

Dear Raystown Lake Stakeholder,

We'd like to provide a short update on where we stand in the Master Plan (MP) revision process, along with a brief overview of the 2020 recreation season at Raystown Lake.

On April 13, 2020, we issued our last MP stakeholder update. At that time, we anticipated the release of the plan in July; however, our initial review efforts were delayed in order to prioritize as the health and safety of the District's workforce and visitors to the project.

Currently, senior leaders within the Baltimore District are reviewing changes made to the plan as a result of the public comment period held in 2019. **District team members remain committed to ensuring the completion of the plan as efficiently and accurately as possible and are aiming for completion by February 2021.**

The final revised MP will provide a framework for consistent, responsible decision-making at Raystown Lake for the next 15 to 25 years. It is important to note that a MP does not appropriate money to any improvements or developments discussed in a final master plan, but effectively portrays where these projects could be authorized if funding or a strategic partnership were to become available for implementation.

The draft MP, draft Environmental Assessment, previous master plans and additional information can be found on the [Raystown Lake MP revision website](#). We also urge you to follow our [Raystown Lake Facebook page](#) for MP updates and other important project news.

2020 Raystown Lake recreation season

This past summer, Raystown Lake experienced exceptionally high visitation with many facilities such as boat launches, beaches and picnic facilities reaching capacity on weekends. According to Recreation.gov, Seven Points campground ranked number one in revenue out of 770 USACE campgrounds for fiscal 2020 – seeing an increase of \$181,000 from the previous year. This visitation pattern was observed at many Corps lakes as visitors searched for recreation facilities and green spaces that allowed them to recreate responsibly. Army Corps staff, contractors and volunteers worked diligently to implement increased protection measures and signage to ensure everyone can enjoy our recreation offerings safely and responsibly.

While visiting Corps recreation areas, visitors are encouraged to practice social distancing and other COVID-19 safety precautions required and recommended by local, state and federal authorities, to include the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. [CDC guidance on visiting parks and recreation facilities can be found on their website](#).

Thank you once again for your patience and for continuing to be a part of the Raystown Lake Master Plan Revision process!

Sincerely,
The Raystown Lake Master Plan Revision Team