

Appendix V
Public Involvement Plan

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Preface

The Public Involvement Plan includes a Correspondence section and a Comments/Responses section. The Correspondence section includes the actual correspondence developed as part of the public involvement process associated with this plan. Included in this section is the Carlyle Lake Master Plan update mailing list. The Comments section includes a listing of the comments received and the responses developed to those comments.

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**Initial Round
Public Involvement**

Correspondence

July 30, 1993

Master Planning Section
Planning Division

Mr. Brent Manning, Director
Illinois Department of Conservation
524 South Second Street
Springfield, Illinois 62706

Dear Mr. Manning:

The St. Louis District Corps of Engineers is initiating the reevaluation and updating of the Carlyle Lake Master Plan. The Master Plan is the primary document governing the use, development, management and administration of all natural and man-made resources at Carlyle Lake. The purpose of this letter is to inform you of the process we will employ for updating the plan.

Many changes have occurred at Carlyle Lake since the master plan was updated in 1986. Development of the Carlyle Lake Resort in the Dam West Recreation Area, marinas nearing capacity, the need to review the shoreline management plan under a new regulation and recreation areas reaching carrying capacity are items that will be addressed in the updated plan.

To prepare the most responsive plan, your agency as well as other state agencies, the general public, Federal and local government and special interest organizations will be invited to participate in the process. We plan to hold several information gathering meetings during the summer of 1993 at Carlyle Lake recreation areas i.e. campgrounds, day-use areas and marinas. In addition, meetings will be scheduled with your agency and other state and Federal agencies during the summer and fall of 1993. Workshops for area residents will be held in Carlyle and Vandalia in the fall of 1993. News releases and a newsletter will communicate information and the status of the update to all participants in the update. A market study to evaluate current and future use of marinas and market demand for boat slips/dry storage is being contracted and will be used in updating the plan.

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plan will be prepared and submitted for review by government agencies and the general public in the spring of 1994.

As this study progresses, it is requested that you designate a member of your staff to serve as a direct point of contact for coordination purposes. If you desire additional information, please contact Mr. Francis Walton of our Master Planning Section at (314) 331-8487.

We invite your continued cooperation and participation as we proceed with this effort.

Sincerely,

Owen D. Dutt
Chief, Planning Division

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Planning Division

AUG 5 1993

Honorable Frank C. Watson
124 Capitol Building
Springfield, Illinois 62706

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We will continue to keep you informed as we proceed with this effort. If you desire additional information, please contact my Executive Assistant, Mr. Chuck Franco at (314) 331-8016.

Sincerely,

Signed
JAMES D. CRAIG
COL, EN
James D. Craig
Colonel, U.S. Army
District Engineer

SAME LETTER SENT TO:

Honorable Kurt M. Granberg
2042J Stratton Building
Springfield, Illinois 62706

Honorable Jay C. Hoffman
2072L Stratton Building
Springfield, Illinois 62706

Honorable Jim McPike
Representative, Dist 112
314 Capitol Building
Springfield, Illinois 62706

29 JUL 1993

Planning Division

Honorable Jerry Costello
Representative in Congress
327 West Main Street
Belleville, Illinois 62220

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Signed
JACK R. NIEMI

✓ James D. Craig
Colonel, U.S. Army
District Engineer

Copy Furnished:

Washington Address

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SAME LETTER SENT TO:

Honorable Richard J. Durbin
Representative in Congress
525 South 8th Street
Springfield, Illinois 62705-0790

Honorable Carol Moseley-Braun
United States Senator
230 South Dearborn Street
Suite 3996
Chicago, Illinois 60604

Honorable Glenn Poshard
Representative in Congress
New Route 13 West
Marion, Illinois 62959

Honorable Paul Simon
United States Senator
Room 115B
250 West Cherry Street
Carbondale, Illinois 62901



REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF:

DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY

ST. LOUIS DISTRICT, CORPS OF ENGINEERS
CARLYLE LAKE MANAGEMENT OFFICE
RURAL ROUTE 1
CARLYLE, ILLINOIS 62231-9703
April 1, 1994

Project Office

Mr. Doug Ballance
Boulder Marina
Rural Route #1
Boulder, Illinois 62283

Dear Mr. ^{Doug}Ballance:

We hope to complete the first draft of the updated Carlyle Master Plan this summer and make it available for public review and comment. In order for us to identify a course for marina service at the lake, I ask that you provide us with your proposed development plans. Your plans and the marina market study will be used to determine how best to meet public demand for future marina services at the lake.

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We would appreciate your proposed plans by June 1, 1994. We recognize this is a busy time of year for you but as a partner in lake operations your input is critical if we are to develop the best overall plan for the lake.

A copy of the first draft of the Carlyle Lake marina market study is enclosed. We are presently reviewing this preliminary report and feel it would be beneficial for you to review it also. Comments need to be submitted by April 15, 1994 for consideration by HBA in preparing the final report.

Thanks for your cooperation and please give me a call at (618) 594-2484 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Bob Wilkins

Robert S. Wilkins
Park Manager



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**ST. LOUIS DISTRICT, CORPS OF ENGINEERS
CARLYLE LAKE MANAGEMENT OFFICE
RURAL ROUTE 1**

CARLYLE, ILLINOIS 62231-9703

April 1, 1994

Project Office

Mr. James Antonacci
Carlyle Sailing Association
416 Georgia Ave.
Ferguson, MO 63135

Dear Mr. Antonacci:

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Robert S. Wilkins
Park Manager

cc: Mr. Robert Levin



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CARLYLE LAKE MANAGEMENT OFFICE
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CARLYLE, ILLINOIS 62231-9703

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Project Office

Mr. Ric Golding
West Access Marina
P.O. Box 186
Carlyle, IL 62231

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CARLYLE, ILLINOIS 62231-9703
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Project Office

Mr. Jim Bedrosian
Keyesport Marina
P.O. Box 70
Keyesport, IL 62253

Dear Mr. Bedrosian:

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DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY

ST. LOUIS DISTRICT, CORPS OF ENGINEERS
1222 SPRUCE STREET
ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI 63103-2833

REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF:

October 21, 1993

Master Planning Section
Planning Division

Mr. Tom Groutage
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
Marion Field Office
RR3 Box 328
Marion, IL 62959

Dear Mr. Groutage:

As you already know, the St. Louis District Corps of Engineers is in the process of updating the Carlyle Lake Master Plan. In this regard, public meetings have been conducted in recreation areas and local communities to receive comments concerning recreation and natural resource management at the lake.

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Your continued cooperation and participation in the process is invited. If you desire additional information, please contact Mr. Francis Walton of our Master Planning Section at (314) 331-8487 or Andrea Pickard at the Carlyle Lake Management Office (618) 594-2484.

We look forward to working with you to ensure an effective plan.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Owen D. Dutt".

Owen D. Dutt
Chief, Planning Division



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REPLY TO
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October 21, 1993

Master Planning Section
Planning Division

Mr. Robert Coomer
Historic Sites Division
Historic Preservation Agency
Old State Capitol
Springfield, Illinois 62701-1507

Dear Mr. Coomer:

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REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF:

October 21, 1993

Master Planning Section
Planning Division

Mr. Kent Muskopf
District Program Development Engineer
Illinois Department of Transportation
1100 Eastport Plaza Drive
Collinsville, Illinois 62234

Dear Mr. Muskopf:

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REPLY TO
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October 21, 1993

Master Planning Section
Planning Division

Mr. Don H. Castleberry, Regional Director
National Park Service
Midwest Regional Office
1709 Jackson St.
Omaha, NE 68102

Dear Mr. Castleberry:

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REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF:

October 21, 1993

Master Planning Section
Planning Division

Ms. Mary Gade, Director
Illinois Environmental Protection Agency
P.O. Box 19276
Springfield, Illinois 62794

Dear Ms. Gade:

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REPLY TO
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October 21, 1993

Master Planning Section
Planning Division

Mr. Alan Hutchings
Planning and Environmental Quality
National Park Service
Midwest Regional Office
1709 Jackson St.
Omaha, NE 68102

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REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF:

October 21, 1993

Master Planning Section
Planning Division

Mr. Valdas V. Adamkus, Regional Administrator
Environmental Protection Agency
Region V
77 W. Jackson Blvd.
Chicago, Illinois 60604

Dear Mr. Adamkus:

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REPLY TO
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October 21, 1993

Master Planning Section
Planning Division

Mr. Tim Santel
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
600 East Monroe St.
Springfield, Illinois 62701

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We will continue to keep you informed of important milestones in the updating process. If you desire additional information, please contact Mr. Francis Walton of our Master Planning Section at (314) 331-8487.

We look forward to working with your office to prepare an environmentally sound plan.

Sincerely,

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Owen D. Dutt
Chief, Planning Division

21 OCT 1993

Environmental Planning Branch
Planning Division

Ms. Deanna Glosser
Illinois Department of Natural Resources
Office of Planning and Development
Lincoln Tower Plaza
524 South Second Street
Springfield, Illinois 62701-1787

Dear Sirs:

The St. Louis District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, is preparing an update of the Carlyle Lake Master Plan. Carlyle Lake is located in portions of Clinton, Bond, Marion and Fayette counties. Section 4-15 of the Master Plan describes the presence or possible presence of federal and state threatened and endangered species in the project area.

Please provide the lists of state threatened and endangered species and any other pertinent information for these counties to Mr. Francis Walton (PD-A) at the above address or FAX (314) 331-8806. Information may be site specific, county wide or a combination thereof. I have enclosed a map of the project area outlined in red and our draft list. Feel free to enter any information directly on the map or make changes to the text if it is convenient and/or appropriate.

Contact Mr. Francis Walton at (314) 331-8487 if you have any questions or the need for additional information.

Thank you,

Daniel V. Ragland
Chief, Environmental Planning
Branch

Enclosures

Environmental Planning Branch
Planning Division

21 OCT 1993

Ms. Joyce Collins
Acting Assistant Field Supervisor
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
Rural Route 3, Box 328
Marion, Illinois 62959

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Thank you,

Daniel V. Ragland
Chief, Environmental Planning
Branch

Enclosures

**Final Draft
Public Involvement**

Correspondence

December 16, 1996 F:\USERS\WALTON\CARLYLE\IDNRDRFT.REV
Plan Formulation Branch
Planning Division

18 DEC 1996

Mr. Brent Manning, Director
Illinois Department of Natural Resources
524 South Second Street
Springfield, Illinois 62706

Dear Mr. Manning:

The St. Louis District has completed a draft update of the Carlyle Lake Master Plan. The update presents an inventory and assessment of land and water resources and physical improvements, an analysis of resource use, a discussion of anticipated influences on project operation and management, and an evaluation of existing and future needs required to protect and enhance the values of the resource base. You are being furnished a copy of the draft plan (enclosed) for review and comment. Two extra copies are enclosed for coordination purposes.

Your agency's review comments have been incorporated into the updated plan. Comments on the draft update will be received until 31 January 1997. Public workshops have been scheduled for 4-8 p.m. on January 14 at the Vandalia Ramada Inn and 4-8 p.m. on January 16 at the Carlyle Lake Visitor Center. Mr. Francis Walton at 314-331-8487 will be my point of contact should you have any questions.

Your support has been critical to the completion of this draft plan. We invite your continued participation and cooperation on this project.

Sincerely,

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Owen D. Dutt
Chief, Planning Division

CF:
Rex Petersen, Region IV

DEC 17 1996

Planning Division
Plan Formulation Branch

Honorable John M. Shimkus
Representative in Congress-elect
157 N. Main Street, Suite 165
County Administration Building
Edwardsville, Illinois 62025

Dear Mr. Shimkus:

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We believe that we have undertaken full public involvement in order to assure a responsive plan. This effort has included coordination with the general public; special interest organizations, Federal, state and local governing bodies and their agencies. Participation has been facilitated through informal information gathering meetings at Carlyle Lake recreation areas, workshops for area residents, and meetings with Federal, state and local agencies governing bodies.

