game fish spawning spot. I couldn't be more pleased!!

I would like to comment on the Raystown Lake Master Plan Draft. Please add more access to Raystown Lake on the Northeastern shore located on parcel #5303. There is a road there now, but no recreational access to the water. Please consider adding some low impact, day-use activities like hiking and biking trails, a picnic area, maybe a beach or even a fishing dock. It would be helpful for the public to also have some type of restroom facility. It certainly doesn't seem right or equitable that lake visitors coming from the Northeastern side of Raystown Lake are required to drive more than 45 minutes to access the water. Thanks for your consideration.

In response to the master plan draft, I would like the USACE to address more access to Raystown Lake on the Northeastern shore on parcel 5303. If the USACE could allow access to some light recreational activities on parcel #5303, then maybe a public-private partnership with the county or township could be established to improve the existing road there for better access to the water. A public-private partnership might also be available to create a small low impact, day-use recreational area with perhaps a beach, hiking and biking trails, picnic area, fishing area, and wildlife viewing area with interactive displays. Please include some light recreational activities on parcel #5303 so that there is more access to Raystown Lake on the Northeastern Shore.

Please keep Raystown Lake the way it is. No more additions. We need to preserve what we have now, a beautiful lake.

I support more access to Low-Density Recreation opportunities on the northeastern shore near Hawn's Bridge area, such as a beach, hiking trails and fishing dock.

Luxury development and the building of Terrace Mountain Lodge is strongly opposed. My husband's family has owned their property/house near Weaver Falls for over 30 years. It is our escape from the constant tourism and out of control shopping/resorts of over-developed Lancaster county, and we spend almost every weekend from May-September on our boat at the lake. If we wanted the type of atmosphere they are attempting to bring, we would drive 45 minutes to Chesapeake Bay rather than make the 2.5 hour trip every weekend to Raystown. The fact that majority of the lake is undeveloped is the main reason many people travel there - to truly enjoy the beauty of nature. There are MANY travel destinations for those looking to "glamp" but we are losing more and more rustic and primitive experiences by over-developing these areas. I absolutely love the idea of added nature experiences such as hiking/biking trails, along with rustic camping but strongly against the development of a luxury hotel and glamping sites. These people are looking for their next instagram post, they are not there to truly take in and breathe the open air unconnected. As a marketing professional and graphic designer by trade, the region needs more thought-through marketing, better advertising/design, an upgraded visitor guide, and events geared towards nature and families rather than thinking a luxury resort will solve the problems. Once the area is developed, there will be no going back. The next generation of our family will not be able to enjoy the outdoors and we will be forced to find somewhere else to go (not many options). Please keep the beauty of Pennsylvania alive by keeping Raystown Lake wild!

Please don't do any development on this parcel. I'm a hiker and nature love that hikes this section of Raystown. From mile marker 20 on the terrace mountain trail, I can see a large section of the lake. Most is already developed and there is plenty of space for more people to use. There is no need to do any development to the only part of this area. It's the only part of the Raystown area that people like me use.

Please add new day - use recreation area to parcel #5303 at Raystown Lake.

As a visitor to Raystown Lake, I'd like to see a small portion of USACE land parcel #5303 become available for light day-use recreational activity. It would be wonderful for the public to have access to the beautiful water and land in this area. This terrain would be ideal for hiking, biking, camping, picnicking, wildlife viewing, boat ties, and perhaps a small beach. This new access point could also include ADA accessibility and provide greatly needed access on the Northeastern side of the lake. It seems a shame to keep this wonderful natural area from being more widely available to all. Thank you for your consideration.

Wow! I just finished reading the whole Raystown Lake Draft Master Plan Revision for 2020 including all appendices. Very thorough, comprehensive, and valuable! I am a Huntingdon resident who grew up on the "old dam" water skiing, swimming and fishing and have enjoyed all of those same activities since 1974 on the "new dam." I read the Draft MP with both keen interest and knowledge of the lake. I applaud your scientific and fact based conclusions, particularly the boat capacity results, to keep the Hawn's Bridge Peninsula area at its current Low Level Recreation classification. I fully support all of your recommendations in the 2020 Draft Master Plan.

Thank you for the in depth studies done for the development of the draft master plan. I totally support all conclusions made and the direction chosen for Raystown Lake. I am very hopeful the Corps will stay the course and not allow outside pressure change what has been done to this point.

I would like to add a comment to my previous statement on the master plan draft. I continue to support the draft ,however I am opposed to the continuing push to develop parcel #5303.

Everyone should have access to the Northeast side of the lake. I live next to the area in question and we need some recreational amenities. It was a Huge Mistake to throw away \$90 million dollars when this area really needs to do something about the economy. So many people need jobs and there's nothing here. Please consider letting someone do something for this area.

Thank you so much for following through with your detailed research and scientific methods used to determine the future of Raystown Lake. Also thank you for sharing your findings with the public and responding to the many questions and ideas that have been submitted in a systematic and respectful way. I agree with all of the major points in your draft and hope that you will not bend to developing beautiful and sensitive areas, including Hawn's Bridge Peninsula and Terrace Mountain, among other areas, just for the sake of a short term windfall of money to a few people, or because of other political or financial pressures. Our treasure here is it's nature and beauty. To develop its sensitive beautiful areas would not only make it like any other developed lake, many of them located much nearer to population centers than we are, but it would destroy the very thing that draws people to come the distance to live and visit here. Please continue the preservation and careful development by adopting the draft plan that you submitted to the public.

I have lived in Huntingdon for almost four years now because my husband has been a life-long resident of this town. However, I visited and boated on Raystown in the seventies, traveling from Ebensburg to this beautiful area and enjoying boating and the recreation areas quietly - and the years now when my in-laws still owned their pontoon boat that they kept at the lake. My opinion may not mean much regarding Hawn's Peninsula, but I hope it does because I am all in favor to stop any further development on this land and in the Raystown Lake area. The beauty and environmental quality of this land need to be preserved so that future generations can benefit from its natural environment and sustain the eco-systems that thrive here. Economic development will NOT benefit the Huntingdon County communities. Seasonal employment for little pay will not sustain families nor produce meaningful jobs. These are pipe dreams of the rich and it is a crime to play on our communities offering jobs and incentives that will not generate a quality of life. Smoke and mirrors. Please keep doing what you are doing - allow Raystown Lake and its vicinities to exist as is and improve the quality of our communities by staying true to protecting us and the natural surroundings from 'big business,' 'corporate takeovers,' and selfish men and women who think they know what's best for us...Thank you, for what you do - PROTECT RAYSTOWN, PROTECT HAWN'S PENINSULA!

I apologize for waiting until the last minute to submit my thoughts regarding the released draft of your new Master Plan for Raystown Lake, but given current circumstances regarding the potential pressure to develop Hawn's Peninsula, I wanted to express just a couple of thoughts. First, and truly foremost, Thank You!!!! for producing what, in my estimation, was a very thorough review of the Raystown facility. I won't pretend to say that I reviewed it word for word, but I did spend some time with the draft document and was truly impressed with the attention to detail and due diligence you demonstrated. Importantly, let me say in the current political climate that tends to demonize any Federal employees, or Federal efforts, I am truly grateful for all you do at the Raystown facility and feel strongly that the Corps truly does a wonderful job balancing the needs of our community with the mission of the lake project, and the general well being of the lake environment. Which brings me to my other thought. As I indicated to you in a letter dated 8/31/18, I am a staunch opponent of the potential development of Hawn's Peninsula. In reading the master plan, many of my concerns were both addressed and validated, particularly with regard to environmental consequences from development, current overcrowding of the lake, and lack of proper access for the type of development being proposed. I am truly fearful that pressure from both the developer, and from government representatives John Joyce and Pat Toomey will be to change the conclusions of the Master Plan. Please resist these forces. I see no benefits to such development that in any way outweigh the negative consequences. Indeed, the Lake, its environment, and fragile beauty require considerable care and conservation - not continued development. Again, this is just my 2 cents as a life long resident of Raystown Country who has enjoyed the Lake for much of his life and who has deep ties to the Juniata College Field Station, the history of archaeology and culture surrounding the lake, and a deep reverence for the natural beauty of our area.

I have been watching this process from the beginning with hopeful eyes. I understand the concern of the lake being over-crowded with boaters but from what I have read, this access would be mainly canoes and kayaks for this recreational area. When first learning that the Corps was involved, I was extremely pleased to learn this. Mostly because your group is very safety minded and govern the rules of safety first which I do not believe the access areas and those that run these areas do not have everyone's safety in mind, especially children. I have had brief conversations with those opposed to this recreational area and I immediately received the impression that they were not so concerned of the overcrowding but more concerned about losing out on customers, again nothing mentioned about safety. It really seemed that during these conversations, there was a hidden agenda. So you ask, why am I "for" having this recreation area here in Huntingdon Pennsylvania. It is quite simple, I know that this would be a great opportunity for the economy for Huntingdon and the surrounding area. This area has a great deal of visitors from within the state and the surrounding states. Having a safe recreational area as Haws, would become another destination for these visitors but also a place that families and the community would enjoy going to. As a new grandfather, I would love to have an area such as this to take my grandson to and teach him about the environment and this beautiful area in which we live in and know that he will be safe being there, again with the over seeing the safety by the US Army Corps. Right now, there is not such a place, I've gone to them and seen this for a fact in action, it is a free for all. I have traveled to many places and the places that I and my family have most enjoyed were indeed those setup and regulated by the US Army Corps. I too have a couple of agendas. One is having a safe place for everyone to enjoy and be safe. Two, I look at things as an opportunity for education purposes. In having this recreational area I have proposed another activity to be part of this recreational area that teaches everyone, about disc golf, about the low impact the sport has on the the environment, the environment itself, the physics and sciences behind the sport. This is a rapidly growing sport due to the education behind the sport, it being family oriented (enjoyed by all no matter the age) and not just for playing purposes. This is why city parks, state parks, churches, organization campgrounds and colleges are putting in disc golf courses. This is a sport that everyone can play, regardless of any physical challenges they may have or age. As I have done with Juniata College, I have proposed to conduct educational clinics with no fee. I strongly believe in this sport because it is for everyone, the community and creates another means for all, to live a healthier life. Having this access and a safe recreational area for the community and families is a huge opportunity for Huntingdon County, all made possible by the US Army Corp. Thank you for your time and all the effort you and your team has done for the entire community.

