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Section 1

Introduction

1.1 Overview

The United States Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) Little Rock District is proposing to revise the Greers Ferry Lake Master Plan. The Master Plan (MP) guides the management of the government-owned and leased lands around the shoreline of the lake. The MP affects future management of natural resources and recreational opportunities to ensure the sustainability of Greers Ferry Lake.

The MP revision will set the stage for a later update of the Shoreline Management Plan (SMP), which is how the vision of the MP is implemented. The MP is the guidance document that describes how the resources of the lake will be managed in the future 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. After the MP is revised and when funding becomes available, the Operational Management Plan (OMP) and SMP for the lake would be revised to be consistent with the goals identified in the MP.

The current Greers Ferry Lake MP was developed over 40 years ago (supplemented over 25 times), and original estimates of future population and land use do not align with current demographics. For example, the current MP estimated that the lake would see approximately 10.6 million visitors annually by the year 2000; however, current visitation for recreational activities was only 6.7 million visits annually in 2012. The MP revision will classify the government lands around the lake based on environmental and socioeconomic considerations, public input, and an evaluation of past, present, and forecasted trends.

USACE Engineer Regulation (ER) and Engineer Pamphlet (EP) 1130-2-550 with Change 7 and Change 5, respectively, dated January 30, 2013, establish guidance for developing MPs and OMPs for USACE Civil Works projects. MPs are required for fee-owned lands, in addition to civil works projects, for which USACE has administrative responsibility for management of natural and manmade resources. The primary goals of a MP are to “prescribe an overall land use management plan, resource objectives, and associated design and management concepts” (EP 1130-2-550). MPs are reviewed every 5 years, and minor changes are made through supplements. A MP that has been excessively supplemented, is out-of-date, or does not serve its intended purpose due to changes in the project should be revised.

USACE will be preparing an environmental assessment (EA) in compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969 (as amended), the Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) guidelines (40 Code of Federal Regulations [CFR] Parts 1500-1508), and ER 200-2-2 Procedures for Implementing NEPA. The EA will evaluate the potential environmental effects of the MP revisions. However, an environmental impact statement (EIS) would be prepared if significant environmental effects are identified during preparation of the EA as a result of the MP revisions.

1.2 Purpose and Need for Master Plan Revision

The purpose of the project is to review and revise the Greers Ferry Lake MP. The last revision took place in 1976. Updating the MP is now required for the following reasons:

- Most of the approved plans in the previous update have been implemented.
- The existing plan format and mapping technology is outdated and not compliant with current Master Plan format and technology requirements.
- Current USACE policies/regulations, budget processes, business line performance measures, and priorities are not reflected.
- Customer uses have remained similar, but trends, facility, and service demands have shifted in the past 40 years.
- Demands on fixed resources challenge the existing master plan.
- Shoreline development resulting in environmental and management issues have continued to increase, causing sustainability concerns.
- Partners and stakeholders are engaged with the USACE and seek to increase and sustain benefits provided by the lake.
- To provide an alternative recreational and natural resource experience for visitors to the White River watershed projects.

1.3 Project Area

Greers Ferry Lake is nestled in the eastern foothills of the Arkansas Ozarks. The lake is actually two bodies of water--one lying north of the other and connected at the middle by a quarter mile wide channel called the "Narrows". The surrounding terrain is rocky and rugged with vertical changes in elevation of more than 600 feet. The 276-miles of shoreline lie within Cleburne and Van Buren Counties and the perimeter of the lake is almost entirely wooded with a cover of mixed shortleaf pine and upland hardwoods.

Three major tributaries of the Little Red River comprise the water source for Greers Ferry Lake. Two of these tributaries, the Devils Fork of the Little Red River and the Middle Fork of Little Red River are rapid flowing and provide excellent floating recreation upstream from the area of impoundment. The third tributary is the South Fork of the Red River, it begins in the Ozark National Forest near Scotland in Van Buren County and flows into Greers Ferry Lake near Clinton.

Greers Ferry Lake is the eastern-most major impoundment of water in Arkansas. It has a 150 highway mile zone of influence which draws a major portion of the lake's visitors from eastern Arkansas and western Tennessee.

1.4 Purpose of the Report

The following report summarizes the public participation process for, and the public comments resulting from, the Greers Ferry Lake MP Revision public scoping workshops and comment period. "Scoping" is the process of determining the scope, focus, and content of a NEPA document. Scoping workshops are a useful tool to obtain information from the public and governmental agencies. For a planning process such as the MP revision, the scoping process

was also used as an opportunity to get input from the public and agencies about the vision for the MP update and the issues that the MP should address where possible.

Section 2

Scoping Process

2.1 Overview

In accordance with NEPA and ER 200-2-2, USACE initiated the environmental compliance and review process for the Greers Ferry Lake MP revision project. An EA will be prepared to identify potential direct, indirect, and cumulative impacts related to implementation of the MP.

As part of the initial phase of the environmental process, two public scoping workshops were hosted on September 19 and 21, 2017 to gather public comments on the MP revision process and issues that should be examined as part of the environmental analysis. The workshops also provided the public an opportunity to ask questions and get more information about the current MP and the revision process. The process of determining the scope, focus, and content of a NEPA document is known as “scoping.” Scoping is a useful tool to obtain information from the public and governmental agencies.

In particular, the scoping process was used as an opportunity to get input from the public and agencies about the vision for the MP update and the issues that the MP should address. Workshop attendees were provided a comment card that asked for responses to specific questions in addition to providing general comments about the plan and the environmental review. The specific questions included:

- How would you like to see Greers Ferry Lake in 20 years?
- What about Greers Ferry Lake is most important to you?
- What about Greers Ferry Lake is least important to you?
- What changes, if any, would you like to see at the lake?
- Additional comments on the Master Plan Revision or about issues that should be studied.

USACE published notice of the scoping workshops through an email blast, press releases made available to several regional and local papers, and announcements on the Greers Ferry Lake Master Plan webpage and the Little Rock District Facebook page. The email blast was sent to adjacent landowners, dock permit holders, marina and resort owners, dock builders, and those with reservations from the past couple years that camped at Greers Ferry Lake campgrounds. Flyers were posted on bulletin boards at campgrounds and recreational facilities around the lake. Agency coordination letters were sent to potentially interested agencies.

The comment period was posted from September 8 to October 13, 2017. The comment period was announced on September 7, 2017, on the USACE webpage, Facebook, and through a press release.

2.2 Public Scoping

Public scoping is important for gathering information from the stakeholders prior to updating the master plan and deciding on the alternatives. Scoping is effective to bring members of the

community, agencies, interests groups, and other interested parties together to learn about the proposed master plan update and provide comments. Scoping helps to identify a range of reasonable alternatives, potential issues per resource area, and mitigation measures. It also helps to focus the NEPA analysis and eliminate issues that do not require detailed study. The public has a better idea and knowledge of what the master plan update entails after attending one of the workshops.

2.2.1 Notification Database

USACE maintains a database of stakeholder groups interested in activities around Greers Ferry Lake, which includes resort and marina owners. USACE obtains the fishing license permit holders list from the Arkansas Game and Fish Commission. The District does not maintain the original database; however, once obtained, it does become part of the District's notification database. Other databases maintained by USACE include shoreline use permit holders, dock builders, and National Recreation Reservation System (NRRS) customers.

2.2.2 Public Notification Activities

Strategies to engage the public to participate in the MP update, environmental review process, and to encourage people to attend scoping workshops included (1) hosting two scoping workshops at convenient and accessible locations, (2) sharing easy-to-understand information that helps people provide informed scoping comments, (3) providing multiple ways to obtain information and submit comments, and (4) ensuring that stakeholders are aware of the planning process and understand how public input will be used. Email invitations to the scoping workshops were sent to persons and organizations where email addresses were available. Additionally, a Greers Ferry Lake MP revision webpage was developed to provide information about the scoping process and the workshops. Facebook was also used to distribute project information before, during, and after the workshops.

Each notification medium was assigned a unique short uniform resource locator (URL) to direct recipients to the Greers Ferry Lake MP revision webpage for more information. This allowed USACE to determine how people heard about the workshops and the planning processes and to evaluate the effectiveness of various notification methods for future projects.

2.2.2.1 Email Notification

An email inviting participation that included information about scoping workshops was sent on Wednesday September 6, 2017 to 5,818 email addresses. These emails were sent to individuals in the notification database for whom email addresses were available.

2.2.2.2 Greers Ferry Lake Master Plan Webpage

Information on the Greers Ferry Lake master plan revision was posted on the Little Rock District website, <http://www.swl.usace.army.mil/Missions/Planning/Greers-Ferry-Lake-Master-Plan-Revision/>. The webpage contains:

- (a) an introductory video of the master plan update effort,
- (b) an interactive map that provides 1976 land use classifications from the 1976 MP,
- (c) a description of land use classifications,
- (d) a map showing recreation areas (to include Corps and city operated areas),

- (e) how to comment poster, and
- (f) form with an address to submit the comments.

This webpage also included general information on the master plan and goals for its revision. There is a project map, information on dam and lake, lake water levels, natural resources, and water safety on this webpage. Dates, locations, and times for the two public scoping workshops were also posted on this webpage. Refer to Figure 2-1 for an image captured from the District's webpage.

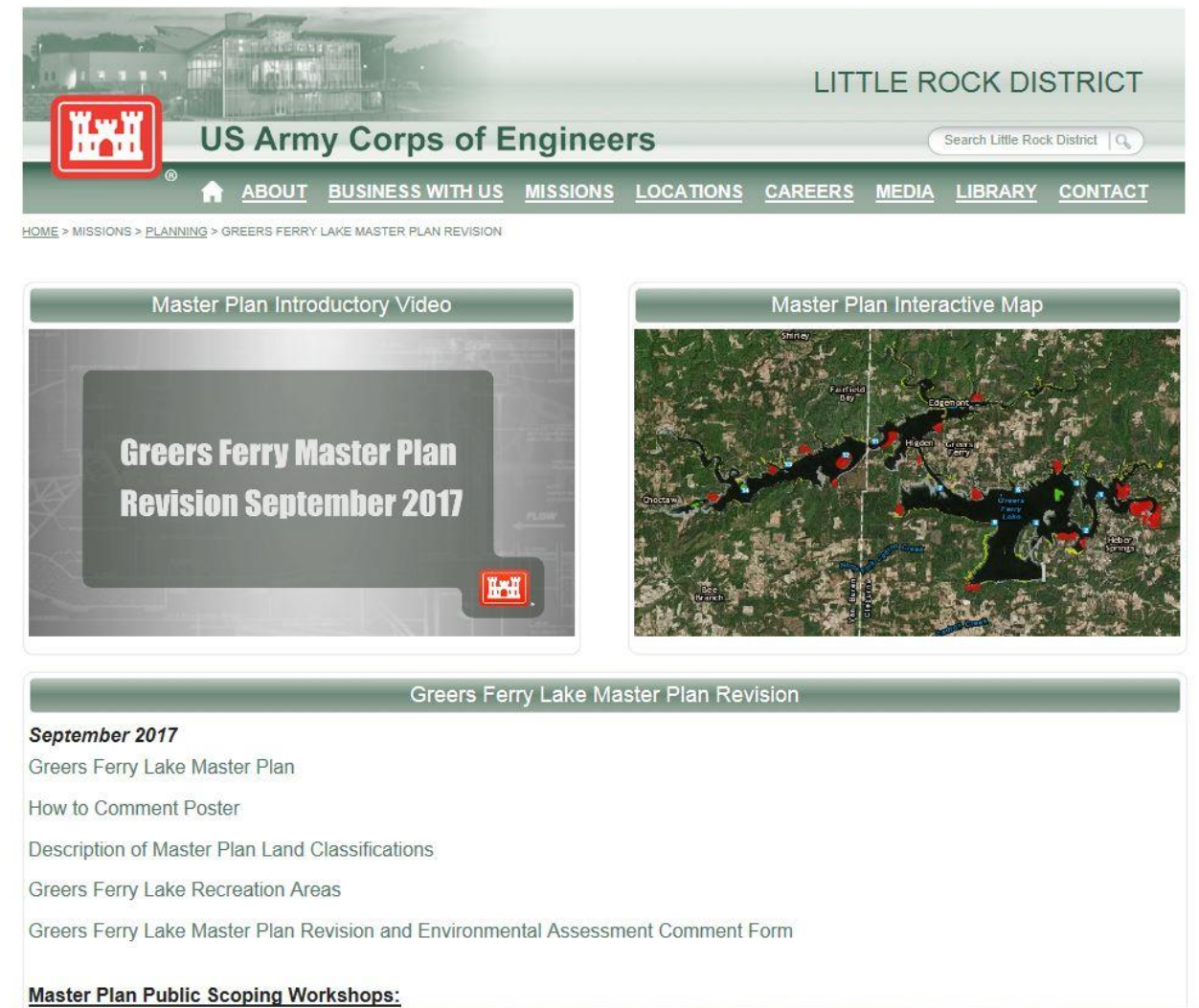


Figure 2-1 Little Rock District webpage showing information on Greers Ferry Lake MP revision

2.2.2.3 Social Media

The Little Rock District Facebook page was used to distribute project information. Facebook posts included information on the Greers Ferry Lake MP revision similar to the information found

on the District's webpage. Information on the scoping process included the dates and locations of the open houses, how to submit comments, and who to contact for more information.

2.2.2.4 Newspaper Releases

In order to maximize coverage of outreach efforts, a news release was published in The Sun Times on September 9 and 15, 2017. This release was used to inform the public about dates, locations, and times for the scoping workshops. The news release described the format of the workshops, and informed how public input could be provided. In addition, a second news release was published on October 10 to remind the public of the comment period and to encourage participation. Refer to Appendix B for copies of the news releases.

2.2.2.5 Webpage Statistics

Comment Card 25
Scoping Letter 6
Email Blast 284
Poster board 12
News Release 171
Newspaper Ad 1
Flyer 0

2.2.3 Elected Officials

Elected officials were invited to the Greers Ferry Lake Project Office on September 7 to be briefed on the Corps process to update the master plan. The meeting was attended by Cleburne County Judge Jerry Holmes, Heber Springs Mayor Jimmy Clark, Fairfield Bay Mayor Paul Wellenberger and Van Buren County Judge Roger Hooper. In addition to the elected officials meeting, another meeting with two members (Leonard Ueker and Doug Miller) from Save Greers Ferry Lake organization was held. These meetings were conducted by the PM for the Master Plan revision effort along with project staff.

2.2.4 Agency Scoping Workshop

Little Rock District invited agencies to participate in the scoping process and to provide input to the MP update during a meeting on September 20. This meeting was held at the Greers Ferry Lake Project Office. Refer to Appendix A for the sign-up sheet. This meeting was attended by Arkansas Department of Health; Arkansas Department of Parks & Tourism; Federal Emergency Management Agency, Region VI, Mitigation Division; Department of Energy, Southwestern Power Administration, Division of Resources and Rates. Also present were the lake office staff, district personnel, and two individuals representing the Southwest Division Regional Planning & Environmental Center. The agency workshop included a short video by the PM and a briefing of the master plan update process. This was followed up by a question and answer session with responses and dialogue led by USACE staff. Participants were asked to provide Agency comments during the comment period.

2.2.5 Public Scoping Workshops

USACE hosted two workshops to obtain public input on the MP revision and to develop scope of the environmental analysis to be conducted to implement the MP. Heber Springs and Clinton were selected to reflect equitable geographic coverage for the lake. The dates, locations and times for the two scoping workshops were also made available on the Greers Ferry Lake website. One workshop was held on September 19, 2017 at the Heber Springs Community Center (basketball court area), 201 Bobbie Jean Lane, from 4:30 to 7:30pm and the second was held on September 21, 2017 at the Clinton High School, 489 Yellow Jacket Lane, also from 4:30 to 7:30pm.

