Tappan Corridor Planning

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One of three public visioning work sessions held with interested stakeholders at the Tappan Lake Volunteer Fire Department in June 2015
Tappan Corridor

The Tappan corridor is the 7 mile stretch of US 250 running along Tappan Lake in Harrison County and is the only major route in the Muskingum Watershed Conservancy District (MWCD) system that presents an uninterrupted major view of any of the ten MWCD lakes. The Tappan corridor presents opportunities to augment and promote the mission of MWCD, that being:

“Responsible stewards dedicated to providing the benefits of Flood Reduction, Conservation and Recreation in the Muskingum River Watershed”.

Figure 1: The high visibility of Tappan Lake is a living billboard along Route 250 and presents great opportunities to enhance and promote the MWCD facilities and public benefits.

Background and Purpose

In 2011 the MWCD found itself with significant financial resources due to opportunities realized from leasing offered through the Utica Shale play. The cash balance position of the organization along with projected future revenues were at historic highs. In response to being responsible stewards the District created a 2012 Strategic Plan that charted out high priority initiatives which gives guidance in Capital Investment and Financial Balance.

From these high priority initiatives evolved a master plan for major capital improvements at the MWCD Parks. The initial park and recreation capital improvements were projected at $161 million and planned to be completed over the course of 5-7 years. Looking beyond the park and recreation capital improvements are other lower priority issues that the District assumed had the immediate ability to address due to the influx of new found revenue through the Utica Shale oil and gas leasing and royalties.
Therefore in 2015 a goal was set to develop a master plan to chart the course for major improvements along the Tappan Corridor.

**Process**

The Tappan Corridor planning process was initiated and conducted by MWCD staff and included the following:

1. Identify existing attributes along the corridor (Attachment A)
2. Identify partners and stakeholders interested in the corridor (Attachment B)
3. Invite stakeholders to participate in public visioning and work sessions (Attachment C)
4. Collect and organize comments from stakeholders (Attachment D)
5. Present recommended priorities to the Board of Directors

Midway through the Tappan Corridor planning process it was realized that projected oil and gas royalty revenue in the near future will be significantly less than initially expected due to circumstances outside of the District’s control. Therefore, initiatives such as compiling a detailed Tappan Corridor Master Plan will be delayed until such time as the recreation capital improvements are secured and implemented. It is expected the detailed planning of specific major projects including business plans, capital budgets and timelines for the Tappan Corridor will be addressed once the park and recreation capital improvements are well under way and secured. This temporary stay of planning ensures details and business plans are relevant at the time when completed in the future.

**General Assessment of Stakeholder Comments**

1. General themes based on multiple comment submittals and larger issues were identified and are included in this report in the Tappan Corridor priority list.
2. Many of the stakeholder recommendations will not incur significant capital or operating costs. Select comments will be addressed by the MWCD through normal yearly budgeting and programming processes.
3. Many of the stakeholder recommendations are outside of the scope of the MWCD or outside of the Tappan Corridor initiative. In these instances, comments will be forwarded to the appropriate internal department or partner agency for consideration.
4. Where stakeholder comments regarding the Tappan Corridor involve both the MWCD and a partner agency, joint funding opportunities and joint efforts for implementation will be explored.
**Tappan Corridor Priority List**

The major guiding principles in evaluating top priorities are preserving and enhancing the Tappan experience consistent with parts of the MWCD mission as *responsible stewards* and realizing *public benefits of Conservation and Recreation*. In consideration of the guiding principles and comments from the public work sessions the following issues were identified as the top long range priorities for the Tappan Corridor:

1. Ensure the major capital improvements to Tappan Lake Park identified in the Parks Master Plan are implemented over the next 5-7 years.
2. Preserve the integrity of the existing designated scenic by-way by assisting Ohio Department of Transportation in finding a suitable location for ODOT’s desired truck inspection pull off downstream or outside of the Tappan corridor.
3. Identify and acquire key properties in and around the Tappan Corridor when the opportunity presents itself.
4. Evaluate MWCD properties for future consideration of potential relocation of the Tappan Lake Volunteer Fire Department, MWCD field services building, and/or a joint MWCD-Harrison County Welcome Center.
5. Augment and improve select existing vehicle pull offs along the corridor using amenities such as signage, trash receptacles, picnic tables, mono filament recycling stations, and combinations of rails and posts to deter or inhibit semi-truck parking.
6. Install a second public boat launch ramp at the east end of the lake off of US 250 to accommodate additional lake patrons to alleviate congestion at the existing public boat launch ramp at the west end of Tappan Lake. Include accommodations and a launch for kayaks and canoes.
7. Conduct a separate planning process as part of the overall trail master plan to include trails within Tappan cottage sites and provide connectivity to other trails including the Buckeye Trail and Tappan Lake Park trails.
8. Enhance the site efficiencies and improve the curb-appeal of the Tappan Marina.