First of all I just wanted to say how much we appreciate all the effort that has been going on and the hard work that each of you and your Team has put in for this awesome Recreational area at Hawn's Peninsula and for the community of Huntingdon and Huntingdon County. Just recently having a new grandson has made your efforts even more exciting for my family as we will have a new means of teaching him the environment and a means to live a healthier life. Growing the sport of disc golf here in Huntingdon County has been this means for Rick Romo and Lets Go Throw and the Standing Stone Disc Golf Club that I have started and like the sport, is growing rather rapidly. Disc Golf is and has been a great tool for teaching. Not just about the sport but the environment in which it is played in, leave only tracks and enjoy the beauty. The sport, unlike most, has a very low impact to the environment and in some instances, an individual does not even know it exists, like a Juniata College where I, Lets Go Throw has partnered with the college and started their own disc golf club for the students. Disc Golf is growing rapidly and has been a great opportunity for all parks, local and state, to attract individuals from all over. I have attached the Lets Go Throw brochure that explains the mission and the support of all the major disc golf manufacturers (MVP Disc Golf, Dynamic Discs, Discraft, Gateway, DGA) and not to mention the local retailers that I support as well as you will see in my brochure. I suppose you can say that I am a Disc Golf Super Center without the huge costs being one. Please take a look at the attached information. If possible and when it is convenient for you and your Team, I would like the opportunity to discuss this further. On top of what I say in the brochure are the services I offer to grow Disc Golf; Free Clinics, Introduction to Disc Golf events and 24/7 support to grow the sport, including getting a course put in. This I will work endlessly for you, before, during and afterwards. Thank you for your time and especially for all the efforts and hard work at this Recreational Area. Also included some of the flyers that I created for the events that I have ran.

My opinions are based on my family having a camp near the lake for almost 30 years, so we have extensive experience with it's conditions. Regarding the study's findings that the lake is at or above capacity, I strongly agree. When you are out on the water during peak times you have to pay extra-extra attention due to the amount of boats on the water, especially boats that are driven up and down the lake at high speed. Definitely can get hazardous out there if you're not careful and would just get worse with additional development around the lake. I also agree that there is no need for additional development in areas that are not already zoned for development. The lake currently has many areas that can be used for access for non-boating activities, there really isn't any need to disturb the ecology of the undeveloped areas to create more.

I knew in my heart when I attended the meetings at Saxton and in Huntingdon that the Army Corps would do the right thing.

I would like to thank everyone involved for gathering the facts and protecting Terrace Mountain and Hawn's Peninsula for future generations to enjoy.

I would like to thank the Army Corps once again for putting public safety and conservation before anything else.

First, I would like to commend you for the very thorough and detailed draft master plan. In addition the open house presentation of the draft was very informative, and was expertly presented. I agree with most of the findings and conclusions you provided. My only concern was adding more soft launches to the lake. I don't understand how more soft launches wouldn't add to an already overcrowded lake. As far as the Hawn's Peninsula is concerned I wholeheartedly agree with all your findings! I'm glad you saw, and will continue to protect this environmentally sensitive area. Please do not be persuaded to change your findings for the newer soft changes proposed by the resort people. For them this is only about money. They do not care for our environment, and they have been spreading lies about what they plan to do. If you give them an inch they will take a mile. They will do damage to this area that won't be able to be undone. As an example Mr. Robert's cut down multiple trees on his property as well as federal property. The damage was done, and couldn't be undone. Yes he was fined \$5000 for this infraction, but that's a drop in the bucket for a millionaire, and the trees are gone. Janet Chambers speaks for the resort, and is trying to sell it as our beautiful lake. In fact she doesn't even live here anymore, because she moved to Michigan. I understand she is only doing what she's paid to do, but she should not speak for the people who live here, like myself and my husband on top of Terrace Mountain.

Please keep the findings as they are for the final master plan.

I was disappointed to hear that the resort was not going to happen, but at least it would be so nice to have an access point on the eastern side of the lake.

I would like to see a small recreation area on the Northeast side of Raystown Lake. I believe improved hiking trails, additional beach areas and some picnic spots would help in bringing more visitors to the area and with that additional money. My husband and I have spent lots of time at Seven Points and have never found the area crowded. We don't have a boat but have never seen a large volume of boats on the lake even over the summer holidays. Please consider adding an additional small recreation area to the Northeast side of the lake. Thank you for your consideration.

The ideal location, since a road is already on the property, is the Hawn's Bridge Road off Terrace Mountain. Hawn's Bridge area should be rezoned in the Master Plan for low-density recreation and day-use recreational development at the lake.

We also note that your guidelines for the Master Plan is to Ensure that alternatives for additional recreation access and development at the project are fully assessed, evaluated and incorporated as part of the update.

(WIIN Act, PL 114-322. Sec 1309). We ask you to include this in your Master Plan update. Thank you for your consideration for the progress of the economy for growth for the County.

Thank you so much for your tireless work and attention to detail in your Raystown Master Plan Revision. So encouraged that you recognized the amount of motorized boats on the lake on a busy week-end. We applaud your recommendation of no more motorized boats than what current facilities allow. Also for your protection of the Hawn's Bridge Peninsula area in its present state and for recognizing the need for more no wake zones. We would encourage you not to make any changes from your draft.

Thanks again for your excellent work and study.

I have been ask to write an email on this topic. I used to have a slip at the resorts. I now share rack space with a friend at 7 points. The lake is very busy on weekends thru the summer but not as bad thru the week. Although I have never had to trailer and launch my boat from one of the public launches I see the mayhem at the launches on the summer weekends. Long waits, short tempers and lack of parking. Not how I want to start or end my weekend. I don't think the lake needs more boats. Personally, the draw of the lake for me is the tranquility, undeveloped natural shores along which I can hunt, fish or swim from. A public access beach and hiking trails perhaps, maybe campgrounds?? That side of the lake is more difficult to get to and once your there a very long way to the opposite side without a boat so whatever attraction people would go there for would have to keep them there most of the day (Roth rock State Park) comes to mind. Everyone has an opinion and for what it's worth this is mine.

As a valued resident of the Hesston community and avid boater, my family would like to express our opinions on the thoughts of Raystown Lake and the master plan. Unfortunately, we were unable to attend the meetings offered but had several questions and thoughts as we move forward. First, my family currently has a pontoon boat with a 150hp engine and are waiting to get a permanent slip at Seven's Point Marina. We were in the process of purchasing a new pontoon until we were notified about this Master Plan. Since then we have put this on hopefully a temporary hold until we know more of the specifics as far as what regulations will be established. When will the public be notified about these specific potential changes? While we do not support restrictions of hp or boat size, we do support more patrolling of police for those not following rules of the lake. Second, we do understand the plans concern regarding overcrowding of vessels on the lake but would like for residents who pay taxes, takes care of the surrounding area to have first priority of lake accessibility whether this is a fee to buy a year round tag or whatever decision has been made. We ask that the Plan considers local residents as primary "stakeholders" with an invested interest in the Lake of Raystown. We welcome you or anyone else to contact us in the future regarding our beautiful lake and its surroundings.

I am unable to attend the Nov 3 & 4th meetings. But I wanted to write to thank the USACE for keeping the classification for Hawn's area so that it cannot be developed. Thank you for keeping protecting that environmentally sensitive area.

I will be out of town for the open house but I am in total support for this and so is my husband. Burgess and Mary Jane Smith

In regards to the master plan revision, please add some day-use recreational activities on parcel #5303 so the public can enjoy and access the lake from the northeastern side.

Please add some day-use recreational activities on parcel #5303 so the public can enjoy and access the lake from the northeastern side. As a business owner at Raystown Lake I talk to thousands of visitors each season. The number one complaint I hear is that there is a lack of amenities and activities at Raystown Lake. I really believe that the Terrace Mountain Lodge project would be a great addition to Raystown Lake that would address these issues and make Raystown Lake even better.

Hello, I had previously sent an email thanking the USACE for the content of the revised Master Plan draft, specifically the protection of the area of Hawn's Bridge area. However I am very concerned as I have been hearing about new proposed "lower impact" plans for the Hawn's area. I hope that you will not allow any development on Parcel #5303, not even additional trails and picnic tables. Keep it remote!