2.2.5.1 Public Scoping Open House Format

The workshops were held in an open house format. People who visited, signed in with the Public Affairs POC and were directed to view a short overview video. After viewing the video, they could visit stations or exhibits to learn about the master plan process, current land use classifications, and ask questions or raise concerns to a Corps team member. Each of the exhibits had a Corps team member stationed to respond to public questions and/or explain the master plan revision process. A computer station was set up with a link to an interactive map of the lake showing current land use classifications to facilitate responses to questions by the public. Refer to Appendix D for images of the exhibit boards.



Figure 2-2 Heber Springs Community Center, shows GIS map display



Figure 2-3 Heber Springs Community Center, explaining the difference between MP and SMP

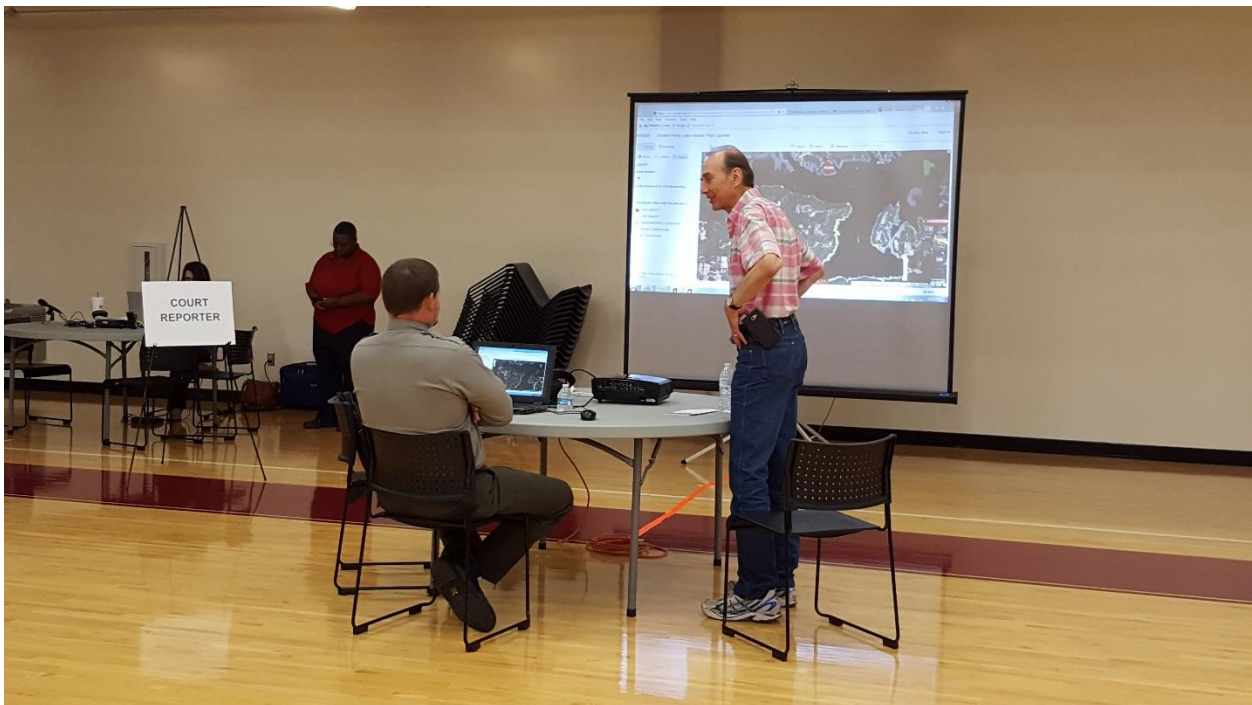


Figure 2-4 Heber Springs Community Center, shows interactive map GIS station

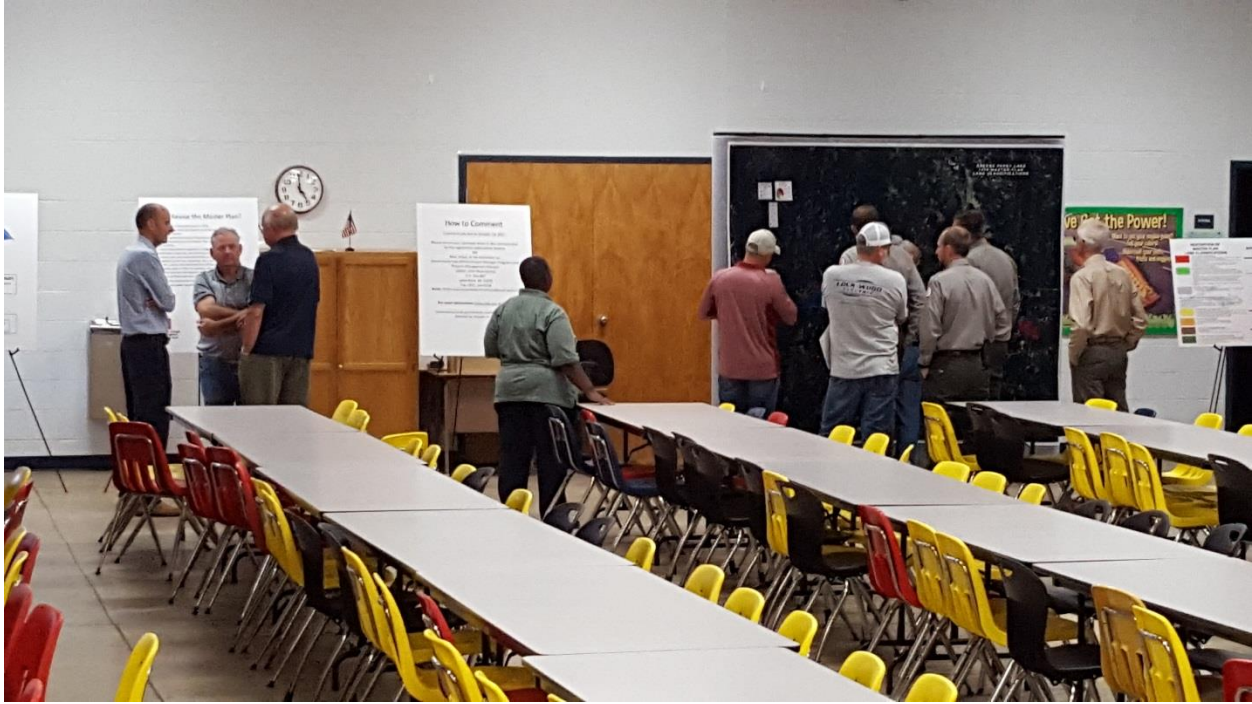


Figure 2-5 Clinton High School, map showing current land use classifications



Figure 2-6 Clinton High School, display board on the need to revise master plan



Figure 2-7 Clinton High School, interactive GIS map projected

2.2.5.2 Public Scoping Open House Materials

- Display board, Map, Interactive GIS station

2.3 Comments Received

A total of **78** people signed in at two public workshops (Figures 2-2 to 2-7). **53** comment forms and letters were received. People could submit comments on the official forms, talk to the court reporter that was available to take oral comments, or send comments via email or post office by October 13, 2017. Comments were submitted to the Greers Ferry Lake MP/EA Project Manager, Programs and Projects Management Division, USACE, Little Rock District.

Section 3

Scoping Comments Summary

This section presents a summary of comments received during the scoping period. The actual comments may be found in Appendices A and E.

3.1 Introduction

USACE accepted comments on the Greers Ferry Lake MP revision throughout the entire scoping period from September 8 through October 13, 2017. Agencies, community groups, members of the public, elected officials, and other interested parties submitted 53 letters, e-mails, and comment cards during this period. The summary table (Table 3-1) covers nearly all the comment topics and provides a tally of the topics discussed. A more detailed overview of comments follow in Sections 3.2 through 3.6.

It should be noted that the combined number of comments listed in the following subsections and the summary table will be greater than the total number of comment submissions because most people discussed multiple topics in their submission. Topics covered in the comments included general comments about the plan, the environmental review, as well as answers to the following questions:

- (1) How would you like to see Greers Ferry Lake in 20 years?
- (2) What about Greers Ferry Lake is most important to you? What is least important to you?
- (3) What changes, if any, would you like to see at the lake?
- (4) Additional comments on the Master Plan Revision or about issues that should be studied.

This section contains a summary of comments received during the scoping period. The actual comments may be found in Appendix A (agency) and E (public).

3.2 Overview of Comments

All comments were reviewed and categorized. Table 3-1 provides a summary of the comments received and a tally of the topics most frequently submitted during the scoping comment period. The number in parenthesis indicates how many times a particular comment was made. Full text of all the written comments submitted by members of the public or stakeholder organizations is provided in Appendix E. Full text of the agency comments are in Appendix A.

Table 3.1. Summary of Comments Received

Question	Comment
1. How would you like to see Greers Ferry Lake in 20 years?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • As pristine as it is today/natural beauty (14) • Clean (8) • Safe water/water quality (6) • Nice visual vegetation element on the edges • Protect the natural shoreline • More public access (2) • Preservation of recreation activities (3) • Good fishing (3) • Game fish stocking (2) • Camping (3) • Primitive camping • Access to part or all of the campgrounds • Modern campgrounds, open most of the year • Better services • Campsites with water, sewer, 50-amp service, better playground (3) • Wi-Fi and cable access at campsites • Update all swimming beaches • Picnicking • More park areas with tennis and/or basketball courts • Multi-use hiking trails (2) • Wildlife viewing/identification areas (educational) • Boating (2) • More boat docks (2) • Fewer boat docks • No more docks • Establish maximum boat capacity • Fewer restrictions on tributaries and coves • Green grass yards leading to the waterfront (opposed to “natural” look) • No more commercial or residential around the shoreline • Not overbuild • No sell-off of lakefront property or crude commercialization • More developed • More restaurants that people can boat to (7) • More restaurants on the lake (5) • More hotels/motels around the parks and lake (4) • Log cabins for rent • More attractions on or near the lake to draw more people to the lake and extend the season (2) • Protect the little dike area and make it safer and handicap accessible; concrete steps, if feasible • Turn over unused sites to marinas that would build cabins, hotels, and upscale RV sites • Make the Lazy Creek Cove at the marina a high-density area so the marina can offer more services and slips • Want the Sugar Loaf Marina to get bigger in size • Want the cove past me to be a “no wake” zone. Expand my lease area farther down the cove (Choctaw Marina) (3) • More parking areas (near Choctaw Marina) • No fracking

Question	Comment
2a. What about Greers Ferry Lake is most important to you?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clean, safe water (water quality) (23) • Protection of public drinking water intakes (water quantity) (5) • Fishing (6) • Improve fish habitat • Natural surroundings (8) • Quality of recreational experience (boating, kayaking, paddle boarding, hiking) (5) • Swimming allowed and protected • Boating • Camping • Public accessibility (5) • Opposed to any additional restrictions on private use of the lake • Limited shoreline development (2) • No more private docks unless they have permits • Better maintenance of docks • Commercial development at parks around the lake (2) • Major tourist destination (2) • Aesthetic appeal (2) • Lack of clutter (not visually obtrusive) • Family atmosphere (4) • Cove behind my home be kept clear of docks (35°32'08.78" N, 92°20'22.24" W, SSE of Point 14); classify the cove as an environmentally sensitive area • Should not negatively impact hydroelectric power operations • Value of homes and lots adjacent to the lake • Revision of current restrictions on the 90-yard mowing permit around water intake areas • Marina lease expansion that doesn't take years for permits that should be handled in 60 days • Places to stay
2b. What is the least important to you?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hybrid Bass need to go • Boating (2) • Additional boat dock permits • Nonresident private docks • Hiking trails and Campsites • Restrictions for parasails, seaplanes, certain sporting events • Recreation and personal development • Hydropower • Commercial development (2)
3. What changes, if any, would you like to see at the lake?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Re-evaluation of areas that are considered "pristine," where boat docks are not allowed • Limit boat docks • Environmentally safe docks • Updated loading ramps with adequate parking • Expand docks to accommodate boats that visit the restaurant (Janssen Lakefront Lodge and Restaurant) • Increase lease areas for high density around marinas • Need more "no wake" buoys; want more lease area • Two more marinas to accommodate more boating • Improve fishing (crappie)

Question	Comment
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Protect shoreline (2) • Require Marinas to meet higher construction standards • South Fork Park reopened for camping • Mountain biking trails (3) • More walking trails • Update campgrounds with 50-amp service and water and sewer hookups (7) • Better campgrounds (2) • More camping areas • More restrooms and showers at campsites • Clean restrooms, should be open all year • Coherent sewage system and sewage disposal system around the lake; phase out septic tanks • Update swimming areas (3) • Update playgrounds (3) • More sandy beaches • Food service at the lake/restaurants (2) • Cabins and hotels (places to stay) • Bring more tourists • More scuba diving recreational areas • Leave all the parks open year-round, if only the nonpowered and water camping spots • Build an earthen berm to protect the Cove Creek Marina area from the wind and wave action • Classify currently unused land as high- and low-density recreation (e.g. hiking and biking), allowing for more community use • Greater public awareness of and compliance with littering laws (less trash) (2) • More public participation in the cleanup • Enlarge Eden Isle Marina to the south of Highway 110 (Heber Springs is growing west toward Eden Isle) • Commercial drilling should not be allowed in or under the lake (2) • Waterfall just downstream of the dam on the Heber side (below Mossy Bluff Trail) is blocked off to the public; it is not always running. Is there water available from the lake for the waterfall to continually flow? It could be made a major attraction like Collins Creek (year-round). Add parking area and picnic tables to add to the experience. • South Fork Park reopened, policed, and managed • More pavilions. One or two by the Narrows side of the lake. Perhaps one at Shiloh? • Maintain water intake areas with very little, if any, development. Lonoke White Public Water Authority is very important to Vilonia area residents and the region it serves. • Change the area around the Lonoke White Intake to a prohibited access area (2) • Monitor low-density recreation areas; maintain zero tolerance for water contamination • Cove behind the Sugar Loaf Marina turned into a high-density area (2) • Choctaw Creek Cove needs to be designated a high-density area • A well-maintained hiking trail on Sugar Loaf with historical markers and nature trail type markers identifying trees and flora

Question	Comment
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Put a “no wake” zone around the Narrows Boat Dock, a very dangerous area on the lake • Do more to control geese around the lake • Sugar Loaf Island should be an environmentally protected area for hiking on designated trails • Removal of buffer zones around recreational areas • Conservation control, controlled burn of the Corps shoreline of areas that are covered with dead trees and shrubs
<p>4. Additional comments on the Master Plan Revision or about issues that should be studied</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • More “maintained” water access for the public • More access to the lake when water is up • Easier access to the lake from their property (for people who live on the lake) • No long-term negative environmental impact resulting from clearing brush and planting grass between houses and the water’s edge (in the white line area). Cleared areas make good forage areas for wild game. • Multi-use trails • Worried about wildfires resulting from campfires • Open and use all existing camping areas and boat launch ramps 365 days per year • Campgrounds with boat launches, marinas, and space should be open longer than Devils Fork, which helps no one • Disagree that all land around the lake must be classified as high density, low density, environmentally sensitive, or project operations. Suggest that some land use remain unchanged. Some areas around the lake shouldn’t be reclassified to low density. • Greers Ferry Lake will be providing drinking water for many more Arkansans in the future • Arkansas Department of Health regulations require a public water system’s effective control of land within a restricted buffer zone ¼ mile around an intake and within 300’ of the shoreline. Additionally, 300’ buffer zone around the intake should be restricted to water supply activities. These areas should be classified as environmentally sensitive. • Before a prohibited zone is continued, it [should] be based on health department and there be scientific data to justify the prohibited zone. • Community floodplain administrator [should] be contacted for review and possible permit requirements for this project. If federally funded, we would request the project to be in compliance with EO11988 and EO11990. • Inform developers (prior to construction of additional facilities in or around Greers Ferry Lake) that lake levels will fluctuate depending on a variety of factors, including rainfall (or lack thereof), flood control operations, water supply withdrawal, and power demand. • Future major rehabilitation projects at the Greers Ferry hydroelectric power plant may require an increase in the footprint of the Greers Ferry powerhouse and switchyard facilities. Include a sufficient buffer around the current powerhouse and switchyard to allow for potential expansion. • Conduct a cost-benefit analysis that includes loss of home values • Consider contamination affecting water quality if considering any development on the lake (4)

Question	Comment
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Limit water storage allocations to those that have a means to use the water through an existing intake. If not linked to the intake why have the allocation? • Need more places to stay and eat on the lake (3) • Add high-end campsites and cabins for tourists (2) • More projects with AGFC (Arkansas Game and Fish Commission) on fishing structures to attract more fisherman and bigger tournaments (2) • Let marinas have more control over their lease area • Faster approval of improvements at marinas • Lots approved for docks shouldn't have to wait years to get the permits • Marinas should be allowed to expand if there is demand by the public and marinas are out of space, water, or land. • Update playground, bathrooms, and showers in the park at Sugar Loaf. • There should not be any homes right on the lake • Raise the fee for a private dock to generate revenue • Renting slip cost is extremely high (close to \$2,000 a year) • Sink sculptures and statues to create interest for recreational divers, similar to creating artificial reefs in the ocean. • Should be no additional commercial marinas allowed. Area of marinas should be fixed at 2017 sizes. Size of slips should be fixed at current lengths and widths. Limit the size of pleasure crafts.