Copies of the draft will be distributed to the general public, special interest organizations, state and local governments beginning December 23, 1996. Additionally, public workshops will be held in January 1997 to present the draft.

We will continue to keep you informed as we proceed with this effort. If you desire additional information, please contact my Executive Assistant, Mr. Anson Eickhorst at (314) 331-8016.

Sincerely,

Signed
Thomas J. Hodgini
Colonel, U.S. Army
~~District Engineer~~
District Engineer
Colonel, U.S. Army
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Enclosure

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Same letter sent:

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Honorable Glenn Poshard
Representative in Congress
New Route 13 West
Marion, Illinois 62956

Honorable Frank C. Watson
Illinois Senate
123 Capitol Building
Springfield, Illinois 62703

Honorable Kurt M. Granberg
Illinois House of Representatives
410 Capitol Building
Springfield, Illinois 62706



**US Army Corps
of Engineers**

St. Louis District

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Jackie Brachear

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CARLYLE LAKE MASTER PLAN UPDATE

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In conjunction with the Master Plan Update, a 10 Year Maintenance and Repair Plan was developed and a Marina Market Study was conducted. Copies of the updated Carlyle Lake Master Plan and appendices are available for review at the Carlyle Lake Project Office, and at the public libraries in Carlyle, Germantown, Breese, Vandalia, Greenville, Nashville, Centralia and Patoka.

Two public workshops will be held to present the draft plan and collect comments. The public is invited to attend either of the workshops, which will be held at the Ramada Inn, in Vandalia, on January 14, from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. and at the Carlyle Lake Visitor Center on January 16 from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Comments on the draft master plan update will be received through January 31, 1997. If you need additional information, please contact the Carlyle Lake Project Office at (618) 594-2484.

**U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS
CARLYLE LAKE PROJECT OFFICE
MASTER PLAN UPDATE
JANUARY, 1997**

Please complete form and return at either of the public workshops or return to the Carlyle Project Office by 31 January, 1997. Mail to: Carlyle Lake Project Office, Attn: Master Plan Comments, 801 Lake Road, Carlyle, Illinois 62231

NAME: _____

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COMMENTS:



REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF

DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
ST. LOUIS DISTRICT, CORPS OF ENGINEERS
CARLYLE LAKE PROJECT OFFICE
801 LAKE ROAD
CARLYLE, ILLINOIS 62231-9703

April 16, 1997

Project Office

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Dear ██████ Salutation:

Thank you for your comments on the draft Carlyle Lake Master Plan. Enclosed is a portion of the Public Information Plan which includes responses to your comments. This portion of the Public Information Plan will be incorporated into the Comments section of Appendix V of the Master Plan. When appropriate, changes were made to the plan based on comments received.

The Carlyle Lake Master Plan Update is scheduled for technical and final approval by this summer. Copies will be available for review at the Project Management Office or local libraries. Thank you for your continued support and interest in Carlyle Lake. If you have any questions, please contact the Carlyle Lake Project Office, at (618) 592-2484.

Sincerely,

Robert S. Wilkins
Project Manager
Carlyle Lake

Enclosure



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December 23, 1996

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Dear **FIELD**(name): MAILED TO 349 INDIVIDUALS (SEE MAILING LIST)

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If you need additional information, please contact the Carlyle Lake Project Office at (618) 594-2484. Thank you for your interest in Carlyle Lake.

Sincerely,

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A copy of the draft master plan update is enclosed for your review along with a comment form. Two public workshops will be held to present the draft plan and collect comments. You are invited to attend either of the workshops, which will be held at the Ramada Inn, in Vandalia, on January 14, from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. and at the Carlyle Lake Visitor Center, on January 16, from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Comments on the draft master plan update will be received through January 31, 1997.

Thank you for your continued cooperation in this effort and please give me a call at (618) 594-2484 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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16 DEC 1996

Planning Division

Ms. Mary Gade, Director
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Dear Ms. Gade:

The St. Louis District Office has completed a draft update of the Carlyle Lake Master Plan. You are being furnished a copy of the draft (enclosed) for review and comment.

The update presents an inventory and assessment of land and water resources and physical improvements, an analysis of resource use, a discussion of anticipated influences on project operation and management, and an evaluation of existing and future needs required to protect and enhance the values of the resource base.

Comments will be received until January 31, 1997. Public workshops have been scheduled for 4-8 p.m. on January 14 at the Vandalia Ramada Inn and 4-8 p.m. on January 16 at the Carlyle Lake Visitor Center. Mr. Francis Walton at 314-331-8487 will be my point of contact should you have any questions concerning this matter.

Your support is necessary for the successful completion of the master plan update. We invite your continued participation and cooperation on this project.

Sincerely,

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INFORMATION**

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Planning Division
Plan Formulation Branch

Honorable James M. Talent
Representative in Congress
555 North New Ballas Road
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Dear Mr. Talent:

The St. Louis District, Corps of Engineers, has completed a draft update of the Carlyle Lake Master Plan. The Master Plan is the primary document governing the use, development, management, and administration of all natural and man-made resources at Carlyle Lake and is updated periodically. Mr. Jim Harris of the Carlyle Sailing Association has requested that a copy of the draft Master Plan be sent to your office since many sailors at Carlyle Lake are from the St. Louis area and he is aware of your interest in Carlyle Lake.

Copies of the draft have been distributed to the general public, special interest organizations, state and local governments.

If you desire additional information, please contact my Executive Assistant, Mr. Anson Eickhorst at (314) 331-8016.

Sincerely,
Signed
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Comments/Responses

Preface to Comments:

The comments section of this appendix has two parts. In Part I, comments have been categorized and a response provided for each issue addressed in the master plan. Part I-A includes comments and responses from the first round of public meetings in 1993. Part I-B are all the comments received and responses developed on the final draft (December 1996) of the Master Plan. Part II is a listing of all comments that were received from the first round of public involvement.

A series of public meetings were held in the late summer and fall of 1993 to gather comments and develop issues of importance from Carlyle Lake visitors. Public meetings were held in campgrounds, marinas and local communities. In January of 1997, two public meetings were held to present the final draft of the Master Plan. Approximately 30 persons attended each meeting. Letters and newsreleases were sent out in December of 1996 informing the public of the availability of the draft plan and the opportunity to provide comments by January 31, 1997. A copy of the draft master plan was mailed to 26 individuals. Letters notifying of the update and workshops were sent to 349 individuals.

A Maintenance and Repair Plan (MRP) is located in Appendix II of this plan. The MRP outlines proposed maintenance and new construction at the project from Fiscal Year 1997 to Fiscal Year 2007 and includes a prioritized schedule. Any proposed maintenance or construction outlined in the MRP or in the Public Involvement Plan is contingent upon available funding.

Carlyle Lake Master Plan Update

Meetings will be held for the Update of Carlyle Lake Master Plan. The following is the time and location of the meetings:

Friday, July 30, 1993

6:30 p.m. at Coles Creek Campground Amphitheater

Saturday, July 31, 1993

10:00 a.m. Keyesport Village Hall

1:00 p.m. West Access Marina

4:00 p.m. Boulder Campground Amphitheater

Friday, September 3, 1993

6:30 p.m. Eldon Hazlet State Park Amphitheater



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PUBLIC INVITED-MASTER PLAN UPDATE

The public is invited to attend a program on the updating of Carlyle Lake's Master Plan. Park Ranger Andrea Pickard will be the speaker.

Friday 6:30 p.m. - Cattail Cove Amphitheater, Coles Creek Campground
Saturday 10:00 a.m. - Village of Keyesport
1:00 p.m. - West Access Marina
4:00 p.m. - Boulder Amphitheater, Boulder Campground

HELP WOODSY SPREAD THE WORD

Woodsy and Park Ranger Tina Horner will show how you can be aware of pollution in our environment. A special guest appearance will be made by Woodsy Owl.

Friday 7:30 p.m. - Boulder Amphitheater, Boulder Campground
8:30 p.m. - West Bay Amphitheater, Dam West Campground

LIGHTING UP THE NIGHT

Come join Park Ranger Erick VanDorn as we go star gazing and examine some of the things found in the sky.

Saturday 8:30 p.m. - Cattail Cove Amphitheater, Coles Creek Campground

YOU CAN HELP PREVENT FOREST FIRES

Come out and join Park Ranger Tracy Bierman and Smokey Bear, while they tell you the true story of Smokey's life.

Saturday 7:30 p.m. - Boulder Amphitheater, Boulder Campground
8:30 p.m. - West Bay Amphitheater, Dam West Campground

Beach Programs

Water Safety - Dam West Beach, Keyesport Beach, Coles Creek Beach, & McNair Beach - Saturday & Sunday July 31 & Aug. 1 1993 at approx. 2:00 p.m.

Nature Trail Hikes

A guided tour of The Chipmunk Trail will be held on Saturday and Sunday at 1:00 p.m. Meet at the entrance of the trail which is in McNair Recreation Area.

Tours of the main dam will be held upon request. Please call 594-2484 to make an appointment.

Office Hours: Monday - Thursday 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m., Friday 8:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m., and Saturday, Sunday 10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

PUBLIC IS INVITED TO ALL PROGRAMS

Carlyle Lake Triathlon
Coles Creek Recreation Area, August 8, 1993



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Carlyle Lake Master Plan Update

Carlyle Lake, Carlyle, Illinois July 26, 1993 - The St. Louis District Corps of Engineers is initiating the re-evaluation and updating of the Carlyle Lake Master Plan. The Master Plan is the primary document governing the use, development, management and administration of all natural and man-made resources at Carlyle Lake.

To prepare the most responsive plan, the general public, federal, state and local government and special interest organizations are invited to participate in the process.

A series of informal information gathering meetings are scheduled to solicit ideas and comments from recreation users. Meetings will be held at the following times and locations.

- Friday, July 30, 1993
6:30 p.m. at Coles Creek Campground Amphitheater
- Saturday, July 31, 1993
10:00 a.m. Keyesport Village Hall
1:00 p.m. West Access Marina
4:00 p.m. Boulder Campground Amphitheater
- Friday, September 3, 1993
6:30 p.m. Eldon Hazlet State Park Amphitheater

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Workshops will also be held at Carlyle and Vandalia in the fall of 1993 for area residents. News releases and newsletters will communicate information and the status of the plan to all participants. A market study to evaluate current and future use of marinas and market demand for boat slips/dry storage is being contracted and will be used in updating the plan.

A draft master plan is expected to be formulated and circulated for public review by January 1994. Workshops to present the plan are anticipated during this time-frame for Carlyle and Vandalia. A final draft plan will be prepared and submitted for review by government agencies and the general public in the spring of 1994.

For more information on the Master Plan update, please contact the Carlyle Lake Management Office (618) 594-2484. Send written comments to the attention of Andrea Pickard c/o Carlyle Lake Management Office, 801 Lake Road, Carlyle, Illinois 62231.

Part I-A First Round Comments and Responses to Master Plan Related Issues

RECREATION FACILITIES: Campgrounds, Day-Use Areas

Dam West Campground

Comment: Picnic tables on wrong side at Dam West Campground.

Response: Where feasible, picnic table locations will be placed on the correct side of pad at time of replacement/maintenance.

Comment: Fire rings too close to camp pad.

Response: Fire rings/grills will be relocated when replaced.

Comment: Extend pads at Dam West Campground

Response: Pads should be a minimum of 45 feet in length. This is necessary due to the increased length of camping trailers. Pads will be extended when campground roads and pads are resurfaced.

Comment: Add more water hydrants.

