

## G. RECREATION

***The Recreation Criterion is designed to ensure that the facility provides access to the water without fee or charge, and accommodates recreational activities on the public's river. A certified facility must be in compliance with terms of its (Federal Energy Regulatory Commission) FERC license or exemption related to recreational access, accommodation and facilities. If not FERC-regulated, a certified facility must be in compliance with similar requirements as recommended by resource agencies.***

Impact on recreation was identified as a potential issue during the project's pre-licensing stage. As a result, a Recreation Assessment was conducted which consisted of monitoring recreational usage and surveying visitors. Although the results indicated that the project's effects on recreational usage would be minimal, some interest in improved handicapped access was expressed.

Based on the Recreation Assessment, and to meet the requirement of Article 405 of the FERC license, MCHC developed a Recreation Plan which includes the construction and installation of a handicapped accessible fishing pier in the stilling basin. This plan was approved by the USACE Pittsburgh and the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission and installation is scheduled for early 2014.