**Summary**

The major guiding principles and priority list noted above will be the road map in identifying future major projects along the Tappan Corridor. Details of these projects including business plans will be developed only after significant progress is made in the implementation of the MWCD parks master plan and capital improvements. This timeline will ensure the business plans and funding sources for major projects in the Tappan Corridor are current and relevant.

In the meantime, the MWCD will pursue opportunities to partner with interested stakeholders to complete initiatives and projects along the Tappan Corridor.
Tappan Lake/U.S. Route 250 Corridor Overview

- Road
- Buckeye Trail
- Spillway Elevation
- MWCD Cottage Site
- MWCD Property
- Locator Grid

Miles

0 0.25 0.5 0.75 1
- Regional sewer to support 250/Tappan development
- Add central water
- Add signage warning of fog around lake
- Welcome sign - "be respectful to locals and community"
- Add fishing pier near dam
- More trash cans around spillway and dam
- More parking needed around dam area

Tappan Dam Sign
and Parking Pull-off

Lighted Signs for Safety
Analyze intersection
for safety

Ohio Byway Sign at Tappan Dam

- Road
- Spillway Elevation
- BuckeyeTrail
- MWCD Property
- Address Safety of pull-off areas
- Remove gravel pull-off areas and make more parklike with picnic tables and shore access

- Too close to ingress/egress of rest area

- Widen Buckeye Trail from US-250 to Conotton Creek Trail
- Improve signage for Buckeye Trail
- Add trailhead/parking for Buckeye Trail area

- Kayak/canoe launch ramp
- Waterski slalom course
- Develop more residential areas along lake

- Street signs need to be visible from distances
- Start 50 MPH Speed limit

- Kayak/canoe launch ramp
- Waterski slalom course
- Develop more residential areas along lake

- Enforce 2-hour parking limit along highway.
- Prohibit leaving abandoned trucks and trailers along lake corridor
- No jake brakes along corridor

- Too close to ingress/egress of rest area

- Add Handicap Fishing Pier

- Start 50MPH Speed limit

- MWCD own/operate rest area

- Dredge all bays for improved navigation

- Widen Buckeye Trail from US-250 to Conotton Creek Trail
- Improve signage for Buckeye Trail
- Add trailhead/parking for Buckeye Trail area

- Road
- Spillway Elevation
- Buckeye Trail
- MWCD Property

Tappan Lake US Route 250 Corridor Sheet #2
Tappan Lake US Route 250
Corridor Sheet #3

- Acquire property for future development
- Fire Dept./EMT/MWCD Ranger outpost
- Demolish old restaurant (eyesore)
- Clean up/landscape area and plant area
- Develop community center
- Develop Welcome Center along route

- Ice cream/hot dog stand
- Concessions for restaurant patrons
- LED signage for local area events
- Park office/Welcome Center
- Fire/law enforcement center
- Pedestrian bridge over US-250 to launch ramp

- Welcome center should explain stewardship legacy of MWCD from construction of reservoir to land stewardship of today and future vision
- Tourist lookout, welcome area
- Remove gravel pull-offs. Make more parklike with tables and grassy areas

Caution: Hidden Intersection Signage

NLL, 07/14/2015; Sources: BTA, OGRIP, OSIP, W.E. Quicksall and Associates
- Add more “no wake” buoys in bays
- Good fishing area

Move bridge/underpass for North Bay further west to improve sight lines

- Add hiking trails on island
- Add nature center on island
- Observation tower on high point of island
- Develop resort hotel on island
- Add zipline to island
- Residential development on island
- Boater’s recreation-only on island; limit access to boaters
Tappan Lake US Route 250
Corridor Sheet #5

- More, larger fire station
- Remove junk boats
- Clean up area around TLVFD and lakeshore
- Add more trash reemplacions
- Add central waste/recycling facility
- Improve site distance
- Remove embankment at Fire Station
- LED lighting
- Improve ingress/egress
- Better signage
- Improve appearance of restaurant
- Expand hours of marine and restaurant
- Keep open year-round
- Clean up frontage area of marine
- Remove boat storage area from front
- Add boat drive-up lane for quick fixes to boats
- Add more parking at marina
- Warning signage for marine and FD
- Dangerous intersections (North Bay and Marina/TLVFD)
- Pull-offs unattractive
- Potential boat storage area (buffered/screened by row of trees)
- More parking
- canoe/kayak launch ramp
- Full-off unattractive
- Keep open year-round

Approach to Tappan Lake Marina
Approach to VFD
Volunteer Fire Department
Tappan Lake Marina Sign
MWCD Cottage Site
MWCD Property
Spillway Elevation
Road

NLL, 07/14/2015; Sources: BTA, OGRIP, OSIP, W.E. Quicksall and Associates
Harrison Co. interested in dredged material

- Improve parking lot
- Observation/ Picnic Area
- Preferred location for TLVFD

Road
Spillway Elevation
MWCD Property

Tappan Lake US Route 250
Corridor Sheet #6

N4L, 07/14/2015; Sources: BTA, OGRIP, OSIP, W.E. Quicksall and Associates
- Turn lane Beagle Club Rd.
- Turn lane Cramblett Rd.

