

# Appendix C – Planning Team Meeting Summary

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Throughout the General Management Plan planning process the Planning Team held a series of meetings which were critical to the development of the plan. These included both on site meetings and on-line/conference call meetings as outlined below:

- **Start-up Meeting, January 15, 2013** – the full planning team were given an introduction to the General Management Plan process. All items pertaining to the site were reviewed in detail. Melinda Eberbach presented an overview of the park facilities and management issues.
- **Team Meeting #2, March 20, 2013** – The planning team brainstormed to develop the Park Significance Statements. The team was then divided into two groups to draft management zones for the site. The two plans were reviewed and a consensus reached. Additionally, the participants began to brainstorm 10-year action goals for the park and reviewed the draft on-line survey.
- **Team Meeting #3, June 17, 2013** – This Go-To meeting reviewed the Purpose and Significance Statements, the draft Management Zone plan and the draft Action Goals. The preliminary results from the on-line survey were also reviewed. The stakeholder list was finalized and planning for the stakeholder meeting began.
- **Team Meeting #4, July 15, 2013** – At this meeting all of the material to be presented at the stakeholder meeting was reviewed and revised. Results of the online survey were discussed and the survey was closed.
- **Team Meeting #5, October 9, 2013** – The purpose of the meeting was to review the comments received at the Stakeholder Meeting held on September 16<sup>th</sup> and to make any revisions to the plan before public review.
- **Team Meeting #6, April 23, 2013** – At this meeting the planning team reviewed the comments received at the Public Input Open House and finalized the plan for approval.

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## START-UP MEETING Tuesday, January 15 2013 Tippy Dam Recreation Area

**Attendees:** See attached sheet

### **Review of Planning Process**

Debbie Jensen presented a power point that gave an overview of the General Management Plan process, including:

- Mission and priorities of the DNR and the PRD
- Purpose and Significance Statements for the park
- Management zones definitions which take into account resource condition, visitor experience and level of development
- Photographs of the key areas and activities at the site

### **Review of Land Issues**

#### Consumers Energy Lease Agreement

Brooke provided information on the lease agreement with Consumers.

- 15 year lease which expires in 2015.
- Under the lease agreement, all development proposals must be approved by Consumers.
- FERC license for Tippy Dam is up for renewal in 2034.
- Consumers Energy has a Land Management Plan for the Site and a Natural Resource Plan
- Overhead line owned by METC – clear zone for development
- Dam is an in/out system with fluctuations in water level between 1/10 and 2/10 of a foot.

#### Wetlands or other Designations

Lisa reported that there is an area of Scrub-shrub wetland along the riverbank in the northwest of the park.

Threatened and endangered species include the Indiana Bat and Red Hawk.

Approx. 20,000 bats are known to hibernate in the dam; the largest hibernaculum known in the Lower Peninsula. This is also the most northerly location known for the Indiana Bat. Restrictions due to the presence of the bat include limits on the cutting of trees. Consumers has an interpretive panel on the bats.

#### Stewardship Plan

Status not known – ask Ray Fahlsing.

#### Park Agreements and Use Permits

There are some agreements with commercial fishing guides.  
No agreements in place for commercial livery use.

## **Cultural Resources Review**

- Archeological sites are recorded on the property.
- More survey work is needed to locate the sites for protection.
- Other than in general terms, not good for interpretive opportunities.
- Development requiring earth movement needs to be reviewed to protect archeological resources.

## **Fishing**

- Manistee is the most heavily fished river in the State, mostly at Tippy Dam.
- Fishing includes: steelhead (spring and late fall), Chinook salmon (fall), trout (summer) with occasional walleye and small-mouth bass.
- Dam pond also offers good fishing and is largely undeveloped. Species include walleye (stocked) northern pike, black crappie and rainbow trout.
- Fishing surveys are available from 2003 and 2011
- Split-rail fence and walkways direct pedestrian traffic. More infra-structure improvements and maintenance is needed for the angler path downstream.
- Anglers come from all over the USA and other countries
- Problems revolve around snagging of salmon in the fall.

