

Hello BCLP friends,

You may have heard about the upcoming Bear Creek Lake Park Master Plan process. This is different from the Army Corps of Engineers' Feasibility Study regarding the potential expansion of the reservoir, but I encourage you to participate.

I will be serving on the Advisory Committee for the master planning process. Other stakeholders invited to participate in the advisory process include Jefferson County Open Space, Denver Audubon, Colorado Parks and Wildlife, the Army Corps of Engineers and others. Representatives from a variety of user groups including runners, cyclists/mountain bikers, hikers, equestrians and paddle boarders will also serve on the committee.

More information about the BCLP Master Plan and how you can participate is here: <https://www.lakewoodtogether.org/bearcreekplan>. I strongly encourage you to complete the survey which is available through the above link. The 18 month process will include an assessment of park visitor needs, evaluation of park infrastructure and design work for future park improvements. An Open House will be held at 5:30 on September 27 at the BCLP Visitors Center.

As you know, Save Bear Creek Lake Park was founded in an effort to avert a major expansion of the Bear Creek Reservoir and preserve the riparian corridors of Bear and Turkey Creek. These regions of the Park provide environmental benefits, ecosystem services, wildlife habitat and recreational opportunities. The expansion proposal also raises significant concerns regarding flood control. While the master planning process is separate from the reservoir expansion study, the two will be occurring in parallel.

Best regards,

Katie Gill
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