- Parking Pull-off
- Village of Cadiz Water Withdrawal Site

- Maintain landscaping
- Fines for littering signage
- Trash cans at pull-off area
- Partner with jail and solid waste district for litter pickups

Tappan Lake US Route 250
Corridor Sheet #7

NOL, 07/14/2015; Sources: BTA, OGRIP, OSIP, W.E. Quicksall and Associates
Improved signage for trails

- Hidden Drive signage needed
- Open up view along 250
- Reduce semi/truck traffic

Widen drive apron at church entrance

Pleasant Valley Methodist Church Sign

View from Church

Tappan Lake US Route 250 Corridor Sheet #8
Tappan Lake US Route 250
Corridor Sheet #9

- Parking Pull-off
- Dangerous intersection
- Add turn lanes
- Add "danger" buoy; dredge bay
- Bird watching area
- Osprey nest
- Improve surface and drainage of pull-off area
- Add designated breakdown areas on north side of US-250
- Remove concrete that damages properties by the bridge
- Dangerous intersection
- Remove trees to improve sight distance
- Add turn lanes/widen
- Add "danger" buoy; dredge bay

N.L. 07/14/2015; Sources: BTA, OGRIP, OSIP, W.E. Quicksall and Associates
- Replace 4 steel culverts
- English nest
- Bird watching area
- Use old school for welcome/recreation center

- Dredge bays
- Add observation tower
- Widen road to add bike lane
- Add turn lane
- Clean up pull-off area
- Eagle's nest
- Bird watching area

- Control parking duration
- Car-only pull-offs
- Improve surface and drainage of pull-offs
- Replace 4 steel culverts

Tappan Lake US Route 250
Corridor Sheet #10
Tappan Lake US Route 250
Corridor Sheet #11

- Upgrade surface and drainage of pull-off area
- Add signage to control signage

- Kayak/Canoe Launch area
- "Blue Water Trail" from causeway to headwaters

- LED or solar lighting on sign
- Clean up area around sign
- Bigger sign/more noticeable

- Spillway Elevation
- MWCD Property

Sources: BTA, OGRIP, OSIP, W.E. Quicksall and Associates

11/13
- Flashing signage announcing Tappan Lake region
- Signage warning of fog around lake
- Signage warning of dangerous curves and intersections
- Remove trucks from pull-offs
- Create a designated pull-off area

- Add gas station, restaurant, ice cream stand
- Clean up truck stop/gas station area
- Prohibit jake brakes
- Mute complaints

- Demolish gas station
- Harrison Co. working on this site

Abandoned Gas Station

- Add gas station, restaurant, ice cream stand

Tappan Lake US Route 250
Corridor Sheet #12
List of Partners and Stakeholders Notified

- Buckeye Trail Association
- Cadiz Animal Hospital
- Cadiz Visitor’s Bureau
- Congressman Bill Johnson, U.S. House of Representatives
- Deesville Community Players
- Deersville General Store
- Franklin Township Board of Trustees
- Harrison County Community Improvement Corporation
- Harrison County Commissioners
- Harrison County Engineer
- Harrison County Historical Society
- Harrison County Regional Chamber of Commerce
- Harrison County Sheriff
- Harrison County Tourism Council
- Muskingum Watershed Conservancy District Board of Directors
- Muskingum Watershed Conservancy District Development Advisory Committee
- Ohio Department of Transportation, District 11
- Ohio Department of Transportation, Office of Environmental Services
- Ohio Department of Natural Resources
- Ohio Department of Natural Resources, Division of Watercraft
- Ohio Department of Natural Resources, Division of Wildlife
- Ohio Mid Eastern Governments Association
- Ohio State Highway Patrol
- Pleasant Valley United Methodist Church
- Scenic Byways
- State Representative Andy Thompson
- State Senator Lou Gentile
- Stock Township Board of Trustees
- Tappan Lake Marina
- Tappan Lake Volunteer Fire Department
- Twin City Chamber of Commerce
- U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
- 146 Muskingum Watershed Conservancy District Cottage Site Lessees at Tappan Lake and other interested individuals
June 5, 2015

Public Meeting Notice

The Muskingum Watershed Conservancy District (MWCD) is holding public meetings and work sessions to solicit opinions from the public on what improvements to MWCD properties could be made to augment and improve **The Tappan Corridor** which consists of the 7-mile route of U.S. 250 along Tappan Lake as shown below. A brief presentation by MWCD followed by public input work sessions will be conducted.