3.3 Comments Related to Question 1

How would you like to see Greers Ferry Lake in 20 Years?

The most frequent response to Question 1 was that people would like to preserve the natural beauty of the lake and see it in pristine condition as it is today. Out of a total of 44 comments, half of the responses to this question indicated that the natural beauty and having a clean lake was important to them. Next category of importance was recreation. This included preservation of recreation activities, more parks, picnicking, hiking trails, swimming, and viewing wildlife. Followed by recreation was to have more restaurants on the lake as well as those that can be accessible by boat. Next was camping, which included better services to sites, accessibility, and extending the season. There were equal number of comments on boating and good fishing. A few would also like to see more places to stay, such as hotels/motels, log cabins to rent, and upscale RV sites. Rest of the comments pertained to specific marinas or coves that were located near the residents.

3.4 Comments Related to Question 2

2a. What about Greers Ferry Lake is most important to you?

Nearly everyone who responded to this question indicated that having clean and safe water was important to them. There were a total of 25 comments submitted. Some also indicated that protection of public drinking water intakes was important. This was followed by an appreciation of natural surroundings, fishing, public accessibility, and quality of recreational (boating, kayaking, paddle boating, hiking, swimming) experience. People also valued the family atmosphere at the lake. People were also concerned about aesthetic appeal, value of their

homes and commercial development around the lake. A couple of respondents would like to make the lake a major tourist destination.

2b. What is the least most important to you?

This question had the fewest (9) responses. A couple of respondents indicated commercial development was least important. There were also four responses that pertained to boat docks and two commented on boating.

3.5 Comments Related to Question 3

What changes, if any would you like to see at the lake?

This question had a lot of responses (48) covering broad range of topics. Among the most common responses were to upgrade campgrounds with 50 amp service, water, and sewer hookups; have better campgrounds; more campgrounds; and more restrooms and showers at campsites. The second most common response pertained to recreation (e.g. to have mountain biking trails, more walking trails and sandy beaches, update playgrounds and swimming areas). There was also a remark about classifying currently unused land as high- and low- recreation, allowing for more community use. A couple of comments were on cleanup, compliance with littering laws, having less trash, and maintaining a zero tolerance for water contamination. A number of individual responses indicated limiting boat docks, having environmentally safe docks and requiring marinas to meet higher construction standards. There were two responses on not allowing commercial drilling in or under the lake.

3.6 Comments Related to Question 4

Additional comments on the Master Plan Revision or about Issues that should be studied.

Most respondents provided a greater level of detail for this question. There were a wide variety of additional comments and many did not directly relate to Questions 1, 2a, 2b, or 3. They used the space to express concerns or convey suggestions for improvements, and provided location specific comments. Only a few topics had multiple responses on the same topic, these were contamination affecting water quality; having more, maintained, and easier access to the lake; improvements and expansion of marinas; having the campsites and recreation availability year-round; and more places to stay (high end campsites and cabins) and eat on the lake. Many commenters answered this question with the primary idea for improving the lake and then added suggestions for specific locations such as Devil's Fork, Meadow Creek, Grand Isle, Choctaw Marina, and Sugar Loaf. Comments regarding specific areas are provided below.

- Propose to classify land adjacent to Little Dike as low density and create a multi-use trail to connect to the Sulphur Creek Trail. The trail will follow the existing city sewer line easement currently crossing Corps lands adjacent to the Little Dike. Has potential to impact approximately 100,000 annually and spike economic development for year-round recreation versus the seasonal impacts the town sees now.
- Construct a two-way canal built for business development, shopping, restaurants, and bars. Let the local entrepreneurs invest in business and generate local jobs, income, and taxes.
- Why a local kayak and canoe rental place was shut down in Greers Ferry, thus not allowing to transport kayaks and canoes to customers at Devil Fork Park.
- Additional zoning near Dock 4225 to incorporate best shore location.

- Have paths and discuss the possibility of docks, or a community dock, along Meadow Creek near Thunderbird. Area defined as low-density recreation.
- Eden Isle Marina, Inc. is not familiar with restrictions with water intake located nearby the Cove Creek lease area.
- Citizens who live in Heber Springs (and pay taxes) should be rewarded with free use of a pavilion during off-season (October–February). Limit it to one time every 3 years.
- Put a dock at our house at the cliffs past Hill Creek. Was approved before; needs to be approved again.
- Turn over the primitive area of the campground to the Choctaw Marina. (2)
- Make the Grand Isle Grey Zone, especially the area around mile marker #11, a Yellow Zone.
- Salt Creek should not be designated as a recreation area. It should be a wildlife area. (2)
- Request for a private dock (lakefront lot #23)

3.7 Summary of Comments on Items to Revise the Master Plan

Comments were provided by the public, agencies, and elected officials. Most residents expressed a desire to preserve the natural beauty of the lake, 20 years from now. They noted having clean, safe water was most important to them. Following the importance of clean water, was having accessibility to the lake for recreation. Respondents value a variety of recreational activities. Next category was for people to have a place to stay (campsites, hotels/motels, cabins) and eat. A few individuals also asked about more development around the lake.

Manroop's comment: Relate how what's important to the public translates to land use classifications for MP update. I need input from the team.

Section 4

Next Steps: MP Revision Process

The purpose of scoping is to provide an opportunity for agencies and the public to comment on the purpose and need and the range of alternatives proposed for analysis and to help identify issues that should be evaluated in the NEPA document. USACE also used the public scoping process as an opportunity to gain feedback from the public regarding the scope of the MP revisions.

USACE will continue to work closely with agencies and stakeholder groups to address issues identified through scoping as the draft MP is developed and alternatives are evaluated. An EA will be prepared to evaluate potential impacts from proposed changes to the MP. An environmental impact statement will be prepared only if significant environmental effects are identified during preparation of the EA that could result from proposed MP revisions. The draft MP and EA will be made available for review and comment. It is anticipated that this public review would occur in late 2018.

Individual responses to scoping comments are not developed under the NEPA process; rather, the draft MP revision will address comments received in a global manner. The draft MP and EA will be made available to the public and agencies for review and comment. USACE will incorporate the feedback and suggestions provided through the scoping comments into the draft MP where they are consistent with the purpose of a MP and where possible under the planning mechanisms available to USACE.

During this scoping process, participants were asked to “Please... provide your comments and suggestions on items to update in the Greers Ferry Lake Master Plan (MP).” The responses that were gathered will help USACE develop potential alternatives for analysis in the EA. Alternatives might range from no changes in the plan to an alternative that makes changes favorable to development and human uses or an alternative that proposes changes favorable to environmental protection and natural resource values. Issues related to water quality, recreation, having more restaurants, and improved campsites (pull from comments summary in Chapter 3) ranked highly among the concerns raised by agencies and the public. The draft MP will review existing policies and regulations regarding these topics and will present a range of potential modifications to the existing program.

Dana’s comment: In past MP updates, we used the "top three issues" to form our focus groups. We are moving away from doing focus groups now--they have become too conflicted. So, we may not need to focus so much on the "top three". Need PDT comments.

Appendices

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Appendix A

Agencies and Organizations Notified of Scoping

A meeting was held on September 20, 2017 at the Greers Ferry Lake office to inform agencies about the Master Plan revision. Agencies sign-up sheet, agency comments (4), and the briefing that was provided by the PM follow.

Agency comments were received from four agencies.

- (1) Arkansas Department of Health
- (2) Arkansas Department of Parks & Tourism
- (3) Federal Emergency Management Agency, Region VI, Mitigation Division
- (4) Department of Energy, Southwestern Power Administration, Division of Resources and Rates



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GREERS FERRY LAKE MASTER PLAN REVISION PUBLIC WORKSHOP

Agency Scoping Workshop

Date: 30 September 2017

Location: GTFPO

PLEASE SIGN IN

	PRINT NAME / ORGANIZATION	MAILING ADDRESS		E-MAIL	HOW DID YOU HEAR ABOUT THE MEETING? (please circle one)	
		CITY	STATE ZIP		Radio	Social Media
1	Matt Schroeder (AGFC)	213 A Highway 89 South Mayflower, AR 72106		mathew.schroeder@agfc.ar.gov	Email	Word of Mouth
2	Justin Stromen (AGFC)	2 Natural Resources Dr Little Rock, AR 72205		justin.stromen@agfc.ar.gov	Email	Word of Mouth
3	Darcia Routh (ADH)	4815 W. H. 4th St, SLT 37 Little Rock AR 72205		darcia.routh@arkansas.gov	Email	Word of Mouth
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10	Joe Harper (USACE)	P.O. Box 1088 HS, AR 72543		Joseph.D.Harper@usace.army.mil	Flyer	Social Media



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**GREERS FERRY LAKE
MASTER PLAN REVISION
PUBLIC WORKSHOP**

Date:

Location:

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Department of Energy
Southwestern Power Administration
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Ms. Dana Coburn
Programs and Project Management Division
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Little Rock District
P.O. Box 867
Little Rock, AR 72203

Dear Ms. Coburn,

Thank you for the opportunity to provide input on the update of the Greers Ferry Lake Master Plan (Master Plan). As the Federal agency responsible for scheduling and marketing the hydroelectric power and energy from the Greers Ferry project, Southwestern Power Administration (Southwestern) has comments regarding the update to the Master Plan.

First and foremost, any updates made to the Master Plan should not negatively impact hydroelectric power operations at the Greers Ferry project. Hydroelectric power is one of the original Congressionally authorized purposes of the project, and Southwestern applies the power sales revenues collected each year to paying off the U.S. taxpayers' original investment and ongoing reinvestment, plus interest, as well as annual operation and maintenance cost, for the Greers Ferry hydroelectric power plant and for an allotted portion of the joint-use infrastructure and project facilities. Therefore, other project uses should not receive additional benefits to the detriment of hydroelectric power.

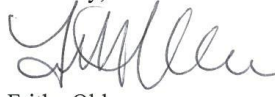
Additionally, it is important to note that the Master Plan is not intended to address water level management at Greers Ferry Lake. However, as discussed in section 2-05, Pool Fluctuation and streamflow of the current Master Plan, lake users should be made aware in the Master Plan update that lake levels will fluctuate depending on a variety of factors, including rainfall (or lack thereof), flood control operations, water supply withdrawal, and power demand. Prior to the construction of additional facilities in or around Greers Ferry Lake, developers should continue to be informed of these routine and sometimes significant fluctuations.

Southwestern also supports efforts to improve the water quality at Greers Ferry Lake. In addition to improving recreation and fish habitat, increased water quality has a positive impact on the severity of seasonal depleted dissolved oxygen (DO) conditions in the lake. Improved DO in the lake and subsequent hydropower releases downstream will allow Southwestern to maintain operational flexibility at the Greers Ferry project during the low DO season, which historically occurs during the months of July through November.

Finally, when designating lands for project operations, please keep in mind that future major rehabilitation projects at the Greers Ferry hydroelectric power plant may require an increase in the footprint of the Greers Ferry powerhouse and switchyard facilities. A sufficient buffer around the current powerhouse and switchyard should be included as project operations land to allow for potential expansion.

Southwestern appreciates the opportunity to provide input for the Master Plan update. If you have any questions or comments, please contact Tyler Gipson at (918) 595-6685 or Tyler.Gipson@swpa.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Fritha Ohlson', written in a cursive style.

Fritha Ohlson
Director
Division of Resources and Rates

Cc:
Nicki Fuller
Executive Director
Southwestern Power Resources Association

SUBMIT

**Greers Ferry Lake Master Plan
Revision and Environmental
Assessment**



Please use this form to respond to the following three questions that will be asked in this workshop. You may also use this form to provide additional comments about how you would like to see the Greers Ferry Lake Master Plan revised or on the issues that should be studied before a decision is made on Master Plan revisions.

*Feel free to take an extra form and send it back by **October 13, 2017**, to USACE at the addresses below.*

Your Name/Organization: Benjamin Gilley / Arkansas Department of Health

Address: 4815 W. Markham St. Little Rock 72205

E-mail: benjamin.gilley@arkansas.gov

Phone: 5016612703

How would you like to see Greers Ferry Lake in 20 years? _____

What about Greers Ferry Lake is most important to you? What is the least important to you? _

The protection of public drinking water intakes is the utmost priority to the Department of Health.

What changes, if any, would you like to see at the lake?_

Additional comments on the Master Plan Revision or about issues that should be studied:

AR Department of Health regulations require a public water system's effective control of lands within a restricted buffer zone 1/4 mile around an intake and within 300' of the shoreline. Additionally, a 300' buffer zone around the intake should be restricted to water supply activities. For these reasons, the Department of Health suggests that these areas be classified as environmentally sensitive in the Greers Ferry Lake Master Plan.

Comments may be submitted via mail, email, fax or the project website with attention to: Greers Ferry Lake MP/EA Project Manager
Programs and Projects Management Division, USACE, Little Rock District, P.O. Box 867, Little Rock, AR 72203. Fax: (501) 324-6518, Email:
CESWL-GreersFerryMasterPlanProject@usace.army.mil

Website: <https://go.usa.gov/xR7RY>

Written comments must be postmarked, e-mailed, faxed, or otherwise submitted by October 13, 2017.

PRIVACY ACT STATEMENT INSTRUCTIONS

AUTHORITY: ER 1130-2-550, and the laws and regulations referenced therein.

PRINCIPAL PURPOSE(S): To provide a means for the maximum practicable public participation in Master Plan formulation, preparation and subsequent revisions, through the use of public meetings, group workshops, open houses or other public involvement.