## **Law Enforcement**

- Public safety is a concern due to the remote nature of the site and lack of officers, especially after midnight (only 1 County officer on duty, no State)
- Fights, anti-social behavior, alcohol use and litter are issues, especially in Sept./Oct. Not a family friendly environment during this time.
- Increased lighting is desired along riverfront for safety.
- Alcohol restrictions were discussed by the Park Management team

## **Forest Resources**

- Oak is the dominant species (red, black and some pin oak). High recreational use can result in Oak Wilt.
- Emerald Ash Borer is also an issue
- Fire Plan – park is within the USFS Protection Area
- Any forest management on the site has to be approved by Consumers

## **Education and Outreach**

Ed Shaw runs several program and outreach opportunities at the park including:

- Spring steelhead clinics
- Salmon fishing clinics
- Geocaching

Potential for snow shoeing and cross-country skiing and also canoe/kayaking (issue with use of federal launch downstream)

Primary focus is to get people involved in hunting, fishing and the outdoors and to boost passport sales

- Consider opportunities for selling fishing licenses at the park.
- Look for additional interpretive and education opportunities.

## **Wildlife (Steve Griffiths)**

- bear population is growing in the area
- Some deer hunting occurs on the north side of River Road
- Limited duck hunting on the pond.

## **Overview of Park Facilities (Melinda)**

### Camping and Day-use

- 3-4 weeks in the spring and fall with very heavy day-use
- Summer use increasing with popularity of canoeing/kayaking and the cabin
- Facilities at campground include 2 pit toilets, hand pump water, no electric
- Cabin is rustic with solar power but no cooking in the cabin
- Open year round – unique
- Site used for mushrooming and camping for snowmobile use
- Hunting opportunities in National Forest

### Primary Needs/Management Issues

- Staffed year round. Ploughed for access to the river.
- High demands on staff during busy periods

### Other Opportunities

- Steve suggested a footbridge to link the north and south sides of the river
- Improvements within the last five years include new office/storage building, improvements to stairs at riverfront, launch ramp improvements, cabin.
- USFS looking at possibility of funding a boat wash on the site
- More cabins
- Trail expansion
- Long distance trails in the vicinity include the Big M mountain bike trail and the North Country Trail

## **Stakeholder List**

Manistee County  
Explore the Shores - Laura  
Wellson Tourist Association  
Manistee Chamber of Commerce  
Village of Brethren  
Dickson Township  
Little River Band  
Manistee County Sport Fishing  
Pine River Audubon  
Conservation Resource Alliance  
USFS – Bob Stuber, Manistee  
North Country Trail Association – Todd Neiss, Spirit of the Woods Chapter  
Manistee/Benzie snowmobile group?  
Big Bear Sportsmans Club – Dave Samsal

## **Next Meeting**

Wednesday February 20<sup>th</sup> at Carl T. Johnson Center, Cadillac

## **Action Items**

- Melinda to follow up on development of official park map (from last meeting)
- Consumers Energy to provide relevant information from the Land Management Plan and Natural Resources Plan for reference
- Debbie to provide preliminary stakeholder list for review
- Review status of Stewardship Plan

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## TEAM MEETING #2 Wednesday, March 20, 2013 Carl T. Johnson Center

**Attendees:** See attached

### Minutes from last meeting

- Stewardship Plan – Nothing to date, but could be done in conjunction with this plan.
- Park Map – Site brochure/map has been produced by Outreach (Curtis/Jolene Priest) and was circulated.
- Consumers Energy additional information
  - o Transmission line: METC owns the line, Consumers owns land, 72 feet wide easement. Any improvement in this area needs METC approval.
  - o Lease: 15 yr. lease expiring in 2015, with a year to year extension. Can be cancelled in writing by either party with 12 months' notice. After 2034 new FERC license needed in order to extend lease.
    - Dan felt the DNR would want more than a year to year agreement and this should be addressed with Paul Y.
  - o Indiana Bat Plan specifies no tree cutting between May 1<sup>st</sup> and October 1<sup>st</sup>. If we do cut, maintain 5% forested land as deciduous and recommended density of 0.4 acres of dead or dying trees. Tippy Dam is the only dam in Consumers ownership that has Indiana Bat habitat due to its design.
  - o Bald Eagles – no known nests in the immediate area, but the area is close to potential habitat. Consumers needs to review any recreation expansions to make sure bald eagles are not impacted.
  - o Last timber cut was in 1953 and one in 1960. Nothing recorded after that.
  - o Buffer zone of 100 feet around reservoir to protect from development. Any future improvement or development would need approval from Consumers and FERC. It was noted that there are existing stairs off of site 37 in the campground, along with a small dock used by campers.
  - o Cultural resource review is required for any improvements that involve excavation in the park.
- Below the lower boat ramp, the river is designated as a Wild and Scenic River through the National Forest Service. Guidelines can only be enforced on US land, but should be considered.
  - o No camping within 200 feet of river
  - o Vegetation intact to prevent erosion.
  - o Manistee River is NOT designated a Natural River under the State program in the Tippy Dam area.

