



McNary Shoreline Management Plan Community Docks

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What is a Community Dock?

A community dock is a dock shared by at least two and up to four households. Community docks are subject to the same shoreline allocations requirements and fees stipulated for other private docks. Community docks will be authorized when there is a need for moorage in an approved area, access is available and an appropriate site exists to support community moorage. Community docks must be maintained in a useable and safe condition, create no threat to life or property, and be operated and maintained in compliance with the dock permit.

The Corps encourages community docks including consolidation of existing and proposed structures in order to provide the maximum amount of moorage opportunity while minimizing environmental impact.

Who Qualifies?

Those applying for a community dock permit must meet the same eligibility requirements as those applying for an individual dock permit. Each dock association member/property owner named on the community dock permit must all meet eligibility requirements, including proof of legal ownership of property that shares a boundary with Corps-managed public shoreline in a "Limited Development" area. Members of a community dock association do not necessarily need to be immediate neighbors to one another.

Dock Association

To apply for a permit for a community dock, at least two and up to four property owners who meet the eligibility requirements must form a dock association. The applicants must supply written documentation of all dock association members, including names, addresses and signatures of all named participants. The document must designate an association member to act as the point of contact (POC) and sign the permit. The POC will receive and distribute information to all dock association members related to matters regarding permit requirements, renewals, and safety and structural inspection reports requiring corrective action. The POC will keep the Corps updated on changes in ownership of property associated with the boat dock association or changes to the status of the designated POC.

Design Criteria

Community docks must meet the same design criteria as individual docks, but will be allowed a larger (320 square feet) float to accommodate moorage of multiple boats. Existing private docks that would like to convert to community docks will be allowed to do so, keeping their existing configuration (with a float up to 320 square feet) until components are upgraded. When primary components (such as decking or floats) are replaced they must be replaced with components that comply with the 2012 McNary Shoreline Management Plan dock criteria.

Benefits of a Community Dock

There are several benefits of a community dock. Among them:

- A community dock affords more individuals access to the benefits of a private dock.
- Limited environmental impacts to the shoreline from dock construction (one dock versus two to four)
- Shared dock permit fees
- Shared costs among association members for installation and maintenance of the dock

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