

Causes of Erosion

- Human
 - > Clearing of riparian areas
 - > Fishing access areas





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• Wind and wave action







What are the Effects of Erosion

- Property loss and damage
- Added nutrients and sediment to the lake
- Loss of water depth along shoreline



What Does Erosion Look Like?







There are Many Different Ways to Manage Erosion

- Slope the shoreline and create a buffer
- Bioengineering
- Armoring
- Or combination of all the above



Creating a Riparian Buffer

- Slope the bank to a 3:1 ratio
- Establish a reasonable buffer width
- Let nature runs its course (with reasonable management)
- Plant native grass, shrubs, and trees



Buffer Comparison

Advantages

- Addresses the issue
- Easy to create
- Easy to maintain
- Fairly inexpensive (Except for Live Stake Plantings)

- Block scenic view
- May limit access to lake
- ✓ Little or no fish habitat value



Bioengineering

• Bio-logs, fascine Bundles and Vegetated Gabions

- Expensive
- ✓ Little or no fish habitat value



Armoring the Shoreline

- Miscellaneous objects (Formed concrete, blocks, tires)
- Bulkheads
- Stone Gabions
- Riprap
- Wave Breaks
- Deflectors



Bulkheads

Advantages

- Stops Erosion
- Longevity



- Expensive
- Labor intensive
- ✓ Little fish habitat value



Stone Gabions

Advantages

• Temporarily stops Erosion



- Cages break down with time
- Fairly expensive
- ✓ Provides little fish habitat value



Riprap

Advantages

- Slows or stop Erosion
- ✓ Moderate fish habitat value when placed irregular



- Somewhat expensive
- Boat Mooring



Wave Breaks

Advantages

- Helps disperse energy from waves
- ✓ Good fish habitat value

- Fairly expensive
- Construction????



Stone Deflectors

Rock Structure design to manage wave action and relieve the pressure off the bank

Advantages

- Slows or stops erosion
- Lots of options (different styles)
- ✓ Great fish habitat value

Disadvantages

Somewhat expensive



Stone Frame Deflector





Stone Deflector with Root Wad





Stone Deflector with single log





Saw-tooth deflectors





Pymatuning Reservoir

The Problem







Construction









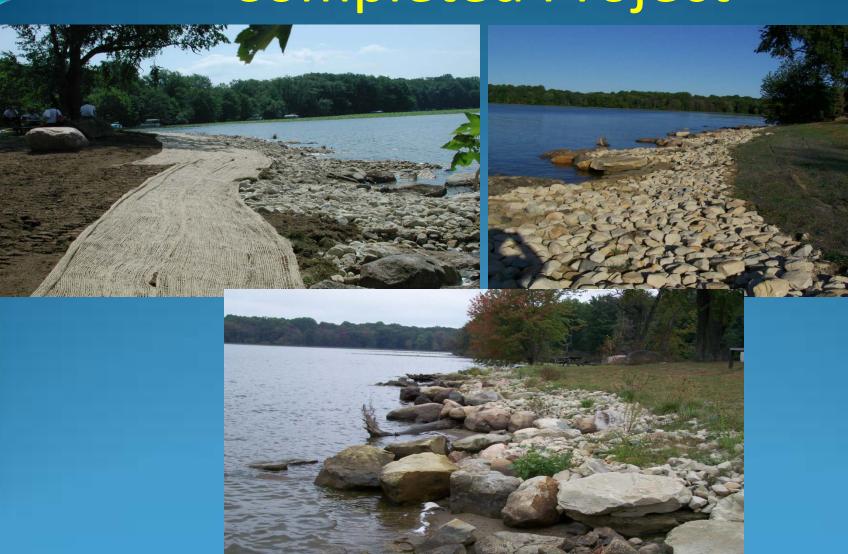
Construction







Completed Project





Rubble Humps





Pymatuning Reservoir

Pymatuning State Park









Memorial Lake

Memorial State Park

Before











Raystown Reservoir

U.S. Army Corp of Engineers





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Cowansque Lake

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Greenlick Reservoir

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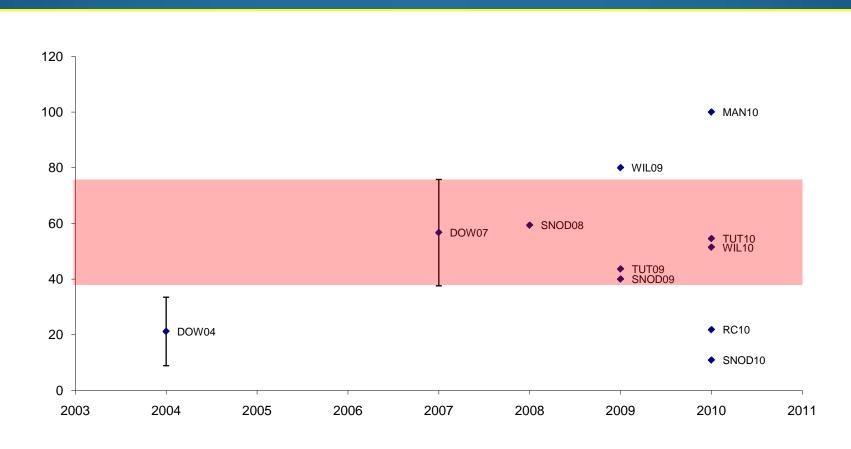
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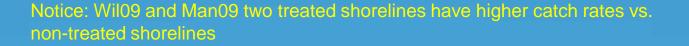




Sampling Results

Black Bass Comparison at Pymatuning Res.

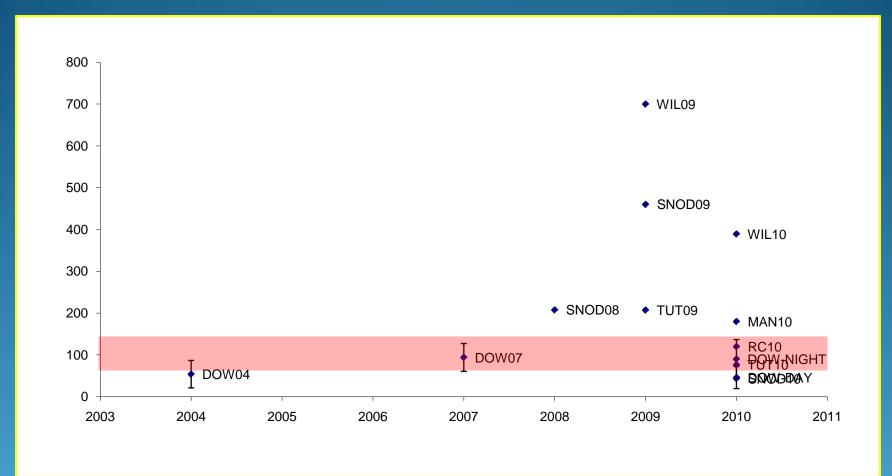






Sampling Results

Sunfish Comparison at Pymatuning Res.





Any Questions



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