

HOW TO COMMENT

Comments are Due by March 13, 2020

Please leave your comment form with
an **USACE employee** before leaving
or

Mail, Email, or Fax comments to:

Greers Ferry Lake SMP/EA Planner

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or

Speak to the Court Reporter

For More Information: <https://go.usa.gov/xyAcW>

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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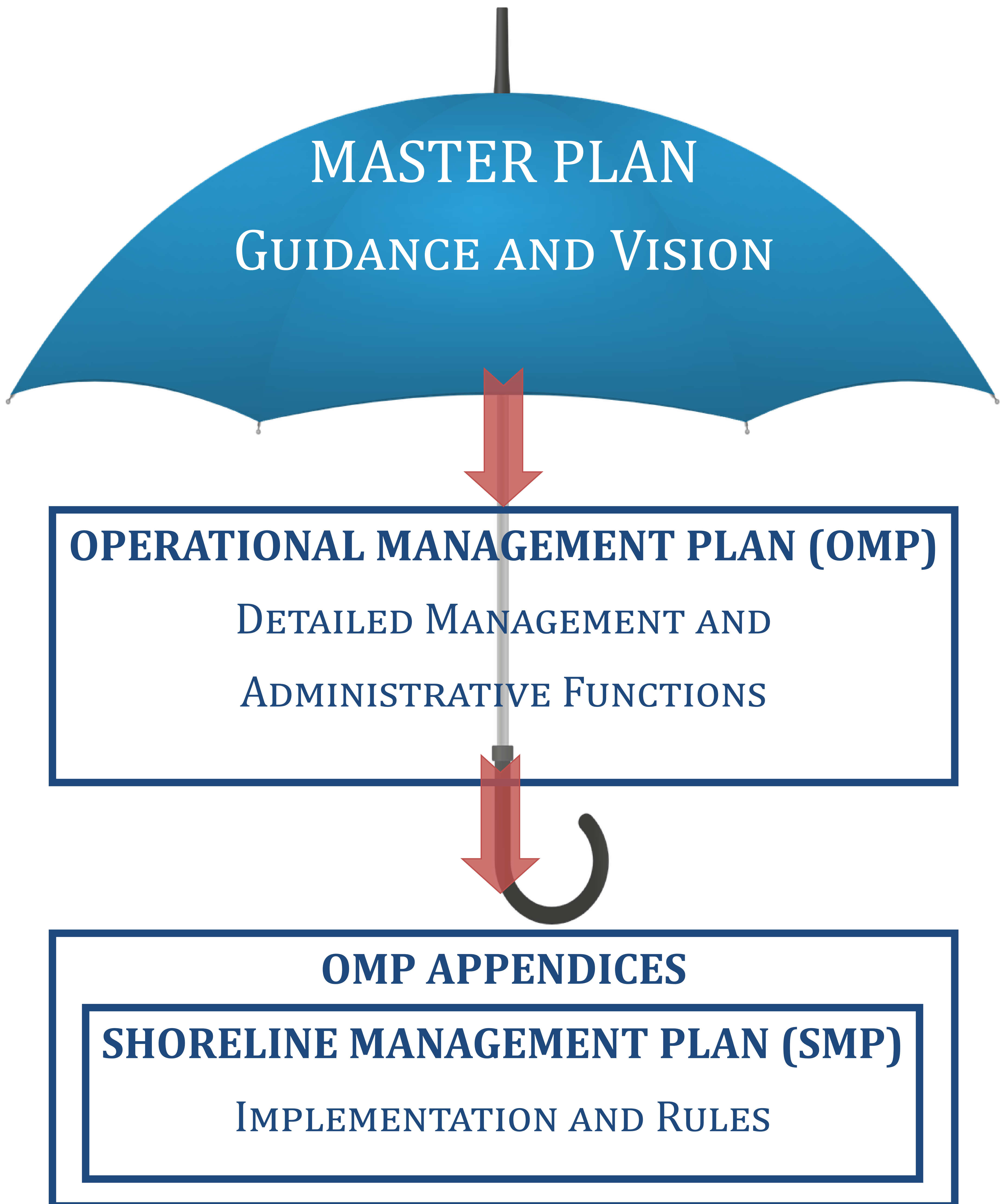
WHY REVISE THE SHORELINE MANAGEMENT PLAN?

- Master Plan was recently updated in 2019, which requires an update to the Shoreline Management Plan
- Visitation and resource demands continue to change
- Recreational services continue to grow
- To align with current Corps policies/regulations and to provide better public education
- Use of new technology and maps for greater accuracy and efficiency
- Respond to changing land uses
- Balance resources with partner and stakeholder interests
- Fiscal resources limit proper management of the current program
- Sustainably manage the lake's resources for future generations



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PLANNING PROCESS



ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT

The Little Rock District is releasing the draft revised
Greers Ferry Lake Shoreline Management Plan.