Thank you for the opportunity to comment in this important process. The Corps has done an outstanding job in preparing the new Master Plan for Raystown Lake. I agree with all the conclusions and recommendations of the draft proposal and support the adoption of those recommendations. I am especially glad that Hawn's Peninsula and adjacent Terrace Mountain were designated as Environmentally Sensitive Area, Wildlife Management, and Vegetative Management, as was demanded by both the public sentiment and the scientific data. I STRONGLY OPPOSE ANY ADDITIONAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE HAWN'S BRIDGE AND TERRACE MOUNTAIN AREAS and urge the USACE to not cave in to political and business bullying.

We have been visiting my family at Raystown Lake area for most weekends since 1979 (40 years). As concerned citizens of Pennsylvania, we want to provide comments on the Raystown Lake Master Plan Update. There is currently no Lake access for citizens and visitors from the east side of the lake. The Master Plan Update should provide a way for those citizens and visitors to access a recreational area. We ask you to include a portion of USACE Parcel #5303 to be developed for public access to the Lake. Looking at Master Plan use terms, this area should be considered low-density recreation. Thank you for your consideration.

I am writing to first say thank you for drafting a plan that continues to support the natural resources in the Lake Raystown region. I would also like to express my concerns regarding potential lake access development on Parcel # 5303. As a life long resident, local business owner, and out door enthusiast, I see development on this parcel or any other area as detrimental to the lake's natural resources. I know some supporters site the local economy as a benefit however as a financially secure business, I do not believe the economic benefits are present if access is granted. I believe any additional access will case further deterioration of our natural resources as well as contribute to over use of this water way. The number and size of boats presently utilizing the lake already raises safety concerns as well as pollution concerns caused by over crowding on the lake. I ask you to uphold the originally drafted plan excluding access to Parcel 5303 and I ask that you continue to maintain the utmost protection of this areas most valuable resource. Thank you in advance for your consideration of limiting and additional lake access points.

Please consider allowing us access from the route 829 area. Thank you

The decision to maintain the lake as it is will benefit the environment and the public. We as a community are so grateful that the people of Raystown Lake's voice is being herd. We as a community do not want anyone from another part of the country coming into our community and dictating to us what we need. We don't want more boat access, restaurants or hotels that will ruin the most beautiful place in Pennsylvania. Thanks so much for your hard work and listening to the people of Raystown Lake. Raystown Lake is truly a work of art provide by God. Thanks again!

As both the president of Juniata College and resident of Huntingdon County, I would like the USACE to address more access to Raystown Lake on the Northeastern side on parcel #5303. Juniata College attracts thousands of visitors to this area each year and currently, the top one third of Raystown Lake is not accessible to visitors except on poorly maintained rugged trails. If the USACE could add some light recreational activities on parcel #5303, then maybe a public-private partnership with the county, township or other enterprises could be established to repave the road for better access. A public-private partnership might also be available to create a small low impact, day-use recreational area with perhaps a beach, hiking and biking trails, picnic area, fishing area, and wildlife viewing area with interactive displays. It was positively impact our county and its largest employers if the new master plan could include some light recreational activities on parcel #5303 so that there is more access to Raystown Lake on the Northeastern side of the lake.

I could not agree more with the findings of all concerned who acted on behalf of the long term environmental priorities of Raystown Lake, and commend them for whatever persuasive savvy it took to recognize that the proposed “development” of the Hawn’s Peninsula area would have been an abnegation of responsibly to generations of human and non-human organisms not even born yet. It took real courage to act on evidence-based data in honoring the fragile web of life on the lake’s east side; it is a credit to all the academic study backing up the decision in the face of short sighted and ill-informed commercial interests. Too many persons who should have known better turned a blind eye to the impact of human intervention on the Peninsula. The poet E. E. Cummings put it best when he wrote, “ Progress is a comfortable disease.”

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On Behalf of the Fulton County Commissioners: Stuart L. Ulsh, Rodney L. McCray, Larry R. Lynch

I live in Todd, PA and I support the draft master plan, specifically I am against any changes to and part of the land around the lake. We have enough access to the lake. Thank you for all you do. It is appreciated and supported.

After reviewing the Master Revision draft plan recommendations I want to thank you on the decision to keep the Hawn's Peninsula as a natural habitat in preserving it for wildlife and vegative management. Having been a resident of Huntingdon county for more than 70 years I appreciate your consideration so my grandchildren have the same opportunity I had to enjoy the excitement of seeing an eagle fly overhead and deer running in the woods. Thank you

As someone who owns property and works in Huntingdon County to Raystown Lake, I would like to encourage that a portion of USACE land Parcel # 5303 be made available for daily recreational land and water activities for the public. I would suggest those activities be supported by a beach, hiking and biking trails, a fishing pier, a noteworthy wildlife viewing area, an area to pull up a boat with land-based tie off posts, and a covered picnic area. This proposed access site to the lake should include ADA accessibility and offer greatly needed access from the Northeastern. In order for our county to attract new residences and outside tourism dollars we desperately need to embrace the area’s full potential as an seasonal recreational destination. Without the desire to attract more people we will continually deplete our tax base, our home prices will decline, and the future outlook of our community will suffer.

I would like to comment on the Raystown Lake Master Plan Draft. Please add more access to Raystown Lake on the Northeastern shore located on parcel #5303. There is a road there now, but no recreational access to the water. Please consider adding some low impact, day-use activities like hiking and biking trails, a picnic area, maybe a beach or even a fishing dock. It would be helpful for the public to also have some type of restroom facility. It certainly doesn’t seem right or equitable that lake visitors coming from the Northeastern side of Raystown Lake are required to drive more than 45 minutes to access the water. Thanks for your consideration.

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It is my hope that this area will be kept as it is. There are many reasons why i would like this area to be kept as it is. There are many beautiful creatures that find this area a safe place to call home. The bald eagle is one. If you allow this area to be changed we will loose some of the great beauty and creatures that make the lake so well known and special. I know that they say well this will bring more people in but it is the army corps responsibility not to bring more in but to protect the land and animals that live here. I pray that you keep the beauty of this lake and not let it be run and changed by those that are just out to make a profit. Safety is another issue.

I have read the summary of the Draft Master Plan and support the recommendations given in the draft plan. Specifically, I support keeping the Hawn's Bridge Peninsula as an area for wildlife and plant protection, and I agree with the boat study that the lake's boating capacity has been exceeded. I would oppose any new facilities which would allow more motorized boats. I would encourage the Draft Master Plan to be approved with no change. Thank you for all the work you did on the plan.

Please add parcel #5303 to the day use recreation. This will not only lessen some of the traffic at all the recreational areas off Route 26, but be more convenient for tourists traveling from the east and south to launch their boats and enjoy the lake. Thank you.

As a local resident, real estate agent and vacation property owner, I feel it would be very beneficial to add a new day-use recreation on parcel #5303.

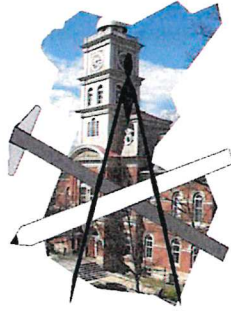
I reside in the Borough of Huntingdon and have owned a boat that is moored in the Seven Points Marina since 2003. Raystown Lake is a precious resource that could be lost if unwisely managed. It is with joy that we received word that the stewardship of this lake has chosen to preserve this great resource and not squander the lake by over-development. The omission of the development of Hawn's Peninsula development in the Master Plan is welcome news. Raystown Lake is very nearly unique in its lack of shore development. This has made Raystown Lake a great asset to the region and indeed, the country. We want to thank all involved who prevented the damage to the lake that would have occurred had the development of Hawn's Peninsula been approved. Once again, we thank you for the obvious wisdom displayed.

To whom it may concern, Please be advised, I support the Army Corp of Engineers plan for Raystown Lake along with the surrounding real estate. I DO NOT support leasing Hawn's peninsula to any other entity.

I have a house in Huntingdon County at Raystown Lake area since 2006 and want to provide comments on the Raystown Lake Master Plan Update. My family feels that the Lake is a great recreational area and should be accessible for all to use. We recommend that a portion of USACE Parcel #5303 be accessible from the east side of the lake for swimming, fishing, picnicking, and hiking. Currently there is no access down from Terrace Mountain. My family loves to fish and swim in the lake and it should be accessible for all locals and visitors, no matter which side of the lake they are from. Thank you

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December 5, 2019

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Dear Ms. Whitsel:

On November 3rd and 4th, the U.S. Army Corp of Engineers (USACE) hosted open houses for reviewing the draft Raystown Lake Master Plan Revision. At that time, it was made known that public comment was being accepted until December 7, 2019. I am providing you comment and suggesting a change to a Land Use Classification.

I, like you, am continually interested in the public input on needs throughout the Community, as I am the chief planner for Huntingdon County, which the Raystown Lake project is located within. Some of the facets that I take time assisting community members with are improved recreational access, wildlife conservation, and flood mitigation. Congress passed the Flood Control Act of 1962, in accordance with the recommendations of the Chief of Engineers. In the USACE report (House Document 565) to the House of the 87th Congress dated July 3, 1972, investigation revealed that a reservoir on the Raystown Branch of the Juniata River showed that a reservoir for flood protection, hydro-electric power, recreation, fish and wildlife, and low flow augmentation for water quality improvement was justified by the anticipated benefits. The report further went on to state that the implementation of the project will favor long-term productivity and that flood control in the downstream reaches will improve the economic values of these communities. The project also was anticipated to provide an impetus for growth and a higher standard of living by attracting tourists and recreation. Benefits include the creation of water-oriented recreation in an area previously deficient of such activities to an extent far exceeding the existing recreational use.

