

LAND STEWARDSHIP PROGRAM

O'SHAUGHNESSY, HOOVER, AND GRIGGS RESERVOIRS BY THE NUMBERS

DRINKING
WATER FOR
1.2
MILLION
PEOPLE

27
BILLION
GALLONS
OF WATER

RECREATIONAL
ACCESS FOR
2.1
MILLION
PEOPLE

OVER
88
MILES OF
RESERVOIR
SHORELINE

PROGRAM AT A GLANCE



RESERVOIRS USED
FOR **DRINKING**
& WATER SUPPLY
& RECREATION



900 HOMEOWNERS
ADJACENT TO CITY-OWNED
RESERVOIR PROPERTY

THE GOAL IS TO PROTECT WATER QUALITY



LAND STEWARDSHIP
PROGRAM PROVIDES LIMITED
ACCESS TO ADJACENT
PROPERTY OWNERS



ONE OF THE MOST
ENVIRONMENTALLY IMPORTANT
AREAS OF THE RESERVOIR IS THE LAND
DIRECTLY ADJACENT TO THE SHORELINE

WHAT HAPPENS NEXT?

THE CITY OF COLUMBUS WILL BE REVIEWING
AND UPDATING THE STANDARDS AS
TO WHAT WILL BE PERMITTED ON CITY
PROPERTY ADJACENT TO THE RESERVOIR

THIS WILL RESULT IN AN UPDATE TO THE
EXISTING LAND STEWARDSHIP PROGRAM

PROJECT OUTCOMES

INCLUSIVE
TRANSPARENT
SUSTAINABLE



BALANCED
STREAMLINED
CONSISTENT

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

What is the Land Stewardship Program?

Hoover, O'Shaughnessy, and Griggs Reservoirs are owned and operated by the City of Columbus to provide drinking water to 1.2 million people and recreational opportunities for residents and visitors throughout central Ohio. The Land Stewardship Program permits contiguous landowners to legally access the City's reservoir property for the purposes of maintaining a path, establishing a view corridor, removal of invasive species, or installation of a boat dock/stake.

What is a land stewardship agreement?

The land stewardship agreement is an arrangement involving the City and the contiguous landowner that allows certain privileges, and may include the establishment of paths, view corridors, or installation of a boat dock/stake. The land stewardship agreement will include a pre-developed land stewardship design plan that is site specific and details the extent and location of the authorized access to the reservoir.

Are property owners required to participate in the program?

No. Adjacent property owners are not required to participate, but there are benefits to entering into a land stewardship agreement. Only landowners with a land stewardship agreement will be considered for modifications to City property, such as trimming vegetation or establishing a path. A land stewardship agreement is also a prerequisite for a private boat dock/stake.

Why is the City updating the program?

By updating the Land Stewardship Program, the City of Columbus is attempting to achieve a balance between the responsibility to protect a large portion of the region's drinking water supply while providing landowners adjacent to the reservoirs additional amenities, such as sight lanes and recreational opportunities, without negatively impacting water quality. Beginning in the fall of 2018, project representatives will evaluate areas of City property with geological and ecological conditions which influence the siting of access paths, views, and boat docks. This process will help to refine and finalize the updated program, including elements such as revised standards.

Updates to the Land Stewardship Program will be designed to achieve the following objectives:

- Balanced approach to meet water quality needs, maintain public access, and authorize stewardship activities.
- Access and design standards to protect water quality and shoreline health.
- Consistent and clear guidelines that are applied throughout the reservoirs.
- Inclusive criteria to reflect the diversity of geological and ecological characteristics.
- Transparent and streamlined program.

Will there be changes made to my existing agreement?

Every reservoir property will be evaluated using the updated standards. Based on this evaluation, some changes to your current agreement may be necessary to achieve compliance. Once the updated standards are completed, additional communication to property owners with existing agreements will be provided. Land stewardship design plans will be developed for each reservoir property starting in summer 2019.