The District has prepared a Draft Environmental Assessment
to evaluate potential environmental and social
effects of proposed changes to the
Shoreline Management Plan.

Your Input is Important!

Your feedback will help finalize the revisions to the
Greers Ferry Lake Shoreline Management Plan

Please Let us Know:

Your opinion of the alternatives for revisions to the
Shoreline Management Plan including:
potential changes in zoning, dock permits,
vegetation permits, and other proposed policy changes



ISSUES 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
- Flood Risk Management
- Water Quality

Please comment on these
or other issues that were considered in the
Draft Environmental Assessment



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MAJOR CHANGES PROPOSED

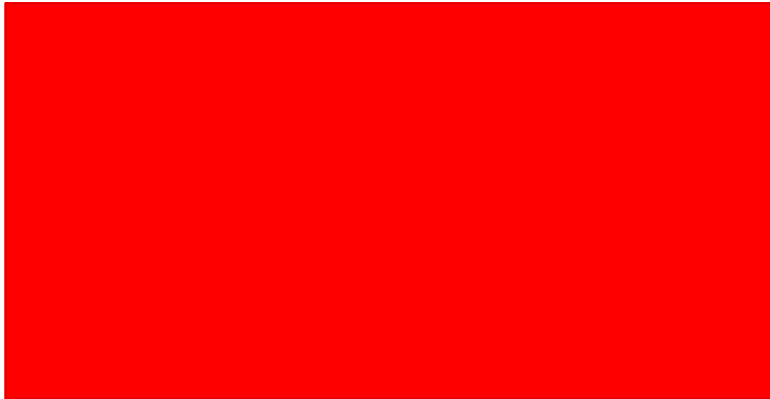
- Preferred Alternative matches how the lake is currently managed and will be consistent with the current Master Plan
- Adjacent landowners only in new docks.
- Permit applicants must have ownership of 75 contiguous feet or more of common boundary line within a LDA to be considered for a 2-slip dock.
- One adjacent property owner is eligible for a maximum of 2 slips.
- Property access must be within 200 feet of dock walkway.
- Density of development (Maximum Density) will not exceed 50 percent of the shoreline allocated for limited development when the lake level is at the 462-foot elevation contour.
- No new permits will be issued within the Federal/State recommended distance of a known protected or endangered species location.
- New permits will only be issued to adjoining landowners who meet the access requirements (no new easements).

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in the draft Shoreline Management Plan



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DESCRIPTION OF MASTER PLAN LAND CLASSIFICATIONS



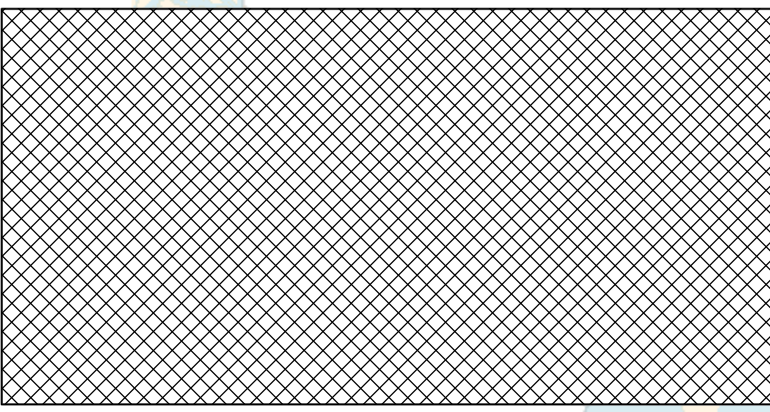
HIGH DENSITY RECREATION

- 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 shoreline use permits 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.

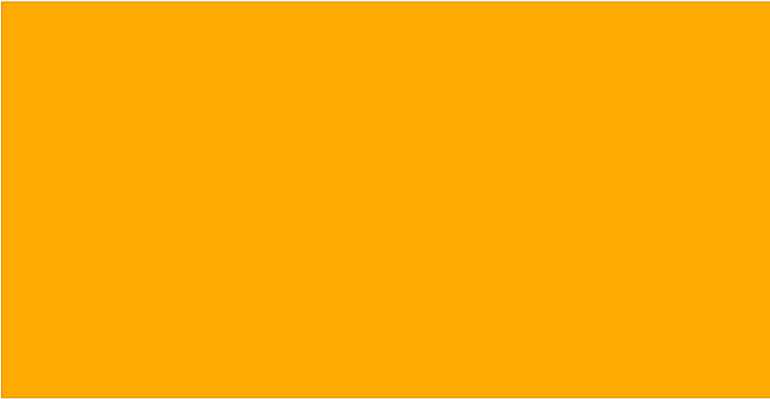
MULTIPLE RESOURCE MANAGEMENT LANDS

- 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 compatible 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.



VEGETATIVE MANAGEMENT AREA

- Lands designated for stewardship of forest, prairie, and other native vegetative cover.



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.