Along with our shared interest in flood-protection, wildlife conservation, and recreational access, I am continually working with community members on land use classifications. In reviewing the draft master plan revision, I found specifically that the plan identifies parcel 5305 as vegetative management and parcel 5205 as wildlife management in coordination with the bat protection area as part of the new requirement to no longer classify areas as simply as Multiple Resource Management areas. As you are aware, parcel 5305 and 5205 have generated a lot of conversation. I, in particular, am focusing my remaining comment on these areas.

Terrace Mountain offers a great obstacle for approximately a third of the County's population (15,541 of 45,913) from getting direct access to Raystown Lake. As stated in the goals of the Raystown Lake Project, providing recreational opportunities to citizens is vital to the success of the project. At this time, there are very limited opportunities to get direct access to the lake and USACE property from the eastern side of Terrace Mountain. The good thing is that there is already existing access available to this site: Terrace Mountain Trail and Hawn's Bridge Road. Terrace Mountain Trail is a great asset to Huntingdon County and the Raystown area. Considering that the trail spans 29 miles, it is a difficult trail to hike in a day. Considering that mile marker 23.1 highlights the Hawn's Road crossing, this is a great access to the eastern side of the lake. This area is already opened to hunting during hunting season. The USACE trail guide for the Northern section of the trail indicates that this is a location designated for an overnight shelter to be constructed in

the future. Furthermore, since Hawn's Bridge Road is a state road (State Road 3051), this is one of the best opportunities to get access to this trail, presenting a great opportunity to partner with PennDOT to maintain and improve this road, giving access to the Lake to many residents on the Eastern Side of Terrace Mountain, while simultaneously spreading out the feared over-crowding that was highlighted partially in the new boat density study.

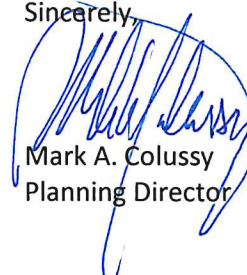
During your November 4th presentation you stated that Future Recreation Areas was defined as sites with characteristics compatible with future recreation development. You noted that federal recreation funding is limited, therefore these sites could be leased to other agencies or local government. This presents a great opportunity to partner with the County to offer parts of the Hawn's Bridge area as a future recreation area to provide low density recreation.

Also during the November 4th presentation, it was highlighted that the Upper Corners Area was listed in the 1994 plan as high density recreation. It was important to highlight the aesthetics and viewsheds of the landscape. I was able to visit the site recently and found that this is an absolutely gorgeous area, ripe for establishing formal scenic overlooks and low-impact picnic and camping opportunities to be enjoyed by the public. The same rationale highlighting why Upper Corners is a great place to develop in the future, would be key in anything done in the Hawn's Bridge area, which I would highly recommend for the Hawn's Bridge area as well. Having this area for low density recreation would allow passive opportunities already available to be enhanced: boat tie-offs, fishing, hunting, picnics, formalized trailhead to Terrace Mountain Trail, new trails for hiking and access to the water, camping, etc. The benefit to these types of recreational activities is that none of them require formal infrastructure to be built, thus limiting the overall impact of the development. There are multiple existing roadways that existed in the area that could be improved into new trails, and there are already a few clearings that would lend themselves to parking areas and/or a place for a pavilion. Thus, any development of the area would have minimal, if no need to cut any trees other than any possible invasive species, which would strengthen the wildlife conservation goals of you and me. By keeping the area naturally pristine, while introducing man to it, would offer a great opportunity for interpretive signage, an outdoor classroom, and possibly even improved wildlife habitat. I do not believe, based on visiting the site that any form of beach area or restaurant would work well on the site due to the high-density nature of this type of development. I feel extremely strongly that this site offers some of, if not the absolute best views of the USACE property and Raystown Lake, thus sharing it with the public would be a great thing going forward as long as it is done in a tasteful way that minimizes impact, but ultimately grants people access to the water.

The final point I'd like to make is that it was indicated that previous input on the Master Plan during the public input phase that Economic Development concerns were not taken into account. I strongly recommend that you reconsider this stance, especially considering that Congress authorized the project in 1972 based on USACE investigation that highlighted the long-term suggests of the project will be based not just on flood control, but based on improving economic values of the surrounding communities. As you are aware, the USACE received an unsolicited proposal to develop part of the Hawn's Bridge Area, where a \$90M investment was proposed. I, like many at the USACE, see there being many challenges related with the initial proposal, yet also see great promise in bringing economic development opportunities to the area. However, this focus on the Hawn's Bridge area gave me a unique opportunity to focus more on this area than I might have otherwise. As I mentioned, I feel strongly that the hurdles and opposition to develop the Hawn's Bridge due to a variety of reasons can be overcome to make the Raystown Lake project even better for even more people. So in the end, I wish for you to re-consider the classification of parcel 5305 to allow for small contained pockets of Low Density Recreation.

I thank you for your interest in receiving public comment. I look forward to seeing new and expanded ways to work with the USACE moving forward. If you would like clarification on any of my aforementioned points, please feel free to contact me. I'd love to have the opportunity to show you some photos I took of part of the USACE property.

Sincerely,



Mark A. Colussy
Planning Director

Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515-3813
November 21, 2019

Colonel John T. Litz
Commander of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Baltimore District
Raystown Lake Office
145 Seven Points Road
Hesston, PA 16647

Dear Colonel Litz:

As the Representative for Pennsylvania's 13th Congressional District, I am privileged to represent Huntingdon County which contains Raystown Lake. I respectfully submit this letter as an official comment on the draft Raystown Lake Master Plan.

My primary concern relates to the lack of additional accessible entry points to the lake identified for those with physical limitations. The Army Corps has indicated hesitation to increasing or expanding access to certain areas at the eastern portion of the lake because it may slightly increase traffic and potentially cause minor disruptions to the surrounding ecosystem. While I understand the Corps' responsibility to protect the native wildlife, I respectfully object to restrictions which limit opportunities to make the lake as accessible as possible to all of those in our community, especially those with mobility challenges. It is well documented that outdoor recreation can have a significant improvement on the mental and physical wellbeing of an individual. These effects are even more profound among those with mental and physical challenges. We are all responsible for being good stewards of the earth, but we are similarly responsible for addressing the unique needs of our disabled population. Completely restricting access and not allowing necessary improvements in an environmentally responsible manner most negatively affects those who are unable to enjoy the lake through current or traditional avenues. The needs of our disabled community should be fully addressed before a plan is finalized.

Additionally, I support increasing recreational opportunities beyond those identified in the draft. As stated above, our communities thrive when they can utilize the natural beauty around them. The draft plan states on page 129 that "Decisions to reclassify land for high density recreation are based upon providing public outdoor recreation opportunities that support project purposes and public demands while sustaining the Project's natural resources. Requests for additional public recreation opportunities in this area were very limited." While economic development can be a strong driver, this was coupled with an understanding that increased economic development is directly related to **increased public recreation opportunities**. The assertion that locals and stakeholders are not seeking additional public recreation opportunities is inconsistent with the views expressed directly to me and my office. It would be regrettable to blanketly restrict access to opportunities for decades to come over a difference in wording.

Thank you for your attention to these comments.

Sincerely,



John Joyce, M.D.
Member of Congress

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RE: Raystown MPRevision

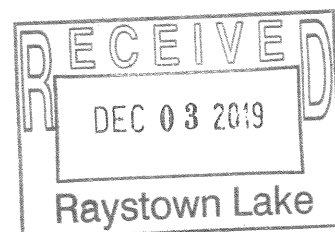
To Whom It May Concern:

Please be advised that I would request the USACE modify land Parcel #5303 plan to include light recreational activities. Further, an accommodation for a public-private partnership be included to enhance the area in the Northeastern side of the Raystown Lake. As you are aware these opportunities do not currently exist in this area.

I appreciate your endorsement of these plan modifications at your earliest convenience.

Respectfully Submitted,


Ellis J. Griffith



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I want to comment on the draft plan for Raystown. It seems to me that the concern is over the environment. We have several state parks in the area that are able to offer a lot of things to enjoy without major harm to the environment. It doesn't seem like you folks at that operate Raystown really want to give people from the other side of the lake the same opportunity as you give those on the Rt 26 side. I hope you will reconsider opening the area accessible from the Hawn's Bridge road for access to fish, picnic and enjoy nature.

Rabie Wallis
10944 Raystown Rd.
Huntingdon, PA 16652

11/05/2019 Original forwarded to Dave Skitt
Copy forwarded to John Newington

Please consider my comment on the draft Raystown Lake Master Plan. We need more access to Raystown Lake on Hawn's Bridge area. Being over eighty years old I have seen life before the lake and after the lake. What I have noticed is that there is very little for a senior citizen like myself to enjoy without owning a boat. Being a resident of Marklesburg I have also had to put up with constant road congestion on Rt 26 from Memorial Day thru Labor Day. I know there are those who would like access from the Hawn's Bridge area of the lake. If you would be open to allowing some recreation down there it would be nice. I have always enjoyed Trough Creek Park with the simple rustic picnic areas there, although it was easier to get to when I could just drive through Aitch. I understand their frustration in having to drive around the lake. Something like that would be nice on the Caseville side. I think you also should consider that it may improve traffic flow and safety on Rt. 26

Thank you, *Thomas Wells*

PO #426 JAMES CREEK PA

*11/05/2019 Original forwarded to Dave Whitel
Copy forwarded to Jude Warrington*

Response to the master plan, The Corps should be willing to provide more access to Raystown Lake on the Northeastern shore. The eastern side of Raystown Lake is not accessible except on trails. For those who can't afford a boat or aren't able to walk because of handicaps there is nothing to do without driving to the other side of the lake. This can be accomplished with little environmental impact if the Corps wants to help us have access. Please consider allowing some day use facilities in the area designated as 5353.