Response: Maximum recommended distance for hydrants is 300 feet from any campsite. The campground meets this standard, and water fountains/hydrants will be upgraded for accessible standards.

Comment: Add more security lights.

Response: Comment noted.

Comment: Place benches at playground equipment.

Response: Benches placed will be handicapped accessible, i.e., with armrest.

Comment: Add more restrooms.

Response: Restrooms will be rehabilitated to conform to uniform federal accessibility standards (UFAS). Thirty-eight campsite sewer and water hookups are proposed for Loops 2 and 3.

Comment: Add more camp pads.

Response: Optimum spacing is 50 to 100 feet center to center and approximately 150 per campground. There are no plans to add campsites to the Dam West Campground.

Comment: Increase electrical outlets.

Response: Amperage for receptacles is proposed to be increased to meet current industry standards as proposed in the Maintenance and Repair Plan appended to this Master Plan.

Comment: Add additional parking for boat trailers.

Response: Comment noted.

Comment: Need larger area for boats leaving marina.

Response: Comment noted.

McNair Group Use

Comment: More restrooms.

Response: The comfort station near the beach is proposed for rehabilitation and comfort stations #2 and #3 will be removed. A washhouse is proposed to replace the comfort stations and the mini-showers at the beach that will be removed.

Comment: McNair needs more individual sites

Response: McNair is designated for groups and on most weekends is fully occupied. Without a doubt more sites would be occupied if available. However, individual sites are available at other campgrounds which are full only on holiday weekends and an occasional busy summer weekend.

Twenty individual walk-in tent sites are proposed to be converted to R.V. sites in this plan.

Coles Creek Campground

Comment: Expand size of camp pads

Response: Certain pads will be extended based on suitability of site.

Comment: Additional parking for boat trailers.

Response: Four additional 80'x 30' parking areas are proposed in Loop 1.

Comment: Extra dump station.

Response: Comment noted. Sewer and water hookups are proposed for 17 sites.

Comment: Designate tent camping areas (8)

Response: Tent camping is allowed on all campsites. Group tent camping areas are located in Dam East, at the Lotus Group Camp and at Eldon Hazlet State Park. Future plans include 100 additional campsites in the area designated for future campground, fifty with sewer and water hookups. Two comfort station shower buildings will be provided.

Comment: Asphalt paths (outdoor recreation access routes) to rest rooms.

Response: Comfort station 4 will be made accessible and be connected to primary developed recreation activities and elements i.e. telephone, parking and hydrant/drinking fountains. It is not financially feasible to make all comfort stations accessible. A select number of comfort stations in strategic areas throughout the lake recreation areas are proposed to be modified for the disabled as identified in this plan.

Comment: Develop impact sites around campsites.

Response: Sixty-three sites located below elevation 450' will be provided with impact sites.

Comment: Boat docks by campsites (3)

Response: Campers are allowed to moor boats incidental to camping but no facilities are planned.

Comment: Update electric

Response: Campground electric will be upgraded to 50 amp service on 63 sites being rehabilitated due to flood damage. An additional 85 sites will be rehabilitated to 50 amp service in Phase II of the Maintenance and Repair Plan.

Comment: Add water hydrants.

Response: Water fountains/hydrants will be made accessible to the handicapped where practical and in conjunction with accessible sites.

Comment: More showers

Response: Water and sewer hookups are proposed for 38 camp sites in Loops 2 and 3. This should relieve pressure on existing shower facilities.

Comment: More playground equipment.

Response: Comment noted.

Comment: Fish cleaning station in the campground.
Response: Comment noted.

Comment: Security lights around comfort stations
Response: Comfort stations have 35 watt lights over each entrance. Too much light would be an intrusion on the camping experience.

Boulder

Comment: Picnic tables on wrong side of pad.
Response: Will be corrected as picnic tables are replaced.

Comment: Visitor parking.
Response: Comment noted.

Comment: Electric update
Response: Campsite electric is proposed to be upgraded to meet current industry standards. The entire system will be replaced.

Comment: More showers
Response: Comment noted. Water and sewer hookups will be provided at 13 sites.

Comment: Camp pad extensions.
Response: Comment noted.

Comment: Playground equipment.
Response: Playground equipment will be replaced as necessary.

Comment: More water hydrants.
Response: All hydrants will be made accessible and water and sewer hookups will be installed at 13 sites.

Comment: Hiking and biking trails
Response: No trails are planned due to limited area available.

Comment: Swimming beach
Response: Item is noted. There is no suitable location for a beach in the Boulder Recreation Area.

Keyesport

Comment: Reevaluate boat ramp traffic pattern/congestion at Keyesport.
Response: Congestion at the Keyesport boat ramp is chiefly the result of boaters preparing their craft for launching or trailering while in the boat lanes. A sign has been posted to alert boaters to be more considerate of other boaters wanting to use the ramp. Islands have been removed and the striping pattern has been changed.

State Parks

Comment: Develop a beach at South Shore State Park
Response: The lack of suitable site conditions and restrictive public health and environmental concerns prohibits beach development opportunities at South Shore. Existing beach facilities are provided at the nearby Dam East and Dam West recreation areas. Two beaches are identified as future development at Eldon Hazlet State Park.

Comment: Allow bow hunting
Response: Bow hunting opportunities are, and will continue to be, available within designated public hunting areas at Eldon Hazlet State Park. Due to

South Shore's popularity for wildlife observation use, particularly for "deer watching", this site will continue to remain closed to hunting.

Comment: Keep South Shore closed to hunting.

Response: Comment noted. See response above.

Comment: Develop equestrian trails at Eldon Hazlet State Park.

Response: Existing site resources and usable land area at Eldon Hazlet are inadequate to meet the Department's minimum guidelines for the development of equestrian trails. Impacts to sensitive wetland habitat could not be avoided.

Comment: Allow deer hunting at South Shore State Park.

Response: Comment noted. See above response.

Comment: Open up sites so you can see lake at Hazlet

Response: Invading vegetation on the riprapped shoreline is a continual maintenance problem. Vegetation will continue to be removed from riprap areas as funds and staff time allow. A large portion was cleared in 1994.

Comment: Develop beach at Hazlet

Response: Beach facilities at Hazlet are identified in this plan as a future development items.

Comment: Eldon Hazlet State Park bathhouses are dark, no ventilation.

Response: The lack of exterior and interior lighting at the shower buildings was corrected as part of the recently completed campground rehabilitation project. Thermostatically controlled power ventilation fans are being installed.

Comment: Eldon Hazlet State Park has muddy campsites.

Response: Re-seeding of campsite living areas is a continual maintenance problem. Aggregate living areas will be provided at high impact sites as funds and time permit.

Comment: Revive Eldon Hazlet State Park reservation system.

Response: The campground reservation system was reinstated at the completion of the 1994 campground rehabilitation project.

Wildlife Management Area

Comment: Build viewing stand at Parking Lot 1, Areas 1 & 2

Response: A viewing stand has been constructed at Parking Area 1. An additional viewing stand is identified in this plan as a future development item at Parking Area 3.

Comment: Provide restrooms at Parking Lots 1 & 2 in CLWMA.

Response: Vault toilet facilities are identified in this plan as future development items for Parking Areas 1, 2, and 3.

Comment: Larger parking lots 1 & 2 in CLMWA.

Response: Parking lot expansions are identified in this plan as proposed development items for Parking Areas 1 & 2.

Trails

Comment: Hiking/biking trail at Eldon Hazlet State Park.

Response: Surfaced and seasonally mowed hiking trails are identified in this plan as proposed and future development items for Eldon Hazlet. The Cherokee, Smokey Bear and Pawnee trail segments are currently available for hiking purposes. A 7 mile hiking trail is proposed and a 4.5 mile paved (road-

shoulder type) bike trail and a 3.5 mile hiking trail are identified as a future development items. An eventual connection to the future Hazlet/Dam West bike trail segment, currently under federal, state, and local consideration, is anticipated.

Comment: Need bike trail connecting both sides of lake

Response: A bike route has been designated that uses existing roads (county state, township, and Corps) and makes a complete loop around the lake. There is a need to provide more room for bicyclists on Road 1 between Eldon Hazlet State Park and Dam West Recreation Area.

Comment: Develop lake perimeter, low impact trail with no trace primitive camping. Trail should avoid restricted areas, connect existing campgrounds and parking lots and use existing bridges when necessary. Trail will be developed with volunteer help for use by hikers, backpackers, bird watchers, sight seers, hunters, and photographers.

Response: All project lands are open to hiking and other non-consumptive uses. No primitive camping is allowed in undeveloped areas due to inadequate access facilities (parking lots) and potential conflicts with other users (fishermen and hunters). Public land bordering Carlyle Lake is limited due to the acquisition policy during the time the lake was under development. There is very little land to make a continuous trail possible and much of it is subject to flooding. Notwithstanding, if volunteers would commit to laying a trail and providing materials, subject to Corps/State approval, a trail may be developed.

Hiking trails will be maintained but no new trails are planned. Pedestrians have been provided easier access to the main dam and saddle dams because of a redesign of gates. Biking on Saddle Dam 3 will be easier due to placement of a compacted gravel surface. A bike route around the lake has been designated by a local group.

Comment: Build bird trail at Carlyle Lake Wildlife Management Area (CLWMA).

Response: A nature/interpretive trail, utilizing the existing subimpoundment levee system, is identified in this plan as a future development item. These same levees are presently utilized for bird watching purposes by the general public.

Comment: Develop horse trails at north end

Response: Comment noted. See response below.

Comment: Develop nature trail on north end with interpretive support.

Response: Several people have suggested trails at various locations around the lake i.e. hiking, biking, equestrian. It is possible to develop a multi-use trail that could support use by several types of users. Trails require costs sharing and operation and maintenance funding. The Corps is willing to partner with those groups who can demonstrate a commitment to cost sharing and can provide operation and maintenance of trails. Our policy is to work on feasible proposals with demonstrated large group support.

Comment: Develop foot bridges over low areas that flood in north end within the sub-impoundments.

Response: Additional foot-bridge structures are identified in this plan as future development items. Several existing footbridge structures are provided near Parking Area 2.

Comment: Need horse trails near Boulder

Response: See above.

BOATING

Comment: Need more boat access to areas north of the B&N railroad.

Response: There are six boat access points on the river channels in the north end: Horseshoe Island, Tamalco, Cox Bridge, Patoka, North Fork, Wood Duck and the Hitogi Access area. These provide adequate access to the area north of the B&N railroad.

Comment: Large no wake signs at boat ramps

Response: This has been accomplished.

Comment: Enforce "No Wake" rules

Response: Conservation Police officers and Corps personnel patrol the lake. Efforts to educate the public on this subject will continue.

Comment: Provide better response by lake personnel to stranded boaters.

Response: Marinas monitor channel 19. If a distress call or a report of disabled boater is received, the Corps policy is to tow boat to nearest safe harbor. State follows the same policy.

Comment: Post warning signs and shallow water markers on under water hazards.

Response: Realistically, it would be impossible to maintain buoys for each lake hazard. Consequently it is our policy to only mark major items that may be submerged during high water i.e. handicapped fishing pier at Dam East. It is the responsibility of lake visitors to watch out for isolated lake hazards while recreating. Hazards are revealed or concealed due to fluctuating pool levels.

Comment: Better water safety patrol on lake for required equipment

Response: The IDNR is responsible for monitoring the lake for violation of boating regulations.

Comment: Need courtesy dock at Allen Branch and CSA.

Response: Courtesy docks have recently been installed at both locations. Additional docking space at Allen Branch has also been identified in this plan as a future development item as part of the Allen Branch rehabilitation project and concession-lease area.

Comment: All boats need places to go, "free areas" to drop anchor and escape storms.

Response: Free "areas" where boaters can drop anchor may be designated or zoned on several branches of the lake in water deep enough to accommodate deeper draft boats at normal summer pool. No wake rules will be very strongly enforced in these areas.

