

RAYSTOWN LAKE MASTER PLAN REVISION

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What is a master plan?

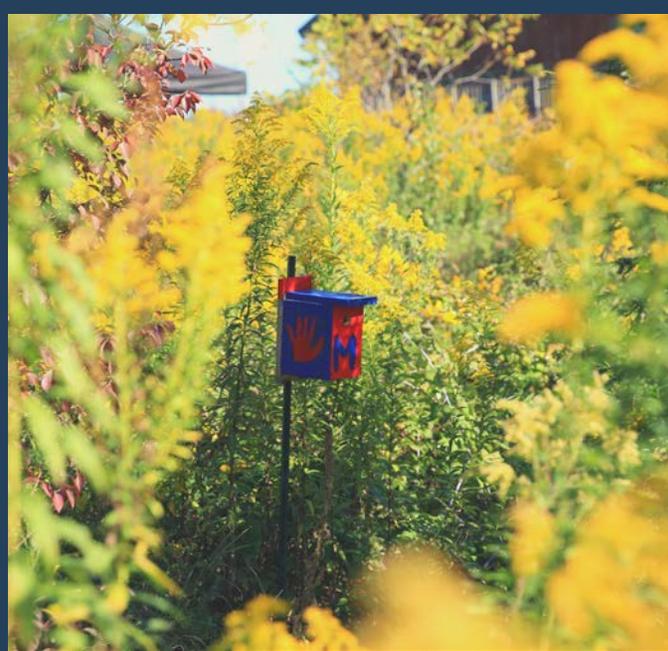
Every Army Corps lake has a master plan that serves as a framework for consistent, responsible decision-making for 15-25 years. You can think of a master plan like a zoning map. It tells our staff where certain activities, improvements and changes can occur. A master plan includes land use classifications that govern the way land is managed and used to provide good stewardship and outdoor recreation to meet the needs created by the lake itself. The Master Plan revision will provide an updated guide for the management of Raystown Lake based upon new public input, environmental studies, etc.

What does a master plan do?

Master plans are built to determine how areas of the lake should and can be used based off of environmental studies, boating studies, operational requirements and public opinion. These studies and findings ensure that the Master Plan will properly guide decision-making at the lake. It's important to note that a master plan does not plan or approve changes or improvements to the flood risk management and hydropower functions at the lake.

Why update a master plan?

Master plans are designed to provide a framework for decision-making for 15-25 years. In 25 years a lot can change at a project. Technology improves, recreational needs may change and environmental factors may vary. Raystown Lake's Master Plan was last revised in 1994. In 25 years things have changed and that's why we need to see what the public needs/wants and how biologically the lake might have changed or remained the same.



CURRENT STATUS:

Our team is continuing to work hard to finish up the draft Master Plan. After meticulous USACE review, the draft Master Plan will be ready for public review late fall 2019. We'll continue to send you detailed Master Plan updates throughout the summer and fall to make sure everyone is ready and informed for the draft release.



QUESTIONS:

Questions and comments can be sent to RaystownMPRevision@usace.army.mil

Updates and info can be found at:
www.nab.usace.army.mil/raystown-master-plan-revision/

WHAT WILL YOU FIND IN THE MASTER PLAN?

The sections of the Master Plan will include the following chapters:

1. **Introduction:** Reviews the purpose and overview of the project and the Master Plan.
2. **Project Setting and Factors Influencing Management and Development:** Details natural and cultural resources, hydrology of the lake, visual qualities, economic factors, topography, etc.
3. **Resource Objectives:** Details the goals and resource objectives at the lake.
4. **Land and Water Use Classifications:** Details land and water allocations and classifications.
5. **Resource Plan:** Outlines land and water classification areas such as operations areas, environmentally sensitive areas, high-density recreation areas, etc.
6. **Special Topics:** Covers various topics such as land inventory, boat capacity study, partnerships, etc.
7. **Agency and Public Coordination:** Details how public comments were collected and evaluated.
8. **Summary of Recommendations:** Details a summary of the findings and proposed actions of the Master Plan.
9. **Bibliography:** Details any additional sources cited in the Master Plan.
10. **Appendices:** Includes the Environmental Assessment, park maps, the Boating Carrying Capacity Study, land inventory, etc.



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