

Canyon Ferry Working Group
Shoreline Management Plan for Canyon Ferry Reservoir
SS Cyril & Methodius Catholic Church
120 West Riggs St.
East Helena, Montana
October 18, 2005
6:30 pm to 8:00 pm

AGENDA

1. **Intro**
2. **Values of a Managed Shoreline**
3. **Background**
4. **Concerns**
 - Private
 - Reclamation
5. **Process**
 - Involvement
 - Product
 - Timeline

Values:

- Walk able
- Beaches
- Large surface area
- Camping areas
- Variety of activity
- Very accessible – casual use
- Beauty
- Developed & undeveloped Areas
- Clean
- Long season
- Wildlife & Fisheries habitat

What should "Plan" address and how?

- Guidelines
- Expectations
- Standards
- Defined process
- Flexible
- Easy to understand
- Specific but not bureaucratic

Priorities:

- Erosion control
- Access
 - o Docks
 - o Ramps
 - o Trails

Ideas for next time:

- Have these concepts organized & boiled down
- Need for mission statement

Issues & Concerns

- Erosion
 - o Consider soil types
 - o What are preferable treatments
- Insect infestation at high water
- Repair of old/existing facilities (boat house)
- Shoreline access (to & along)
- Docks
 - o Standards/Locations/Amount
 - o Walkways/Access/Stairs
 - o Maintenance responsibility
- Shallow water to some services
- Mooring buoys
- Establish relationship w/Reclamation
- Shoreline rehabilitation
- Vegetation standards
 - o Erosion control
 - o Specify species
- Abandoned property on beaches (Reclamation)
- Identify “unsafe” areas on lake
- Balance of uses – recognize value of all users
- Vehicles or equipment on beach
 - o Permits
 - o Need time limits
- What resources are available
 - o Expand management presence
 - o Prioritized/phased approach
- Lake level management in relation to shoreline
- Definition of other agency authorities/jurisdictions

Issues (cont)

- Intermediate products
 - o Approved list of plant species
 - o Dock decision
 - o Erosion control treatments

- Boat ramp issues
 - o Future plans
 - o Low water boat access

- Walk-in only access to day use/camping areas

- Trails along shoreline

- Weed control

- Water quality (Reclamation)

- Cabin-owner rights to lake front – dock location

- Natural vs. manipulated resources (Reclamation) – when to do what?

- Who do you call? What is the approval process?

- How do we resolve conflicts on shoreline management/maintenance?

- Grounds-keeping (Reclamation)
 - o Need to know expectations for appearance/maintenance/cleanup
 - o Debris left on beach
 - o Slash pile/burning

- Retaining walls
 - o Location
 - o Standards

- Break-waters (Reclamation)

- Who has primary responsibility for erosion control? Particularly on public land that does or will affect private land?