Comment: Need channel at Allen Branch for other boats to get in or out.

Response: A channel may have to be designated to prevent large boats moored over night from blocking ingress and egress to the Allen Branch Boat ramp. Dredging a channel would be expensive and many environmental issues would have to be considered. The Corps does not have funds available for dredging.

River Channels - North End

Comment: Dredge a channel for deeper water at Patoka

Response: Dredging is a very expensive operation and it requires periodic maintenance. No deep water access is available in the north end with exception of Cox Bridge, Tamalco, Keyesport and Boulder. Use deep draft boats on the main lake. Access to the north end is best achieved by entering at Cox bridge and following the old river channels.

Comment: Maintain river channel on North end during low lake levels. "There should be a reasonable means of navigation on the north end of the lake during low lake levels i.e. The river channel should remain navigable"

Response: In the past the Corps has worked with the State to remove log jams in the Kaskaskia River in the wildlife management areas. At certain times it is inaccessible because of low water. Dredging the channels is not considered a cost-effective activity.

Marinas

Comment: Dredge entrance to Keyesport Harbor

Response: Dredging is a very expensive project and requires periodic maintenance. Dredging will be considered when access to a harbor is restricted.

Comment: Need Sewage Pumpout at Boulder

Response: Has been provided with new dock system.

Comment: Dredge entrance to marina harbor at Boulder

Response: The entrance to Boulder Marina was dredged in 1989. A small section of the channel was not cut deep enough. (possibly due to old tree stumps). Consequently, a drag line will be used to remove the raised area of the channel.

Comment: Expand CSA

Response: The existing IDNR/CSA concession lease area provides adequate space for expansion. With a demonstrated public demand, plans to expand the number and types of sailboats serviced can be jointly formulated with the CSA, IDNR and Corps. Expansion plans will require CSA membership approval.

This sailing facility has room for expansion. A plan to expand the number and type of boats serviced will be formulated with final approval by CSA membership.

High Water Ramps

Comment: Need more high water boat ramps/access areas

Response: At the present time there are two high water boat ramps available in recreation areas. Five more high water ramps are proposed in this plan. All or parts of most recreation areas are open during high water events, but only ramps at Keyesport and Dam East Boat Access are open when the lake reaches 452 NGVD. This plan proposes the development of high water ramps at Eldon Hazlet State Park, Cox Bridge, Dam West, Coles Creek and Boulder Recreation Areas. An additional lane is proposed at Dam East.

Comment: Raise boat ramps to be accessible at 455 NGVD.

Response: It would be impractical and cost too much to raise all boat ramps. High water ramps are proposed in this plan as stated above.

HUNTING

Comment: Develop mounds for dogs and elderly in subimpoundments.

Response: Several mounds and high points currently exist within the subimpoundment area. The northeast section of Management Unit 1, along "A" Levee, has several areas and fields that stay dry during high water periods. Site staff can locate these areas for interested individuals.

Comment: Manage more actively for dove hunting

Response: Active dove hunting programs are provided by the IDNR at Eldon Hazlet State Park and at the State owned Eckert's Woods Wildlife Area.

Weather permitting, approximately 65-90 acres of sunflowers are planted annually for this purpose. The IDNR sites are managed for all types of game as well as non-game wildlife species.

WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT

Comment: Develop Eckert's Woods for wildlife.

Response: Although not a part of this master plan, the State owned Eckert's Woods area is being developed for this purpose. Road and parking area improvements have been constructed for visitor access. A Waterfowl Stamp levee project, providing additional waterfowl habitat, is scheduled for construction. Sunflowers are planted annually for dove hunting purposes and the existing wooded areas provide excellent habitat for numerous wildlife species.

Comment: Develop better control of water levels in sub-impoundment.

Response: This was partially accomplished in a recently completed 1135 project providing levee and water control structure improvements for Management Units 1 and 2. Improvements for Management Units 3 and 4, are to be provided as part of the future 1135 project.

Comment: Develop East Fork and North Fork for wildlife and access.

Response: These areas are identified for development of wetland habitat for wildlife. In the past, agricultural leases provided the food for wildlife. More natural systems will be an improvement to provide maximum benefit to wildlife and consumptive and non-consumptive users.

WATER REGULATION

Comment: Drop pool 10" from 1 July to 20 July

Response: The pool level is regulated by the Kaskaskia River Basin, Illinois, Master Reservoir Regulation Manual which is not a part of the master plan update.

Comment: Raise Normal Pool Level

Response: Pool level is regulated by the Kaskaskia River Basin, Illinois, Master Reservoir Regulation Manual and is not changeable as part of the master plan update process.

GENERAL

Comment: Need more tennis courts and sporting activities at lake.

Response: These types of facilities are more appropriately provided by resort and/or urban recreation agencies. Unless they are part of a State sponsored resort/lodge development, the IDNR does not usually provide tennis court facilities at its sites. These facilities are not able to be provided by Corps regulation.

Comment: Against further private development around lake.

Response: Private exclusive-use development of public land is prohibited by Corps regulation.

Comment: Allow one way traffic across dam.

Response: The main dam is open to bicyclists and walkers of all kinds. The gates have been recently modified to allow pedestrians or bicyclists to pass through the gates. Modifications to allow vehicular traffic across the dam would require the addition of a guardrail and a widening of the roadway, both very expensive and difficult to achieve. The best alternative would be to place a bridge across the Spillway.

Comment: Modify B&N railroad bridge to accommodate traffic for bikes/cars.
Response: This option would be very expensive and impractical to construct at the present time.

Comment: Future development should take into account effects of over crowding.

Response: The Dam West Recreation Area is one of the most intensively used Corps recreation areas nationwide. On summer weekends and holidays, the entire area is quite congested. A bypass road is shown as future in this plan and will allow better control of access to the beach and improve visitor safety. Providing an easier, direct access to Dam East from the Dam West area may also result in a more even distribution of lake visitation.

Comment: Buy flowage easement

Response: Land below 450 NGVD was purchased because it was necessary for project operation. All other land needed for flood control was between 450 NGVD and 465.5 NGVD. The right to flood this land was purchased by the Corps. The project has been successfully operated without the purchase in fee of additional lands or rights.

Comment: The State and Corps should cooperate more fully

Response: The Corps and State are fully cooperating in the management and development of natural resources, lake facilities and events. The fisheries program, 1994 Olympic Festival and the joint operation/staffing of the Visitor Center are three examples of our close cooperation. The Corps worked with the State of Illinois Department of Conservation by dredging C.S.A. harbor and coordination of the Olympic Festival event. IDNR personnel and volunteers staff the Visitor Center. IDNR materials are vended out of the Visitor Center. The Corps is also working with the IDNR in seeking a solution to the inadequate fisheries of the lake.

Comment: Create fishing areas for people without access to boats.

Response: Fishing access has been developed for persons with ambulatory disabilities at Dam East and Hazlet State Park. All shoreline is available for bank fishing except for restricted zones around operations structures.

Comment: Eliminate or reduce pesticide pollution from adjacent farmers.

Response: Corps will work with adjacent landowners, farmers to reduce impact from run off of any non-point source pollution. This has not been a noticeable problem, fish are monitored by State for chemical contamination.

Comment: Add fence with gate around the West Access Marina to eliminate additional pedestrian traffic from new resort.

Response: Security at the marina is regulated by signs and security personnel. Visitors will be directed to not enter the dock areas and a night watchman will provide security at night.

Comment: Open gates across dam and develop Dam East and South Shore Recreation Areas.

Response: This proposal has been looked at seriously over the years. The cost to place guardrail across the top of dam makes this action prohibitive. The best alternative would be a bridge across the Spillway which is identified as a future action in this plan.

South Shore was designated in the previous master plan as the site for a major concessionaire operated marina and/or lodge facility and was therefore left undeveloped. Since there are no further plans to construct these facilities, the IDNR will proceed with site improvements as identified within this plan.

Comment: Corps campgrounds are too much competition for private owners
Response: Campground user fees are based on the local market. They represent what we believe to be a fair and equitable charge for use of the facilities.

Comment: Access across rip rap for bank fishing off Keyesport Levee.
Response: Comment noted.

COMMUNITY BOAT DOCKS

Harbor Light Bay, Inc.

Comment: The Association is proposing rebuilding of shoreline banks with riprap, dredging harbor within five years and building a rip-rap levee within eight years.

Response: These activities will be permitted only after due consideration of the effects of such action on environmental and physical characteristics of the area, at the association's expense and after securing proper permits.

North Branch Harbor, Inc.

Comment: Dredge 400 yards, add 30 slips and clear bank at Hickory Shores Resort.

Response: Dredging of the harbor can be accomplished after securing the necessary permits. The number of slips will be dependent on space available in the harbor. No bank clearing will be permitted at Hickory Shores Resort.

RESORT/MARINA

Comment: Cabin Resort similar to Rend lake w/docks

Response: The IDNR has proposed the development of cabin facilities at Eldon Hazlet State Park. Approximately 8-12 housekeeping style cabins would be phased in as funds become available. If additional cabins are needed after the Hazlet area is fully developed, an area at South Shore has been designated for this purpose in the plan.

Comment: Develop restaurant on shoreline w/access from boats. Generally restaurants at marinas are not money makers. Keyesport Marina has the only functioning restaurant with courtesy slips. This marina serves boaters on the north end of the lake and the City of Keyesport.

Comment: Add marina

Response: Future marina sites have been identified in Eldon Hazlet State Park and at a site between the Dam East Recreation Area and South Shore State Park. A conceptual plan is included in the marina market study for the Dam East site which appears to be the most promising. This plan may be developed as existing marinas reach capacity and are no longer able to expand to meet demand for boat storing/launching facilities.

Comment: Develop middle class lodging

Response: The City of Carlyle is attempting to secure a resort developer for the Dam West Recreation Area. The IDNR leased the land from the Corps of Engineers and is in turn leasing it to the City.

Comment: Improve marinas we have, i.e., rearrange docks for more space, sewage pumpouts.

Response: A marina market study was conducted. One of the objectives was to determine if the marinas could accommodate expansion or if a fifth marina was needed on the lake. The market study recommended allowing existing marinas to expand until capacity was reached at which time a new marina could be developed.

Boulder and West Access marinas have already rearranged their docks to accommodate more boats. C.S.A. is looking at the possibility of adding wet

slips. Only Keyesport is under utilized and providing limited marina services.

Comment: Want boat dock marina at Hazlet.

Response: Evaluated as part of the recently completed Marina market study for Carlyle Lake, the Allen Branch area has been designated as a future concession-lease area for marina development. The proposed lease line has been revised in this plan to provide additional acreage as shown on PLATE 14. However, due to the importance of Allen Branch to the existing fisheries resource, the water based portion of the marina development will be limited and will be subject to IDNR approval.

FISHERIES

Comment: Provide fish hatchery

Response: Fish hatchery facilities are identified in this plan as a proposed development item at Eldon Hazlet State Park. Hatchery facilities are to be 30 acres in size and provide three 5-12 acre rearing ponds. Construction is tentatively scheduled for the fall of 1996 and the first harvest anticipated in the fall of 1998.

Comment: Add structure to improve fisheries.

Response: Discarded Christmas trees and other structures for fish habitat purposes have been placed in the lake for many years. These have provided some benefit in localized areas. While not abundant, several species of semi-aquatic plant species, providing nesting, feeding and protective cover, are becoming established in protected cove areas. In addition to the proposed hatchery providing a more vigorous stocking program, an improved Corps water regulation plan will aid in improving the Carlyle Lake fishery. A vigorous stocking program as well as water regulation (as permitted by Master Plan Regulation Manual - Appendix B) will be the means employed to build the fish population along with stocking program.