All sessions will be held at the **Tappan Volunteer Fire Department** across the street from the marina at 33315 Cadiz-Dennison Road, Scio, Ohio, 43988, on the following dates and times:

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Please RSVP to sstein@mwcd.org or 330-556-4815 so proper accommodations can be made. Comments will be collected at the meetings and can also be submitted to sstein@mwcd.org.

**Tappan Corridor**

The high visibility of Tappan Lake is a living billboard for the region. MWCD properties along the corridor present enhancement opportunities. The MWD wants to know your ideas!
June 6, 2015

«FirstName» «LastName»
«Affiliation»
«Address1»
«Address2»

RE: TAPPAN CORRIDOR

Dear Mr. «LastName»:

The Muskingum Watershed Conservancy District has established a goal to initiate a process to develop master plans for what the District refers to as the “Tappan Corridor.” The Tappan Corridor is the MWCD property along the 7 mile route of U.S. Route 250 at Tappan Lake in Harrison County.

As a first step in this process, the District will hold public meetings to gather public input and ideas. In the spirit of cooperation, the District wants you and/or your agency to be aware of the meeting dates and afford you the opportunity to give valuable input. Please see the enclosed invitation for specifics regarding the public meetings and work sessions.

We would be happy to conduct separate discussions or meet individually with you if requested.

For additional information, discuss comments or to arrange a separate meeting please contact Barbara Bennett, MWCD Director of Administrative Services, at 330.556.4814 or via email to bbennett@mwcd.org.

Sincerely,

John M. Hoopingarner
Executive Director/Secretary
jhoopingarner@mwcd.org

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Enclosure
Stakeholder Comments from public work sessions held on June 22 and June 27, 2015
Organized by affected agency

General
- Provide new modern safety facility to benefit Tappan Lake VFD and local emergency services. This facility would benefit the TLVFD and community, as it could include meeting and training rooms and an emergency shelter. Accommodations should be made for a helipad landing area.
- Tear down old red barn across from the US-250 boat launch
- Add convenience store along corridor
- Add stand for ice cream, hot dogs, and light snacks near old restaurant (similar to Atwood Dairy Bar)
- Add LED sign for local area events
- Add gas station in corridor
- Have a follow-up public meeting after all of the ideas are compiled so that additional input can be given for priorities
- Add lighted signs (LEDs) for all signs, especially Tappan Dam sign and all MWCD signage
- Add gas station near marina
- Add LED lighting for all signage
- Add grocery store, gas station, restaurant
- Clean up/replace gas station

Buckeye Trail Association
- Enhance signage for Buckeye Trail, especially as it crosses Tappan Dam and US-250
- Add signage for Buckeye Trail
- Add trailhead/parking area for Buckeye Trail
- Improve signage for Buckeye Trail
- Build ATV trail with access along US-250
- Widen Buckeye Trail from US-250 to Conotton Creek Trail
- Add Adirondack shelters along Buckeye Trail at various locations

Harrison County
- Change addresses to match the roads people live on for 911/emergency purposes
- Add sanitary sewer to the region
- Harrison County is interested in dredged material
- Create zoning district (overlay) with strict regulations for signs, colors, and architectural design
- Logjam/culvert maintenance needed on culvert #25-7 (Beaverdam Road)