ROUTINE USE(S): Information you provide will be available for public review or may be disclosed to members of the Department of Defense or other Government agencies who have a need for the information in performance of their official duties, and where use of such information is compatible with the purpose for which the information is collected.

DISCLOSURE: Voluntary; however, failure to furnish the requested information may prevent the Agency from being able to direct meeting notices or provide additional information to commentors.



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October 13, 2017

Greers Ferry Lake Master Plan Project Manager
Programs and Project Management Division
US Army Corps of Engineers, Little Rock District
Post Office Box 867
Little Rock, Arkansas 72203

RE: Greers Ferry Lake Master Plan
Planning/Scoping Process
Clebune and Van Buren Counties, Arkansas

Ms. Coburn:

We appreciate the opportunity to comment on this stage of the upcoming revision(s) to the Greers Ferry Lake Master Plan.

Upon reviewing the existing Master Plan, particularly in the context of land classifications, the Arkansas Department of Parks & Tourism (ADPT) has no recommendations for changes to the Plan at this time. This does not preclude, however, the possibility of future comments or suggestions with regard to actual changes proposed to the Master Plan and related land classifications, either by the USACE or other agencies.

In particular, the ADPT would be concerned with any changes that might adversely affect public outdoor recreation, especially any changes that might reduce the acreage currently devoted to outdoor recreational opportunities available to the general public. As such, the ADPT requests the opportunity to comment on each successive stage of the Plan's development, any proposed revisions to the Plan.

Thank you again for the opportunity to comment on this stage of the Greers Ferry Lake Master Plan, and for any upcoming opportunities to provide input in the formation of the Plan. If you have any questions or require additional assistance, please feel free to contact us at 501-682-1227 or via email matt.mcnaair@arkansas.gov.

Respectfully,

Matt McNair
Environmental Review Coordinator
Outdoor Recreation Grants Program

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FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY
REGION VI
MITIGATION DIVISION

RE: Greers Ferry Lake Master Plan

NOTICE REVIEW/ENVIRONMENTAL CONSULTATION

☐ We have no comments to offer. ☒ We offer the following comments:

**WE WOULD REQUEST THAT THE COMMUNITY FLOODPLAIN
ADMINISTRATOR BE CONTACTED FOR THE REVIEW AND POSSIBLE PERMIT
REQUIREMENTS FOR THIS PROJECT. IF FEDERALLY FUNDED, WE WOULD
REQUEST PROJECT TO BE IN COMPLIANCE WITH EO11988 & EO 11990.**

REVIEWER:

Lauren H. Fulton, CFM
Floodplain Management and Insurance Branch
Mitigation Division
(940) 898-5474

DATE: September 20, 2017



REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF

DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
LITTLE ROCK DISTRICT CORPS OF ENGINEERS
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LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS 72203-0867

(501) 324-5751 □ FAX: 501-324-5605 □ <http://www.swl.usace.army.mil>

August 29, 2017

Tony Robinson
Region 6 Administrator
FEMA, Region VI
Federal Regional Center
FRC 800 North Loop 288
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Date:	9/20/17	

Dear Mr. Robinson:

The Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), Little Rock District, is revising the Greers Ferry Lake Master Plan, which was last updated in 1976. Pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969 (P.L. 91-190) an Environmental Assessment (EA) of potential impacts of the draft plan will also be prepared. Your agency is invited to attend an agency scoping workshop to provide comments and input to assist USACE with development of the Master Plan and the preparation of an EA under NEPA.

The Master Plan guides the management of government-owned and leased lands around the lake. Decisions about land use classifications in the Master Plan may affect future management of natural resources and recreational opportunities. Input from the agencies and the general public will help define the needed revisions to the draft plan, which is scheduled for public review in the spring of 2018.

The purpose of the update is to bring the Master Plan into compliance with current USACE policies and regulations, identify usage trends and customer needs, and balance shoreline uses with natural resource management. Updates to the plan are expected to review current management practices of the lake and to take advantage of current technologies.

Your agency has been identified by the USACE as one that may have an interest in this project. The land classifications established through the Master Plan may have important implications for surrounding residential communities, businesses, parks, and natural areas. As a result, USACE

is requesting your input and agency's expertise to assist in the development of an updated Master Plan and the preparation of an Environmental Assessment as required by NEPA and the USACE Engineer Regulation ER 200-2-2 "Procedures for Implementing NEPA".

The agency scoping workshop will be held on the following date and location:

- Wednesday, September 20 from 10am to 12pm at the Greers Ferry Lake Project Office Conference Room located at 700 Heber Springs Road North, Heber Springs, AR 72543
Phone #: 501-362-9067

The planning process will include an analysis of potential effects on the natural and social environment, including fish and wildlife, recreational opportunities, economics, land use, cultural and historic resources, aesthetics, and public health and safety. USACE is involving agencies and the public in the planning process for both the Master Plan update and the NEPA analysis.

If you are unable to attend this workshop, you may also attend one of several public scoping workshops regarding the master plan update. Information on the scheduled public workshops is at: <https://go.usa.gov/xR7R2>.

In addition to participation in the scoping workshop, your agency may also submit comments via mail, email, or fax with attention to: Greers Ferry Lake Master Plan Project Manager, Programs and Project Management Division, USACE, Little Rock District, P.O. Box 867, Little Rock, AR 72203, Fax: (501) 324-5605, Email: CESWL-GreersFerryLakeMasterPlan@usace.army.mil, Website: <https://go.usa.gov/xR7R2>. Written comments must be postmarked, e-mailed, faxed, or otherwise submitted by October 13, 2017. If we do not hear from you within this time period, we will assume your agency has no comments at this time.

If you have any questions regarding this invitation please contact me at (501) 324-5601 or via email at dana.o.coburn@usace.army.mil.

Sincerely,

Dana Coburn, Project Manager
Programs and Project Management Division
USACE, Little Rock District

***Greers Ferry Lake Master Plan Revision
Little Rock District
September 2017***

Name: Dana Coburn
Title: PM



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Master Plan Update Vision Statement

“Promote and enhance quality outdoor recreation experiences and carry out other authorized Corps missions while protecting and managing the natural resources for future generations.”



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Greers Ferry Lake Operation

- ▶ Flood Risk Management
- ▶ Hydroelectric Power
- ▶ Water Supply
- ▶ Fish and Wildlife
- ▶ Recreation



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Relationship of Master Plans to OMP and Shoreline Management Plans (SMP)

- **Master Plans** – The “overarching” concept document that should dictate how project lands and water surface will be managed. Revision requires significant public involvement. Prepared by an interdisciplinary team.
- **SMPs** – Focused on management of allowable private activities as set forth in ER 1130-2-406 (docks and vegetation modification). Subservient to land classifications in the MP. Revision requires public involvement and is normally led by project and Operations staff.



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Relationship of Master Plans to OMP and Shoreline Management Plans (SMP)

- Guidance for SMP is set forth in ER 1130-2-406 and was established through a formal rule making process. This guidance is a part of Title 36 (see Part 327.30).
- ER 1130-2-406 states, in part, that “These (shoreline) allocations should compliment, but certainly not contradict, the land classifications in the project master plan.” This language gives Master Plans a trump card over changes in SMP.



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Relationship of Master Plans to OMP and Shoreline Management Plans (SMP)

Should MP and SMP be revised simultaneously?

While it may seem more efficient to revise them at the same time, the sometimes overwhelming and very vocal pressure from adjacent landowners may cause the MP process to take a back seat to the SMP.

However, each lake is different. The decision to revise these plans either separately or concurrently has to take all factors into consideration. But...

The MP land classifications should take precedence!



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Land Classifications

- ▶ Project Operations
- ▶ High Density Recreation
- ▶ Environmentally Sensitive Areas
- ▶ Multiple Resource Management Lands
 - Low Density Recreation
 - Wildlife Management
 - Future/Inactive Recreation Areas
 - Vegetative Management



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Water Surface Classifications

- Water Surface may include:
 - Restricted
 - Designated No-Wake
 - Fish and Wildlife Sanctuary
 - Open Recreation



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What is a Master Plan?

- A guidance document that...
 - ▶ ...describes how the resources of the lake will be managed, and
 - ▶ ...provides a vision for how the lake should look in the future



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Why Update?

- ▶ Ensure accurate land classification and resource protection for future generations;
- ▶ The existing plan format and mapping technology is outdated and not compliant with current Master Plan format and technology requirements;
- ▶ Current Corps policies/regulations, budget processes, business line performance measures, and priorities are not reflected ;



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Why Update?

- ▶ Customer uses have remained similar, but trends, recreation equipment (i.e RV size, vessel size, etc.), facility use (amp service, wifi, etc.), and service demands have shifted since approval of the last master plan in 1976;
- ▶ Demands on fixed resources challenge the existing master plan;
- ▶ Partners and stakeholders are engaged with the Corps and seek to increase and sustain benefits provided by the lake.



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The Master Plan...

- Plans for visitors
- Manages natural resources
- Designates Land Uses



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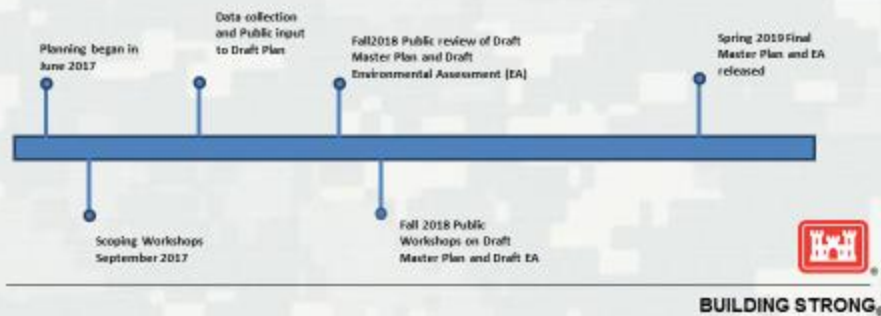
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We Want Your Input

- This is your opportunity to let USACE know how you would like the lake to be managed in the future!
- Watch for future opportunities to comment as the draft plan is developed.



We Want Your Input

- Comments may be submitted via mail, email, fax or the project website with attention to: Greers Ferry Lake MP/EA Project Manager Programs and Projects Management Division, USACE, Little Rock District, P.O. Box 867, Little Rock, AR 72203

Fax: (501) 324-5605

Email: CESWL-GreersFerryMasterPlanProject@usace.army.mil

Website: <https://go.usa.gov/xR7R2>

- Written comments must be postmarked, e-mailed, faxed, or otherwise submitted by October 13, 2017



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Questions and Answers

Thank You!

For More Information Contact:

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Projects Management Division,
USACE, Little Rock District

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Appendix B

Corps Notification

B.1 Email List

The email list is several pages long. Is not necessary to include it here.

B.2 Email Blast

GREERS FERRY LAKE MASTER PLAN REVISION

The Army Corps of Engineers, Little Rock District, plans to revise the Greers Ferry Lake Master Plan. The Master Plan guides the classification and management of government-owned or leased lands around the lake and may affect future recreational opportunities and natural resource management.

Pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) an Environmental Assessment of potential impacts of the draft plan will also be prepared.

We want to hear from you!

Please attend a meeting or visit <https://go.usa.gov/xR7Rj> for current information.

PUBLIC SCOPING WORKSHOPS

Tuesday, September 19, 2017

4:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Heber Springs Community Center
201 Bobbie Jean Lane
Heber Springs, AR

Thursday, September 21, 2017

4:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Clinton High School Cafeteria
489 Yellow Jacket Lane
Clinton, AR

-----All facilities accessible to persons with disabilities-----

Attend one of the two public scoping workshops to learn the details of the master planning process and provide your input to the master plan vision for future land use and management at Greers Ferry Lake.

Comments may be submitted via mail, email, or fax with attention to: Greers Ferry Lake MP/EA Project Manager Programs and Projects Management Division, USACE, Little Rock District, P.O. Box 867, Little Rock, AR 72203. Fax: (501) 324-6518, Email: CESWL-GreersFerryMasterPlanProject@usace.army.mil

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B.3 News Releases



NEWS RELEASE

U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS

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Release No: 90-17
Release: Immediately
June 9, 2017

Contact:
Laurie Driver, 501-563-6835
Laurie.T.Driver@usace.army.mil

GREERS FERRY LAKE MASTER PLAN REVISIONS REQUIRE TEMPORARY HALT TO SHORELINE MANAGEMENT REQUESTS

GREERS FERRY, Ark. -- The Army Corps of Engineers' Greers Ferry Project Office will suspend shoreline activity requests beginning July 19 to establish a baseline of the lake for officials to use while revising its 41-year-old master plan.

Shoreline activity requests will not be accepted during the master plan revision and all zoning and shoreline management regulations will remain in effect until the plan is complete.

A series of public workshops will be held to inform the public about the process used to update the Greers Ferry Lake Master Plan. The workshops will also allow project personnel to gather information from local residents and park visitors. The locations, dates and times of these workshops will be announced in the near future.

At the public workshops, representatives from the Corps of Engineers will present an overview on the master plan revision process to include explaining the difference between a master plan and a shoreline management plan. Anyone with any interest in the future management of Greers Ferry Lake is encouraged to attend.

--MORE--

U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS – LITTLE ROCK DISTRICT
700 West Capitol, Little Rock, AR 72201
<http://www.swl.usace.army.mil/news&info/newsrel.html>

The Corps' master plans are used to guide all use and development of a project's federal public lands and waters for environmental stewardship and recreation related purposes, throughout its life.

Most of Little Rock District's master plans were completed in the 1970's, with supplements added through the years to document change for that specific time.

Recreation information can be found on the Internet at www.swl.usace.army.mil, on Facebook at www.facebook.com/littlerockusace, and on Twitter at <https://twitter.com/#!/usacelittlerock>.

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Corps issues reminder for Greers Ferry Lake Master Plan comment period

HEBER SPRINGS, Ark. -- The Army Corps of Engineers is reminding anyone interested in the Greers Ferry Lake Master Plan revision process concerning land classifications around the lake to submit their comments by Oct. 13.

Comments can be mailed to: Greers Ferry Lake MP/EA Project Manager, Little Rock District, Programs and Project Management Division, P.O. Box 867, Little Rock, Ark., 72203; or email your comments to CESWL-GreersFerryLakeMasterPlan@usace.army.mil. An on-line fillable comment card is available at <https://go.usa.gov/xR7Rf>.

A master plan is the guidance document that describes how the resources of the lake will be managed and provides the vision for how the lake should look in the future. The master plan also provides the basis for the operational management plan, which guides day-to-day management activities of natural resources, and shoreline management plan, which guides private uses of public land and water.

The current Greers Ferry Lake Master Plan was developed more than 40 years ago and is outdated. The master plan revision classifies public lands around the lake based on environmental and socioeconomic considerations, public input, and an evaluation of past, present, and future trends.

For more information about the master plan revision process go to the following website: <https://go.usa.gov/xR7Rf>.

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Sept. 09- Army Corps of Engineers to hold Workshops Heber Springs, AR (The Sun Times)

Army Corps of Engineers to hold Workshops

<http://www.thesuntimes.com/news/20170915/army-corps-of-engineers-to-hold-workshops>

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The drop-in scoping workshops will be held from 4:30 p.m. until 7:30 p.m. Sept. 19 at the Heber Springs Community Center, 201 Bobbie Jean Lane in Heber Springs, Ark., and from 4:30 p.m. until 7:30 p.m. Sept. 21 at the Clinton High School Cafeteria, 489 Yellow Jacket Lane, in Clinton, Ark. Anyone interested in the future of Greers Ferry Lake is invited to drop in anytime during the workshops.