Comment: Improve fishery

Response: The State of Illinois Dept of Natural Resources with assistance from the Corps of Engineers is responsible to provide management of the lakes fisheries. Measures to improve the lake fisheries are included in the plan. See above H10 response.

Comment: Develop fish barrier for dam

Response: A fish barrier to prevent the loss of fish from the lake through the dam would be very expensive. The impact to the tailwater fishery is uncertain. At present, the Corps and IDNR are studying whether the action should be pursued.

ACCESSIBILITY

Comment: Improve accessibility to Keyesport Marina for persons with disabilities.

Response: The marina operator is responsible to provide accessibility for marina patrons. Accessible fishing piers are available at various locations around lake. Accessibility is included as a recreation resource use objective in Section 7 of the Master Plan. Accessibility will be a priority in the planning and design of improvements to existing recreation facilities in accordance with accessibility standards.

WATER QUALITY

Comment: Increase water quality.

Response: Water quality is monitored on a periodic basis by the Corps of Engineers. The lake has a problem with water quality during algae blooms. Measures have been taken to improve downstream water quality when this occurs.

Comment: Improve water quality (staining boats, degrading Styrofoam)
Response: Water quality is one of the authorized purposes of the project. Water flowing down the Kaskaskia River has the opportunity to drop its sediment load at Carlyle, clarifying it to some degree. However, the rough fish species tend to disturb the bottom of the lake and contribute to lake turbidity. Also, water flowing out of the dam at 50 cfs, the minimum release, is oxygen poor (following algae blooms) and does not support fish life, especially in late summer. Therefore the tainter gates are opened to 0.1 foot to permit the oxygenation of the water as it flows over the dam sill.

In a harbor situation, it is probably organic components from gas and oil floating on the surface cause the staining of boats and degradation of Styrofoam.

SHORELINE EROSION

Comment: Stop shoreline erosion at South Shore State Park.
Response: All critical points at South Shore have been riprapped for erosion control purposes. It would not be cost effective to provide any additional riprap.

Comment: Address shoreline erosion problem, i.e., Point 17.
Response: Shoreline erosion is a problem on the east side of the lake. Where this erosion threatens private property, the property will be purchased or protected based on cost-benefit analysis. Government property will be allowed to return to a 1:14 slope unless the cost-benefit analysis would show a benefit for placement of riprap.

**PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT PLAN
PART I-B**

**Public Review Comments/Responses
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Comments were abridged and clarified where necessary.

Comment 1: Calculated demand for boat ramps based on visitation shows the lake is presently deficient by 11 ramps and by the year 2010 will be deficient by 26 ramps. The plan does not include any proposals to address this shortage. Plan should be revised to focus highest priority on providing more boat ramps and facilities for the boating public at Carlyle Lake.

Response: The Corps provision of facilities is based on that needed for an average weekend day of the peak month, not the peak day itself. Observations on high-use weekends indicate that not all boat ramps are at capacity. Boat ramps in popular areas become overcrowded especially on weekends, i.e., Dam West. There is an attempt to distribute use on busy weekends. The calculations that were used to project demand in the draft update of the Master Plan have been rechecked. The percent of boat trailer visitors used in the calculations was found to be too high. This percent was revised downward to reflect the existing standard. The number of boat ramps is in accordance with the parking available. At times it is necessary to wait in line, but generally most boaters can launch and retrieve their boats within a reasonable length of time. Generally, except for the recognized need to provide high water ramps and the need to provide access in a particular area, the number of boat ramps is sufficient.

Comment 2: When lake levels exceed 450 NGVD, only two launch lanes are usable. The number of ramps open during high water should equal the number accessible at 445 NGVD.

Response: High water ramps at Dam West, Coles Creek and Boulder Recreation Areas have already been approved. A high water ramp at Eldon Hazlet State Park and an additional high water ramp at Dam East are being proposed to maintain access at existing recreation areas under high water conditions. It would be very expensive to make all ramps accessible at higher lake elevations and unnecessary because most other facilities are shut down at 455 NGVD or in the case of boat ramp parking lots, reduced in capacity.

Comment 3: The local economic impact of the users of boat ramps is not addressed sufficiently in the plan.

Response: The local economic impact of recreational boaters was included in the economic study and model that was developed in 1996.

Comment 4: Boaters need temporary slips to secure their boats during the launch/retrieval process. An extreme hazard is occurring with the introduction of personal watercraft. These boaters are often in the water in the boat ramp areas and are in danger from power boats. Recommend installing a ratio of two docks per ramp, in an adjoining manner, out of the immediate launch pattern.

Response: Adding an additional courtesy dock at existing ramps with docks is a good idea. It may require additional funds to modify the ramp so that the courtesy ramps can be placed on the sides. In State managed areas, additional docks will be added as funding becomes available and where space is adequate.

Comment 5: Remove wording under proposed and future actions “provide water access” and “proposed boat access off of road 2100E towards Burnside Branch”. The depth of water on this point and site of the Bay is not navigable at normal pool stage and flood stage is totally under water.

Response: Concur. This access was proposed for the south side of Burnside Branch, off 2100E, not 2150E as was supposed. In any case, it has been decided to delete that proposed action as well.

Comment 6: The Master Plan does not adequately address a lake-perimeter hiking trail.

Response: The incorporation of trails for nature study, hiking and access is considered if warranted by current or potential public use. Public land bordering Carlyle Lake is limited due to the acquisition policy in place at the time the lake was under development. Much of it is subject to flooding. Notwithstanding, if volunteers would commit to laying a trail and providing materials and maintenance, a trail may be developed subject to Corps/State approval. No primitive camping is allowed in undeveloped areas due to inadequate access facilities (parking lots) and potential conflicts with other users (fishermen and hunters). The public involvement plan in Appendix V also addresses this subject.

Comment 7: More Federal funds should be appropriated for Carlyle Lake. Money collected for the daily use fees is not returned to the project. All fees collected should be given to the Lake project in a lump sum over and above their current funding.

Response: Comment noted.

Comment 8: Some areas of the Lake project that were intended to be managed with hunting as the primary focus, such as Carlyle Wildlife Management Area reservoir Subimpoundment Area, Carlyle Wildlife East Side Management Area, and Eckert’s Woods Management Area, are being pressured to change their mission. Hunting areas need to be increased, not decreased as we are experiencing.

Response: The IDNR is not being pressured to change their mission for management of the Wildlife Management Area. IDNR's mission is for the development and management of the site for wildlife. The hunting program has always been a component of the management program and that has not changed. All possibilities to expand the hunting program are being explored.

Comment 9: Floodproof existing facilities so we don't incur so much loss during future high water holding periods. Facilities that were damaged and/or lost during floods in 1993 and 1995 need to be top priority.

Response: Concur. When funding is available, campsites, comfort stations and electrical facilities impacted by past flooding will be relocated or replaced with floodproof facilities to prevent damage from subsequent flooding.

Comment 10: Hundreds of acres of prime mature and old growth forest areas were devastated due to long-term high water holding management practices in 1993 and 1995. I think the water control plan needs to be re-evaluated in light of the results it has dealt to us.

Response: Water control is not regulated by the Master Plan, but is managed under Appendix B of the Kaskaskia River Basin, Illinois, Master Reservoir Regulation Manual. The best solution is for the Carlyle Lake Association, Okaw River Basin Coalition and the Mid-Kaskaskia River Basin Coalition to work together toward a common solution.

Comment 11: Dead timber on forest floor and standing dead timber are posing a fire threat, especially from lightning strikes. Also, if dead timber is not removed it may end up causing log jams or floating in the lake which would be hazardous to boaters. Erecting warning signs doesn't cut it.

Response: Standing dead timber is usable by several species of wildlife. With the exception of recreation areas, cleaning up the dead timber would be prohibitively expensive. If an agreement is approved with federal prisons, federal prisoners may be available for use on cleanup.

Comment 12: There are projects that were to have been completed by now that are still not done. The 1135 project in the subimpoundment area is one example. Funding needs to be allocated so these projects are finished.

Response: The 1135 project for Units 1 and 2 has not been completed because of high water, but should be completed this year. An additional 1135 project is being planned for Units 3 and 4.

Comment 13: Only one of the two promised high water ramps at Cox Bridge are shown in the plan. What about the ones promised at other access areas?

Response: The final plan will show two high water ramps at Cox Bridge. Other high water ramps proposed in the plan are located at Eldon Hazlet State Park and Dam West, Dam East, Coles Creek, and Boulder Recreation Areas. The Carlyle Sailing Association is proposing a high water ramp as a future action.

Comment 14: Cox Bridge is in serious need of maintenance and painting. The barricades should be replaced with gates to allow emergency personnel access.

Response: The State Historic Preservation Office has determined that Cox Bridge is *potentially* eligible for the National Register of Historic Places. National Register structures and National Register eligible structures are managed and maintained according to set criteria. The bridge should be painted or refurbished only after consultation with architectural specialists. Placing a descriptive historic marker or plaque at the bridge would help explain the bridge's value, appearance and condition.

The barricade does allow recreationists to pass through and crossover the bridge. A gate will be looked into by the IDNR although for emergency purposes the IDNR can access the area from within the subimpoundments.

Comment 15: The demand to access recreation areas is increasing while the supply continues to decline. I believe that when private properties near the Lake project are offered for sale, funding needs to be provided to buy these properties and also to manage, improve and maintain them.

Response: Authority to buy or acquire land must be authorized by Congress. Congress authorized the original acquisition. No acquisitions that would require an increase in expenditures for operations and maintenance may be accomplished.

Comment 16: There is a vast untapped resource available to the Lake project. There are many individuals and groups willing to donate their time to do tasks that would benefit the Lake project. A new permanent staff position should be added to recruit and work with public volunteers.

Response: The Volunteer Program is the responsibility of an existing employee. There is no funding to hire a full-time volunteer coordinator. The project is always willing to accept volunteers for a variety of work. Any interested person or organization desiring to volunteer should contact the Lake Management Office for more information..

Comment 17: Overall the project is thrilling and a national treasure; the Corps and IDNR staff are our best assets there. They are tireless producers with their hearts bent on service to the public.

Response: Comment noted.

Comment 18: Flood control must continue to be recognized as the primary purpose of Carlyle Lake. Delete third paragraph of Section 7-01. Agriculture is a multi-million dollar industry in the Kaskaskia River Basin that requires flood control and with proper management agriculture and recreation can co-exist.

Response: Section 7-01 of the Master Plan refers to the multi-purpose nature of the project and the need to consider all purposes when decisions are made. Water management will continue to be governed by the Master Reservoir Regulation Manual, separate and distinct from the Master Plan.

Comment 19: The master plan contains very little information and input from the agricultural sector. Agriculture is what turns the world in this part of the country and we need time to consider any and all such information before a final draft is made. The most important item in the whole master plan is flood control - the more than 300,000 acres of farmland between Lake Shelbyville and the Carlyle Lake represent the leading industry of the area - that of food production. It is the only multi-million dollar industry here and far surpasses any other. We are not opposed to recreation or other activities, but flood control is "the" most important.

Response: See comment/response immediately above.

Comment 20: Suitable sites should be evaluated and developed for wildlife management areas. There is more potential acreage for habitat development and improvement at the Carlyle Lake Complex than any other site we know of in Illinois.

Response: All sites which can be practically managed for wildlife are being evaluated and pursued by both the Corps and IDNR. At the present time, plans are being formulated for a second 1135 project in units 3 and 4 of the sub-impoundment area. Portions of Boulder Flats and Saddle Dam 2 are being restored to wetland conditions and habitat for wildlife by the Corps. The IDNR has plans to improve Eckert's Woods located on State land contiguous with project lands.

Comment 21: It has been the waterfowlers understanding that the Boulder Flats Area would be completed as one development project; it has been discussed for four or five years. When can we expect work to begin?