MWCD
- Install better “No Wake” signs in North Bay to stop erosion and boat deck damage
- Add more trails along corridor; create bike trail loop
- Reduce erosion along west side of Beaver Dam Road – hazardous access to boat docks
- Provide better boat dockage near park beach for boaters to come visit the park
- Add birding platforms at various locations
- More ADA access in cottages
- Improve access to docks from cottages
- Pave gravel cottage area roads. Snow plows fill yards with gravel
- Add gravel kayak/canoe launch area on Wye Bay where Tappan Hills Road ends into the bay; add fencing or guardrail around launch area
- Add water trail along Tappan Lake
- Remove/demolish restaurant and foundation on adjacent property
- Add courtesy docks at park for residents
- Build kayak/canoe launch areas at east and west ends of lake. Incorporate other amenities at launch areas to establish “mini-parks”
- Purchase adjoining properties
- Add courtesy docks for boaters who may want to stop at future restaurant
- Landscape the restaurant property and the lakeshore (to enhance view from restaurant)
- Add “yoga on the beach” as a program at Tappan Lake/Tappan Lake Park
- Add “drums at sunset” as a program/event at Tappan Lake
- Add zipline over the lake into the park
- Set up and sponsor a waterski club. Establish annual shows and/or a waterski tournament. Spectators could watch shows along the dam, Willis Run Bay, or inside the park
- Build a “visible” lodge somewhere along corridor
- MWCD cottage area roadway maintenance
- Pave roadways (East Lane identified)
- Add bike path around Beaver Dam Bay north shore; dangerous walking on road
- Upgrade utilities in MWCD cottage areas: water, sewer, electric, natural gas, cable, broadband, fiber, etc.
- Remove dangerous trees around cottage area properties
- Add electric access by docks
- Add street lights to MWCD cottage area roadways
- Purchase Gallagher property; clean and landscape property and add picnic area
- Demolish old restaurant
- Add more “no wake” signs in bays
- Add kayak/canoe launch areas at east and west ends of lake
- Add waterski slalom course on Willis Run Bay
- Add nature center and trails on island
- Build Welcome/Visitors Center along 250. Welcome Center should include an explanation of the MWCD legacy of stewardship from the construction of the reservoir to the land stewardship of today and what the vision is for the future.
- Add non-motorized (kayak/canoe) lake access
- Acquire property behind abandoned restaurant for future development; potential location for future Fire Department/EMT/MWCD regional outpost
- Pave MWCD cottage area road (East Lane/Beaverdam Road area)
- Add zipline on island
- Create boaters’-only paradise on island. Provide amenities for boaters and limit road access
- Add observation tower on high point of island
- Add resort hotel on island to create a real vacation destination
- Develop residential cottage area on island
- Develop island with cabana bar, pavilion, boat docks, and other park amenities
- Add canoe/kayak launch area
- Add boat storage near handicapped fishing pier; conceal with treed perimeter
- Add hiking trails accessible from marina
• Allow boaters to build roofs or canopies over docked boats
• Add nicer parking lot near peninsula
• Add observation and picnic area on peninsula
• Add “danger” buoy near OH-646 and boat passageway under US-250
• Add observation tower near US-250/Lower Clearfork Road intersection
• Use old school for welcome/recreation center
• Add kayak/canoe launch area near Deersville Road/US-250 intersection (SW quadrant)
• Add “Blue Water” Trail from causeway to head waters for kayaks and canoes

**ODNR**
- Stock Tappan Lake with more fish

**ODOT**
- 7-mile corridor is an important segment of the Tappan-Moravian Trail Scenic Byway; improvements such as scenic pull-offs, visitor’s center, etc. would enhance byway
- Develop bypass for US-250 to reduce traffic (especially trucks) along corridor
- Remove trees from some shoreline areas to improve vistas
- Raise level of bridges to bays to increase accessibility for taller boats
- Widen road or add third lane for turning at intersections (where possible)
- Improve sight lines at intersections, especially at North Bay Road, East Shore.
- Trim/prune trees that are blocking view of lake
- Improve/pave pull-off areas and prohibit truck parking
- Add bike path/lane along US-250
- Corridor may be part of Cleveland to Pittsburgh bike trail route
- Rt. 250 has high traffic volume and large number of accidents
- Corridor is identified by OMEGA as a future 4-lane highway route between Columbus and Pittsburgh
- Establish 50 MPH zone one mile east and west of marina
- Lower speed limit to 45 MPH along corridor
- Increase parking along corridor
- Prohibit the use of jake brakes along corridor
- Add turning lanes at all side road entrances and rest area
- Improve viewshed along US-250; remove selected trees
- Reduce speed limit to 50 MPH from Willis Run Rd. eastward
- Add designate breakdown areas on the north side of US-250
- Analyze Rt. 250/Eslick Road intersection safety
- Add turn lanes and acceleration space for entering and exiting rest area
- Add bigger flush toilets to ODOT rest area
- Separate truck parking area at rest area
- Add flashing lights near rest area for traffic calming
- Expand ODOT rest area parking lot and add longer entrance and exit lanes
- Add handicapped fishing pier at rest area
- Add flashing lights to warn of boat launch ramp area
- Add” Caution, Hidden Intersection” signs at most road intersections along US-250
- Widen driveway apron at Pleasant Valley Methodist Church
- Add rumble strips to berm
• Add third lane to US-250 from just west of marina to pull-off area east of the marina
• Add warning approach signs east and west of marina
• Improve ingress/egress for marina and TLVFD
• Add turn lanes at Beagle Club and Cramblett
• Add signs indicating “fines for littering”
• Add “Hidden Drive” signage at US-250/Buxton Road intersection
• Add observation deck and pull-off area/“text” stops
• Improve surface and drainage for pull-off areas
• OH-646 and US-250 is dangerous intersection
• Widen road and add bike lane for bicycles along US-250
• Upgrade base of pull-off area west of Deersville Road/US-250 intersection
• Add flashing stop sign at Deersville Road/US-250 intersection
• Add flashing sign warning of potential fog (i.e., “Fog Area” ahead) at east and west ends of lake
• Reduce noise and use of jake brakes around lake/corridor area
• Add warning signs for entering Tappan Lake area: watch for intersections, stopped traffic, dangerous curves, fog, etc.