Corps' master plans set the vision for all use and development of a project's federal public lands and waters surrounding our reservoirs, recognizing the ongoing activities of others in the watershed; specifically, environmental stewardship and recreation related purposes.

At the drop-in open houses, a short informational video will be played continually, providing multiple opportunities for the public to learn more about the master plan revision process.

Representatives from the Corps of Engineers will be present to answer questions on the master plan revision process and to explain the difference between a master plan and a shoreline management plan.

The public's input may be provided at the workshops or at any time during the public comment period. The comment period will run from Sept. 8 through Oct. 13. Comments can be mailed to: Greers Ferry Lake MP/EA Project Manager, Little Rock District, Programs and Project Management Division, P.O. Box 867, Little Rock, Ark., 72203; or email your comments to CESWL-GreersFerryLakeMasterPlan@usace.army.mil. An on-line fillable comment card is available at <https://go.usa.gov/xR7Rf>.

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Appendix C

Scoping Workshop Materials

C.1 Public Workshop Sign-in Sheet

US Army Corps of Engineers®
Little Rock District

**GREERS FERRY LAKE
MASTER PLAN REVISION
PUBLIC WORKSHOP**

Date: _____
Location: _____

PLEASE SIGN IN

PRINT NAME / ORGANIZATION	MAILING ADDRESS CITY, STATE ZIP	E-MAIL	HOW DID YOU HEAR ABOUT THE MEETING? (please circle one)					
			Radio	Flyer	Social Media	Email	Newspaper	Word of Mouth
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			Radio	Flyer	Social Media	Email	Newspaper	Word of Mouth
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C.2 Greers Ferry Master Plan Video

The video is posted online at the Little Rock District, Greers Ferry Lake Master Plan Revision webpage. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1rqWJp_EEJc&feature=youtube.com

C.3 Comment Form

Greers Ferry Lake Master Plan Revision and Environmental Assessment



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Feel free to take an extra form and send it back by October 13, 2017, to USACE at the addresses below.

Your Name/Organization: _____

Address: _____

E-mail: _____ **Phone:** _____

How would you like to see Greers Ferry Lake in 20 years? _____

What about Greers Ferry Lake is most important to you? What is the least important to you? _

What changes, if any, would you like to see at the lake?_

Additional comments on the Master Plan Revision or about issues that should be studied: _

Comments may be submitted via mail, email, fax or the project website with attention to: Greers Ferry Lake MP/EA Project Manager
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Website: <https://go.usa.gov/xR7RY>

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PRIVACY ACT STATEMENT INSTRUCTIONS

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ROUTINE USE(S): Information you provide will be available for public review or may be disclosed to members of the Department of Defense or other Government agencies who have a need for the information in performance of their official duties, and where use of such information is compatible with the purpose for which the information is collected.

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Appendix D

Scoping Workshop Exhibit Boards

Poster Boards

File: Greers Ferry Lake MP_ScopingPosterBoards_20170822.pdf, 6 pages

Recreation Areas

File: GFRecreationOverview30x40Size.pdf, 1 page

Comparison of Description of Master Plan Land Classifications and Description of Shoreline Management Plan Allocations

File: GFDescriptionOfLandClassAndZoning30x40.pdf

How to Comment

Comments are due by October 13, 2017

Please return your comment sheet in the comment box
by the registration table before leaving

OR

Mail, email, or fax comments to:

Greers Ferry Lake MP/EA Project Manager Programs and
Projects Management Division

USACE, Little Rock District

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Little Rock, AR 72203

Fax: (501) 324-6518

Email: CESWL-GreersFerryMasterPlanProject@usace.army.mil

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Greers Ferry Lake Master Plan and Environmental Assessment

The Little Rock District is proposing to update the
Greer Ferry Lake Master Plan.

The District will prepare an Environmental Assessment (EA) to
evaluate the potential environmental and social effects of
proposed changes to the Master Plan.

Your input is important!

Your feedback will help shape the vision for Greer Ferry Lake in
the future.

We need your help to identify:

How would you like to see Greer Ferry Lake in 20 years?

What about Greers Ferry Lake is most important to you?

What changes, if any, would you like to see at the lake?



Why Revise the Master Plan?

- The current Plan was developed in 1976;
- Ensure accurate land classification and resource protection for future generations;
- The existing plan format and mapping technology is outdated and not compliant with current Master Plan format and technology requirements;
- Current Corps policies/regulations, budget processes, business line performance measures, and priorities are not reflected;
- Customer uses have remained similar, but trends, recreation equipment (i.e RV size, vessel size, etc.), facility use (amp service, wifi, etc.), and service demands have shifted since approval of the last master plan in 1976; for example, there has been an increase in visitation, tourism, and adjacent development;
- Demands on fixed resources challenge the existing master plan;
- Partners and stakeholders are engaged with the Corps and seek to increase and sustain benefits provided by the lake.



Issues Potentially Evaluated in the Environmental Assessment

- Land Use
- Recreational Facilities
- Visual and Aesthetic Impacts
- Fish and Wildlife
- Threatened and Endangered Species
- Cultural and Historic Resources
- Economic Development
- Public Safety
- Water Supply
- Flood Risk Management
- Water Quality

Please comment on these or other issues that should be considered in the environmental assessment.





Operational Management Plan (OMP)
Detailed Management and Administrative
Functions



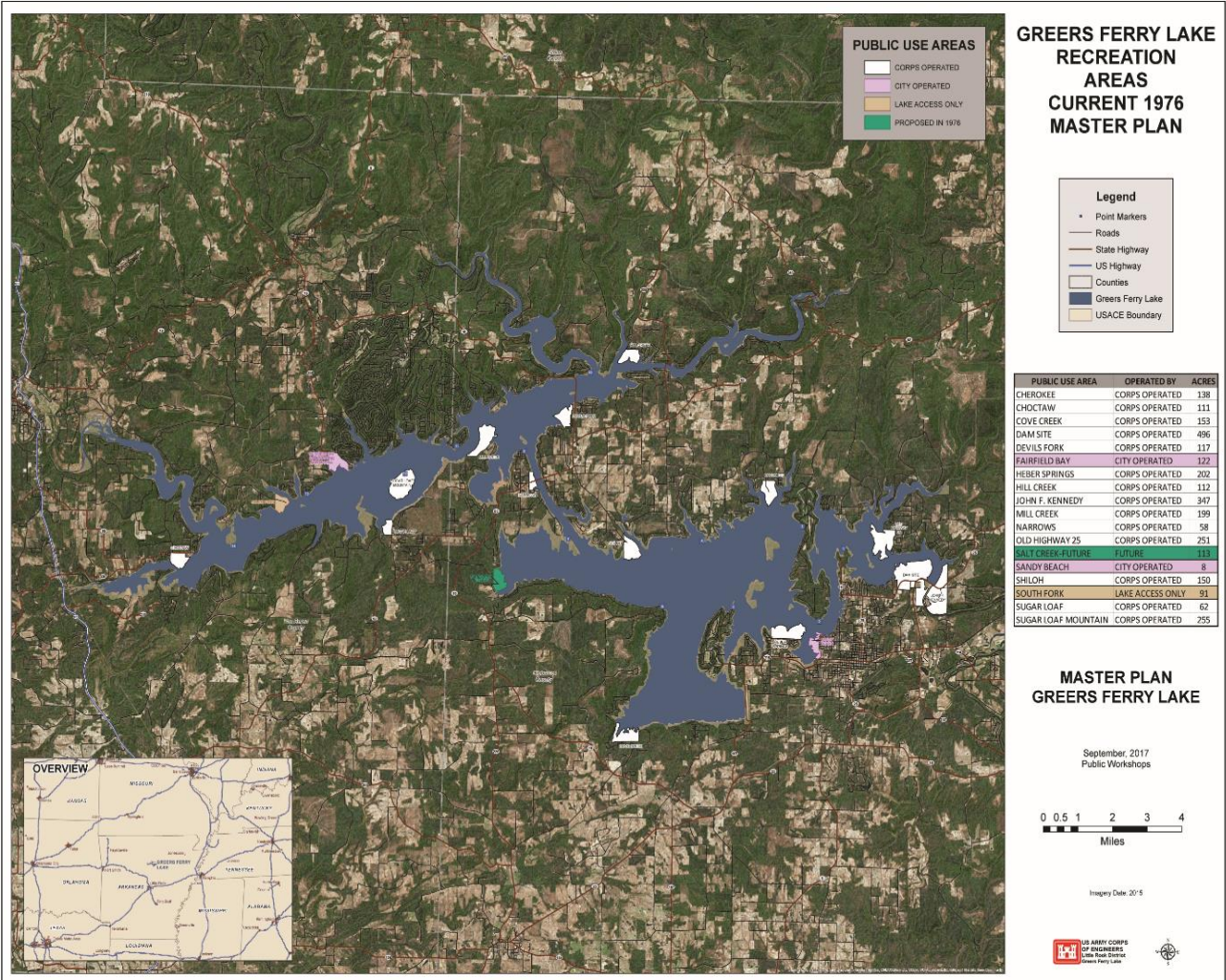
OMP Appendices

Shoreline Management Plan (SMP)
Implementation and Rules

Greers Ferry Lake Master Plan Revision Timeline



D.2 Recreation Areas



D.3 Land Classifications

DESCRIPTION OF MASTER PLAN LAND CLASSIFICATIONS



HIGH DENSITY RECREATION

--Lands intended to be developed or are currently developed for intensive recreational activities for the visiting public including day use areas and/or campgrounds.
--These could include areas for commercial concessions (marinas, comprehensive resorts, etc.), and quasi-public development.
--No new future public requests for Limited Development Areas (LDA) in a High Density classification will be granted based upon guidance received to keep private/community use separated from commercial use activities.



ENVIRONMENTALLY SENSITIVE

--Areas where scientific, ecological, cultural or aesthetic features have been identified.
--These areas must be considered by management to ensure they are not adversely impacted.
--Typically, limited or no development of public use is allowed on these lands, however public use which does not adversely impact these lands (fishing, hunting, wildlife viewing, photography, etc) is allowed.
--No agricultural, grazing, or mowing for residential/commercial uses are permitted on these lands unless necessary for a specific resource management benefit, such as prairie restoration.
--There are public utilities (i.e. power lines, roads, etc.) that may be found in ESA land classifications; this can be taken into account under the "limited development for public use" in ESA.
--Future right-of-ways for public utilities in ESA will be considered and reviewed on a case by case basis.



PROJECT OPERATIONS

--Lands required for the dam, spillway, switchyard, levees, dikes, offices, maintenance facilities, and other areas that are used solely for the operation of the project.

MULTIPLE RESOURCE MANAGEMENT LANDS

--Low Density Recreation, Wildlife Management, and Vegetative Management Areas are subclassifications of Multiple Resource Management Lands.
--This classification allows for the designation of a predominate use as described below, with the understanding that other competitive uses described below may also occur on these lands (e.g. a trail through an area designated as Wildlife Management). Land classification maps must reflect the predominant subclassification, rather than just Multiple Resource Management.



LOW DENSITY RECREATION

--Lands with minimal development or infrastructure that support passive public recreational use (e.g. primitive camping, fishing, hunting, trails, wildlife viewing, etc.).
--Low Density Recreation lands may contain Limited Development Areas within the context of the Shoreline Management Plan (SMP) (Note: Distribution of shoreline areas to Limited Development status requires revision of the SMP).



WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT

--Lands designated for stewardship of fish and wildlife resources.
--Currently no lands on Greers Ferry Lake are classified as Wildlife Management.



VEGETATIVE MANAGEMENT AREA

--Lands designated for stewardship of forest, prairie, and other native vegetative cover.
--Currently no lands on Greers Ferry Lake are classified as Vegetative Management.



FUTURE OR INACTIVE RECREATION AREAS

--Areas with site characteristics compatible with potential future recreational development or recreation areas that are closed. Until there is an opportunity to develop or reopen these areas, they will be managed for multiple resources.
--Currently no lands on Greers Ferry Lake are classified as Future or Inactive Recreation Areas.

DESCRIPTION OF SHORELINE MANAGEMENT PLAN SHORELINE ALLOCATIONS



PUBLIC RECREATION AREA

--Public Recreation Areas are those areas designated for commercial concessionaire facilities, Federal, state or other similar public use. No private shoreline use facilities and/or activities will be permitted within or near designated or developed public recreation areas. The term "near" depends on the terrain, road system, and other local conditions, so actual distances must be established on a case by case basis in each project Shoreline Management Plan. No modification of land forms or vegetation by private individuals or groups of individuals is permitted in public recreation areas.



PROTECTED (Not represented with a color on map)

--Protected Shoreline Areas are those areas designated to maintain or restore aesthetic, fish and wildlife, cultural, or other environmental values.
--Shoreline may also be so designated to prevent development in areas that are subject to excessive siltation, erosion, rapid dewatering, or exposure to high wind, wave, or current action and/or in areas in which development would interfere with navigation.
--No Shoreline Use Permits for floating or fixed recreation facilities will be allowed in protected areas.
--Some modification of vegetation by private individuals, such as clearing a narrow meandering path to the water, or limited mowing, may be allowed only following the issuance of a permit if the resource manager determines that the activity will not adversely impact the environment or physical characteristics for which the area was designated as protected. In making this determination the effect on water quality will also be considered.



LIMITED DEVELOPMENT AREAS (LDA)

--Limited Development Areas are those areas in which private facilities and/or activities may be allowed consistent with Title 36 327.30.
--Modification of vegetation by individuals may be allowed only following the issuance of a permit in accordance with Title 36 327.30.
--Potential low and high water conditions and underwater topography should be carefully evaluated before shoreline is allocated as Limited Development Area.



PROHIBITED AREAS

--Prohibited Access Areas are those in which public access is not allowed or is restricted for health, safety or security reasons. These could include hazardous areas near dams, spillways, hydro-electric power stations, work areas, water intake structures, etc.
--No shoreline use permits will be issued in Prohibited Access Area.

Appendix E

Public Scoping Comments

E.1 Comments collected by a court reporter

Greers Ferry Lake Master Plan Revision and Environmental Assessment

Location: Clinton, Arkansas

Date: 9/21/17

Name: Steve Nunley

Address: P.O. Box 777

Clinton, Arkansas

E-mail: nunley@artelco.com

Statement taken by court reporter, Skye Wright:

I'd just like to see some of the parks, like South Fork, that have been closed, reopened back up and kind of policed and managed, you know, because there's a lot of riff-raff that hangs around there. And would like to see the Lake developed a little bit more than it has been, and easier for people to get boat docks on there, you know, private individuals. Other than that I'm pretty happy, I think.

E.2 Mailed Comments

Comment Cards 1 (7)

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Your Name/Organization: Donald Doss

Address: 613 Tracy Rd White Hall AR 71602

E-mail: ddoss43@yahoo.com Phone: _____

How would you like to see Greers Ferry Lake in 20 years? the way it is

What about Greers Ferry Lake is most important to you? What is the least important to you? .

Boating Fishing

What changes, if any, would you like to see at the lake? .

N/A

Additional comments on the Master Plan Revision or about issues that should be studied: .

Place is so clean & beautiful

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Your Name/Organization: Chris & Renee

Address: 619 Tracy Rd
White Hall AR 71602

E-mail: neynoybl@yahoo.com Phone: _____

How would you like to see Greers Ferry Lake in 20 years? Clean & beautiful just like it is

What about Greers Ferry Lake is most important to you? What is the least important to you?
Boating Fishing

What changes, if any, would you like to see at the lake?