Response: A plan has been developed and work should begin this summer.

Comment 22: Will Boulder Flats be restored to wetland as needed to fulfill wetland replacement needs at Carlyle Lake? This is a different proposal than we have heard the Corps present at the Carlyle Lake Task Force meetings. The goal for this site should be to utilize the maximum development potential for the entire Boulder Flats Area for wetland habitat improvement immediately, i.e. low levees around the entire site and row cropping for maximum food production.

Response: Eighty acres of prior converted wetlands will be restored to wetland as needed to fulfill wetland replacement needs for potential state and federal projects at Carlyle Lake. A plan to restore habitat diversity and enhance wetland composition for the Boulder area has been developed to be beneficial to many native and migratory wildlife species. Management of the area will include the deepening of existing low area depressions, replanting native bottomland hardwood tree species, restoring native grasses, improving access to the area and using low level berms to control runoff and provide a wetland habitat. Small food plots will be developed in open fields.

Comment 23: Proposed activities for Edgewater and Harbor Light Bay were not included in plan.

Response: Concur. These will be included in the final plan.

Comment 24: Give prompt attention to necessary repairs to the ramps, roadways, campsites, etc. which have been impacted by flood events.

Response: Concur. These items will corrected when funding becomes available.

Comment 25: Boat ramps should be usable up to 455 NGVD, particularly at Dam West Recreation Area.

Response: The Master Plan proposes that a ramp at Dam West be usable to 455 NGVD. In addition, high water boat ramps at Coles Creek, Boulder, Dam East and Eldon Hazlet State Park will allow access up to 455 NGVD. All proposals are subject to the availability of funding.

Comment 26: Maximum pool level should be 455 NGVD since many lake facilities are effectively “shut down” when the lake reaches 455 NGVD. Damages to facilities above 455 NGVD is not worth the additional water storage capacity. Resolve the negative impact of high water at the Carlyle Sailing Association.

Response: The Congressionally authorized upper limit of the flood control pool is 462.5 NGVD. When the water control plan was established, it considered benefits and impacts upstream and downstream. High water facilities for the CSA are included under future actions in Section 8 a.(3).

Comment 27: Development of overnight accommodations is key to development of the area and Corps, State and City cooperation is needed. Overnight accommodations will attract a wider range of visitors to Carlyle Lake.

Response: Concur. Agencies are working closely with all partners to develop lodging. Approximately ten housekeeping cabins are being constructed at Eldon Hazlet State Park. Additional cabins are planned for the future. In addition, the Corps and IDNR working with the City of Carlyle who is still actively pursuing a lodge/resort development for Carlyle Lake.

Comment 28: Consider development of bike trail from Eldon Hazlet State Park, through the Dam West Recreation Area to the City of Carlyle.

Response: Development of a bike path between Eldon Hazlet State Park, Dam West Recreation Area and Saddle Dam 3 is highly desirable. The necessary right of way required is one of the limiting factors to development. Between Eldon Hazlet State Park and the Dam West Recreation Area the road dimensions do not allow for a safe incorporation of a bike lane or path. The County is unable to contribute funds to widen the road or create an easement right-of-way. The Corps and the Illinois Department of Natural Resources have no authority to work on this stretch of road. Development off project lands would take a local sponsor to pay a percentage of cost and assume operations and maintenance costs.

Comment 29: Efforts should be concentrated on assisting existing concessionaires with expansion of their facilities which have ample room for growth.

Response: Concur. This is the approach recommended in the marina market study included in this plan for providing additional slips.

Comment 30: Development of the areas around Carlyle Lake should continue and I hope the area grows to what it should have been several years back. I think keeping the shoreline “very” clean will be a tremendous asset and it will help keep the dead trees from floating around and causing so much boat damage.

Response: Comment noted.

Comment 31: Page 8-12; Replacement of 6,670 feet of sewer line should include all sewer lines connecting to West Access Marina. The high water incident of 1995 revealed that the sewer lines were breached by the lake water even though manholes were seated.

Response: Sewer lines were inspected in 1995. Several areas must be repaired and work is to be included in construction for boat ramp parking lot repair and providing a high water ramp.

Comment 32: Page 8-12; Redesign of the Dam West day-use recreation area needs to include consideration of emergency vehicle access to the area and to West Access Marina. Presently closest route from police, fire and ambulance service is through this area. Any changes that would lengthen the response time would cause an increase in insurance rates to the marina concession.

Response: Concur.

Comment 33: Page 8-19; (9) IR-7A, East Spillway Recreation Area - If possible I would like to see development of the old river channel as a bank fishing activity area. A small parking lot has been included along the East Access Road and trails should be developed on both the east and west sides of the old river channel. Believe this could also be the location of primitive tent camp sights and maybe another nature trail explaining what the river was like before the lake.

Response: Primitive hiking trails along the old river channel are a possibility although they would be susceptible to flooding when the spillway release approaches 10,000 cubic feet per second (cfs). When an agreement is reached between the Corps of Engineers and the Federal Bureau of Prison, prison help may be available to work on unfunded projects. A primitive walk-in tent camping area is proposed in this plan for the East Spillway which could also support the old river channel area.

Comment 34: Page 8-19; (IO) IR-7B, General Dean Bridge Recreation Area - The gravel trail and vault toilets that have been established along the west side of the river from the West Spillway Recreation Area to the General Dean Bridge Recreation Area should be noted so that money will be available for repairs to the area from damage caused by high water. If possible it would be nice to name this trail "Carlyle Riverwalk". Historical references may allow future money and publicity for this area.

Response: Comment noted. Facilities are included in the Master Plan, PLATE 9.

Comment 35: Page 11-2; 11-02 Marinas - Paragraph 2, "Overflow from the Dam West Area has already reduced vacancies". This demand for slips at Boulder Marina has been economically enhanced because of an increasing separation of rate charges between this facility and West Access Marina.

Response: Comment noted.

Comment 36: Page 11-2; 11-02 Marinas - Paragraph 3, "West Access is always at or approaching capacity, and maintains a waiting list of future patrons". West Access Marina has not had a waiting list since 1990, we are not at capacity as defined by our contract with the Corps of Engineers. Operating procedures are to expand slips to 10% more than the highest sold number of slips of the previous season. At the same time, demand allows us to raise the rate of slip's charges each year. Rates charges at West Access Marina for 1997 are \$4.00 per foot per month. The national average of marina slips is \$6.56 per foot per month. This is according to the "1996 Financial and Operational Benchmark Study for Marina Operators" published by the International Marina Institute of Wickford, Rhode Island. Using the premise established by the Marina Operators Association of America and the International Marina Institute, "that if a marina is approaching 100% occupation it should raise its rates until it is 80% occupied" and since the rate of the highest price marina on Carlyle Lake is only 61 % of the national average there is no basis for future marina expansion. If the rates charged on the lake were above the national average and the current marinas kept climbing toward 100% capacity, then expansion and construction of other marinas should be explored.

Response: There are no plans to add another marina if existing marinas continue to expand to accommodate demand.

Comment 37: Page 11-2; 11-02 Marinas - Paragraph 6 - Any reference to "a 1994 marina market study, Appendix I" should be disregarded, since the study was done without data or reference to the Marina Operators Association of America, the International Marina Institute or Bruce Tobiasson's book, "Marinas, Boat Yards and Small Craft Harbors", which is Internationally recognized as the "Bible" for the marina industry.

Response: Comment noted.

Comment 38: Plate 4 - labeling at West Access Marina - "Bait Shop and Office" should be relabeled "Marina Office and Store". "Service Building" should be relabeled "Recreation Building".

Response: Changes made as requested.

Comment 39: Move boulders that block entrance to Patoka harbor and put in crushed stone ramp.

Response: Concur. Moving the boulders would allow access to the harbor area which is protected from wind and wave action. This would improve safety while launching or trailering boats at Patoka.

Comment 40: Expand existing marinas before constructing any new marinas.

Response: Comment is in accordance with Master Plan, section 11-02.

Comment 41: Waterfowl management area is not being operated optimally. Loss of timber, the inability to dewater units 1,2,3 and 4 and no planting of crops is a problem. The solution is to go back to the original plan; repair levees that have been damaged due to flooding; place reversible pumps in units 3 and 4; levee the Eckert's Woods area and since it is higher on the east side of the Kaskaskia it may not flood.

Response: The problems with the operation of the Wildlife Management Area have been recognized and studied by the IDNR and Corps. Consequently, the State made repairs to the exterior levee and a Section 1135 project to address interior water control problems was developed and is now in construction. The Corps and IDNR are working on a second 1135 project for units 3 and 4 and the IDNR plans to levee the agricultural fields at Eckert's Woods this year. Additionally, the Illinois General Assembly has appropriated \$650,000 for the Carlyle Lake Wildlife Management Area which will be used for improving the levee system and access to the site. The State Duck Stamp Committee has also approved \$25,000 for a new pump for use on the Eckert's Woods Wetland Project. Over 1.6 million dollars have been secured to date. In years when flooding occurs, the blame should be placed on flooding and not the IDNR's ability to get crops planted.

Comment 42: The area north of the B&N railroad crossing has changed dramatically over the past 25 years and so has the usage of the area by wildlife, specifically waterfowl. Carlyle Lake is no longer the number one site for waterfowl harvest. The main reasons for the decline are: deterioration of the natural habitat due to flooding; inability of the IDNR to manage areas 1,2,3 and 4; lack of using the resources in Boulder Flats; effective management of the 5,000 acres north of the Wildlife Management Area known as Keck's Marsh; movement of the rest area from the south end of the lake to areas 3 and 4.

Response: Wildlife and habitat management are dynamic and ever changing functions with many variables affecting the outcomes. Since habitat conditions will always be changing in some ways, wildlife management must be continued and improved. Simply looking at the waterfowl harvest and state rankings does not truly measure the success of management of sites since weather, waterfowl migration, and spring planting conditions vary significantly at various sites around the state in any given year. The Carlyle Lake Wildlife Management Area (CLWMA) has been hampered by flooding in the past which has restricted the planting of row crops and altered their ability to manipulate water levels for moist-soil plants. Flooding is the cause of projects not getting done, not IDNR's ability to manage the area. In non-flood years, IDNR has completed planting projects and provided excellent food resources for wildlife. Comparing IDNR's property

to other landowners upstream is not practical inasmuch as property upstream is higher ground and therefore it is suitable to plant earlier than IDNR's which is at lower elevation and remains wet longer. The sub-impoundment 1 and 2 area including the watershed which drains into it encompasses about 3,000 acres. Once flooded, this area which is surrounded by a large levee system holds a significant amount of water which must be drained from the area. It is not comparable to other properties due to its large size. The rest area is highly utilized by waterfowl and other wildlife species. Without the rest area, waterfowl numbers would not be as high at the lake on a consistent basis.

Comment 43: We are pleased with the restoration of areas 1 and 2 with the 1135 project. We would like to see the 1135 project happen with areas 3 and 4. The Corps should encourage the IDNR to increase their site staff to help maintain the area once it has been restored.

Response: The IDNR and Corps staff are working on a second 1135 project for sub-impoundments 3 and 4. The process has been initiated; however, several planning, engineering and approval steps are required for the project to proceed.

Comment 44: The Boulder Flats area is extremely important area for waterfowl management and needs to be utilized to complement Corps projects at Saddle Dam 3, Honkers Point and other areas. Without the management of the Boulder Flats, waterfowl will continue to use the very north end of the lake only, which causes hunter congestion and ultimately pushes waterfowl northward to private property. At least 200 acres of row crops need to be planted in Boulder Flats, as well as moist soil management in several hundred acres. Carlyle Lake is a major staging area for waterfowl, and crop production capability in the Boulder Flats area is badly needed. Conservation in the Wildlife Management Area (WMA) needs to be done religiously and we don't need to spend money on a nature/interpretive trail until the task of managing waterfowl is complete. Aerial surveys report more birds at Keck's marsh than at the WMA. The Master Plan should show a more aggressive approach to wildlife management and see that the plans are carried out by whatever means necessary.