### Supporting Analysis

- Glen to verify wildlife list in supporting analysis. No bald eagles onsite, but they are in the area

### **Management Planning Process**

- Consolidated from 2 phase to 1 called the “General Management Plan”
- Only 1 stakeholder meeting and 1 public input meeting instead of 2
- Debbie presented a PowerPoint reviewing the Management Planning Process.
- All current DNR plans and goals should be considered:
  - o DNR mission statement
  - o Blue Ribbon Panel recommendations
  - o SCORP
  - o Scorecard Performance Goals
  - o DNR Priorities

### **Purpose Statement Consensus**

- Reasons why the park was identified as part of the State Park system
  - o Why did we start management of it in 1971?
    - Salmon runs happening, Fish and Wildlife service eliminating sea lamprey allowed them to plant salmon and steelhead in the river which created a huge fishing swell.
    - Activities that were occurring were typical of a recreation area. (fishing, camping, boating access)
    - Dan to look into records to see what lead to the DNR taking over management in 1971.

### **Significance Statement**

- Captures the essence of the park’s importance to help establish an identity for the park.
  - o World Class River Fishing and pond fishing (world record for walleye) - largest salmon and steelhead runs in the Midwest (Mark)
    - Intensity of use and visitation for the park – seasonal intensity
    - Over 50,000 day use visitors per year on an 80 acre site
    - First steelhead and salmon clinics offered by DNR
    - Accessible fishing pier
  - o Dam history, one of the oldest dams in the state - 1918 (Richard)
    - Location – river/pond
  - o Cooperation between Consumers and DNR (Troy)
    - DNR manages land owned by Consumer’s energy since 1971
    - Operations and maintenance funding from Consumers?
  - o River – National Wild and Scenic River (Debbie)
    - Definition (recreation river, lack of development to the mouth)
    - 2 Boating Access Sites, pond and river
    - Canoes, kayaks, fishing boats
  - o Proximity to Huron Manistee National Forest (Debbie)
    - Good stopping point for North Country Trail users (camping)
    - Hunting opportunities in the National Forest
  - o Year round camping (Melinda/Bryan)
    - 38 rustic sites, 1 cabin solar powered
    - Provides camping for kayakers, canoers and fishermen.
  - o Wildlife habitat (Glen)
    - Indiana Bat – unique design of the dam, northernmost point.
    - Largest hibernacula for bat habitat in lower peninsula
    - Birding (tied to kayaking and canoeing)
    - Wood turtle?

## **Management Zones**

Team was divided into 2 groups to determine management zones.

Zones considered included:

Visitor Services

Developed Recreation

Natural Resource Recreation

Scenic Overlay (river bluff, 100' buffer around pond)

Backcountry

The two plans were reviewed and a consensus reached.

## **Review of Public Input Survey**

- The draft survey was reviewed and minor changes were made.

## **Possible Site Improvement actions discussed:**

- Cabins on river bluff (modern?)
- Scenic overlooks on pond/river
- Separation of campground road and county road
- Relocation of contact station
- Campground expansion
- Footbridge over river

## **Action Items**

- Melinda to send Debbie a PDF file of the map
- Paul Yauk to review lease agreement and advise on the need for an amendment
- Dan to look into records to see what lead to DNR taking over management in 1971
- Identified responsible person to provide Significance Statement(s) to Debbie for their area of expertise
- Potential action items will be solicited from the team prior to the next meeting
- Debbie to schedule next meeting and Stakeholder input meeting

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## PLANNING TEAM MEETING #2

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## **TEAM MEETING #3 Monday, June 17, 2013 Go-To Meeting**

**Attendees:** Debbie Jensen, Melinda Eberbach, Bryan Miller, Dan Mullen, Troy Rife, Glen Palmgren, Mark Tonello, Ed Shaw, Brooke McTaggart

### **Minutes from last meeting**

- Minutes from the last meeting were reviewed. No comments were made.

### **Review of Purpose and Significance Statements**

- No changes were made to the Park Purpose
- Some minor revisions and corrections were made to the Significance Statements

### **Review of Draft Management Zones**

- The draft management zone plan was reviewed and discussed.
- Debbie suggested that the backcountry zone maybe too restrictive and is not necessary based on the natural resources (north of River Road). Dan felt that the zoning in this area was appropriate.
- Zoning under the scenic overlay along the river bank is Natural Resource Recreation to reflect the higher level of use.
- No changes were made to the zoning map. It was agreed that this could be posted on the website if sufficient zone descriptions were included.