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Your Name/Organization: Don & Carolyn Huntington

Address: 155 Rockwell Blvd.
Madisonville, TN 37354

E-mail: _____ Phone: _____

How would you like to see Greers Ferry Lake in 20 years? Great, Clean

What about Greers Ferry Lake is most important to you? What is the least important to you? fishing, camping

What changes, if any, would you like to see at the lake? None

Additional comments on the Master Plan Revision or about issues that should be studied: We enjoy this park & lake very much.

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Your Name/Organization: J. VERNON & REBECCA BARTON

Address: 112 SANTA LUCIA
FAIRFIELD BAY, AR

E-mail: jvbarton Phone: 901-485-2714

How would you like to see Greers Ferry Lake in 20 years? PRISTINE COASTLINE - NOT IMPACTED BY PERSONAL BOAT DICKS

What about Greers Ferry Lake is most important to you? What is the least important to you? CAREFULLY CONTROLLED PROGRESS

What changes, if any, would you like to see at the lake? A VERY WELL-MAINTAINED HIKING TRAIL ON SUGAR COAT W/ HISTORICAL MARKERS AND NATURE TRAIL TYPE MARKERS IDENTIFYING TREES & FLORA.

Additional comments on the Master Plan Revision or about issues that should be studied: MARK GRAND ISLE GREY ZONE esp AREA AROUND MILK MARKER #11 A YELLOW ZONE

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Your Name/Organization: Marsha + Joe Gay
Address: 435 TORTOISE BAY Road
Hidden, AR 72067
E-mail: marshagay825@yahoo.com Phone: 3143238974
How would you like to see Greers Ferry Lake in 20 years? no more Docks!!

What about Greers Ferry Lake is most important to you? What is the least important to you?

Keeping lake clean -
Least - N/A

What changes, if any, would you like to see at the lake?

Put a "wake zone" around narrows Boat Dock - very dangerous
area on lake. Do more to control Geese around
the lake

Additional comments on the Master Plan Revision or about issues that should be studied:

Salt Creek should NOT Be designated as a
Recreation Area. It has been over 50 years
and has not been established yet. Funding will
not be made available. It should be made a
Wild Life Area.

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Your Name/Organization: Marsha Gay

Address: 445 TORTOISE BAY
Hidden, AR 72067

E-mail: marsha-gay.825@yahoo.com Phone: 314-323-8974

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What about Greers Ferry Lake is most important to you? What is the least important to you? _

What changes, if any, would you like to see at the lake? _

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make Salt Creek a Wild Life Area -
not recreational -

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Your Name/Organization: Travis Williams

Address: 218 Oakland RD Clinton AR

E-mail: _____ Phone: 501-253-2721

How would you like to see Greers Ferry Lake in 20 years? With log cabins that are for rent, more ~~festivals~~ restaurants, and a bigger boat population.

What about Greers Ferry Lake is most important to you? What is the least important to you? The family fun environment that is provided by the lake. The least important thing is nothing, the lake itself is very important.

What changes, if any, would you like to see at the lake? LOTS of new attractions and preferably a no lake zone beside the Choctaw marina. More campgrounds with water and so and plug ins.

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Your Name/Organization: Will Ramey
Address: 45 Angela D.
E-mail: William.Ramey@southsidebb.org Phone: 501-654-4698

How would you like to see Greers Ferry Lake in 20 years? A much more popular
large marina with big nice log cabins and
a much more beautiful place and a great environment
and have all this available for rent by ~~chuck~~ chockaw maria

What about Greers Ferry Lake is most important to you? What is the least important to you?
How healthy the environment is definitely more important
than most. By this I mean that the water ~~and~~ ~~is~~
and how the animals are very important

What changes, if any, would you like to see at the lake?
the campgrounds to be better with water and electricity,
more campgrounds more no wake ~~rule~~, more people
areas for restaurants and other attraction getting ~~nearby~~

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Your Name/Organization: Sam Rany

Address: 45 Angela Dr

E-mail: Samuel.Rany774@gmail.com Phone: 870 718 5419

How would you like to see Greers Ferry Lake in 20 years? More restaurants, we need to have more people down here we need more camp grounds but campgrounds are not here we need to make the children's houses will cover all the water here

What about Greers Ferry Lake is most important to you? What is the least important to you? The Boating aspect we need more things to do down here like more activities there should be more family activities so there can be more family fun with the lake you can always have fun with your family

What changes, if any, would you like to see at the lake? a lake clean up every weekend and more people who can be part of the lake keep it up

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Your Name/Organization: Kathleen Sims
Address: 355 Blakey Road
Heber Springs, AR 72543
E-mail: kcparthansas@gmail.com Phone: 501-691-1133

How would you like to see Greers Ferry Lake in 20 years? Keep it gorgeous and superbly managed as it is now. Protect the little dyke area and make it safer & handicap accessible for the public to watch the fireworks. Concrete steps across that entire area would solve the problem if feasible.
What about Greers Ferry Lake is most important to you? What is the least important to you?
Water quality is the most important.

NO drilling for oil or gas in the lake.

What changes, if any, would you like to see at the lake?

More pavilions. There is a need for one or two by the Narrows side of the lake. Maybe there'd be room for one at Shiloh?

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Citizens who live in Heber Springs and constantly pay taxes to fund this lake should be rewarded with free use of a Pavilion during off season, like Oct - Feb. Maybe you could limit it to one time every 3 years so more people could enjoy it.

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Your Name/Organization: Howard Williams - Vilonia Waterworks - L/W PWA
Address: 79 Eagle St. Vilonia, AR 72173

E-mail: phw@windstream.net Phone: 501-680-6600

How would you like to see Greers Ferry Lake in 20 years? The Lake has been a great benefit for many pleasure goers, power generation, and very important to me, a great potable water supply many communities in this region

What about Greers Ferry Lake is most important to you? What is the least important to you?

1. Water Quality and The Ability of Communities to be served with future needs 2. Recreation and personal development is the least

What changes, if any, would you like to see at the lake?

Water intake areas to be maintained with very little, if any development. Loneke White public water Auth. is very important to Vilonia, Area residents as is also this region it serves.

Additional comments on the Master Plan Revision or about issues that should be studied:

Any development on the lake should give consideration to any possible contamination affecting water quality. Any additional water allocation should be given to those intities who have ability to draw water with existing intakes. Vilonia draws water from L/W PWA and community water two different location on the lake. - Thanks -

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Your Name/Organization: Robert Stont Mid Arkansas Utilities

Address: 26925 Hwy 107 Cabot, AR 72023

E-mail: stontoper@gmail.com Phone: 501.982.0734

How would you like to see Greers Ferry Lake in 20 years? No more commercial or residential around the shore line. Recreational is fine.

What about Greers Ferry Lake is most important to you? What is the least important to you? _

Most Important - Water quality and quantity

Least Important - Boating, Hydropower

What changes, if any, would you like to see at the lake? _

Please change the area around the Lonoke White Intake to Prohibited Access Area. We do not need any more of a chance for Contaminations to enter our water source.

Additional comments on the Master Plan Revision or about issues that should be studied: _

Please take in affect if any development occurs they will be responsible for contamination that may affect the quality of the water. Allocations for water storage should be given to those that have a means to use the water through an existing intake, If your not linked to the Intake why have Allocation.

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Your Name/Organization: RANDY KLEIN
Address: 99 HEST CTR.
QUITTMAN, AR 72311
E-mail: rklein@windstream.net Phone: 501 589-4081

How would you like to see Greers Ferry Lake in 20 years? WATER QUALITY MAINTAINED
MORE HANDS ON GAME FISH STOCKING AND PRESERVATION
OF RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES.

What about Greers Ferry Lake is most important to you? What is the least important to you?
RECREATION AND THE PRISTINE SHORELINE & WATER

What changes, if any, would you like to see at the lake?
LEAVE ALL OF THE PARKS OPEN, YEAR ROUND. IF ONLY THE NON-POWERED
AND WATER CAMPING SPOTS

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FIND AN AREA TO CONSTRUCT A CANAL OR TWO WAY CANAL
BUILT FOR BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT, SHOPPING, RESTAURANTS,
BARS. LET THE LOCAL ENTREPRENEURS INVEST IN BUSINESSES AND
GENERATE LOCAL JOBS, INCOME AND TAXES. A RUSTIC LOOK LIKE
SAN ANTONIO WOULD GO OVER BIG

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Your Name/Organization: Woody Brvant, General Manager, Lonoke White PWA

Address: 111 South 3rd Street, P. O. Box 1175
Cabot, AR 72023

E-mail: woody.lwpwa@centurytel.net **Phone:** 501-631-3440

How would you like to see Greers Ferry Lake in 20 years? Very similiar to today but
with an emphasis on preserving water quality

What about Greers Ferry Lake is most important to you? What is the least important to you?
Most important - Water quality and quantity

Least important - Development

What changes, if any, would you like to see at the lake?
Classify the shoreline and area around or adjacent to the
Lonoke White PWA's Intake as Prohibited Access area. It is
presently unclassified. Monitor low density recreation areas so as to
maintain zero tolerance for water contamination.

Additional comments on the Master Plan Revision or about issues that should be studied:
The development that does occur on the lake must take into consideration
the potential for contamination that could affect water quality. The
number of people using Greers Ferry Lake as a water source has increased
dramatically since the last Master Plan

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Your Name/Organization: Nathan White

Address: 35 Black Lane Hyden, AR 72067

E-mail: _____ Phone: _____

How would you like to see Greers Ferry Lake in 20 years? I would like to see more attractions on or near the lake to draw more people to the lake and extend our season. Like to see all swimming beaches updated and improved along with longer seasons and updated camping sites.

What about Greers Ferry Lake is most important to you? What is the least important to you? To be able to come and enjoy the lake and its attractions. Also that it is a nice and clean clearwater river with a family atmosphere.

What changes, if any, would you like to see at the lake? I would like to see all campgrounds updated with dump service and water and sewer hookups available at campsites with more modern restrooms and showers. I would like to see restaurants on the water accessible by boat. Also areas around marina to increase lease areas for high density areas to be able to grow and expand with the increasing business. Additional comments on the Master Plan Revision or about issues that should be studied: Let marinas have more control over their lease areas. Bigger high density areas around marinas and company grounds. Needing more places to stay and available to eat on the lake. Would like to see more projects with ARPC on fishing structures so we can attract more fishermen and bigger tournaments. Better accessible when we have high water for boaters that trailer their boats.

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Your Name/Organization: Bob Peters - Sugar Loaf Marina
Address: P.O. Box 233 Higden AR 72067

E-mail: sugarloafmarina@sbcglobal.net Phone: 501-654-2555

How would you like to see Greers Ferry Lake in 20 years? Better services, campsites with water, sewer, 50 Amp service, better playground, more things to do. Make the Lazy Creek cove at Marina a high density area so the marina can offer more services and slips

What about Greers Ferry Lake is most important to you? What is the least important to you?
Good water quality, things to do, hiking trails, Easy access to Marina

Least - Private docks that do not have people taking care of them

What changes, if any, would you like to see at the lake?
Food Service at the lake, Cabins, Hotels, places to stay. Bring more tourist to our lake. They have to have a place to stay, eat, things to do.

Additional comments on the Master Plan Revision or about issues that should be studied:
to be able to put a dock at our house at the cliffs past Hill creek. It was Approved before - needs to be approved again.

Faster Approval of improvements at Marinas

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Your Name/Organization: Hunter Conway Reynolds
Address: 89 Copperhead Ln

E-mail: countryboyhunter@gmail Phone: 501-887-6085

How would you like to see Greers Ferry Lake in 20 years? Clean! More
local establishments, more hotels for
tourists.

What about Greers Ferry Lake is most important to you? What is the least important to you? ..
Business, & Clean water

What changes, if any, would you like to see at the lake?
Scatter pollution clean up, less garbage
in / around lake. The cave behind
Sugarloaf mountain, turned to high dense area

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Your Name/Organization: Madison McNulty

Address: 120 Skyline Dr Greers Ferry AR 72067

E-mail: madisonleanne_05@yahoo.com Phone: 501-691-1775

How would you like to see Greers Ferry Lake in 20 years? I would like to see more
restaurants on the lake. I would also like to see more
fish in the lake. More places to stay around the lake would
also be ideal.

What about Greers Ferry Lake is most important to you? What is the least important to you?
The cleanliness of the lake is very important. And an awesome
place to come and relax with family!

What changes, if any, would you like to see at the lake?
I would like to see the the cone behind Sugarloaf marina turned
into a high density area. All camp sites should have 50 amp service
All of the swimming areas and play grounds should be updated.

Additional comments on the Master Plan Revision or about issues that should be studied:
We need more places to stay and eat on the lake.
I also feel that the game and fish should have more
projects to bring more fishermen into our community.
More access to the lake when water is up would also bring
more people when the water is up.

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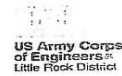
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Your Name/Organization: Bob Peters Sugarloaf marina
Address: PO Box 233, Higden Ar 72067
212 Weldon Rd Edgemont Ar 72044
E-mail: sugarloafmarina@global.net Phone: 501-658-1601

How would you like to see Greers Ferry Lake in 20 years? As more of a Vacation destination with modern Campgrounds that are open most of the year. All campsites should have Solar services water sewer wifi & Cable. Current unused sites should be turned over to marinas that would build cabins Hotels etc. More upscale RV sites. Tents don't work in 2017.

What about Greers Ferry Lake is most important to you? What is the least important to you?
Marina lease expansion that doesn't take years for permits that should be handled in 60 days. Satellite docks should be available to marinas for non-resident with water & sewer. Places for people to stay are the most asked for things when checking out Vacation spots. Least Imp. non resident private docks

What changes, if any, would you like to see at the lake?
Restrooms Cabins & Hotels upgraded RV Sites Clean restrooms should be open all year. If a boat launch is open you should have restrooms & trash receptacles.

Additional comments on the Master Plan Revision or about issues that should be studied:
Lots approved for docks shouldn't have to wait for years to get there permits. Marinas should be allowed to expand if there is a demand by the public and the marinas are out of space water or land. Campgrounds with Boat launches Marinas and space should be open longer than Devils Fork which helps no one.

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Your Name/Organization: Austin Watters

Address: 1126 Resort Rd. Hidden

E-mail: carblueboy23@yahoo.com Phone: 501-691-0301

How would you like to see Greers Ferry Lake in 20 years? I would like to see more restaurants on the lake, I would also like to see hotels on the lake. I would also like to see sugar loaf marina get bigger in size and for there to be more fish in the lake.

What about Greers Ferry Lake is most important to you? What is the least important to you? Cleanliness of the lake, and also the access to the lake when the water is high.

What changes, if any, would you like to see at the lake?

for the Cove behind Sugar Loaf Marina to be a high density area, for the swimming area at Sugar Loaf to be updated, and the camp sites to also be updated and for them to have go amp service and water at every site. Additional comments on the Master Plan Revision or about issues that should be studied: and for more camp sites to be added. Also for the playground to be updated along with the bathrooms, and shower in the park at Sugar Loaf

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Your Name/Organization: Amanda Ferguson / Fergusons Choctaw Marina
Address: PO Box 219
Choctaw, AR 72028
E-mail: choctawmarina@yahoo.com Phone: 501-745-2666

How would you like to see Greers Ferry Lake in 20 years? I want the marina to have
more slips. I want the cove past me to be a no wake zone.
I want to be able to expand my lease area farther
down the cove.

What about Greers Ferry Lake is most important to you? What is the least important to you?
The most important is to preserve the cleanliness of
the area and water. No more private docks unless they
have permits but those docks should be maintained to better.
area.