Response: A plan to restore habitat diversity and enhance wetland composition for the Boulder area has been developed to be beneficial to many native and migratory wildlife species. Management of the area will include the deepening of existing low area depressions, replanting native bottomland hardwood tree species, restoring native grasses, improving access to the area and using low level berms to control runoff and provide a wetland habitat. Small food plots will be developed in open fields.

Comment 45: The township doesn't get the appropriate amount of revenue generated from the Coles Creek Oil wells. It is the Corps' responsibility to change this.

Response: The Corps does not tell the County how to conduct its business. Revenue sharing is set by law. At present, 75% of rent from outgrants, concessionaires and leases on government property administered by the Corps of Engineers is returned to the county. The county is responsible for the distribution of these funds.

Comment 46: The plan doesn't adequately address our erosion problem

Response: Land for Carlyle Lake was purchased in the 1950's and 1960's during which time the land acquisition policy (known as the Eisenhower policy) called for minimum acreage necessary to contain the project. As a result, portions of the shoreline are very close to private property. In some instances, erosion caused by pool fluctuation and wave action has resulted in the lake eroding onto private property. In these cases, the government has acquired additional land, and is continuing to do so. Where it is cost-effective, shoreline protection procedures have been performed to protect certain developments or facilities. Several years ago, an engineering study resulted in a recommendation that the lake be allowed to seek its own natural shoreline. This was considered to be in the public's best interest.

Comment 47: Did the Corps have to mitigate for all the trees that were removed for the construction of the Coles Creek Land Treatment Plant. Did the Corps obtain 404 clearance?

Response: The Corps decided not to mitigate for the removal of about 3 acres of trees to construct the new sewage lagoon and related facilities. The project site was farmed prior to the construction of Carlyle Lake. Trees affected by the project were either planted by the Corps about 25 years ago, or colonized the site naturally. During coordination of this project in 1995 with natural resource agencies, neither the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service nor the Illinois Department of Natural Resources recommended mitigation for tree loss. Because the 3-acre area of impact is within a 25-acre old field grown up in native and non-native tree species, the effects of tree clearing were determined to be minor and mitigation was not recommended. Because the project did not impact any waters of the United States, no Section 404 permit was required.

Comment 48: Page 2-5, Section 2-03, c. Inactive Storage Pool. There is no longer 50,000 acre feet below elevation 429.5 feet reserved for sediment retention. Sediment has already accumulated.

Response: Concur. Based on the results of a 1984 resurvey, by 2004 the inactive storage pool will have lost approximately 32,100 acre-feet of storage to sediment accumulation or approximately 64% of its capacity.

Comment 49: In reference to Section 3-01/3-02, the Corps does not dedicate enough resources to archeological protection.

Response: The Corps is complying with the law and over \$100,000 has been spent on archeological work in the past several years.

Comment 50: In reference to Section 3-04, this information is inaccurate. We had better habitat and more wildlife before the project was created. The duck habitat and population were much better before the lake was built.

Response: At the time of project construction, the Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) would have maintained management of the area if it was deemed significant. Since lake construction duck-use days of the project have exceeded pre-impoundment use.

Comment 51: In reference to Section 3-04, c., the tree species listed prior to construction is inaccurate. The lake basin was dominated by white ash, white oaks, water oaks, hickory, paper bark birch, pecan, walnut, cherry and red and white elm. Not many cottonwoods.

Response: Tree species recorded in the Master Plan were based on studies of the area conducted in the 1950's. Other species listed above were also present.

Comment 52: The Corps has destroyed many wetlands/timber resources while building the lake and they haven't addressed this issue.

Response: The National Environmental Policy Act was not in effect at the time of lake and dam construction. However, since that time, succession has been allowed to occur and trees have developed. In addition, trees been planted. Restoration of wetlands is one of the project's resource management objectives.

Comment 53: In reference to Section 4-07, winter pool should be 440.0 NGVD.

Response: The Master Reservoir Regulation Manual established the winter pool elevation to be 443 NGVD after consideration of upstream and downstream impacts.

Comment 54: Are the mercury levels of lake fish tested? The plan should address this.

Response: Fish have been tested by the IDNR in the past. However, with reduced funding, testing is only performed where there has been a problem in the past. Carlyle Lake is not a problem area now and mercury levels have never been a problem.

Comment 55: The plan has too much emphasis on recreation and not enough on wildlife. Wildlife/habitat should be addressed more.

Response: The north end of the lake is devoted almost exclusively to wildlife or habitat management. Lands south of the railroad crossing are limited because only the minimum amount of land was purchased. The lands that are available are managed within budget and policy constraints.

Comment 56: The boat ramps do not need to be raised, because this will cause more erosion. No additional ramps should be developed, and those areas that have not been disturbed, should be left alone.

Response: Shoreline erosion is caused principally by high water and wave action. The size and the number of boats used on Carlyle Lake would have a negligible effect on shoreline erosion.

Comment 57: In reference to Easement Lands, on page 8-3, it says that these flowage easements give the government the right to flood lands generally below 465.5 NGVD. How often can these lands be flooded?

Response: The government purchased a perpetual easement to occasionally overflow and submerge the flowage easement lands. This allows flowage easement lands to be flooded when necessary as part of flood control operations. During the last few years we have experienced rainfall that has produced a lot of flooding of flowage easement lands. This is not the result of a change in the water control plan, but the result of a change related to the weather pattern.

Comment 58: The plan doesn't address forest management adequately.

Response: As the Master Plan states in Section 7, forest resources are being maintained for recreation, wildlife, and scenic values. Forest resources will continue to be inventoried and managed for sustained yield. This involves management for the control of soil moisture, for erosion control, and for promotion of forest stand growth, as well as the protection of the forest resources from insects, disease, fire and overuse. Timber stand improvement will be accomplished to release or favor potential mast or other food and cavity producing trees. Older trees with unsound limbs and trunks that provide cavities for wildlife, such as squirrels, wood ducks, woodpeckers, raccoons, and honeybees, will be saved except where their preservation would constitute a safety hazard at developed recreation sites.

Comment 59: We should have better signage/more buoys in high erosion areas.

Response: Siltation may be a problem along these erosion sites. The lake bottom and the emergence of lake obstructions are relative to lake elevation. No amount of money would suffice to mark everything. The major hazards will be marked, i.e., breakwaters.

Comment 60: Expand Boulder Marina to the east by extending breakwater to the east. This would alleviate the pressures that are currently existing on the existing marinas and this would allow more time before another marina would have to be added.

Response: Comment noted.

Comment 61: In reviewing the plan, there seems to be no future expenditure for additional boat ramps, much less high water ramps. When the lake exceeds 450 NGVD, only two boat ramps can be used.

Response: High water ramps have been approved for Boulder, Coles Creek, and Dam West Recreation Areas. A high water ramp at Eldon Hazlet State Park and an additional high water ramp at Dam East are included in the Master Plan. The cost estimates are included in the maintenance and repair plan except for the Dam East ramp which is included in the master plan cost estimate because it is considered an additional recreational facility for this area. These are shown on their respective PLATES in the plan.

Comment 62: A hotel with conference center and golf course is being planned for private property north of Keyesport. I believe it will be accomplished in the near future.

Response: Comment noted.

Comment 63: Section 8-04, (3), IR-2 Provide high water facilities (455 NGVD) for partial operation of Carlyle Sailing Association (CSA). CSA is essentially shut down at lake elevation of 450 NGVD because the electrically operated cranes are in water and inoperable. The new facilities would consist of rip rap along Peppenhorst Branch, a rock road to a 110 ft. ramp, regrading the catamaran field, an additional 2 ton jib crane and rewiring the existing jib cranes.

Response: Comment noted and the Master Plan has been revised to reflect comment.

Comment 64: Section 10-07, Shoreline erosion Please add to the sixth paragraph; “ the northeast shoreline of Peppenhorst Branch”. The trees are completely destroyed and accelerated erosion is causing rapid siltation of the Carlyle Sailing Association harbor and eventually the disappearance of the land separating Carlyle Sailing Association from Peppenhorst Branch.

Response: Comment noted and Master Plan revised.

Comment 65: PLATE 14 The note titled Sailboat Harbor (CSA) Lease should be revised as follows. Add “Provide high water operation facilities, additional boat and car parking, and riprap on the Peppenhorst (southwest) side of the harbor.” This note should be labeled “Proposed’ and the remaining comments as “Future”

Response: Comment noted and Master Plan revised.

Comment 66:Section 10-04 Please add to the fifth paragraph the following: Carlyle Sailing Association is essentially unusable at 450 NGVD because the electrically operated jib cranes used for boat launching are under water. The high water projects (up to 455 NGVD) consist of riprapping the eastern shoreline of Peppenhorst Branch adjacent to the sailboat harbor to preserve the harbor closure and delay harbor silting, providing a rock road to a 110 ft. long high water ramp for cabin boats, regrading the catamaran field to permit use up to 455 NGVD, installing a new two ton jib crane, waterproofing the electrical system of the existing cranes for one-design boats, and adding a parking area for boat trailers.

Response: Comment noted and Master Plan revised.

Part II - Appendix V

Comments from Public Meetings (numbers following comments indicate number of similar comments)

Dam West Campground

Picnic Tables on wrong side - 15;
Fire ring too close to camp pad - 1;
Extend pads - 7
Add more water spigots - 6
Add security lights -3
Benches at Playground Equipment - 3
More rest rooms - 2
More camp pads - 5
Increase electrical outlets - 1
Additional parking for boat trailers - 3;
Larger area for boats leaving marina- 1

McNair Group-Use Area

More rest rooms - 1

Coles Creek

Repair Dump-station - 5
Expand size of camp pads - 12
Additional parking for boat trailers - 5
Extra Dump Station - 1
Designated tent camping areas- 8
Asphalt/sidewalk paths to rest rooms - 1
Pads needed around picnic tables - 1
Boating docks by campsites - 3
Update electric equipment- 4

Add water spigots - 6

More showers needed - 20

More playground equipment needed - 6

Fish cleaning station in campground - 2

Security lights around comfort stations - 2

Boulder

Picnic tables on wrong side of pad - 2

Additional visitor parking - 3

Update electric equipment - 2

Biking and hiking trails- 2

More showers - 1

Longer pads for campers - 2

Swimming beach - 2

Playground equipment - 2

More water spigots - 1

Keyesport

Fish Cleaning Station - 3

Handicap access to Keyesport Marina- 1

Stop erosion of islands- 2;

Master Plan Comments

South Shore State Park

Fish Hatchery - 8;

Cabin resort similar to Rend Lake with docks - 5

Develop restaurant on shoreline with access from boats - 3

Add marina- 4

Develop Day-Use services to include a beach - 2

Allow bow-hunting- 1

Stop shoreline erosion- 2

Use South Shore to enhance Carlyle business

Keep Area closed to hunting (for Watchable Wildlife)- 1

Courtesy Docks

Eldon Hazlet State Park

Equestrian Trails- 5

No Snow-mobile trails- 1

Beach Area, needed - 2

Allow bow-hunting- 1

3-D Bow Shoots - 1

Need separate area for Tent Campers- 1

Rehab existing campground- 2

Eliminate entrance curbs at campground- 1

Add additional parking for boat trailers- 2

Add more rest room/shower facilities- 2

Hiking and Biking trails- 2

Courtesy Docks at Allen Branch- 1

NO Marina in Allen Branch- 1

Expand CSA to include wet slips - 4

High water boat ramps - 1

Pheasant hunt should be by contractor; release more birds

Fish and Wildlife Management

Waterfowl management - eliminate 3 and 4 rest area, return to original lake waterfowl refuge

