



Timeline for Progress Lake Vesuvius Rehabilitation Project

2001 -- The lake is drained and reconstruction begins

- Valve was opened January 22, 2001 and by mid-February the lake was drained
- The Forest Service stabilizes the lake bed by seeding it with perennial rye grass
- Scoping letter was sent out to the public on February 23rd and work begins on the environmental analysis
- A planning charette was held for the public to provide ideas
- Wayne NF and OUSC Nature Center sponsor Lake Vesuvius Earth Day Clean-up
- Vesuvius Overlook was constructed and opened to the public
- Dam Reconstruction contract awarded and work began
- Excavation of dam and spillway area - scalping 4-6 feet of dirt and stockpiling it

2002 – Analysis completed and improvements underway

- Environmental Analysis completed and work begins on fisheries and recreation projects
- A roller compacted concrete technique (RCC) used to reconstruct the dam and spillway
- Fisheries and Recreation Improvements in Lake Bed completed
- Replace two new foot bridges along Vesuvius Trail and at the base of the dam
- Core drilling and surveys completed for the construction of a new boardwalk
- Improvements at the boat dock begin (enlarged parking lot and new boat ramp)
- Spillway work completed

2003 – Construction completed

- Lakebed is mapped in order to produce an angler map
- Surveys completed for beach house sewage system, barrier-free piers and boat-in campsites and beach area boat dock
- Final touches put on the spillway and dam
- Fish habitat structures placed in the lakebed
- Boardwalk contract awarded and work completed
- Valve was closed December 15, 2003 and the lake quickly refilled

2004 – Recreation Site Reopens!

- Ohio Department of Natural Resources stocked 14,000 large mouth bass and 43,000 bluegill on March 31
- 1,000 Rainbow trout were stocked in support of the Wheelin Sportsman Event held on April 9
- Grand re-opening held on May 24, 2004

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