

The Master Planning Process

What is a Master Plan?

A Master Plan is a stewardship driven, land use management document. It focuses on the operations and maintenance of a U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) water resource project. As one of these projects, Coralville Lake has a Master Plan that conceptually establishes and guides the orderly development, administration, maintenance, preservation, enhancement and management of all natural, cultural, and recreational resources of the project. Just as it is important to establish what a Master Plan is, it is also important to establish what it is not. A Master Plan is not a plan for flood risk management, nor is it a plan for water level management associated with prime facilities such as dam, gates, spillways etc. as these items are addressed in other documents. Rather, a Master Plan seeks to balance recreational development with protection and conservation of natural and cultural resources. Coralville Lake's existing Master Plan is available online at www.coralvillelake.org



Why is a Revised Master Plan Needed?

The current Coralville Lake Master Plan was completed in 1977 and has been used as a guide for recreational and environmental stewardship decisions. Due to the age of the current Master Plan, it contains little information on cultural resources, invasive species, endangered species, wildlife habitat value, jurisdictional wetlands and other environmental features that are critical to the stewardship mission of today. The Master Plan revision will focus on these important issues as well as updating the recreation analysis. The revised Master Plan will guide future development and resource use. Public input will be sought and encouraged throughout the Master Plan process. The Lakeshore Management Plan, now referred to as the Shoreline Management Plan, was revised in 1981 and is an appendix to the current Master Plan. This plan will be revised independently, yet concurrently with Master Plan Planning Process.

Master Plan Classification

The current Master Plan identifies management zones or classifications for Coralville Lake Project lands which provide for full utilization while protecting resources: project operations, recreation-intensive use, recreation-low density, reserve forest, and wildlife management. These zoning classifications determine what types of developments are allowed on particular areas of land. For example, campgrounds are permitted in recreation-intensive use areas but not in reserve forest land areas. As part of the Master Plan Planning Process, Corps staff will reevaluate all Project lands' environmental attributes, recreational features, public needs, etc. in context of current policies in order to determine revised land use classifications as necessary.

Public Involvement in Master Plan Process

Public input is critical throughout the Master Plan revision process. This process began in March 2015 and completion is anticipated in the spring of 2017. Please visit www.coralvillelake.org for the latest information on the planning process. Public input will be sought through online comment forms, written comments via mail or e-mail, Facebook, focus groups, and open houses. Your vision for the future of Coralville Lake's recreation and natural resources is an integral part of the Master Plan Planning Process. To submit comments and/or be added to an e-mail list to receive updates and notifications, please visit www.coralvillelake.org or contact the Coralville Lake Office.



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