Pamela Hilerman

Pamela Hilerman
727 Washington St
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11/05/2019 Original forwarded to Dan Stetsel
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I would like to comment on the Raystown Lake Master Plan Draft. More access to Raystown Lake on the Northeastern shore located on parcel #5303 is needed. There is a road there now, but no recreational access to the water. Please consider adding some hiking and biking trails, maybe a beach and a fishing dock. It would also be to have a restroom facility. It certainly doesn't seem right for visitors coming from the Northeastern side of Raystown Lake to drive so far to the water. Thanks.

Luke Replogle

1166 Hickory Street
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12/7/19

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
Baltimore District
2 Hopkins Plaza
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Re: Raystown Lake Master Plan Revisions

Huntingdon County Business and Industry's Board of Directors appreciates the thorough and sensitive work the Corps has done in drafting an updated Raystown Lake Master Plan. We believe that the Corps' efforts to incorporate stakeholder input has been excellent. Public sessions have been well attended, communication from the Corps has been timely and extensive, and activism abounds in our region! A healthy dialogue has led to both innovative and balanced ideas on how to improve the Raystown Lake project for decades to come that are in keeping with the Corps' objectives.

Our organization fully supports updating the Master Plan to be inclusive of more access on the Northeastern Shore. Nearly 1/3 of Raystown's shorelines are inaccessible beyond poorly maintained and rugged trails. These types of access points are certainly appealing to some groups, but this does not lend itself to accessibility for the broader community. We would encourage the Corps to consider limited development on parcel #5303 to enhance access in this area of Raystown Lake. Please consider adding some low impact, day-use activities like hiking and biking trails, a picnic area, maybe a beach, or even a fishing dock.

We have no doubt that the Corps would undertake these additions in a sound approach that preserves the environmental integrity of the area- much as they have done with other development on the project. There are partners, like Juniata College, who are eager to assist with land management plans to support environmentally friendly development. Greater access is needed in this area. This is the right time to achieve this along with private-public partnerships that stand ready to lend their support.

While greater access to Raystown Lake is in line with the Corps' objectives, our organization's objectives focus on economic development. These objectives are not mutually exclusive. These changes will draw more visitors into our region through better access and recreation opportunities- allowing them to explore our unique natural resources and contribute to sustainability efforts through patronage and education. It would also have a positive economic impact on the region. We offer our support in order to achieve our mutual objectives.

Respectfully Submitted,

Cory Sisto
Board President

MARK A. SATHER
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MEETING DAY
TUESDAY--9:30 A.M.

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Huntingdon County, Pennsylvania
OFFICE OF

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
HUNTINGDON, PENNSYLVANIA 16652

4 December 2019

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From: [Matt Price](#)
To: [RaystownMPRevision](#)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Partner Comment on USACE Raystown Lake Master Plan draft
Date: Saturday, December 7, 2019 4:08:22 PM

December 6, 2019

US Army Corps of Engineers Raystown Lake Master Plan

To Whom it May Concern,

Thank you for the extensive effort that went into formulating a master plan for the next 15-25 years of land and water use at the Raystown Lake Project. Overall, the Huntingdon County Visitors Bureau agrees with the vast majority of the recommendations in the draft plan. Specifically, we are excited about the possibilities to develop non-powered boating access points and opening an area for equestrian trail use. We are also pleased with the continued availability of Parcels 5403 and 5404 for future recreation development.

We do have concerns about the “Non-motorized launching access (implemented at no net gain of boating access opportunities),” language used within the Future Recreation areas descriptions. Creating these access points directly into no-wake water should not introduce new boating dangers. We are concerned about the viability of these proposed recreation areas, if they will be made contingent on reducing parking facilities at other motorized boating launch points.

The boating density study applies a WALROS standard of 10-20 acres per boat, which the report admits is not a universally accepted benchmark for acceptable boating density. The concern is that applying this standard to Raystown Lake seems to have made the study’s conclusions foregone before it was even conducted. It is known that there are already 2,297 access opportunities, meaning that by the WALROS standard only 37% of those access opportunities can be used at any given time to achieve maximum acceptable density.

The boating density study also references the accident statistics over a 20-year period with an average of seven boating accidents per year on Raystown Lake. However, it fails to consider that there is no upward or downward trend over time in that average. The trend line is level at 7 per year. The increase in density does not seem to have negatively or positively impacted actual boating safety.

There are several aspects of the plan where we request further study and consideration before the plan is finalized. They are listed below by parcel.

Parcel 5404 “Upper Corners”.

The draft plan states:

A review of this site as a Future Recreation Area determined that the need for recreational opportunities at this site is still valid. The recommended future actions within this 1,048 acre parcel include all of the recommended actions from the 1994 MP with the exception of the conference center and courtesy dock. The need for a conference center was already met by LRRL&CC, and the addition of a courtesy dock would contradict the findings of the 2018 boating study.

Huntingdon County Visitors Bureau disagrees with the statement that “The need for a conference center was already met by LRRL&CC.” While the conference facility at the Lake Raystown Resort Lodge and Conference Center is addressing that need, it has not met the demand for conference space in the Raystown Lake area. Specifically, there remains a need within the Raystown Lake project for a conference and meeting facility attached to lodging rooms. Most conference and meeting planners will only consider facilities where meeting space is integrated under roof with lodging rooms, which eliminates the LRRL&CC from consideration for those events. We request that the conference center remain a part of the future development considerations for parcel 5404.

We fail to see how the addition of a courtesy dock contradicts the findings of the 2018 boating study. A courtesy dock, such as exists near Seven Points Beach and the Lighthouse concession, provides no additional boat traffic on the lake as there is no launch point or vehicle parking adjacent to it. It is strictly a place for boat(s) already using Raystown Lake to dock in order to use on-shore facilities such as the concession, restrooms, etc. Courtesy docks, in contrast with mooring posts, also provide access for boaters with limited mobility to moor in compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act. We request the courtesy dock be carried over from the 1994 plan as an acceptable use for parcel 5404 future development.

Parcel 5303 “Hawn’s Bridge Peninsula”

The draft plan cites several reasons for not reclassifying parcel 5303 as future recreation, some of which we feel are flawed reasoning.

Huntingdon County Visitors Bureau accepts that 3 out of 4 public comments submitted were opposed to the development of this parcel, and attributes that to a well-organized campaign by a coalition opposing the unsolicited proposal for developing a public recreation area on that parcel. It was expressed in all public meetings and when soliciting on-line comments that public comment is “not a vote,” but is one factor considered in public input and in the overall consideration of the other factors being studied. It was stated that comments from public officials and agencies (such as HCVB) were counted as single comments, even though they represented a vote of a board of directors, in our case representing 9 people at the time, plus a staff of four.

While economic development is certainly a valid reason to encourage reclassifying parcel 5303, it is not the only reason. Currently many local residents living and visitors using lodging adjacent to USACE property on Terrace Mountain live less than 1.5 linear miles away from the shoreline, but are forced to drive 30 minutes and more than 13 miles to the nearest access area. Creating a public access point in parcel 5303 would cut the driving time in half for these residents.

We support the subdivision of the Hawn’s Peninsula island into parcels 5205 and 4013, which addresses HCVB’s stated concern about the viewshed from Hawn’s Overlook and the environmentally sensitive shale barren cliff.

We would encourage a subdivision of parcel 5303 to include a Multiple Resource Management Low-Density Recreation Area from the switchback in Old Hawn Road (40.406368, -78.010052) northwest to the lake shore (40.408724, -78.013115), then following the shoreline to the causeway to parcel 5205 (40.415468, -78.013571), then using Old Hawn Road as its border back to the switchback. This low density recreation area should include trailhead parking for the Terrace Mountain Trail, a fishing pier and mooring posts or courtesy docks for boats to tie-up for short-term on-shore activities. This would also be a good location for a comfort facility to serve Terrace Mountain Trail users, and could include trail shelter(s).

The plan states the following as additional reasons beyond public sentiment for not reclassifying to future recreation:

- Proximity to Bat Conservation Area

HCVB Comment: If proximity is truly a concern, then the areas where that is the case should be within the MR-Wildlife Management parcel. Parcel 5303 is drafted as Vegetative Management.

- Proximity to Shale Barren area

HCVB Comment: If proximity is a concern, then the areas where that is the case should be within the Environmentally Sensitive Area parcel. Parcel 5303 is drafted as Vegetative Management.

- Impact on timber resources or tree cover

HCVB Comment: Low Density Recreation facilities as proposed above should have minimal impact on timber or tree cover, and within the Multiple Resource Management designation could still be managed for that purpose.

- Impact on fisheries

HCVB Comment: Our proposed Low Density Recreation subdivision of parcel 5303 does not include the northern shore of the peninsula where the PA Striped Bass Association has identified unique predatory fish summer habitat.

- Impact on hunting

HCVB Comment: The proposed trailhead parking for the Terrace Mountain Trail would enhance hunting access to the area.