### **Review of Public Input Survey Responses**

- The preliminary survey results were reviewed.
- Debbie noted that she had received several calls as a result of the cards that are being handed out on site.
- The survey will remain open until at least July 14<sup>th</sup> – at this time is will be reviewed to see if additional time would be beneficial.
- One of the common themes was illegal fishing/law enforcement. Melinda noted that there will be 2 COs working 2 shifts on Friday and Saturday this fall.

### **Review of Draft Action Goals:**

- The lease from Consumers Energy was discussed. It has been revised to reflect the correct acreage. Brooke was not aware of any problems relating to renewing the lease. The Action Item to extend the lease will remain.
- Troy requested that the numbers be removed.
- Only the Action Goals were considered at this time, not the target date of program input/responsible position columns.
- Some goals were deleted/edited

- It was noted that there is an informal walk to suicide bend from the park but no direct connection to the North Country Trail
- Additional goals were added, primarily related to park development.
- Additional program/event opportunities were discussed, including a mobile tack shack and rod-building class.

**Finalize Stakeholder List:**

- The stakeholder list was reviewed and some changes made.
- It was suggested that the USFS Crittenden Room in Wellston maybe a good location for the stakeholder meeting.

**Action Items**

- Debbie to forward information regarding lease renewal issues to Brooke.
- Debbie to forward all of the survey comments to the team
- Issue Doodle Poll to team for suitable dates for the Stakeholder meeting.

***The next meeting was scheduled on Monday July 15<sup>th</sup> from 2-4pm.***



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### **GO-TO MEETING MINUTES Monday July 15, 2013, 2-4pm**

**Attendees:** Debbie Jensen, Bryan Miller, Tim Schreiner, Glenn Palmgren, Mark Tonello, Matt Lincoln

#### **Minutes from last meeting**

- Minutes from the last meeting were reviewed. One minor correction was made.

#### **Purpose and Significance Statements**

- The statements were reviewed and no changes made.

#### **Draft Management Zones**

- The draft management zone plan was reviewed and no changes were made
- Management zone descriptions were circulated prior to the meeting. Glenn made some suggested minor revisions via Email which will be incorporated.

#### **On-line public survey summary**

- An updated summary of the public survey was presented
- The survey will be closed out

#### **Review of Draft Action Items**

- The following revisions were made:
  - Natural Resources
    - Follow lease restrictions regarding tree removal
  - Recreation Opportunities
    - Change canoe/kayak to "Floating"
    - New Goal: Balance users to accommodate for the best uses
  - Management Focus
    - Change target date for new lease agreement to 2 years
  - Development
    - Two goals for identifying and implementing alternative overnight accommodation were combined
    - Scenic overlooks contingent upon Consumer's Energy review. (It was noted that there is an overlook at Suicide Bend)
    - Improve and expand fish cleaning station
    - Delete modern restrooms in day-use area (issues with high water table and location at the bottom of a hill)
    - New Goal: Improve and expand fish cleaning station
    - Modern restrooms in campground was discussed – modest building in line with user numbers, possibly combined with new contact station (look at Houghton Lake rustic campground). It was felt this would expand the appeal of the campground and fill a gap in the regional camping opportunities (semi-modern)



### **Stakeholder meeting format discussion**

- It was determined that an afternoon meeting would be appropriate
- Date to be confirmed when all have completed the Doodle poll

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**TEAM MEETING #5  
Wednesday, October 9th, 2013  
Go-To Meeting**

**Attendees:** Debbie Jensen, Tim Schreiner, Glen Palmgren, Matt Lincoln, Lisa Gamero, Mark Tonello, Brooke McTaggart

The purpose of the meeting was to review the comments received at the Stakeholder Meeting held on Monday, September 16<sup>th</sup>, 2013.

1. **Park Significance statements.** No comments were received: the statements will remain unchanged.
  
2. **Draft Management zones.** A discussion was held regarding the extension of the scenic overlay along the remainder of the river's edge. The consensus was that, despite heavier development, the views of the river and the dam would be taken into consideration in any future activity so the extension of the zone was appropriate.
  
