

Hello patient Save BCLP friends,

If you're a bird, a carnivorous one, it's all about patience. A Great Blue Heron can stand on creek's edge for hours, motionless, waiting for a fish or a frog to swim within striking distance.

An owl will spend half the night hoo-hooing, knowing that sooner or later that mouse will get scared and make a run for it. Vultures enjoy the entire day riding thermals, expecting that some sight or smell from hundreds of feet below will ring the dinner bell.

We're still in patient-bird-mode here at Save Bear Creek Lake Park. The Army Corps of Engineers is three years past the anticipated timeline for a public update on their feasibility study to determine if additional water could be stored in Bear Creek Lake.

Public silence from any large organization, including the federal government, does not signify inactivity or that a situation is resolved. As they finalize site hydrology and storage yield analysis, we wait. One day, next week or next year, the Corps will be ready to share something with the public and we must be prepared.

Birds also have to be ready to act immediately when that opportunity finally arises. Sooner or later a fish swims by, a mouse moves or a carcass smells. Herons, owls and vultures go hungry if they lose focus.

The board of SBCLP will continue to inquire and watch for signs of activity. And, we're ready to get the word out to all of you as soon as we hear something.

In the meantime, here's what you can do:

1. Send comments to the Corps. If you've commented before and have something to add, send another one. Encourage others to send in their comments. Details on how to do this can be found here: <https://savebearcreeklakepark.org/take-action/>. From that page you can also see the 97 (!) pages of comments that have already been submitted. Don't let those other comments speak for you. Numbers matter. Help us get to 100 or even 200 pages.
2. Forward this email your friends and family and tell them to request to be added to this email list. All they need to do is send an email to katie@savebearcreeklakepark.org and request to be added.
3. Go outside, especially to BCLP. It's beautiful in winter. Buying an annual pass is a great way to support the park.

Let us know if you have questions or comments. Stay tuned for news on the study. We'll have another public gathering this spring.

We're still here, doing everything we can to Save It!

All the best,

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