- Topographic impacts to infrastructure construction

HCVB Comment: Roadway improvements to access the proposed Low Density Recreation subdivision could and should include erosion control measures.

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LETTER FROM LANCER RESROUCES TO THE USACE

November 20, 2019

Tara Whitsel
Project Manager
Raystown Lake Master Plan Update
US Army Corps of Engineers
Hesston, PA 16647

RE: Raystown Lake Master Plan Update

Dear Tara:

Please have the Raystown Lake Master Plan update team consider adding minor day-use recreational access on parcel #5303 so the public has more access to Raystown Lake on the Northeastern shore where none exists presently. We believe a public/private partnership could be entertained by Huntingdon County and/or Juniata Township with the USACE in order to access the water on parcel #5303.

Hawn's Bridge Road traverses parcel #5303 and could easily be utilized for access to this area with a public parking and vehicle lot to be located on private lands adjacent to parcel #5303. We are willing to donate to Huntingdon County, or another government agency, a piece of land adjacent to parcel #5303 for public parking and transport to parcel #5303.

Please let us know what public recreational day-use activities would be allowed on parcel #5303, noting that the MP mentions that while this area is now potentially classified as "vegetative management", there are mixed use areas on USACE lands in a Multiple Resource Management area. Please provide your written response to the following questions regarding for some type of minor day-use areas on parcel #5303:

- Could a beach be allowed?
- Could hiking trails be allowed?
- Can there be biking trails?
- Could a fishing pier be allowed?
- Could a boat tie off area be allowed?
- Could a kayak/canoe area be allowed?
- Could a picnic area be allowed?

- Could a wildlife viewing area with signage be allowed?
- Are primitive overnight shelters allowed?

We would appreciate a face-to-face meeting to discuss how parcel #5303 could potentially include some low impact day-use recreational areas.

In addition, the Raystown Lake Master Plan Update reference on page 126, points out some “potential” deterrents to putting any type of recreational facilities on Parcel #5303. We have viable solutions for every one of these items listed that we would be happy to discuss with you.

We would sincerely appreciate your consideration of a proposal to add some minor day-use recreational facilities to parcel #5303.

With Regards,

Janet Chambers

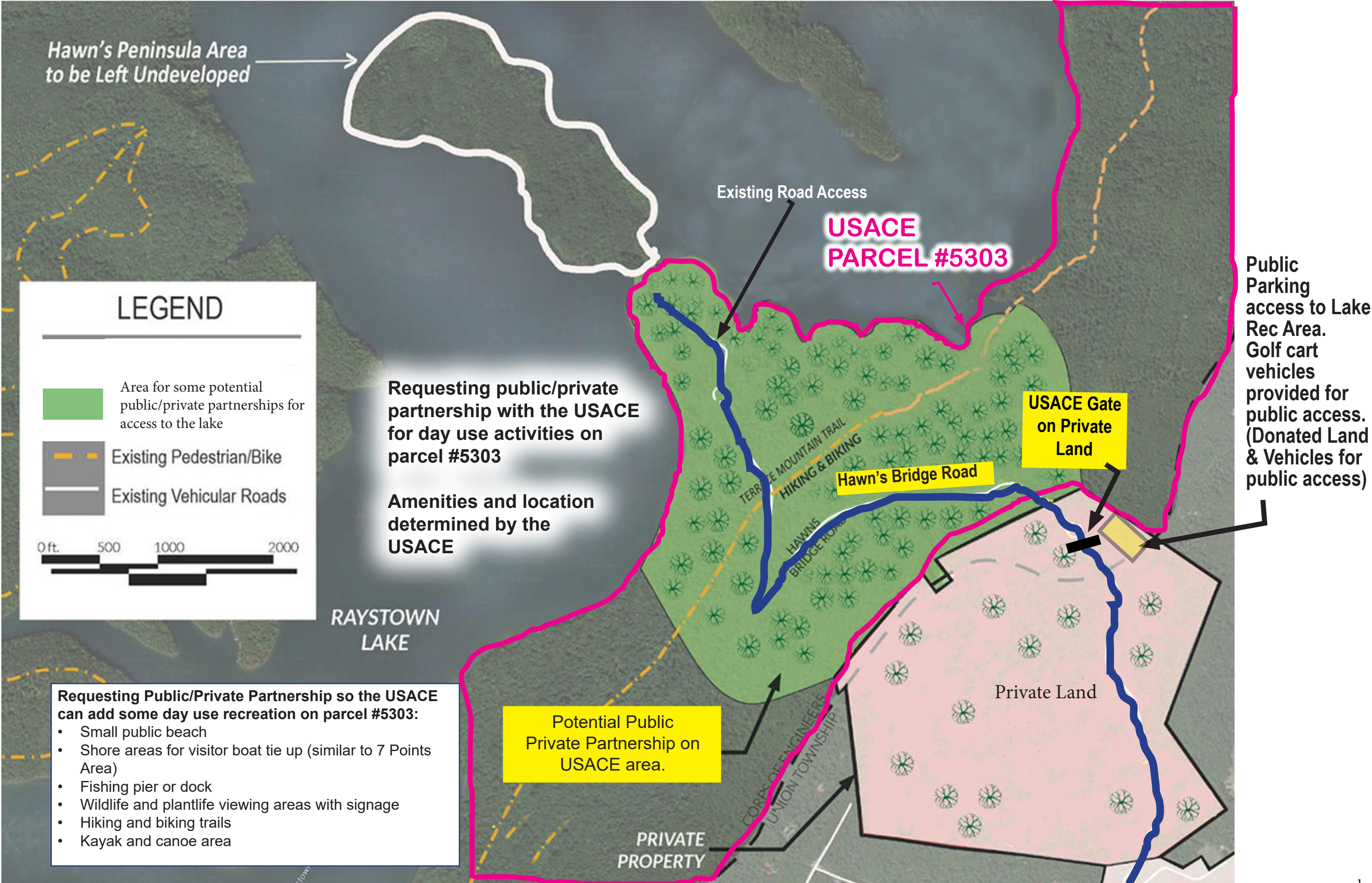
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The Public Desires a Public Private Partnership for NEW access to Raystown Lake on Northeastern Site Parcel #5303



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December 6, 2019

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
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RE: Raystown Lake Master Plan Revisions

In response to the master plan draft, I would like the USACE to address more access to Raystown Lake on the Northeastern side on parcel #5303. Currently, the top one third of Raystown Lake is not accessible to visitors except on poorly maintained rugged trails. Water access is also limited on this side of Raystown Lake,

I believe opening the parcel to activities such as a small beach, hiking and biking trails, fishing area or fishing pier, wildlife viewing area with benches and wildlife signage displays, an area to pull up a boat with land-based tie off posts, and a picnic area would be to the public benefit. This proposed access site to the lake could include ADA accessibility and offer greatly needed access from the Northeastern side of the lake where none exists now. Allowing such development would open the possibility of a public-private partnership with the county, township or other enterprises could be established to repave the roadways in the area for better access.

I believe that development of this type is consistent with the Army Corps of Engineers goals to implement responsible stewardship and sustainability and meet the public's outdoor recreation needs.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Rich Irvin".

Representative Rich Irvin
81st District

Pennsylvania House of Representatives

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From: [Rick Romo](#)
To: [RaystownMPRevision](#)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Rick Romo LETS GO THROW Disc Golf
Date: Sunday, November 3, 2019 11:35:57 AM
Attachments: [LGT BROCHURE v1.d.pdf](#)

First of all I just wanted to say how much we appreciate all the effort that has been going on and the hard work that each of you and your Team has put in for this awesome Recreational area at Hawn's Peninsula and for the community of Huntingdon and Huntingdon County.

Just recently having a new grandson has made your efforts even more exciting for my family as we will have a new means of teaching him the environment and a means to live a healthier life.

Growing the sport of disc golf here in Huntingdon County has been this means for Rick Romo and Lets Go Throw and the Standing Stone Disc Golf Club that I have started and like the sport, is growing rather rapidly.

Disc Golf is and has been a great tool for teaching. Not just about the sport but the environment in which it is played in, leave only tracks and enjoy the beauty. The sport, unlike most, has a very low impact to the environment and in some instances, an individual does not even know it exists, like a Juniata College where I, Lets Go Throw has partnered with the college and started their own disc golf club for the students.

Disc Golf is growing rapidly and has been a great opportunity for all parks, local and state, to attract individuals from all over.

I have attached the Lets Go Throw brochure that explains the mission and the support of all the major disc golf manufacturers (MVP Disc Golf, Dynamic Discs, Discraft, Gateway, DGA) and not to mention the local retailers that I support as well as you will see in my brochure. I suppose you can say that I am a Disc Golf Super Center without the huge costs being one.

Please take a look at the attached information. If possible and when it is convenient for you and your Team, I would like the opportunity to discuss this further. On top of what I say in the brochure are the services I offer to grow Disc Golf; Free Clinics, Introduction to Disc Golf events and 24/7 support to grow the sport, including getting a course put in. This I will work endlessly for you, before, during and afterwards.

Thank you for your time and especially for all the efforts and hard work at this Recreational Area.

Also included some of the flyers that I created for the events that I have ran.

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Respectfully,

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When: April 28th, 2019
Where: Juniata College DGC
Start Time: 9:00 AM

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INTRODUCTION TO DISC GOLF!!!!

