



RECREATION STRATEGIC PLAN

FACT SHEET

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The Corps hosts more than 370 million visits annually at 422 lake and river projects in 43 states. Visitation has steadily increased in recent years and this upward trend is likely to continue.

The Recreation Strategic Plan addresses the challenges of increasing demands on the Corps resources and facilities and provides direction and guidance to transform and reposition the recreation program for the future.

The Strategic Plan Requires Changes in the Recreation Program

Declining recreation program budgets require changes in the recreation program. Under the Recreation Strategic Plan (the plan), the Corps will change the way it delivers recreation, but not its role as a major federal, water-based recreation provider. The goals of the plan are:

1. Implement effective, reliable, and adaptive operation and maintenance of resources that provide safe and healthy recreation experiences to meet the needs of current and future generations.
2. Secure new resources and identify authorities needed to sustain public access to water resources.
3. Utilize recreation resources to promote environmental sustainability.
4. Build and cultivate a competent, disciplined, and resilient team equipped to deliver high quality solutions.

The plan identifies a set of on-going or potential actions, which will be a resource for supporting and implementing the plan. These actions include development of new analysis tools, managerial decision-making support systems, data inventories, web-based systems, communications and public outreach materials, and much more. These actions will help the Corps efficiently move forward.

Examples of Changes in the Recreation Program

- Reshape delivery of recreation opportunities within fiscal and human resource capabilities while maintaining public access to the water.
- Improve the efficiencies of operations through the budget allocation process.
- Increase use of partnerships as a means to sustain the levels of public service.
- Expand training, development, and succession planning for the workforce.
- Improve the tools and capabilities of field level managers to make needed operational changes.
- Increase use of volunteers to assist in operational activities and stewardship at recreation areas.
- Update policies and regulations related to shoreline management, leases, partnerships, and more.
- Evaluate current authorities and identify needed changes for fee retention, cooperative management, and partnerships.



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