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Shoreline Management Plan Update

The Old Hickory Lake Resource Manager's Office would like to invite you to attend one of the two public workshops scheduled for October 17, 2006, at 7:00 p.m. at Mt. Juliet High School and October 19, 2006 at 7:00 p.m. at Gallatin High School. These workshops are being held to seek input on the Old Hickory Lake Shoreline Management Plan (SMP).

A draft copy of the SMP will be available at the public meetings for everyone who attends. Written comments will be received for 30 days after the last meeting. The draft plan can also be picked up at our office after the workshops or viewed on our website at: www.lrn.usace.army.mil/op/old/rec/ after September 30 2006.



We are proposing improvements that will help us to continue to work together in meeting our goal of balancing the use of public land with the protection and restoration of natural environmental conditions.

Our primary goals for management of Old Hickory Lake are to establish and maintain acceptable fish and wildlife habitat, preserve natural aesthetic qualities, and promote the safe and healthful use of the lake and surrounding public lands by the general public.

Residential and commercial development adjacent

to Old Hickory Lake has increased tremendously in recent years, resulting in the modification and/or removal of critical fish and wildlife habitat. Private lands adjacent to project lands are continuing to be converted for residential and commercial use at an accelerated rate. This private development has now moved into formerly rural areas where parcels of undisturbed public property still exist. Because of these factors, continued sound management of public lands is required for optimum use of the finite natural resources of Old Hickory Lake. As stewards of public lands, we plan to ensure this critical habitat and shoreline ecosystem is properly maintained and/or enhanced for present and future generations.

We request your input in the review of the Old Hickory Lake SMP. Your ideas and comments continue to help us improve the plan. We will be open and fair in our evaluation of all comments and concerns. While we cannot grant every request, we will ensure that your comments are fully evaluated.

Individuals may provide comments at the workshops or in writing to the Resource Manager's Office, #5 Power Plant Road, Hendersonville, TN, 37075. For additional information, please contact the Resource Manager's Office at: (615) 822-4846 or (615) 847-2395.

The Clean Marina Program on Old Hickory Lake

The Cumberland River Basin Clean Marina Partnership is a voluntary program implemented by the Nashville District of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and its watershed partners. This program, established in support of the National Clean Boating Campaign, promotes environmentally responsible marina and boating practices. The goal of the program is to help marina operators protect the resource that provides them with their livelihood: clean water.

Participation in the program requires marina operators to agree to utilize recommended management practices to achieve desired goals in seven areas that have been identified as priorities:

- Sewage management
- Fuel management

- Solid waste and petroleum recycling and disposal
- Vessel operation, maintenance, and repair
- Marina location, design, and maintenance
- Stormwater management and erosion control Public education

We now have three marinas on Old Hickory Lake – Anchor High Marina, Creekwood Marina, and Drakes Creek Marine Works – whose operators have signed the



Clean Marina pledge. They are currently working to implement the required management practices and are preparing for an endorsement visit from a team made up of representatives from the Corps, the Cumberland River Compact, and the Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency as the next step in becoming officially certified as Cumberland River Basin Clean Marinas.

We have two more marina operators who have expressed interest in the program and are plan-

ning to sign the pledge in the future. We are proud of the number of marinas on Old Hickory Lake that have committed themselves to the goal of environmentally sound management practices and clean water for us all.

Proper Disposal of Yard Debris

As the smell of fresh cut grass and the sounds of lawn mowers fill the air, people work endlessly to manicure their lawns. Now with fall just around the corner, Mother Nature will add to your yard work with her annual blanket of leaves. For those of you that take on the task of grass and leaf removal, remember to properly dispose of the waste. We want to remind everyone around the lake that disposal of plant material in the lake is not permitted. Not only is it a violation of Corps of Engineers rules and regulations, it can also impact the environment in a negative way. Dead tree limbs, leaves, and grass clippings can slow the flow of water in creeks and streams and can degrade the water quality of the lake. Also remember that Old Hickory Lake is part of a river system, so the debris can easily be redistributed

to your neighbors downstream. Composting and natural decay are almost effortless and provide an excellent alternative to dumping. Please be considerate and remember to respect the lake and environment around you by properly disposing of debris.



Volunteers Needed!!

It is time once again for the annual National Public Lands Day on Old Hickory Lake. The staff at Old Hickory invites you to join us on September 30, 2006 and help keep the lake clean and maintained. National Public Lands Day is a great opportunity to become involved in your community.

