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Beaver Lake Real Estate Land Acquisition

The Little Rock District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), hereby informs the public that the process to assess and acquire private land parcels that are frequently inundated by Beaver Lake during normal lake elevations has been initiated. The USACE will be conducting a National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) review to assess the impacts of the proposed action on the human environment.

The Flood Control Act of 1954 authorized construction of Beaver Lake for flood control, power, and other purposes. A Real Estate Design Memorandum was developed prior to construction that identified land and interests necessary for the operation, maintenance, and control of the reservoir. The methods and technology used to identify and purchase these lands at the time left several frequently inundated areas unacquired by the USACE. The resulting Federal Government boundary around Beaver Lake is uneven and at varying elevations.

To address the designed operation of Beaver Lake, the USACE is reviewing site-specific data at areas around the reservoir, the White River, and War Eagle Creek where water routinely inundates privately-owned property at the seasonal conservation pool or flood pool. Currently, the USACE estimates approximately 500 landowners are impacted. The acquisition of affected parcels would likely take several years, contingent on available funding. The initial acquisition effort would target land that is routinely inundated, or for which USACE has received public complaint.

In lieu of a face-to-face public meeting due to the COVID-19 Pandemic, USACE will provide a virtual presentation describing the identification and acquisition process, and instructions for submitting comments to USACE. In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act, and other applicable laws and regulations, a 30-day public comment period will begin on **May 11, 2021 and end on June 10, 2021**. The virtual presentation and comment instructions will be available for download starting May 11, 2021 at the following Little Rock District website:

<https://www.swl.usace.army.mil/Missions/Real-Estate/Beaver-Lake-Land-Acquisition/>

Please contact Craig Hilburn, USACE Biologist, Regional Planning and Environmental Center with any questions you have at 501-837-1524. Written questions and comments can be emailed to CESWL-BeaverLakeAcquisitionPublicComment@usace.army.mil or mailed to Army Corps of Engineers, Little Rock District, ATTN: Chief, Real Estate Division, P.O. Box 867, Little Rock, Arkansas 72203.

Sincerely,

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