What changes, if any, would you like to see at the lake?
We need more "no wake" buoys. We have a problem at our
place. We want more lease area.

Additional comments on the Master Plan Revision or about issues that should be studied:
I would like to have the cove I'm in to be classified as
a high density. I would love to have the primitive area
of the campground turned over to the marina. We could add
high end campsites and cabins for tourists. We need more for
tourists. SD camp campsites, water at sites, more restaurants

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Your Name/Organization: Jason Furgeson

Address: PO Box 719

Choctaw, AR 72028

E-mail: furgesonexcavation@yahoo.com Phone: 501-472-5390

How would you like to see Greers Ferry Lake in 20 years? We want Choctaw Marina to expand beyond the lease area it is in now. We want to move parking areas. We would like access to part or all of the campgrounds.

What about Greers Ferry Lake is most important to you? What is the least important to you? The most important is to make Greers Ferry "THE" lake to go to. It needs to be a major tourist destination. We also would like for our cove to be a no wake zone throughout.

What changes, if any, would you like to see at the lake? Choctaw Creek Cove needs to be designated a high density area. We need 50 amp electrical access & water at campsites.

Additional comments on the Master Plan Revision or about issues that should be studied: We would love to take over the Primitive Campground. We can go in and make high end campsites and add small cabins to ~~make~~ increase tourists. We need better playground equipment and more restaurants accessible by water.

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Your Name/Organization: WALTER A. SADDENHORN
Address: 401 Golf Drive, Eden Lake, Helen Springs
72543
E-mail: WSADDEN@SADDENHORN.NET Phone: 501/362-3426

How would you like to see Greers Ferry Lake in 20 Years?: Much like it is today. We've enjoyed looking at it from our home of 33 years. There should be no sell-off of lake front property by the Corps nor crude commercialization on the lakeside. There should be no fracking within at least ten miles of the lake, which is an essential water supply for this region.

What is most important to you about the Lake? Lack of clutter: for example, boat docking is in marinas which are well spaced and generally located so as not to be visually obtrusive.
Least important: Would be dismayed if it became a site for noisy "cigarette" type boats, for boat docks independent of marinas, for events "taking" the lake away from the recreational use of sailboats, party barges, small power boats used for fishing or simply meandering around in the lake. Swimming in safe areas should be allowed and protected.

What changes, if any, would you like to see? Need to have a coherent sewage system and sewage disposal system around the lake; septic tanks should be phased out.

Walking trails and bicycling trails around the lake would be great. NO ATM's.

Walter A. Saddenhorn

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Your Name/Organization: Vilonia Waterworks Association

Address: PO Box 300

Vilonia, AR 72173

E-mail: viloniawater@yahoo.com Phone: (501) 796-2711

How would you like to see Greers Ferry Lake in 20 years? Not much difference

than it is now.

What about Greers Ferry Lake is most important to you? What is the least important to you?

Keeping it clean of contaminants and family friendly.
Along with a good source of drinking water for so many
people.

What changes, if any, would you like to see at the lake?

More camping areas and swimming areas.

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I think there should not be any homes right on the lake.

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Dear Sirs:

This is in regards to the Greers Ferry Lake Management/Project Plan. I understand that it is being reviewed and I would like to give you my thoughts and suggestions. My family owns a lakefront lot (23) but unfortunately cannot have a private dock because we are currently not zoned for it. My request for a private dock is based on the following reasons:

- 1) Dock would be protected from rough north winds
- 2) Water level is deep enough for said dock
- 3) We live here year round so we can monitor lake levels very easily
- 4) Dock would be protected from strong westerly winds due to an island close to our property

In addition if more families were able to have docks there would be a significant construction upswing in the area for many companies that build docks. The fee as I understand to have a dock is not a lot of money. I would suggest the Army Corps raise the fee which would generate much needed revenue for the Army Corps. In this way both the homeowners could finally get their much needed private dock and the Army Corps would get the revenue. Years ago there was a push for people to keep their water craft in community docks which to me is a bigger eyesore than a private dock. Also to rent slip at the marinas is extremely costly upwards close to \$2000 a year.

Hopefully after the plan is reviewed and revised myself and other homeowners will be able to have their own private dock.

Thankyou and look forward to your response.

Michael Boll
190 Island Shores Dr
Drasco, AR 72530
boltpaldr@gmail.com
501-206-4270

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Your Name/Organization: Douglas Magee

Address: P.O. Box 1055

Heber Springs, AR 72543

E-mail: magee_doug@yahoo.com Phone: (501) 250-5681

How would you like to see Greers Ferry Lake in 20 years? Keep the same same white line
rules and dock zoning. Except I would like to see zoning for 3 or 4
restaurants with docks.

What about Greers Ferry Lake is most important to you? What is the least important to you? _

kept clean and natural

What changes, if any, would you like to see at the lake? _

only changes adding a few restaurants

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Your Name/Organization: Douglas S. Miller
Address: P.O. Box 1267
Heber Springs AR 72543
E-mail: douglas.miller@usace.liax.net Phone: 501-266-4436

How would you like to see Greers Ferry Lake in 20 years? Please continue the
excellent enforcement of regulations to
preserve the environment around the
Lake.

What about Greers Ferry Lake is most important to you? What is the least important to you? Preservation of the surrounding environment
AND water quality

What changes, if any, would you like to see at the lake? If needed, 3 more marina to
accommodate more
boating. Otherwise, no changes -

Additional comments on the Master Plan Revision or about issues that should be studied: Thank you for all you do!!
Let's work together to preserve
the Lake!!

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Your Name / Organization: Dean Goodall Ghattoworks corp.

Address: 3109 Hwy 25 B
Heber Springs, AR 72543

E-mail: dngoodall1@gmail.com **Phone:** 501-887-9911

How would you like to see Greers Ferry Lake in 20 years? _____

As an attraction to families and recreational activities.

What about Greers Ferry Lake is most important to you? What is the least important to you? _

Keeping it clean, safe, and a destination for people from all over the area.

What changes, if any, would you like to see at the lake?

I would like to see more scuba diving recreational areas. In these area, scolptures or statues could be sunk to intise other divers to come to our lake.

These statues or scolptures could also create fish habitat areas as well. If any interest, I would be glad to talk more about the idea and depth level for normal recreational diving. This could be a very inexpenscive attration to our area.

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I have picture of this done in the ocean to create artificial reefs.

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Your Name/Organization: Frances A. Payne

Address: 142 Thompson Cove Lane
Shirley, Ar. 72153

E-mail: fbpayne@me.com Phone: 501-253-4471

How would you like to see Greers Ferry Lake in 20 years? A pristine lake with
crystal clear water suitable for community drinking
water and available for recreation but un-abuse
by boaters with large cabin cruisers.

What about Greers Ferry Lake is most important to you? What is the least important to you?
The lake's scenic beauty is most important.
Commercial development is least important.

What changes, if any, would you like to see at the lake?

The current plan indicates Sugar Loaf Island as available
for high density development. It should become an
environmentally protected area available for hiking on
designated trails.

Additional comments on the Master Plan Revision or about issues that should be studied:

There should be no additional commercial marinas
allowed. The area of existing marinas should be
fixed at current 2017 sizes. The size of existing
slips should be fixed at current lengths + widths.
Limits of the size of pleasure crafts should be established.

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Your Name/Organization: David Emmerling

Address: 194 Golden Ln Clinton AR 72031

E-mail: _____ Phone: 501 757-0512

How would you like to see Greers Ferry Lake in 20 years? more developed

What about Greers Ferry Lake is most important to you? What is the least important to you? _

- 1) Access to the lake, events on the lake
- 2) The whole lake

What changes, if any, would you like to see at the lake? _

The removal of "buffer zones" around rec. areas

Additional comments on the Master Plan Revision or about issues that should be studied: _

Minimal or no more clearing of shoreline sites.

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Your Name/Organization: Bobby & Brenda Hargis
Address: 910 Old Case Ford Rd
Heber Springs, AR 72543
E-mail: Bhargis@Suddenlink.net Phone: 501 362 7307
How would you like to see Greers Ferry Lake in 20 years? Much the same as it is today.

What about Greers Ferry Lake is most important to you? What is the least important to you?

The natural beauty of the area, the ability to look out my windows at nature without the noise and lights of the city. Fishing is also important. Least important would be the summer "rowdiness" of the recreation boating.

What changes, if any, would you like to see at the lake?

The only thing would be a conservation central burn of the Corp shore line in areas that are dangerously covered in dead trees & shrubs.

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Our area should most likely be low density.

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Your Name/Organization: Stephen & Terry Chaate

Address: 1221 Palisade Circle

Heber Springs AR 72543

E-mail: schate44@gmail.com Phone: 501 206 8398

ni.wiandpay@yahoo.com 501 206 5373

How would you like to see Greers Ferry Lake in 20 years?

As well managed as it is today and

has been for the last 55 or so years

What about Greers Ferry Lake is most important to you? What is the least important to you?

That there are clean and fair rules

to continue to protect this beautiful

treasure for our children

What changes, if any, would you like to see at the lake?

I live in a prohibited zone. The only change

given to me is to protect the Heber Springs Water Ditch

structure and is based on Health Dept rules. I have

learned from the Health Dept they only want to restrict

us within a 300 to 500 foot radius of the intake.

I therefore ask before a prohibited zone is continued

that it be based on the Health Dept rules and that

there be scientific data to justify the prohibited

zone.

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Your Name/Organization: Jeff and JoAnn Kirchner

Address: 1217 Palisades Circle, Heber Springs, AR 72543

E-mail: jipk.kirchner@gmail.com

Phone: 501-993-2717

How would you like to see Greers Ferry Lake in 20 years?

Increased number of boat-in restaurants and continued ensurance of camp site availability.

What about Greers Ferry Lake is most important to you? What is the least important to you?

The value of homes and lots that are adjacent to the lake. There is a need to explore revision of the current restrictions on the 90 yard mowing permit around water intake areas.

What changes, if any, would you like to see at the lake?

Confirmation from the Corp of Engineers that the 90 yard mowing permit will be maintained if a home is sold or passed down to a family member.

Additional comments on the Master Plan Revision or about issues that should be studied:

Conduct a cost-benefit analysis that includes loss of home values compared to changes in water quality around water intake areas. Given that the current 90 yard mowing permits have had no impact on water quality, the Corp of Engineers should justify the inability of home owners to transfer these permits upon the sale of their property.

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E.3 Comments Emailed (16)

From: [Carol Fick](#)
To: [CESWL-GreersFerryLakeMasterPlan](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Comment
Date: Sunday, October 08, 2017 10:29:51 PM

I would like for there to be a re-evaluation of areas that are considered "pristine" and where boat docks are not allowed. Our entire lake should be considered "pristine," and there seems to be no rhyme nor reason as to where they are allowed and where they are not allowed. There are areas that I consider extremely pristine and more docks keep being built every year! Who should judge what is pristine or what isn't pristine? If built properly and environmentally safe docks should be allowed or none should be allowed.

Carol Fick

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Sue and Jerry Pico](#)
To: [CESWI - Greers Ferry Lake Master Plan](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Comments about Greers Ferry Lake
Date: Friday, October 13, 2017 10:15:06 PM

Sue Allen Pico

Artist Educator

109 Primrose Lane

Shirley, AR 72153

501 745 2146

Cell 501 253 0584

sjpico@artelco.com <<mailto:sjpico@artelco.com>>

Sorry to wait until the last minute

What's the most important thing about the lake? The clean, safe water is #1. For my husband it's the fish!

What's the least important? ... hmmm I can't really think of anything about the lake that isn't important.

What changes would you like to see at the lake? I would LOVE to see South Fork Park reopened for some sort of camping. Currently it is VERY important to the area as a boat ramp and for swimming.

How would you like to see the lake in 20 years? I would like to see the lake as pristine as it is today with clean, safe water and a nice visual vegetation element on the edges balanced with more public access, areas for camping, picnicking, and primitive camping

additional comments:

1. If there were more "maintained" water access for the public then fewer folks would have to park along the narrow roads and walk through brush to access the water.
2. As much as it's nice to have the lake "under developed" I'm glad you are thoughtfully considering how to help our citizens and visitors to make the most of our beautiful lake.
3. It's lovely to have the edges of the lake pristine and not see houses everywhere but I would hope there might be a way to allow folks to have an easier time gaining lake access from their property.

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Workshop information and photos listed on the following sites:

Facebook: Blocked<https://www.facebook.com/SuesArtHouseNearClintonAR>

Arkansas Arts Counsel Roster:

Art in Education Blocked<http://www.arkansasarts.org/aie-artists/sue-allen-pico>

Personal Art site:

Facebook: Blocked<https://www.facebook.com/ArtLadyOfArkansasSueAllenPico>

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Arkansas Department of Education approved as Provider for Professional Development Submission & Management System: Blocked<https://adedata2.arkansas.gov/PDSAM/Providers/Profile/View/2800>

Information regarding resources for assistance in and around Van Buren County

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/VBCResourceList/>
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From: [James Wilson](#)
To: [CESWL-GreersFerryLakeMasterPlan](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Re: Greers Ferry Lake Master Plan -- Scoping Workshops September 19 and 21
Date: Wednesday, September 06, 2017 4:07:45 PM

It is unlikely that I will be able to attend one of these workshops but I wanted to respond with comments.

You may put me down as one person who is strongly opposed to ANY additional restrictions on private use of the lake. I firmly believe that the federal government has enforced excessive restrictions of use of the lake and surrounding property using "environmental concerns" and "aesthetics" as their shields. Beauty is in the eye of the beholder and I actually prefer to see more boat docks on the lake and pretty green grass yards leading down to the waterfront as opposed to the "natural" look. I also firmly believe that the federal government influenced by environmental fanatics have imposed their will upon the local lake area population (IE: the landowners and general public surrounding and using the lake). The environmental impact of private docks and land clearing has been blown way out of proportion in order to serve as the excuse for nonsensical and excessive restrictions upon land and water usage. You cannot convince me that a private dock is anything other than good habitat for game fish if it is well maintained. Likewise, I don't think there is any real long term negative environmental impact resulting from clearing brush and planting grass between houses and the waters edge (in the white line area to be precise). In fact those cleared areas make good forage areas for wild game (deer and bunnies like a little grass).

In closing, I want to make it very clear that I don't think that the concerns of a very small minority of environmental political activists should dictate to a much larger general public (a public that actually uses the lake frequently I might add) the direction of future development around the lake!!!! And I certainly don't think that someone living in Washington DC should have any say in how an asset in Arkansas is used!!!!

James Wilson
501 652 0134
mtlakejim@yahoo.com

From: CESWL-GreersFerryLakeMasterPlan <CESWL-GreersFerryMasterPlanProject@usace.army.mil>
To:
Sent: Wednesday, September 6, 2017 3:00 PM
Subject: Greers Ferry Lake Master Plan -- Scoping Workshops September 19 and 21

GREERS FERRY LAKE MASTER PLAN REVISION

The Army Corps of Engineers, Little Rock District, plans to revise the Greers Ferry Lake Master Plan. The Master Plan guides the classification and management of government-owned or leased lands around the lake and may affect future recreational opportunities and natural resource management.

Pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) an Environmental Assessment of potential impacts of the draft plan will also be prepared.

We want to hear from you!

Please attend a workshop or visit [Blockedhttps://go.usa.gov/xR7Rj](https://go.usa.gov/xR7Rj) <[Blockedhttps://go.usa.gov/xR7Rj](https://go.usa.gov/xR7Rj)> for current information.