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FOR "EVERYONE"

FOR "ALL AGES"

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LEARN ABOUT DISC GOLF

THE COURSES TO PLAY

THE AREA DG CLUBS

THE DISCS & THE SCIENCE BEHIND THE DESIGNS

THE LOW IMPACT OF THE SPORT TO THE ENVIRONMENT

THE DISC GOLF PRODUCTS AVAILABLE TO YOU

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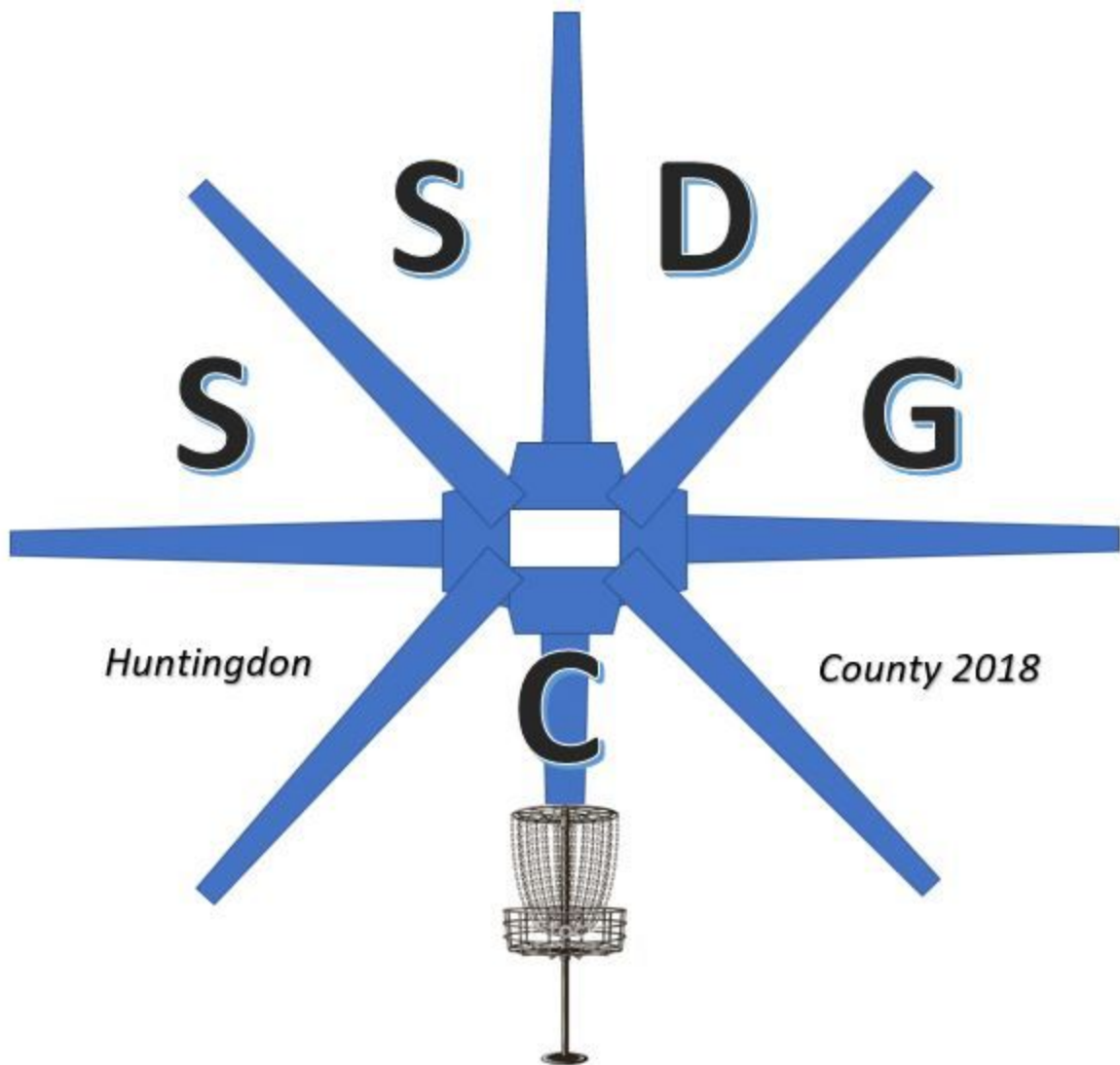
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December 5, 2019

Ms. Tara Whitsel, Raystown Lake Master Plan Project Manager
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE)
Raystown Lake Master Plan
6145 Seven Points Road
Hesston, PA 16647

Re: Raystown Lake Master Plan Update

Dear Ms. Whitsel:

As the State Senator for Pennsylvania's 30th District representing constituents in Blair and Fulton Counties and portions of Cumberland, Franklin and Huntingdon Counties, including Raystown Lake and many of its surrounding municipalities, I am submitting this letter of comment on the recently-released draft Raystown Lake Master Plan. This Master Plan developed by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Baltimore District (USACE-Baltimore) is vitally important to the region since it will govern the way the land is managed and will guide consistent, responsible decision-making for the next 15-25 years. Unfortunately, the current draft does not rezone the Hawn's Bridge Peninsula at the northeastern shore of Raystown Lake for high-density recreation to allow expanded public access to the water from that side of the lake.

It is important to recognize that the *Alleghenies Ahead Regional Comprehensive Plan* adopted in 2018, which was widely applauded by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania as the first multi-county comprehensive plan, cites Raystown Lake as a major economic driver. Based upon input gathered through an extensive public involvement process, this plan identifies support for land use changes and investment that will allow for positive improvements for both residents and visitors.

The Raystown Lake has become one of the most popular outdoor recreation locations in the state, drawing approximately two million visitors per year, including many who are physically challenged. I support the Hawn's Bridge Recreation Area development because it will greatly improve access to the lake from the northeastern shore, which is currently very difficult, especially for the elderly, disabled veterans, and physically challenged populations.

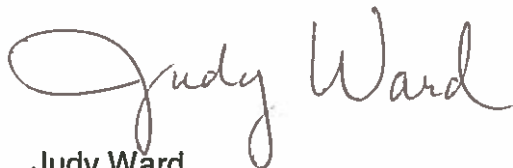
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In May 2012, the National Park Service formed the Accessibility Task Force to improve its organizational approach to ensuring that national parks can be enjoyed by individuals with disabilities. The task force developed a five-year strategic plan for improving accessibility. The plan, *All In! Accessibility in the National Park Service (2015–2020)*, is built around three ambitious goals:

- Create a welcoming environment for visitors with disabilities
- Ensure that new facilities and programs are accessible
- Upgrade existing facilities to improve accessibility

I urge the USACE to apply these same accessibility goals to Raystown Lake, revisit the draft Master Plan, and reclassify the Hawn's Bridge Peninsula at the northeastern shore of Raystown Lake for high-density recreation to enable the Terrace Mountain Resort and Hawn's Bridge Recreation Area Projects to move forward. These projects would offer a tremendous opportunity for Huntingdon County residents and visitors to access the lake and take advantage of the many wonderful recreation opportunities that it offers. I support these efforts to enhance accessibility to recreational opportunities at the lake and hope that the USACE gives serious consideration to these concerns.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink that reads "Judy Ward". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Judy" being more prominent than the last name "Ward".

Judy Ward
State Senator, 30th District

cc: Col. John T. Litz, Commander, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Baltimore District
Mr. Nick Krupa, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
Mr. Carlos Lazo, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
Huntingdon County Commissioners
Huntingdon County Business & Industry (HCBI)

Draft *Revision*

Smith, Philbrook (SMITH)

Mon 10/28/2019 8:23 AM

To: RaystownMPrevision@usace.mil <RaystownMPrevision@usace.mil>

I was pleased to read the draft report of the study for updating plan of Raystown Lake which showed reasons for revision that did not include the plan to build a resort up on the mountain and down onto Hawns Bridge area. The guidelines for the lake tend to protect the area from over development and to preserve the area for already established uses so I am hoping that the final plan will also protect this area for preservation and limited use. It is already overly used, especially on weekends.

I have lived in the Huntingdon area since 1951 and remember the original lake from that time and have followed its development. Although at 85 years old I don't go out onto the lake I do drive around the area a lot and would be sad to see that mountain area where the resort would exist adding more boats to the area right near the breast and where eagles have returned to nest.

Thank you for you hard and careful work.

MARY ANN SMITH
701 WARM SPRINGS AVE
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Mary Ann Smith



October 28, 2019

12/04/2019

Tara Whitsel
US Army Corps of Engineers
Raystown Lake
Hesston, Pa 16647

Dear Tara:

First off, I want to express my sincere personal thanks to you, Steve and Carlos for taking the time to meet with me and my fellow Commissioners Mark Sather and Jeff Thomas as well as Mark Colussy our County Planning Director. I could really see that you are all passionate about the Corps mission and want to see that mission carried out at Raystown. I hope you all could see that we as public servants also have as our mission to make Huntingdon County a great place to work, play and raise families.

In our time together, I hope we were able to communicate that we see access from the Northeastern side of Raystown as a major problem for almost half of our county residents. This access problem is especially true for those who do not have the luxury of affording a boat and those with handicaps which require ADA accessibility. Among some of the needed access opportunities we outlined as basic amenities were picnic facilities, a fishing pier, restroom facilities and possibly a beach to enjoy. A snack and bait facility would also be beneficial to visitors of the area.