Manage area for teal hunting

No draws, lottery or blind sites

Keep 4:30 a.m. start time- 2

Fish Hatchery - 1255

Develop more access points at East and North Fork - 3

More wetland habitat restoration similar to Honker's Point and Saddle Dam - 2

Expand the waterfowl hunting area

Increase water quality- 2

Add structure to improve fisheries- 3

Better cooperative management of fisheries

Develop East Fork and North Fork areas for wildlife- 22

Develop Eckerts Woods for wildlife- 17

Provide access to Eckert's Woods- 6

Provide access to North end 750, 800N - 1

Develop more areas for dove hunting; 2

General Comments

Maintain river channel on North end during low lake levels CLWA

Need more high water boat ramps- 16

Need access to recreation areas during high water

Proper public involvement

Need more boat access to area north of the B&N railroad - 8

Proper public involvement

Need bike trail connecting both sides of lake- 5

Base spending on per capita usage

Need more tennis courts and sporting activities at lake - 1

Against further private development around lake - 4

Allow One-Way traffic across Dam- 1

Fix B&N Railroad bridge to accommodate traffic for bikes/cars - 1

Construct foot bridges in sub-impoundment area to accommodate walk-ins during flooded conditions- 4

Develop a nature trail within the Carlyle Wildlife Management Area- 5

Equestrian Trail

Construct a viewing platform off parking lot 3 or 1 in the CWM area- 13

Wildlife education tours - 2

Develop middle class lodging

Future development should take into account effects of overcrowding

Buy flowage easement lands for wildlife management purposes- 2

Develop mounds within impoundments for elderly to hunt on and dogs to sit on- 2

Patch holes in sub-impoundment levees- 3

Rest rooms located at parking lots #1 & #2- 2

Larger parking lots at #1 & #2- 2

Broadcast AM station - 1

Develop lake perimeter, low impact footpath - 3

Develop better control of water levels in subimpoundment areas

State and Corps to cooperate more fully

Create fishing areas for people without access to boats

Allow Corps of Engineers employees to actively participate with community organizations

Develop cabin lodging

Comments Addressed under other Corps Management Documents

Eliminate or reduce pesticide pollution from adjacent farmers- 1;

Range markers on shoreline to check boat speed- 5

Large "No Wake" signs needed at all boat ramps - 2

Enforce "No Wake" rules - 2

Provide better response from lake personnel to stranded boaters

Mowers should be more careful in preventing damage to trees

Post warning signs and shallow water markers on underwater hazards- 2

Add fence with gate around the West Access Marina to eliminate additional pedestrian traffic from new resort

Plant cypress trees for erosion, wind breaks and beauty

Need lights on towers to assist boat navigation

Install lights at West Access Marina harbor entrance for night entrance and change entrance to harbor

Better signing of "No Hunting" areas

Provide better access to bank fishing by spreading small rock on rip-rap at Keyesport

Provide better pricing options at Marinas

Dredge Lake to deepen - 8

Raise Pool Level and/or change water level management of Lake - 11

Ban Jet Skis - 1

Resolve South Shore Management Issues- 2

Develop the 10,000 acres located along lower Kaskaskia for public recreation and hunting purposes - 1

Waterfront restaurant with boat dock- 1

More docks and boat ramps at Dam West Recreation Area - 4

24 hour patrol - 1

Lower lake level slowly when ice covered

Better interpretive programming

Use areas only for designated purposes i.e. boat ramps

Increase fees at campgrounds

Varios fisheries comments; limits, stocking, water depth

Develop homes/time-shared facilities

Master Plan Comments

Marina Comments

Upgrade sewer "pump-out" at Boulder Marina

Provide sewer "pump-out" facilities at all Marinas

Dredge entrance to Boulder Marina

Upgrade marina facilities, improve quality - 3

Add paved boat storage at Boulder and West Access Marinas

Keyesport Marina should be reserved for power boats - 2

Should build a marina at South Shore- 2

Need additional marinas on lake- 3

Expand existing marinas (Boulder, West Access, and CSA) to accommodate more slips - 10

Allen Branch should not be a potential marina site - 3

Peppenhurst should not be a potential marina site

Develop more areas to provide "sail-up" services (i.e. lakeside restaurant, cabins, stores, beaches, etc) - 7

Rearrange West Access Marina harbor to increase protection and provide additional room for docks - 4

Sailboats cannot use Keyesport Marina due to depth - 3

Sailboats need areas to drop anchor that are protected from winds and other power boats- 2

Enforce Title 36 regarding business conducted on lake without contract

Harbors need adequate depth - 2

Develop marina at future marinal site at Allen Branch

Place marina in pampered camper area

Open gate between Dam West Marina parking lot and boat ramp parking lot

Boulder Amphitheater
July 31, 1993

Attendance: Robert Wilkins, Francis Walton, Andrea Pickard, Doug Ballance, campers

Summary of Comments:

Instead of adding more Marinas - improve the existing Marinas

Add a lift station at Boulder Marina

Secondary pump at Boulder Marina needs repaired to assist sailboaters remove waste

Marinas need to arrange boat slips to make room for additional slips

Raise normal pool up 2 ft. for better recreation

Need lights on towers in middle of lake to assist in navigation

Dredging - Boulder Marina. Boats cannot get out of the marina during winter pool levels

Better patrol on lake for safety - check for PFD's and necessary safety equipment

South Shore and McNair areas are great recreation areas, but it smells from nearby farms

Horse trails needed around the lake

Stop Shoreline erosion

Increase fish population

Keyesport Village Hall
July 31, 1993

Attendance: Andrea Pickard, Robert Wilkins, Francis Walton, Oliver Joyce, DeWayne Maples, Paul West, Jim Bedrosian, Jack Linton, Marc Pedrucci, John Gonzales, Arthur Weygandt, Janet England, Robert England, Laren Settleman

Summary of Comments:

Use Pamper Camper as a Marina. Remove dirt from entrance to use to build up the rest of the area. Stated that Corps campgrounds are too much competition for private owners.

Need fish cleaning station in Keyesport.

Keyesport Marina needs handicap access ramp.

Need more Rangers patrolling the Keyesport Area, both in the parking lot and on the water.

No hunting signs needs to be posted in Harbor Light Bay (hunting to close to private property).

Need dredging around Island and generally make whole lake deeper.

Raise normal pool level to approx. 447.

Mow levee in Keyesport more often.

Make paths through rip-rap for fishing or replace with smaller stones (Keyesport).

Add screen to prevent fish from escaping through dam.

Better food sources for fish to replenish fish population.

West Access Marina
July 31, 1993

Attendance: Andrea Pickard, Robert Wilkins, Francis Walton, Jim Riddle, Dave Mahlandt, Mary Smit, Cal Guthrie, Bob & Agnes Levin, Ron Cook, Walter Harms

Summary of Comments:

Expand C.S.A.

Fish population needs to be increased.

Need more fish hatcheries.

Increase electrical outlets at Dam West Campground to meet current needs.

Improve campground and fishing because Carlyle Lake is the #1 tourist attraction.

Notify public better on dangers of No-Wake Areas - Need more signs, better patrol, news releases, campground programs.

Improving water quality may help fish population.

Water quality is causing boats to stain and degrades styrofoam.

Need bike trails would like to have bike trails.

Courtesy dock - Allen Branch and between Allen Branch & C.S.A.

All boats need places to go "free areas"

Keep plenty of "safe havens" for boats to go to during storms

Hazlet State Park
September 3, 1993

Attendance: Robert Wilkins, Andrea Pickard, Francis Walton,
Donna Henrichs, Gary Tatham, campers

Summary of Comments:

Tent campers can camp anywhere at Hazlet. Why?

Raising prices on the disabled - Why? Legislature requires it.

Senior Citizen Rates

Three tents on one site, why is this? Only 1 is allowed,
possibly two. Can't keep checking all of the sites all of the
time.

Water levels.

Charge an admission fee.

Security is needed at Hazlet. Budgetary Problem.

Conservation Police Officers are needed, they have more
authority.

Grass needs to be cut so you can see the lake.

South Shore Plan - Environmental Assessment - exchange of
overflow for South Shore - don't know the answer to this.

How is the traffic going to be handled at Dam West after the
Resort? Possibly build a parking lot with a separate road.

Hazlet - lengthen runways for trailers, oil and chip roads, get
potholes filled.

Hazlet - Eliminate the curves at the entrance.

Hazlet - Parking spaces for boat trailers, extra cars, etc.

Hazlet - Plant more trees, there were 1,250 seedlings planted.

Volunteers are needed.

Dam West - Lots of damaged trees/seedlings done by mowers.

Hazlet - Beach needed.

Hazlet - More bathhouses. They are dark, ventilation is needed.

Hazlet - Campsites are muddy.

Hazlet - Needs reservation system. Reservation system will be back.

Hazlet - Water hose needs to be on the other side.

ITEMS NEEDED AT LAKE:

Hiking trails, bike trails, high water boat ramps, boat dock and marina at Hazlet, marina sites and slips.

Dam West - Dredging - Remove silt, expand existing facilities instead of dredging.

Keyesport - too shallow.

Allen Branch - Large sailboats are anchored. Need a channel for other boats to get in and out of.

Zoning of Lake - Public Access Areas, Protective Lakeshore Areas, Prohibited Areas, Limited Development Areas.

Zoning of sailboats.

Carlyle VFW
October 5, 1993

Attendance: Robert Wilkins, Francis Walton, Andrea Pickard,
Donna Henrichs, Gary Tatham

Summary of Comments:

Waterfowl Viewing Station at Parking Lot #3 - Carlyle
Waterfowlers Association will volunteer to build it.

Video on Wildlife Management Area - Install in Visitor Center.

Carlyle Lake Audobon interested in bulding a bike trail at the
Wildlife Management Area.

Walk-In Area 3 and 4 - Donate time and material for Viewing
Stand.

North end of lake - Tamalco and Patoka Areas to be developed -
East Fork and North Fork Areas

Levee around crop fields.

Boat Access Areas for high water.

Navigation - North End.

Corps needs to be more active in managing for dove hunting.

Bike trails - entire lake.

South Shore Purpose - Fish and Wildlife Area
Trap Shoots
Bow Hunting Recreation Areas

Removal of items from Master Plan without public knowing about it
Break locks across Main Dam and bring road across to South Shore
- needs traffic to South Shore and develop it. Traffic should be
one way across the Main Dam.

South Shore - Developed by Department of Conservation.
Springfield should know where it is.

South Shore - Needs signs and traffic in the area.

Resolve issue of South Shore between DOC and Corps.

Allow deer hunting in South Shore.

Point 17 - Erosion.

South Shore - Cabins.

Good data on how many people are in the area.

Visitation on daily basis at campgrounds.

Update computer program on visitation.

Fish Hatchery.

Vandalia Jr. High School
October 6, 1993

Summary of Comments:

Cox Bridge, south of Eckerts - 1400 acres of Corps ground there and State bought 1200 acres - bottomland species, study ground.

East Fork, North Fork, South Fork, and Eckerts is part of the Wildlife Area.

Wetland Management Area to guarantee drainage and be for all wetland species.

East Side - Corps and State needed to work together. High potential for Waterfowl Management, also Boulder Bottoms.

Boulder Flats - Manage water - shallow and muddy - need specific parameters drawn up to improve area for waterfowl and wildlife.

Horse Trails -

Patoka - Closed because of high water - dredge a channel for deeper water. Build another boat ramp closer to Patoka that wouldn't flood.

Pool to be dropped 10" - 1' from July 1 through July 20.

Natural trail on north end of lake - advertise area for walking - signs, literature, etc.

Foot bridge over low areas that flood.