Tappan Lake Marina
• Add patio at marina for special events
• Expand marina operations
• Improve the Marina and dining facility with expanded deck for better lake views
• Clean up marina area and invest around the facility; although privately owned, MWCD is encouraged to help with these improvements
• Add deck to restaurant overlooking lake
• Fix A/C in marina
• Improve marina appearance and expand hours
• Add boat “drive-up” mechanic facility to complete quick fixes
• Remove boat storage area in front of marina
• Keep marina open year-round
• Add LED lighting at marina and fire station

Tappan Lake Volunteer Fire Department
• Relocate TLVFD; add community center facility
• Move Tappan Lake VFD to boat ramp area
• Build new fire station on peninsula
• Remove junk boats behind Tappan Fire Dept.
• Add a new, larger fire department facility
• Add LED lighting at marina and fire station
• Preferred location of new Tappan Lake fire station on peninsula

USACE
• Drawdown lake 8 feet instead of 5 feet

Village of Cadiz
• Maintain and landscape Cadiz water withdrawal site
MWCD/BTA
- Trails need cleared, maintained, and marked
- Improve trail at Beall Farm
- Provide horse trails and camping for campers with horses
- Connect a trail from Tappan/US-250 corridor to the Conotton Creek Trail and from Conotton Creek Trail to Leesville Lake

MWCD/Harrison County
- Add shared MWCD law enforcement/Tappan/and Sheriff outpost
- Add additional utilities in area, including natural gas, cable, internet, fiber
- Establish and/or sponsor additional restaurant along US-250
- Implement roadside trash/litter cleanups along the corridor
- Need more reliable electrical service
- Add regional sewer system to Tappan area

MWCD/ODNR
- More parking at boat ramps
- Add monofilament recycling stations at fishing areas
- Geese are a major problem on the lake
- More parking at boat launch ramp
- Add extra life vests at strategically placed locations
- Good birding areas, including eagle’s nest between Lower Clearfork Road and Clearfork Drive

MWCD/ODOT
- Add welcoming entrance signs to Tappan Lake park/region to roads off of 250
- Improve signage
- Add trash receptacles and monofilament recycling receptacles
- Establish biking and hiking trailheads along US-250. These trails could follow the roads along the larger bays (Lower Beaverdam Run Bay, Clear Fork Run Bay, etc.) or the existing Buckeye Trail along Willis Run Bay
- Enforce 2-hour parking limit on pull-off areas
- Add “Welcome” sign and encourage travelers to be respectful of locals and community
- Prohibit dropping/leaving trailers and trucks along the highway
- Remove gravel pull-offs and make more “park-like” with picnic tables and shore access
- Provide trash cans and recycling bins at all pull-off areas
- Relocate pull-off areas to north side of US-250 to eliminate view obstructions and preserve scenic vistas
- MWCD should own and operate the ODOT rest area
- Add Tappan Lake Welcome Sign
- Add tourist lookout/welcome are near Beaverdam Road
- Add walking bridge over US-250 to access boat ramp
- Add trash receptacles along US-250, especially near marina and at pull-off areas
- Add more parking
- Improve aesthetics of pull-off areas
- Limit pull-off areas to cars only (no trucks allowed)
- Control truck parking on pull-off areas
MWCD/USACE

- Dredge all bays for improved navigation; areas around docks are too shallow
- Add fishing pier near dam
- Dredge Beaver Bay (County Road 68) and Clear Fork
- Address shoreline erosion throughout lake
- Dredge all bays for improved navigation
Stakeholder Comments from public work session held on June 22 and June 27, 2015
Organized by plan sheet number

