

BEAVER LAKE MASTER PLAN AND SHORELINE MANAGEMENT PLAN REVISION

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Little Rock District, is revising the Beaver Lake Master Plan (MP). The MP guides the management of the government-owned and leased lands around the lake. Based on the comments received during MP scoping workshops held in March 2015 the potential for significant changes to the Beaver Lake Shoreline Management Plan (SMP) were identified. Potential changes in the MP could limit alternatives and direct changes to the SMP. Therefore, the Corps is revising both the MP and the SMP together to allow the public the opportunity to understand the relationship between the plans and to comment on the effects of proposed revisions.

The revision process objective is to accommodate current and projected use patterns with efficiency while encouraging maximum participation by the general public and local government.



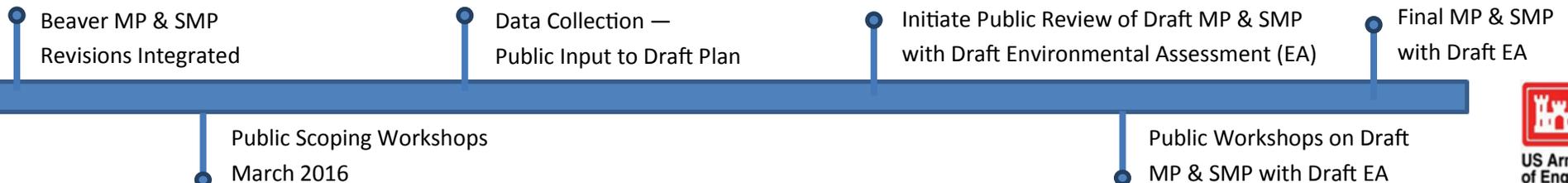
ABOUT THE BEAVER LAKE MASTER PLAN AND SHORELINE MANAGEMENT PLAN

Beaver Lake is located in Northwest Arkansas (Benton, Washington, Carroll and Madison counties) and was authorized by the Flood Control Act of 1954. The lake has 38,138 acres of land and water with 473 miles of shoreline. Beaver Lake is the number one water supply source for Northwest Arkansas. The water supply mission at Beaver Lake comes from the Water Supply Act of 1958.

The MP for Beaver Lake establishes guidance describing how the resources of the lake will be managed and provides the vision for how the lake should look in the future. The MP does not address the details of how and where shoreline use permits may be issued, however, it does set the stage for implementation of the shoreline management program.

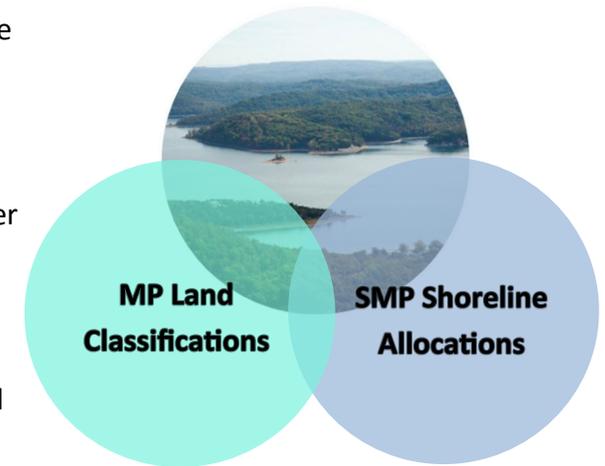
The SMP establishes policy and furnishes guidelines for the protection and preservation of the environmental characteristics of the shoreline while maintaining a balance between public and private shoreline uses. The SMP allows individuals to apply for shoreline use permits such as vegetative modification, private floating facilities, etc.

PROJECT TIMELINE



BEAVER LAKE MASTER PLAN LAND CLASSIFICATIONS

- **Project Operations:** lands required for the dam, spillway, offices, and other areas used solely for the operation of the reservoir.
- **High Density Recreation:** lands acquired for project operations and designated for use as parks or other areas for intensive recreational activities by the visiting public. New private floating facilities would not be allowed in these areas.
- **Environmentally Sensitive Areas:** lands designated for areas where scientific, ecological, cultural, or aesthetic features have been identified. These areas are managed to protect their environmental resources.
- **Multiple Resource Management Lands:** This classification allows for the designation of a predominant use with the understanding that other compatible uses may also occur on these lands, these additional uses may include:
 - **Low Density Recreation:** lands classified for use for activities such as hiking trails, primitive camping, limited lake access points, and other similar low density activities by the visiting public. New private floating facilities may be permitted in these areas in accordance with the lake Shoreline Management Plan.
 - **Wildlife Management:** lands allocated as habitat for fish and wildlife, and are generally open for hunting and fishing.
 - **Future/Inactive Recreation Areas:** Lands intended for recreation, but which were never developed or have been closed.
 - **Vegetative Management:** Lands designated for stewardship of forest, prairie, and other native vegetative cover.
- **Water Surface:**
 - **Restricted:** Water areas restricted for project operations, safety, and security purposes.
 - **Designated No-Wake:** To protect environmentally sensitive shoreline areas, recreational water access areas from disturbance, and for public safety.
 - **Fish and Wildlife Sanctuary:** Annual or seasonal restrictions on areas to protect fish and wildlife species during periods of migrations, resting, feeding, nesting, and/or spawning.
 - **Open Recreation:** Those waters available for year round or seasonal water-based recreational use.



BEAVER LAKE SHORELINE MANAGEMENT PLAN SHORELINE ALLOCATIONS

- **Limited Development Areas**—Areas where boat docks and other shoreline use activities are permitted.
- **Park Buffer Areas**—Area adjacent to or within parks which restricts the issuance of shoreline use permits.
- **Protected Shoreline Areas** – Areas designated to protect aesthetic, environmental, and fish and wildlife values. No boat docks or other shoreline use permits are allowed in these areas.
- **Prohibited Access Areas**—Areas immediately upstream from the dam where private docks and shoreline uses are prohibited for safety and security.