3. **Additional action items**
  - *Allow a walkway across the dam (2 comments).* Brooke responded that due to Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) Dam Safety requirements and security concerns, a pedestrian walkway across Tippy dam is not a feasible option.
  - *Bat area further developed for education and tours.* Tim suggested that additional Rec 101 programming and events could be considered. Interpretation is provided on site by Consumers and several action goals address additional interpretation and programming opportunities.
  - *Connect park to North Country Trail via existing pathways to Sawdust Hole on USFS land.* Debbie will check with Bryan following his discussions with the USFS. If this is feasible, the Action Goal "Identify opportunities to improve connectivity beyond the park boundaries" will be strengthened to specifically include this.
  - *More cabins and restrooms in cabins.* Tim felt that the Goal to "Identify, evaluate and implement opportunities for alternative overnight accommodation" was appropriate at this time.
  - *Accessible overlooks.* The goal to "Identify suitable locations for development of scenic overlooks" covers this suggestion. Tim felt that adding the term "accessible" would be redundant since all new development will be accessible if at all possible.

**4. Are there any proposed actions you don't think should be included? If so, please explain.**

- *No Boat wash. Not the place for it given the limited no. of boats. It was noted that the effectiveness of a boat wash in reducing invasive species is limited and staffing is needed to encourage use. If an offer to install and manage a boat wash were received the DNR would consider it but since it is not a DNR priority at this time the action item was removed.*

**5. Other Comments:**

- *Need more waste cans*
- *Add 2 boardwalks and repair walkways along river bank*
- *Repair steps going down to the river (2 locations)*
- *Add used fishing line receptacles (plastic pipe like in Florida State Parks)*
- *Add more regulation signage between the lower boat launch and the dam spillway and at the north end of the property on the riverbank*

*These comments will be taken into consideration by park management but do not warrant new Action Items*

**6. Action Goal Priorities:**

The priorities were reviewed. Given the limited number of participants, and the fact that many of the Goals identified as priorities were "on-going", no changes were deemed necessary.

Planning will proceed for the Public Input Meeting, which will likely be held in January.

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## TEAM MEETING #6 Wednesday, April 23, 2014 Go-To Meeting

**Attendees:** Debbie Jensen, Melinda Eberbach, Bryan Miller, Mark Tonello, Ed Shaw, Kevin Perry, Brooke McTaggart

The purpose of the meeting was to review the comments received at the Public Meeting held on Monday, February 10<sup>th</sup>, 2014 and other comments received during the review period.

### 1. General Discussion

Some corrections were made and additional information provided to the general discussion items in the public meeting summary.

Mark noted that there are also good biological reasons for not lowering the river levels (in addition to regulatory restrictions).

Ed commented that programs at the dam currently focus on fishing education. Melinda suggested additional outreach to the schools in the area to make sure students/parents are aware of the programs offered. Ed added that he would like to offer a wider range of interpretive programs if funding allowed.

Mark provided additional information on the bubbler system and the meeting notes were corrected. An aerator is installed in the deep, cool water above the dam which cools the water downstream of the dam in the summer.

### 2. Park Significance statements

- *Manistee River has a remnant stock of Lake Sturgeon, which is significant to the area. It was determined that this did not need to be added to the Significance Statements (numbers are currently low) but should be discussed in the Supporting Analysis.*

### 3. Draft Management zones

- *Consider expanding the Developed Recreation Zone east and south to the boundary of the Federal land to allow for campground expansion and trail linkage. After discussion it was determined that no change to the zoning was necessary.*

### 4. Additional action items

- *Control poison ivy on rocks beside river (and at Sawdust Hole). Control beyond the high use areas (such as on campsites) is not practical. Additional education will be pursued.*
- *Make local referrals when campsite is full. This is currently done, although it must be fair and inclusive of all local offerings.*

- *Native species work. Invasive species removal (garlic mustard) is currently undertaken with the help of volunteers.*
- *Would like to see handicap parking at boat ramp above the dam. This is already provided, signed and enforced.*
- *Relocate River Road along northern boundary. This was interpreted to mean along the boundary of the developed recreation zone and there is already an action item to cover this. Melinda agreed to contact the County to discuss this possibility.*

## 5. Action Goal Priorities

The priorities were reviewed. The most popular Action Item is the development of modern restrooms in the campground. As this is a costly item, the timeframe of 5-10 years was felt to be realistic. No changes were made.

## 6. Phone Comments

Additional comments were received from members of the public who had reviewed the plan online but were unable to attend the public meeting

- *The swap meet is well attended – needs to be better publicized. Melinda responded that these events are popular and will continue in the future as staffing allows.*
- *Guests to the area want to be able to drive into the site to look at the dam: they should not have to pay for entry. This is a DNR policy not unique to Tippy Dam, as was explained to the caller.*
- *Metal stairs to river from lower parking area are a good improvement. Would like to see the same for the upper level stairs, which are wood and get very slippery. Melinda responded that this is a necessary capital improvement project.*

Debbie will compile the final report for the planning team to review and proceed with the DNR approval process.