General Comments:
- 7-mile corridor is an important segment of the Tappan-Moravian Trail Scenic Byway; improvements such as scenic pull-offs, visitor’s center, etc. would enhance byway
- Develop bypass for US-250 to reduce traffic (especially trucks) along corridor
- Install better “No Wake” signs in North Bay to stop erosion and boat deck damage
- More parking at boat ramps
- Add more trails along corridor; create bike trail loop
- Reduce erosion along west side of Beaver Dam Road – hazardous access to boat docks
- Provide better boat dockage near park beach for boaters to come visit the park
- Remove trees from some shoreline areas to improve vistas
- Raise level of bridges to bays to increase accessibility for taller boats
- Widen road or add third lane for turning at intersections (where possible)
- Provide new modern safety facility to benefit Tappan Lake VFD and local emergency services. This facility would benefit the TLVFD and community, as it could include meeting and training rooms and an emergency shelter. Accommodations should be made for a helipad landing area.
- Improve sight lines at intersections, especially at North Bay Road, East Shore.
- Trails need cleared, maintained, and marked
- Enhance signage for Buckeye Trail, especially as it crosses Tappan Dam and US-250
- Add Adirondack shelters along Buckeye Trail at various locations
- Trim/prune trees that are blocking view of lake
- Change addresses to match the roads people live on for 911/emergency purposes
- Add birding platforms at various locations
- Add patio at marina for special events
- More ADA access in cottages
- Improve/pave pull-off areas and prohibit truck parking
- Improve access to docks from cottages
- Stock Tappan Lake with more fish
- Add bike path/lane along US-250
- Corridor may be part of Cleveland to Pittsburgh bike trail route
- Improve trail at Beall Farm
- Pave gravel cottage area roads. Snow plows fill yards with gravel
- Drawdown lake 8 feet instead of 5 feet
- Provide horse trails and camping for campers with horses
- Rt. 250 has high traffic volume and large number of accidents
- Corridor is identified by OMEGA as a future 4-lane highway route between Columbus and Pittsburgh
- Add welcoming entrance signs to Tappan Lake park/region to roads off of 250
- Add sanitary sewer to the region
- Harrison County is interested in dredged material
- Improve signage
- Dredge all bays for improved navigation; areas around docks are too shallow
- Add trash receptacles and monofilament recycling receptacles
• Add gravel kayak/canoe launch area on Wye Bay where Tappan Hills Road ends into the bay; add fencing or guardrail around launch area
• Add water trail along Tappan Lake
• Create zoning district (overlay) with strict regulations for signs, colors, and architectural design
• Remove/demolish restaurant and foundation on adjacent property
• Add monofilament recycling stations at fishing areas
• Add shared MWCD law enforcement/Tappan/Sheriff outpost
• Expand marina operations
• Improve the Marina and dining facility with expanded deck for better lake views
• Clean up marina area and invest around the facility; although privately owned, MWCD is encouraged to help with these improvements
• Establish 50 MPH zone one mile east and west of marina
• Lower speed limit to 45 MPH along corridor
• Increase parking along corridor
• Add courtesy docks at park for residents
• Add additional utilities in area, including natural gas, cable, internet, fiber
• Establish biking and hiking trailheads along US-250. These trails could follow the roads along the larger bays (Lower Beaverdam Run Bay, Clear Fork Run Bay, etc.) or the existing Buckeye Trail along Willis Run Bay
• Connect a trail from Tappan/US-250 corridor to the Conotton Creek Trail and from Conotton Creek Trail to Leesville Lake
• Build kayak/canoe launch areas at east and west ends of lake. Incorporate other amenities at launch areas to establish “mini-parks”
• Establish and/or sponsor additional restaurant along US-250
• Tear down old red barn across from the US-250 boat launch
• Purchase adjoining properties
• Landscape the restaurant property and the lakeshore (to enhance view from restaurant)
• Move Tappan Lake VFD to boat ramp area
• Build ATV trail with access along US-250
• Add “yoga on the beach” as a program at Tappan Lake/Tappan Lake Park
• Add “drums at sunset” as a program/event at Tappan Lake
• Add zipline over the lake into the park
• Set up and sponsor a waterski club. Establish annual shows and/or a waterski tournament. Spectators could watch shows along the dam, Willis Run Bay, or inside the park
• Build a “visible” lodge somewhere along corridor
• MWCD cottage area roadway maintenance
• Need more reliable electrical service
• Address shoreline erosion throughout lake
• Remove dangerous trees around cottage area properties
• Upgrade utilities in MWCD cottage areas: water, sewer, electric, natural gas, cable, broadband, fiber, etc.
• Add bike path around Beaver Dam Bay north shore; dangerous walking on road
• Add convenience store along corridor
• Add electric access by docks
• Add street lights to MWCD cottage area roadways
- Add gas station in corridor
- Pave roadways (East Lane identified)
- Geese are a major problem on the lake
- Implement roadside trash/litter cleanups along the corridor
- Build new fire station on peninsula
- Remove gravel pull-offs and make more “park-like” with picnic tables and shore access
- Add more “no wake” signs in bays
- Provide trash cans and recycling bins at all pull-off areas
- Add designate breakdown areas on the north side of US-250
- Relocate pull-off areas to north side of US-250 to eliminate view obstructions and preserve scenic vistas
- Have a follow-up public meeting after all of the ideas are compiled so that additional input can be given for priorities

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- Add lighted signs (LEDs) for all signs, especially Tappan Dam sign and all MWCD signage
- Analyze Rt. 250/Eslick Road intersection safety
- Add fishing pier near dam
- Add “Welcome” sign and encourage travelers to be respectful of locals and community

