

CLEAR

Cheat Lake Environment And Recreation Alliance

The Cheat Lake Environment And Recreation (CLEAR) Alliance works as a liaison between private enterprise, government entities, and community members who share concerns about the future of Cheat Lake. We are working toward the formation of a long term development and management plan which best meets the needs of the community.

Project History

- West Penn Power (WPP) must renew their license to operate the hydroelectric facility at Cheat Lake through the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC).
- To be relicensed WPP must show that the lake meets the recreational needs of the community.
- CLEAR Alliance advocates the development of a comprehensive plan to address community needs.
- CLEAR Alliance receives funding from Governor Gaston Caperton and West Virginia University through President Neil Buckew's office to conduct a community needs assessment survey.
- CLEAR Alliance mails the survey results plus a video of interviews with community leaders about the project to WPP and FERC.
- WPP proposes a facilities plan.
- Tonight CLEAR Alliance is sponsoring a public meeting.

CLEAR Alliance Welcomes You, and Your Participation.

Summary of Survey Results

The Morgantown Community Supports:

1. The development of a plan to provide many types of recreation on the lake. Activities that rank highly include family park/picnic areas, freshwater swimming, hiking/biking, and camping.
2. The preservation of natural areas such as wildlife refuges and nature reserves to protect the natural beauty of Cheat Lake.
3. Maintenance, safety, and security provisions to ensure a high quality recreational facility in the future.
4. Public participation in the development of revenues for the development of the project.