

MANAGEMENT PLANNING FOR TIPPY DAM RECREATION AREA

Stakeholder Input Open House



USFS Conifers Room, Wellston
Monday, September 16th, 2013
2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.





THANK YOU!

**Thank you for your commitment to Tippy Dam
Recreation Area and for coming to the open house.
Your input is a critical component of the General
Management Planning Process for Tippy Dam!**

**And a special thank you to today's host
US Forest Service**





WHAT IS PARK MANAGEMENT PLANNING?

- Long-range planning methodology modeled after the National Park Service planning process.
- It identifies the **Core Values** and **Guiding Principals**.
- It defines a **Purpose** and **Significance** of the park that establishes the park's **Identity**.
- It establishes **Management Zones** that provide specific guidance for development, stewardship, public use, education & interpretation and park operations & management.
- It outlines 10-Year **Action Goals** to be accomplished.



HOW DO WE IMPLEMENT THE PROCESS?

- Develop **Supporting Analysis**
- Conduct **Internal Planning Team** meetings to gain input from a range of expertise
- Provide opportunity for **public comment** via website and survey
- Develop **Management Zone Plan** (20-year)
- Develop **10-Year Action Goals**
- Incorporate **Stakeholders** into an expanded Planning Team to gain input/understanding and resolve any issues
- Conduct **Public Input Workshop**
- Write draft of final plan, and initiate approval process.

PLANNING PROCESS



We are Here



MISSION STATEMENTS

DNR Mission Statement

The Michigan Department of Natural Resources is committed to the conservation, protection, management, use and enjoyment of the state's natural and cultural resources for current and future generations.

PRD Mission Statement

The Parks & Recreation Division's Mission is to acquire, protect, and preserve the natural and cultural features of Michigan's unique resources, and to provide access to land and water based public recreation and educational opportunities

TIPPY DAM RECREATION AREA

- 50,000 + visitors per year
- 117 acres on the Manistee River
- Excellent Fishing
- 38 rustic campsites
- 1 mini-cabin with solar-power
- Two boat launches, one on the pond, and one in the river
- 2.13 mile looped trail





PURPOSE STATEMENTS

- The park is leased from Consumers Energy and managed by PRD **to provide for public access and recreational use** pursuant to the PRD's mission and Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) requirements.
- **To provide public fishing and boating access** on both the Manistee River (with its world-class salmon and steelhead fishing opportunities) and the Tippy Dam pond.
- **To provide diverse, year-round recreational opportunities** consistent with the unique location of the park, including camping, hiking, cross-country skiing, wildlife watching and scenic views.



SIGNIFICANCE STATEMENTS

- The most **popular fishing access** site in Michigan hosting world-class salmon, steelhead, and brown trout fishing.
- Over **50,000 visitors per year** concentrated in the spring and fall in response to excellent fishing opportunities.
- The Junction Dam, renamed **Tippy Dam** in 1934, was Consumer's largest dam when it began operating in 1918. The dam has an overall capacity of 20,100 kilowatts and is now considered Consumers Energy's second largest dam.
- **Partnership** between Consumer's Energy and the DNR.
- **Manistee River** is a nationally designated wild and scenic river popular for canoeing and kayaking.



SIGNIFICANCE STATEMENTS

- Located within the **Manistee National Forest** including over a half million acres of public land for recreation.
- Located 1.5 miles from the **North Country Trail**, a 4,600 mile trail stretching across seven states.
- Offers **year-round recreation opportunities**.
- Dam spillways is the largest known **hibernaculum** in the Lower Peninsula hosing approximately 24,000 bats. This is also the northern most occurrence of the endangered Indiana bat.
- The Manistee Valley provides excellent **wildlife viewing** opportunities, including bald eagles and the red-shouldered Hawk.



MANAGEMENT ZONES

Management Zone	Resource Condition	Visitor Experience	Development
(1) Ecologically Sensitive	Pristine	Restricted	None
(2) Primitive			
(3) Backcountry			
(4) Cultural Landscape			
(5) Education			
(6) Scenic			
(7) Natural Resource Recreation			
(8) Developed Recreation			
(9) Visitor Services	Highly Modified	High Use	Highly Developed

MANAGEMENT ZONING MAP



TIPPY DAM RECREATION AREA MANAGEMENT ZONES

Recreation Area Boundary

Paved Road

Gravel Road

Powerline

Management Zones (base)

Visitor Services

Developed Recreation

Natural Resource Recreation

Backcountry

Primitive

Management Zones (overlay)

Scenic



0 250 500 1,000 Feet



DEVELOPED RECREATION ZONE

- 50% of the total acreage (51 acres)
- Allows active recreation with high density of use in areas not designated for natural resource significance
- Day-use area
- Campground
- Parking Areas
- Access Road
- Boat Launches



NATURAL RESOURCES RECREATION ZONE

- 10.8% of the total acreage (11 acres)
- Allows active recreation with medium to high density of use conducted in natural areas.
- Emphasis on resource quality over recreation
- Located along the Manistee River corridor, north of the fishing deck and extending to the top of the bank
- This area experiences heavy use by fishermen but the natural resources along the river corridor must continue to be protected.



