

Land Between the Lakes Looks Forward to the Future

We are passionate about connecting people to the outdoors through outstanding and innovative recreation and environmental education opportunities at Land Between the Lakes. More than ever we believe sustainability is integral to this pursuit. That is why we are developing a Strategic Sustainability Plan to move us Forward to the Future with three goals in mind:

1. Develop a citizen-informed, sustainability-based vision that will guide our recreation and environmental education programs for the next 10-15 years;
2. Develop sustainability strategies which will position us to be environmentally, socially and economically supportable in the long term; and
3. Align our practices with broader initiatives that cultivate regional sustainability through collaborative actions.

Challenges:

- Declining federal appropriations
- Aging facilities and infrastructure resulting in a backlog of maintenance needs
- Some recreation activities are leading to unacceptable resource impacts, damaged heritage sites, degraded recreation settings and conflicts between users.

We need your participation to ensure that this plan reflects the diverse needs and preferences of our local communities, stakeholders, volunteers, partners, and visitors. Your participation is critical for us to understand the complex physical, ecological and social threads that link Land Between the Lakes to surrounding lands and communities.

We hope that you can take time out of your busy schedule to share your thoughts, experiences and ideas. We invite you to participate at your convenience from home by visiting our online engagement platform at landbetweenthelakes.mindmixer.com, or by attending one of the public open houses listed below to talk directly with other community members, stakeholders, and Land Between the Lakes staff.

Public Open Houses:

August 1, 2018 from 3:30-6:30pm
Stewart County Visitor Center
117 Visitor Center Lane
Dover, TN 37058

August 7, 2018 from 3:30-6:30pm
Joe Creason Community Center
1600 Park Avenue
Benton, KY 42025

To learn more about this endeavor or the upcoming public open houses, please visit <http://landbetweenthelakes.mindmixer.com/about-this-site> or call 270.924.2023.

We know that change is essential to developing a sustainable path forward. We hope you will help us look Forward to the Future by making your voice heard and being a part of the future at Land Between the Lakes!