As discussed, we believe the only and best possible area able to provide the needed access is by the existing Hawn's Bridge road which is the only established access point to the Northeastern side of Raystown. This area is described as area 5303 in the Draft Master Plan. Through much thought and consideration, we as Commissioners conveyed that we would like to partner with the Corps to work together to provide a solution. The solution would not only open this area to public access but also improve the existing Terrace Mountain Trail by providing Trail Head and comfort features to enhance the outdoor experience of that trail and Raystown.

I believe that a partnership between the Corps, County government and willing individuals in the private sector could be very beneficial to further the recreational objectives as referenced in EP 130-2-550 which I have highlighted.

Chapter 2- Recreation Management:

2-2. Background.

a. Programs and activities related to outdoor recreation have as their design base:

(1) the following mission statement:

The Corps manages for long-term public access to, and use of, the natural resources in cooperation with other Federal, State, and local agencies as well as the private sector.

The Corps integrates the management of diverse natural resource components such as fish, wildlife, forests, wetlands, grasslands, soil, air, and water with the provision of public recreation opportunities. The Corps conserves natural resources and provides public recreation opportunities that contribute to the quality of American life."

(2) and, the following program objectives:

(a) To provide a quality outdoor recreation experience which includes an accessible, safe and healthful environment for a diverse population,

(b) To increase the level of self sufficiency for the Corps recreation program,

(c) To provide outdoor recreation opportunities on Corps of Engineers administered land and water on a sustained basis, and

(d) To optimize the use of leveraged resources to maintain and provide quality public experiences at Corps water resources projects.

b. To accomplish the program objectives, the Corps manages land and water resources in cooperation with other Federal, state and local agencies, quasi-public organizations and the private sector supplemented by volunteers, contributions and challenge cost sharing programs.

2-3. Guidance €- Operations and Maintenance.

b. Outdoor Recreation.

(l) General. Whenever possible, the Operations Project Manager will employ the following management measures to increase the public's opportunity for a high quality recreation experience:

Establish a project wide cost effective program to rehabilitate recreational facilities whenever feasible to increase visitor satisfaction while reducing O&M costs. Consolidate areas and/or close and discontinue facilities that are under utilized.

(a) Implement other approved management measures to provide for recreational use of the project by all visitors, including persons with disabilities. ■

(b) Consider leasing areas for commercial concession or park and recreation purposes.

As a lifelong resident of Huntingdon County, I personally ask you to consider working with the County to establish a cooperative agreement that could utilize the existing right of way at Hawn's Bridge that is currently open to public access for about two months of the year (Identified as area 5303 in the draft master plan) to provide public access the lake. In my opinion this could be accomplished through an offer of donated land at the top of trail head of the mountain to the county by a private landowner. The County providing vehicle transportation for individuals seeking access to the area of 5303 and working with the Corps to develop and maintain recreational facilities at the water. I would also ask that there be consideration to rezoning some very small key areas of 5303 to light and/or high-density recreation to achieve the desired access and recreation opportunities. I believe opening this area to public access would also promote more public use and knowledge of the Terrace Mountain Trail. I believe there is a strong desire to Mitigate any disturbance in the proposed area as well as take every opportunity to provide for additional plant and animal habitat as well.

In closing, I thank you in advance for your consideration of these ideas to enhance the public experience of Raystown.

Sincerely,

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CC: Steve Brown, Carlos Lazo

To: USACE Raystown Lake Master Plan Revision Team
From: Nelson Wert
Re: Comments on Draft Master Plan

December 1, 2019

Hello,

I first want to thank the team for the time and effort you devoted in formulating a Revised Master Plan for Raystown Lake. I have read the draft proposal in its entirety and support the land-use classifications and recommendations provided in the draft. The draft does provide for new recreational opportunities but does so in a way that demonstrates concern for boating safety and for protection of important environmental assets of Raystown Lake. I encourage you to approve the Draft Master Plan as presented with no or only minor tweaks if necessary.

I previously sent to you a rather lengthy comment regarding boat safety. I believe the boat study that was done in preparation for this revised master plan provides solid support for your recommendation of not adding any additional facilities which would allow an increase in motorized boats. I support your recommendation and believe this recommendation is one that should not be compromised in the approved Master Plan. I am grateful for the recognition of the need to restore some previous no wake zones as they play an important role in allowing diverse types of recreation to safely occur on Raystown Lake simultaneously.

As an angler and manager of the PSBA hatchery, preservation of the Hawn's Bridge Peninsula area in its present state was particularly important to me as well as other anglers. The proposed development in that area would have adversely impacted crucial underwater structures important to striped bass and other species. I support your decision to designate that area as an area for wildlife and plant propagation as that area contains important environmental assets not found elsewhere on Raystown Lake. Recreational opportunities need to be provided in areas which do not contain important or threatened environmental assets, and I believe the Draft Master Plan recognizes this in the land classification and use recommendations.

I support the restoration of some previous no wake zones for the reason previously listed. I do have one suggested change for you to consider involving the proposed no wake zone in Beer barrel Bay which is labeled WS 6208 on the draft plan. I have attached several plats demonstrating why I am making a suggestion. As you know, there is underwater "hump" or elevation in the middle of Beer Barrel Bay that rises to a depth of about 20'. Boulders and fish structures have been placed on this hump. This hump is fished by walleye anglers and striped Bass anglers. Both anglers usually fish this hump in its lengthwise direction, along a line drawn from Marker 5 to the rear of Beer Barrel Bay. Walleye anglers fish directly over the shallow hump while striped bass anglers fish the drop-off to either side of the hump. Both are usually fishing at a slow speed of .8 mph or less. The draft plan WS 6208 buoy line would cut directly across the hump at its shallowest 20' level, so slow boats fishing the hump will be continually going in and out of the no wake zone to complete a pass (See attachments). To avoid this scenario, the no wake zone of the 94 plan (and original plan) could be used, or an Alternative plan which I have diagrammed could also be used. If there is a desire to keep this no wake zone to the minimum necessary, then my alternative plan is a compromise between the draft plan and the 94 plan no wake zones. It provides enough space for boats to exercise a 90° turn immediately after getting off the hump

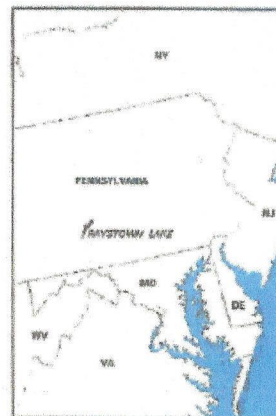
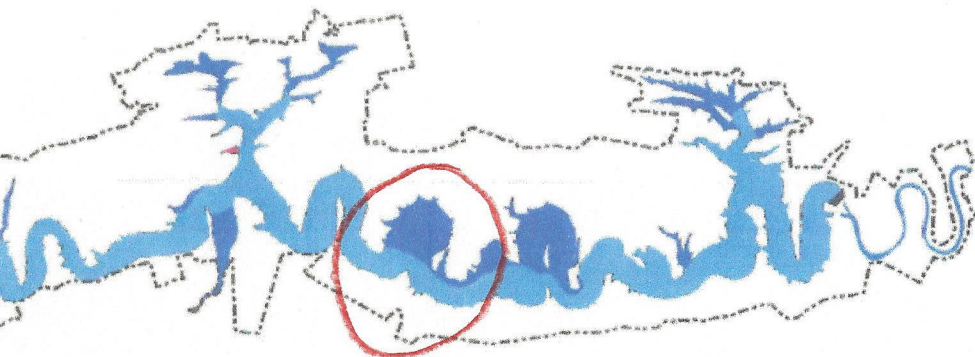
and without getting out of the no wake zone, keeping in mind that planner boards are pulled up to 90' behind the boat. Another advantage of this alternative suggestion is that the distance to be covered by buoys is less than what is proposed under the draft plan.

My proposal is simply to avoid having slow-moving boats fishing the hump to be continually crossing in and out of a no wake into a unlimited speed high traffic area in order to complete a fishing pass over the hump. I believe most anglers would prefer going back to the 94 plan no wake zone, but I recognize there may be a desire to keep a broader no restricted area in front of Beer Barrel Bay than that allowed by the 94 plan. I believe the alternative plan would certainly be safer for anglers and may require less buoys, and it would provide more space for unlimited boats then was provided by the 94 plan. Please feel free to call me if you have any questions about my suggestion.

I believe the Draft Master Plan balances recreational opportunities with the need for safety considerations and the need to protect Raystown Lake's valuable resources. I thank you for the work you have done, and I would encourage approval of the Draft Master Plan as presented with no or minimal changes.

Best regards,

Nelson Wert



LEGEND

- NO WAKE
- NO RESTRICTIONS
- NO SKIING
- RESTRICTED AREA



RAYSTOWN LAKE MASTER PLAN UPDATE LAKE SURFACE MANAGEMENT ZONES

MARCH 1994

 U. S. Army Corps
of Engineers
Baltimore District PLATE 2-1

'94 Plan

No Wake

Beer Barrel Bay

WAKE
channel

Plat B

165' Zone
Seven Points
Recreation Area

Boat
Path

NO-WAKE
In Channel

NO-WAKE
In Channel

Draft
WS 6208

The
Boulevard

Alternate
WS 6208

'94 Plan
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Beer Barrel
Bay

Beach

TERRACE MOUNTAIN TRAIL

40°21.00'

NO-WAKE
In Channel

Great Trough
Creek

PARADISE RD