BACKCOUNTRY ZONE

- 35% of the total acreage (36 acres)
- Emphasizes resource quality over recreation, but allows for modification to accommodate a **moderate** level of use
- Undeveloped area north of River road
- Peninsula on the east end of the property



SCENIC OVERLAY ZONE

- 23% of the total acreage (24 acres)
- Reflects the desire to maintain scenic views and natural beauty
- 100 foot wide buffer along the banks of Tippy Dam pond Requirement by Consumer's Energy and FERC to limit development in this area.
- Manistee River corridor.
- Federally designated National Recreational River.



VISITOR SERVICES ZONE

- 2.4% of the total acreage (2.7 acres)
- Developed areas required for program administration and operations.
- Required to conduct the business of running the park
- Park office and maintenance facilities



PRIMITIVE ZONE

- 0.6% of total acreage (0.6 acres)
- Emphasis on natural resource protection over recreation use
- Island located within Tippy Dam Pond
- Reflects the desire to keep the island in its natural state with no recreational development.





10-YEAR ACTION GOALS PLAN

- Addresses the desired future condition within each Management Zone.
- The Action Goals are implementation items for DNR Staff
- Identifies a target completion date; lead staff, partners, and responsible position



10-YEAR ACTION GOALS PLAN

Action goals recommended address the following categories for the park.

- Natural Resources
- Historic/Cultural Resources
- Recreation Opportunities
- Education/Interpretation Opportunities
- Management Focus
- Visitor Experience
- Development



PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

- ✓ On-Line Survey
- ✓ Stakeholder Meeting
- Public Input Meeting
- Draft plan available for review and comment on DNR website

YOUR TURN TO PARTICIPATE

Statements of Significance

- Use sticky notes to provide comments

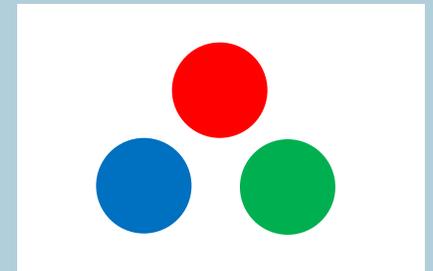


Management Zone Map

- Use sticky notes to provide comments on the map

Action Goals

- Use the green dots to share your top 10 priority action goals
- Use red dots for those items you do **not** agree with



FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

The screenshot shows the Michigan Department of Natural Resources website. At the top, there is a navigation bar with links for Michigan.gov Home, DNR Home, Key Topics, Contact DNR, DNR Mobile Apps, and Site Map. A search bar is on the right. Below the navigation bar, there are social media links for Like and Tweet. The main content area is titled "Tippy Dam Recreation Area" and includes a description of the planning process, a list of links for Draft Plan, Presentations, Public Input, Meeting Notes, and Planning Team, and a flowchart of the planning process.

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Tippy Dam Recreation Area

The Department of Natural Resources (DNR) Parks & Recreation Division (PRD) is in the process of developing a General Management Plan for [Tippy Dam Recreation Area](#). The DNR uses General Management Plans to define a long-range planning and management strategy that protects the resources of the site while addressing recreation needs and opportunities. A key aspect of the planning process is the development of a Management Zone Plan, which reflects the resource protection goals and recreation development opportunities for different areas within each park. [Management Zones](#) are developed based upon input from DNR staff representing a wide range of expertise.



The development of General Management Plans begins with the assembly of a Planning Team representing various specialties within the DNR. Once the Planning Team has studied the park, stakeholders and the public will be invited to meetings to learn more about the process, understand the findings of the team, and to provide input. Check the public input tab below to learn more about the opportunities for public comment.

Draft Plan | Presentations | Public Input | Meeting Notes | Planning Team

- [Management Zone Map](#)
- [Management Zone Map \(Aerial\)](#)
- [Description of Management Zones at Tippy Dam](#)
- [Description of All Management Zones](#)

Supporting Analysis → **Internal Planning Meetings** → **Stakeholder Meeting** → **Draft Plan** → **Public Meeting** → **Final Plan** → **Plan Approval**

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