

## **White Paper – Marion Country Park and Lake User Survey**

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Marion County Park and Lake currently does not have any management plans in place. A proposed survey research plan is outlined here for future NRES capstone groups to gather visitor data for a future management plan for the Lake and Park. Information was gathered from the literature on Desired and Acceptable Conditions for Lakes and Parks, Survey Construction and Methods in Research, Factors Influencing United States National and State Parks, and Visitor Survey Methodologies and Ideologies in Parks and Protected Areas. With this information paired with a sample survey from a previous NRES capstone group, a survey was constructed specifically tailored to understand the attitudes and opinions of visitors at the Marion County Park and Lake. An Institutional Review Board (IRB) application was prepared for submission. Connections were made for the survey to be posted by the Marion County Lake and Park superintendent on the Marion County Lake and Park Facebook Page. Upon future posting of the survey, data from the responses can be analyzed and evaluated to determine current conditions and opinions of the Lake and Park. This information is vital to make future decisions to restore, replace, improve, or add aspects to the Lake and Park.