

Signs

Water safety signs, unlike billboards are located on Corps property. Your organization pays for the sign and erecting it.

All signs must meet the requirements of the Corps Sign Standards Manual (EP 3 10-1-6 a & b). At this time, water safety is addressed only through the use of regulatory signs (no swimming, etc.). There are no signs in the manual related to the promotion of water safety.

The interpretive section of the manual is a good place for information concerning how to interpret or promote water safety.

There are many ideas that you can use. For example, you may wish to locate an interpretive sign at a boat ramp and interpret the relationship between life jacket use and drowning rates. Or, a graphic interpretation of dam hydraulics touted as the “Drowning Machine” could make believers out of violators of restricted areas.

As long as your approach is within the guidelines of the Sign Standards Manual, the sky is the limit. For more information about signs contact your District Sign Program Manager.

See you at the signs and good luck.