



# RECREATION STRATEGIC PLAN AT A GLANCE

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The Recreation Strategic Plan provides long-term guidance for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Recreation Program.

## Scope of the USACE Recreation Program

The Corps Recreation Program is the nation's largest provider of water based recreation resources

- 4254 recreation areas at 422 Corps lakes/ivers in 43 states
- 370 million visits annually to recreation areas at Corps lakes/ivers
- 90% of Corps lakes/ivers with recreation areas are within 50 miles of a metropolitan area
- 60,813 volunteers worked 1.5 million hours providing service to the agency valued at over \$30 million

*FY09 statistical information*

## Overarching Strategy

To have a program that:

- Continues providing access to water resources and quality, safe outdoor recreation opportunities
- Safeguards the environment
- Is sustainable, adaptable to fiscal challenges and responsive to users' needs
- Is an integral part of agency policy and the multipurpose mission of projects

## Roles and Values



- Providing places for **people and water to meet**.
- Providing recreation opportunities that are **safe and accessible**.  
Educating the public on how to play in, on and around the water.
- **Protecting resources** for present and future generations to use and enjoy.
- Building **healthy communities** through engaging members of the community, military and general public to participate in healthy outdoor activities.

- Being an **attractive partner** that communities and stakeholders want to collaborate with in delivering quality services for the public.
- Continuing to maintain a **geographic distribution** of recreation opportunities throughout the country.



## Priorities for Change

### Internal Alignment

Align program with current fiscal realities through determining an appropriate regional mix of facilities and services, seeking additional operational efficiencies, improvement to data systems and increased emphasis on performance in budget decisions.

### Continued Access

Ensure access to water resources for present and future generations through new authorities and increased partnerships.

### Focused Communications

Educate and inform internal and external audiences about the recreation program of the Corps of Engineers, promote sustainable behavior, and expand opportunities to support the wellness and readiness of our military and their families.

## Goals



**Goal 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.



**Goal 2:** Secure new resources and identify authorities needed to sustain public access to water resources.



**Goal 3:** Utilize recreation resources to promote environmental sustainability.



**Goal 4:** Build and cultivate a competent, disciplined, and resilient team equipped to deliver high quality solutions.

## Objectives and On-going or Potential Actions

The plan contains a total of 21 objectives and over 80 on-going or proposed actions designed to achieve the above goals. These objectives and actions will be implemented at the national, MSC, district and project levels. Collectively, these objectives and actions provide a framework to guide field manager decisions and provide them with flexibility and options to make the changes necessary to implement sound fiscal operations, pursue new partnerships and leases, promote environmentally sustainable behaviors, and strengthen the workforce.