
LAKE SHELBYVILLE MASTER PLAN

KASKASKIA RIVER WATERSHED SHELBYVILLE ILLINOIS

CHAPTER 7 – AGENCY AND PUBLIC COORDINATION

7.1. Agency and Public Coordination

Coordinating the update of this Master Plan with agency partners and the public was very important for identifying resources and determining public needs and desires. The public and agency partners were involved and informed through informal workshops, letters, the St. Louis District web page, and news releases.

Different methods were utilized to obtain public and agency input into the master planning process by the broadest means possible. These included:

- Web Page: The 2004 Lake Shelbyville Master Plan was posted on the lake's website as well as the St. Louis District website. A comment form was also posted, inviting comments using the online form.
- News Releases: News releases announcing public meetings were mailed to local and state newspapers, television, and radio stations in November 2015 in preparation for the public meeting.
- Focus Groups: Letters were mailed to stakeholders, partners, agencies, congressional representatives and local governments inviting participation in meetings and requesting comment.
- Visitor Center: A hard copy of the 2004 Lake Shelbyville Master Plan and comment cards were available at the Visitor Center to allow any visitor the opportunity to comment on the plan.

7.2. Workshops

Comments were received at the public workshops held on 17 and 18 November 2015, a partner/stakeholder meeting on 2 December, at a joint public workshop with Carlyle/Kaskaskia River Project on 8 December, and during a comment period following the workshops. The public was given an opportunity to ask questions and voice their concerns at all workshops.

Comments were received in person, by phone, through the mail and via email. The Lake Shelbyville and St. Louis District Corps of Engineers personnel provided responses to comments when appropriate.

A joint meeting between Carlyle and Shelbyville Corps employees and IDNR Lands Manager Mike Mason was held 14 January 2016 at Carlyle Lake. Proposed changes and concerns were discussed. The meeting was primarily an information meeting with no decisions reached on any issues.

7.3. Summary of Comments Received

All comments were taken into account for inclusion in the Draft Master Plan. The Environmental Assessment also considered and analyzed comments for potential impacts to the resource.

Public comments covered a range of topics including:

- Protection of the natural environment surrounding the lake. This the most frequently mentioned comment as lake users expressed their desire for organized, sustainable development that didn't negatively impact the natural beauty of the area or wildlife habitat.
- A request for a land classification change from Low Density Recreation to High Density Recreation to add a day use area under lease to the City of Shelbyville.
- Expansion of the General Dacey and Camp Camfield Trails.
- Reopening Eagle Creek Resort, closed since 2009.
- A request for a land classification change from Low Density Recreation to High Density Recreation west of Sullivan Marina & Campground to allow for either marina expansion or other concession development.
- Dredging Sullivan Marina & Campground harbor.
- A request to for land classification changes from Low Density Recreation to High Density Recreation east of Shelbyville and north of Dam West.

The Draft Master Plan was made available for 30-day review and comment in June 2016. The public again was given the opportunity to review the plan and comment on proposed changes.

Copies of letters, news releases, public comments, and responses are posted in Appendix B, Agency and Public Coordination.