We are looking for volunteers to help with shoreline clean-up, exotic plant removal, and painting at our recreation areas. At 12:00 we will be providing free food and drinks at the Rockland Recreation Area in Hendersonville to participants to show our appreciation for your commitment to Old Hickory Lake. If you are interested in working on any of these projects or would like additional information, please give us a call at (615)822-4846 or (615)847-2395. Pre-registration is appreciated.



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VOLUNTEERS

We would like to take this opportunity to thank the many volunteers that have contributed their time and efforts to our lake this past year. Volunteers do make a difference!! There are many more opportunities for volunteering during the upcoming season. Examples include: lake-shore cleanup, public lands day, park hosts, and greenhouse helpers to name a few. Contact Park Ranger Courtney Wilson for more information .

Volunteer Clearinghouse
1-800-865-8337
Give a Helping Hand
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Water and Electricity Don't Mix

If you choose to install electrical facilities at your boat dock or across public property, it must be approved and licensed by the Old Hickory Lake Resource Manager's office. As part of the license agreement, you are required to have the electrical service inspected and approved by the State Electrical Inspector upon installation, modification, renewal or purchase of adjacent property with existing electrical facilities on public property. If you think you may have faulty wiring on public property, please turn off the current immediately and contact a licensed electrical professional.

If an individual is wet or in water, even a low amount of voltage may prove fatal. Contact with electricity can result in death through temporary paralysis and drowning of persons who are swimming or wading, or through electrocution. We would like to commend the many adjacent land owners for complying with this requirement and for their efforts to make our lake a safer place.

Stumps & Trunks for Wildlife

The next time a storm breaks a tree in your yard, think twice before having it completely removed. Leaving a broken trunk or stump provides excellent habitat for countless critters in the area, many of which are losing habitat at an alarming rate. Dead wood habitat is critical for species ranging from insects and fungus on the bottom of the food chain to birds of prey and larger mammals at the top of the food chain. Because different species have different needs, by leaving just one trunk standing you can provide a home for several kinds of



wildlife at the same time.

Remember, it may look like a broken tree to you, but it can actually be a perch for a bald eagle, a cozy home for a raccoon family, a watering hole for hummingbirds, chickadees, warblers, and squirrels, a restaurant for woodpeckers, a campground for bats, and a winter retreat for ladybugs, toads, and salamanders. How about that, your very own critter condo!

Preserve Our History

It is a federal offense to alter public property or remove historical or archeological artifacts from public property. Anyone found removing or attempting to remove historical or archeological artifacts from public land could be prosecuted according to federal regulations and laws. If you are aware of anyone pilfering artifacts from public prop-



erty, please contact the Resource Manager's Office or call the Corps Watch Hotline at 1-866-413-7970. There may be a reward for information leading to prosecution. People who remove artifacts are destroying the historical and archaeological evidence that could provide additional information about the inhabitants that came before us.

SHORT CASTS

Special Events.

- Shoreline Management Plan Public Workshops— October 17th and October 19th
- National Public Lands Day - September 30th.



NEED INFORMATION?

Do you need information on Old Hickory Lake? Check out the Old Hickory Lake website at <http://www.lrn.usace.army.mil/op/old/rec/> for valuable information including shoreline management, camping, fishing, and the lake in general.

OLD HICKORY LAKE
RESOURCE MANAGEMENT STAFF

The Old Hickory Lake Resource Management staff welcomes questions and comments, so give them a call at (615) 822-4846 or (615) 847-2395.

Resource Manager – Carl Crews
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Facility Manager - Tommy Mason
Park Contract Representative—Jackie Jenkins
Park Contract Clerk—Teresa Bowlen
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Teresa Bridges

OLD HICKORY LAKE FISHING INFO

Old Hickory offers anglers a multitude of fishing opportunities year-round. Call or stop by our office to obtain lake-specific fishing information. The



handout provides information regarding licensing requirements, creel and size limits, fish attractor permits, and fishing ethics. Daily fishing information, lake/tail water elevations, and generation schedule can be

obtained Monday – Friday from the Old Hickory Fishing Information Line at (615) 824-7766, or at the Old Hickory Lake website. Additional information concerning weekend water release schedules can be obtained by calling the TVA at 1-800-238-2264. The access code for Old Hickory is **38**.



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