PUBLIC SCOPING WORKSHOPS

Tuesday, September 19, 2017

4:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Heber Springs Community Center

201 Bobbie Jean Lane

Heber Springs, AR

Thursday, September 21, 2017

4:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Clinton High School Cafeteria

489 Yellow Jacket Lane

Clinton, AR

-----All facilities accessible to persons with disabilities-----

Attend one of the two public scoping workshops to learn the details of the master planning process and provide your input to the master plan vision for future land use and management at Greers Ferry Lake.

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Email: CESWL-GreersFerryMasterPlanProject@usace.army.mil <<mailto:CESWL-GreersFerryMasterPlanProject@usace.army.mil>>

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October 9, 2017

**Greers Ferry Lake MP/ EA Project Manager
Programs and Projects Management Division
Little Rock District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
P.O. Box 867
Little Rock, AR 72203**

Re: Cove Creek Lease Area

To Whom It May Concern:

Eden Isle Marina, Inc., would highly consider building a marina in the Cove Creek Lease area if the Little Rock District Corps of Engineers would build an earthen berm that would protect the Cove Creek Marina area from the wind and wave action. Dredging the lease area would be required to give adequate water depth for the boats and the dock infrastructure.

An international marina builder engineer at Atlantic Meeco, currently : Meeco-Sullivan, stated their best wave wall docks can't withstand the wind and wave action at the Cove Creek location. Eden Isle Marina, Inc., is also not familiar with what restrictions there could be with the water intake which is located nearby the Cove Creek lease area at this time.

Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully,

**Ronnie & Liz Walters
Eden Isle Marina**

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Your Name/Organization: John Gay SR.

Address: 5503 Beaver Lane
Jonesboro, AR

E-mail: john.gay@stephens.com Phone: 870 819 0302

How would you like to see Greers Ferry Lake in 20 years? Like it was 20 years ago:
Clean, not over built, fewer boat docks, good fishing
Crappie fishing!

What about Greers Ferry Lake is most important to you? What is the least important to you?

MOST - Water Quality - Natural Surroundings

LEAST - Hybrid Bass - They need to go

What changes, if any, would you like to see at the lake?

- ① Limit boat docks
- ② Improve fishing - Crappie
- ③ Protect shoreline

Additional comments on the Master Plan Revision or about issues that should be studied:

Please protect this lake, it is special to so many
people. As our population grows, so will the
challenges to keep it clean, natural, beautiful!

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Your Name/Organization: Greers Ferry Lake Trails Council

Address: PO Box 74
Heber Springs, Arkansas 72543

E-mail: joprice1955@yahoo.com **Phone:** 501-206-5675

How would you like to see Greers Ferry Lake in 20 years?

Availability of more multi-use hiking trails. Educational activities that incorporate wildlife viewing/identification areas.

What about Greers Ferry Lake is most important to you? What is the least important to you? _

Public accessibility, quality of the recreational experience, and the aesthetic appeal is the most important aspect of Greers Ferry Lake.

What changes, if any, would you like to see at the lake?_

The Trail Council would like to see more land that is currently not being used to its full potential to be classified as high and low density recreation. Allowing for more community use (eg. hiking and biking).

Additional comments on the Master Plan Revision or about issues that should be studied: _

The Trail Council proposes to classify the land adjacent to the Little Dike as Low Density Recreation and create a multi use trail to connect to the Sulphur Creek Trail which will span approximately 9 miles from the Community Ball Parks of Heber Springs through town to Sugar Loaf Mtn and ASU-Heber Campus. The Trail will follow the existing city sewer line easement currently crossing lands of the Corps adjacent to the Little Dike. This trail system has the potential to impact approximately 100,000 annually and spike economic development in town for year round recreation versus the seasonal impacts the town sees now. Multi-use trails add immeasurably to the quality of life, providing safe recreation and alternative transportation.

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Your Name/Organization: James W. Cullum

Address: P.O. Box 34, Bee Branch, AR 72013

E-mail: Jim.W.Cullum@gmail.com

Phone: 501-413-9747

How would you like to see Greers Ferry Lake in 20 years? I would like to see the future GFL look as much as possible like it is now.

Of course the number of boats and people on the lake will increase, which will decrease the natural appeal of the lake and increase risk of injury to those who visit. A maximum boat capacity should be established. I see too many loud fast boats running near small children being towed by pontoons or PWCs. The danger is quite obvious.

What about Greers Ferry Lake is most important to you? What is the least important to you? _

I live at 35 degrees 32 minutes 08.78 seconds North, 92 degrees, twenty minutes, 22.24 seconds West (SSE of Point 14). There is a small cove behind my home. It is far too small for use by any boat dock. It is important to me that the cove be kept clear of docks. Two intermittent streams empty into this cove, and each has a beautiful waterfall. It should be classified as an environmentally sensitive area. Least important is any additional dock permits.

What changes, if any, would you like to see at the lake? _

We always pickup trash from the shore. We see some of our neighbors' children leaving behind bottles and cans when they visit the lake. I would like to see greater public awareness of and compliance with the littering laws. We would like to see more publicity and more public participation in the Great Arkansas Cleanup.

Additional comments on the Master Plan Revision or about issues that should be studied: _

I am proud that you have limited the proliferation of boat docks on the lake. I have seen lakes where the number of docks has ruined the natural appeal of the shoreline. I am happy to pay for a slip at a marina, in order to keep the shoreline beautiful.

Also, people camp on the shore behind our home, and build campfires. I don't mind their presence, but I worry about wildfires.

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Your Name/Organization: GARY AND SUE BALTIMORE

Address: 84 PRICE RD
DRASCO AR 72530

E-mail: garybaltimore@hughes.net Phone: 501-366-4556

How would you like to see Greers Ferry Lake in 20 years? WELL MAINTAINED AND
CLEAN & BEAUTIFUL

What about Greers Ferry Lake is most important to you? What is the least important to you? .

BEAUTY & ACCESSABILITY

What changes, if any, would you like to see at the lake?.

UP DATED Loading Ramps with Adequate parking

Additional comments on the Master Plan Revision or about issues that should be studied:.

ADDITIONAL ZONING NEAR DOCK 4225 TO
INCORPORATE BEST SHORE LOCATION

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Your Name/Organization: Rocky L. Nickles / FAIRFIELD Bay Community Club, Inc.

Address: 337 SWAD DRIVE / P.O. Box 1370
FAIRFIELD Bay, AR 72088

E-mail: rocky.nickles@fairfieldbayclub.com Phone: 501-338-0024

How would you like to see Greers Ferry Lake in 20 years? I would like to see a clean lake,
brimming with fish for all people to enjoy water sports on. The lake
is beautiful and it would be great if it was the same in 20 years.

What about Greers Ferry Lake is most important to you? What is the least important to you? .

1) Cleanliness / beauty
2) fishing

What changes, if any, would you like to see at the lake? .

Better camp grounds, more sandy beach, more hiking & Biking trails

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**Greers Ferry Lake MP/EA Project Manager
Programs and Projects Management Division
Little Rock District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
P.O. Box 867
Little Rock, AR 72203**

Re: Eden Isle Marina Lease Area

To Whom It May Concern:

It is imperative that Eden Isle Marina inform you of immediate needs and issues regarding Eden Isle Marina. The public is purchasing larger boats and Eden Isle Marina is, and has been, experiencing difficulty in meeting the demand for larger, covered boat slips. We have lost both current and potential customers due to this unavailability. Eden Isle Marina has reached it's capacity for public demands and is requesting immediate relief.

One of the directions Heber Springs is currently growing is west toward Eden Isle. This is a good time for enlarging Eden Isle Marina. Older Corps records state this is a perfect cove for a larger marina. Eden Isle Marina would like to request permission to enlarge to the south to Highway 110. Eden Isle Marinas' current infrastructure is more than adequate to accommodate this enlargement.

Thank You for your consideration.

Respectfully,


Ronnie & Liz Walters
Eden Isle Marina

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Your Name/Organization: William and Shirley Barnes

Address: 2529 Murray Ln

Heber Springs, AR 72543

E-mail: btb_93@hotmail.com

Phone: 215-668-6225

How would you like to see Greers Ferry Lake in 20 years?

I would like to see the lake working hand in hand with the town and the residents. This is a gem that should be available to help Heber Springs thrive as a recreational destination.

Like the trees. Vines, briars and underbrush killing it, reasonable underbrushing should be allowed

What about Greers Ferry Lake is most important to you? What is the least important to you? _

IMPORTANT - Commercial drilling should not be allowed in or under the lake.

Important - Recreational use and as a draw for visitors to help sustain and grow Heber Springs.

Least important - overly restrictive rules on how to maintain the shoreline

What changes, if any, would you like to see at the lake?_

We would like to see the area embrace outdoor activities such as bike trails, events. Letting our

local businesses utilize the lake for recreation activities such as transporting paddlers to the lake.

Limited waterfront businesses like restaurants that can help show off the value of the area.

Additional comments on the Master Plan Revision or about issues that should be studied: _

We live in a quiet cove and would like the area defined as a Low Density Recreation classification.

Those of us that border the cove (along Meadowcreek, near Thunderbird) would like to be able to have paths and discuss the possibility of docks or a community dock.

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Your Name/Organization: WAYNE LAIGLEY
Address: 903 OLD CASE FORD RD.
HEBER SPRINGS, AR 72543
E-mail: WLAIGLEY@GMAIL.COM Phone: 501-362-7473
How would you like to see Greers Ferry Lake in 20 years? JUST LIKE IT IS NOW.
NATURAL BEAUTY.

What about Greers Ferry Lake is most important to you? What is the least important to you?
LIMITED SHORELINE DEVELOPMENT - NATURAL
SETTING. WATER QUALITY
LEAST CONCERN - HIKING TRAILS AND CAMP SITES.

What changes, if any, would you like to see at the lake?
REQUIRE ALL MARINAS TO MEET HIGHER
CONSTRUCTION STANDARDS

Additional comments on the Master Plan Revision or about issues that should be studied:

- (1) SEE ATTACHED.
- (2) OPEN AND USE ALL EXISTING CAMPING AREAS AND
BOAT LAUNCH RAMP 365 DAYS PER YEAR

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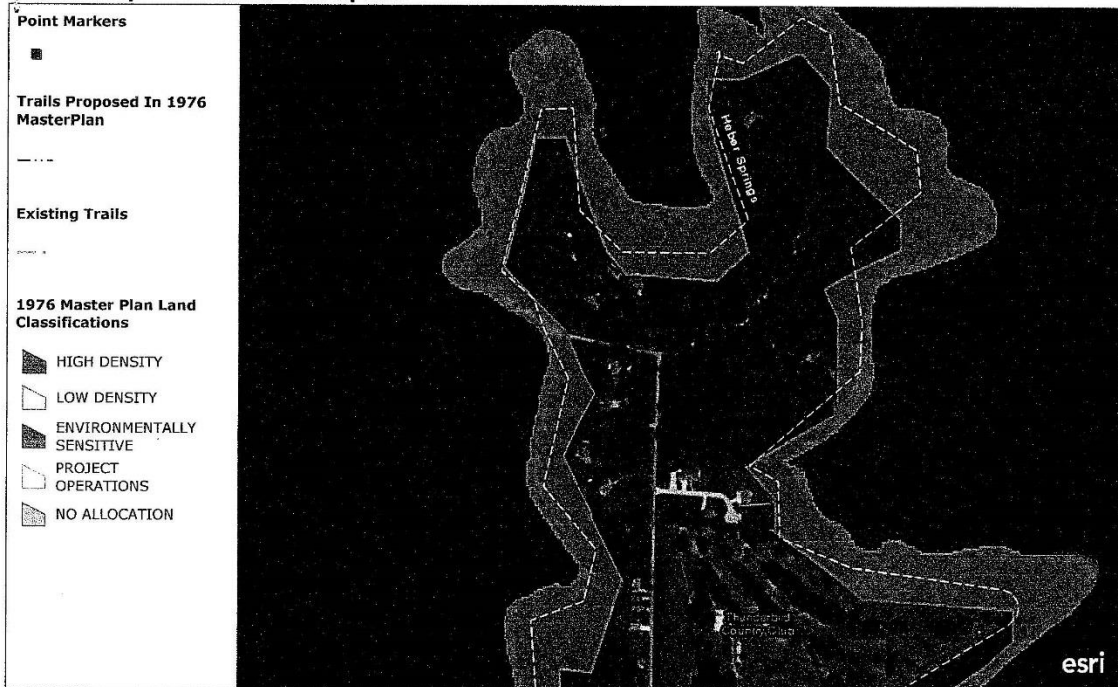
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Greens Ferry Lake Master Plan Update



Layers used during Master Plan Update Scoping Process

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I disagree with the premise that all of the land around the lake must be classified either High Density, Low Density, Environmentally Sensitive or Project Operations as presented at the Public Workshop Meeting. If for some overriding reason not discussed a designation must be assigned to all land, I would like to suggest that an additional designation be offered that would allow some land use to remain unchanged. Land elevation, location adjacent to residential or size would be justifications that should warrant this additional classification. The area outlined in blue on the above GIS certainly meets this description. I believe that there are areas around the lake that definitely should not have the land use be "reclassified" to Low Density. I strongly request that the area outlined in blue receive a classification that would protect its use to remain "as-is".

GREERS FERRY LAKE MASTER PLAN REVISION
& ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT

Submitted by Susan Eckhart on behalf of **Save Greers Ferry Lake, Inc.**
E-mail: eckhartsusan@gmail.com Phone: 501 206 8536

1) How would you like to see Greers Ferry Lake in 20 years?

Water quality is our major concern. A degradation of the environment around the lake and in the watershed may damage this priceless resource. SGFL would like to see continued protection of the clean water and natural shoreline of the lake.

2) What about Greers Ferry lake is most important to you? What is the least important to you?

Water quality is of primary importance. While we are concerned that further commercial development on the lake shore may have a detrimental effect on the quality of drinking water, Greers Ferry Lake is too valuable a resource and economic benefit to the area for there to be any "least important" consideration.

3) What changes, if any, would you like to see at the lake?

With only few exceptions, the lake has been well managed and remains one of the cleanest and most aesthetically pleasing areas in Arkansas. Continued protective maintenance, not change, should be the primary goal.

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An Extraordinary Resource Waterbody designation, which other Corps lakes enjoy, should be sought for Greers Ferry Lake.

To degrade the Greers Ferry Lake environs is relatively easy; to regain what is lost is expensive and incredibly difficult to accomplish. We must bear in mind the fact that Greers Ferry Lake will be providing drinking water for many more Arkansans in the future.

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Your Name/Organization: Sulphur Creek Outfitters LLC

Frank Wimberley

Address: 625 So 7th St

Heber Springs, AR 72543

E-mail: frankwim@sbcglobal.net

Phone: 501.691.0134

How would you like to see Greers Ferry Lake in 20 years?

Natural as it is now with trees along the shoreline blocking views of manmade structure from the water in the main waterways. Tributaries and coves restriction could be fewer or more relaxed.

What about Greers Ferry Lake is most important to you? What is the least important to you?

Pristine and natural as possible while still being able to support recreation and other sports. The clarity of the water is also very important.

Restrictions for parasails, seaplanes certain sporting events are least important.

What changes, if any, would you like to see at the lake?

The area just downstream of the dam on the Heber side (below Mossy Bluff Trail) has a wet weather waterfall that is beautiful when running. It is blocked off and not public. This waterfall could be made a major attraction like Collins Creek is it were yearround. A parking area and picnic tables would add to the experience.

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Is there potentially water available from the lake to continually flow the waterfall?

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