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- Dredge Beaver Bay (County Road 68) and Clear Fork
- Add signage for Buckeye Trail
- Add trailhead/parking area for Buckeye Trail
- Improve signage for Buckeye Trail
- Enforce 2-hour parking limit on pull-off areas
- Prohibit dropping/leaving trailers and trucks along the highway
- Prohibit the use of jake brakes along corridor
- Reduce speed limit to 50 MPH from Willis Run Rd. eastward
- Add kayak/canoe launch areas at east and west ends of lake
- Add waterski slalom course on Willis Run Bay
- Widen Buckeye Trail from US-250 to Conotton Creek Trail
- MWCD should own and operate the ODOT rest area
- Add turn lanes and acceleration space for entering and exiting rest area
- Add bigger flush toilets
- Separate truck parking area at rest area
- Add flashing lights near rest area for traffic calming
- Expand ODOT rest area parking lot and add longer entrance and exit lanes
- Add handicapped fishing pier at rest area
- Dredge all bays for improved navigation
- Add turning lanes at all side road entrances and rest area
- Improve viewshed along US-250; remove selected trees

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- Add regional sewer system to Tappan area
• Build Welcome/Visitors Center along 250. Welcome Center should include an explanation of the MWCD legacy of stewardship from the construction of the reservoir to the land stewardship of today and what the vision is for the future.
• Add non-motorized (kayak/canoe) lake access
• Add flashing lights to warn of boat launch ramp area
• Add “Caution, Hidden Intersection” signs at most road intersections along US-250
• Add Tappan Lake Welcome Sign
• Acquire property behind abandoned restaurant for future development; potential location for future Fire Department/EMT/MWCD regional outpost
• Demolish old restaurant
• Relocate TLVFD; add community center facility
• Add LED sign for local area events
• Add stand for ice cream, hot dogs, and light snacks near old restaurant (similar to Atwood Dairy Bar)
• Purchase Gallagher property; clean and landscape property and add picnic area
• Add courtesy docks for boaters who may want to stop at future restaurant
• Add deck to restaurant overlooking lake
• More parking at boat launch ramp
• Pave MWCD cottage area road (East Lane/Beaverdam Road area)
• Logjam/culvert maintenance needed on culvert #25-7 (Beaverdam Road)
• Add tourist lookout/welcome are near Beaverdam Road
• Add walking bridge over US-250 to access boat ramp

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• Add nature center and trails on island
• Add zipline on island
• Create boaters’-only paradise on island. Provide amenities for boaters and limit road access
• Add observation tower on high point of island
• Add rumble strips to berm
• Add resort hotel on island to create a real vacation destination
• Develop residential cottage area on island
• Develop island with cabana bar, pavilion, boat docks, and other park amenities

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• Remove junk boats behind Tappan Fire Dept.
• Add trash receptacles along US-250, especially near marina and at pull-off areas
• Add more parking
• Add canoe/kayak launch area
• Add third lane to US-250 from just west of marina to pull-off area east of the marina
• Add a new, larger fire department facility
• Add extra life vests at strategically placed locations
• Add warning approach signs east and west of marina
• Improve ingress/egress for marina and TLVFD
• Improve marina appearance and expand hours
• Improve aesthetics of pull-off areas
Fix A/C in marina
• Add LED lighting at marina and fire station
• Add LED lighting for all signage
• Add boat storage near handicapped fishing pier; conceal with treed perimeter
• Add hiking trails accessible from marina
• Add boat “drive-up” mechanic facility to complete quick fixes
• Remove boat storage area in front of marina
• Keep marina open year-round
• Allow boaters to build roofs or canopies over docked boats
• Add gas station near marina

Add nicer parking lot near peninsula
• Add observation and picnic area on peninsula
• Preferred location of new Tappan Lake fire station

Maintain and landscape Cadiz water withdrawal site
• Add turn lanes at Beagle Club and Cramblett
• Add signs indicating “fines for littering”

Add “Hidden Drive” signage at US-250/Buxton Road intersection
• Add observation deck and pull-off area/“text” stops
• Widen driveway apron at Pleasant Valley Methodist Church

Improve surface and drainage for pull-off areas
• OH-646 and US-250 is dangerous intersection
• Add “danger” buoy near OH-646 and boat passageway under US-250

Good birding areas, including eagle’s nest between Lower Clearfork Road and Clearfork Drive
• Add observation tower near US-250/Lower Clearfork Road intersection
• Limit pull-off areas to cars only (no trucks allowed)
• Control truck parking on pull-off areas
• Widen road and add bike lane for bicycles along US-250
• Use old school for welcome/recreation center

Add kayak/canoe launch area near Deersville Road-US-250 intersection (SW quadrant)
• Add “Blue Water” Trail from causeway to head waters for kayaks and canoes
• Upgrade base of pull-off area west of Deersville Road-US-250 intersection
• Add flashing stop sign at Deersville Road-US-250 intersection
Add flashing sign warning of potential fog (i.e., “Fog Area” ahead) at east and west ends of lake
Reduce noise and use of jake brakes around lake/corridor area
Add warning signs for entering Tappan Lake area: watch for intersections, stopped traffic, dangerous curves, fog, etc.
Add grocery store, gas station, restaurant
Clean up/replace gas station