The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Little Rock District, is revising the Beaver Lake Master Plan (MP) and Shoreline Management Plan (SMP). Based on the comments received during the MP and SMP scoping workshops held in March 2016, the Corps has developed five alternatives for the MP and two alternatives for the SMP, all of which reflect the diverse viewpoints among lake users and stakeholders. The public comment period and public workshops are intended to solicit input and feedback on these draft alternatives prior to finalization and implementation of the updated MP and SMP. Revising these documents simultaneously ensures the alternatives under consideration for the MP align with those under consideration for the SMP.

**ALTERNATIVES EVALUATED FOR THE DRAFT MASTER PLAN**

The Beaver Lake Draft Revised Master Plan evaluates five alternatives, which include: Alternative 1 (Maximum Resource Protection); Alternative 2 (Balanced Resource Management-Preferred); Alternative 3 (Current Resource Management); Alternative 4 (No Action -1976 Plan); and Alternative 5 (Moderate Resource Protection). The percentage of land classifications under each of these Alternatives is provided below.
The Beaver Lake Draft Revised Shoreline Management Plan evaluates two alternatives, which include: Alternative 1 (No Action—1998 Plan) and Alternative 2 (Limited Growth—Preferred). The percentage of land classifications under each of these Alternatives is provided below.

**ALTERNATIVE ONE**
**NO ACTION (1998 PLAN)**
- LDA: 1.1%
- Public Rec Area: 28.1%
- Protected: 55.1%
- Prohibited: 15.7%

**ALTERNATIVE TWO**
**LIMITED GROWTH—PREFERRED**
- LDA: 1.6%
- Public Rec Area: 27.4%
- Protected: 58.0%
- Prohibited: 13.0%

Other alternative scenarios were evaluated during the alternatives formulation process, however, these alternatives were screened out based on public comments during the public scoping phase, as well as the results of the 2016 Beaver Lake Carrying Capacity Study. The Beaver Lake Carrying Capacity Study found that lake-wide boat density (acres per boat) during peak boating periods falls within the high end of the recommended range of capacity based on safety, users’ perceptions, and Beaver Lake specific setting and activities. The results of this study were used by Corps staff to assist in the development of draft alternatives.

**DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT AND DRAFT FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT**

For both the MP and SMP revisions, an Environmental Assessment (EA) was completed for each plan to evaluate existing conditions and potential impacts of proposed alternatives. In this EA development, the different alternatives are compared to the No Action Alternative in order to evaluate potential positive and negative effects on the natural and human environment based on the various shoreline acreage classifications determined by each action alternative. Analysis and interagency review of these assessments have found no significant impacts on the quality of the environment; therefore, a draft Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) has been prepared.