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1. INTRODUCTION

The Master Plan is the strategic land use management document that guides the comprehensive management and development of all project recreational, natural, and cultural resources throughout the life of the water resource project. The Master Plan guides the efficient and cost-effective management, development, and use of project lands. It is a vital tool for the responsible stewardship and sustainability of project resources for the benefit of present and future generations.

The Master Plan guides and articulates Corps' responsibilities pursuant to Federal laws to preserve, conserve, restore, maintain, manage, and develop the project's lands, waters, and associated resources. The Master Plan is a dynamic operational document projecting what could and should happen over the life of the project and is intended to be flexible to respond to changing conditions. The Master Plan deals in concepts, not in details, of design or administration. Detailed management and administration functions are addressed in the Operational Management Plan (OMP), which implements the concepts of the Master Plan into operational actions.

The Master Plan will be developed and kept current for Civil Works projects operated and maintained by the Corps and will include all land (fee, easements, or other interests) originally acquired for the projects and any subsequent land (fee, easements, or other interests) acquired to support the operations and authorized missions of the project.

The Master Plan is not intended to address the specifics of regional water quality, shoreline management, or water level management; these areas are covered in a project's shoreline management plan or water management plan. However, specific issues identified through the Master Plan revision process can still be communicated and coordinated with the appropriate internal Corps resource (i.e., Operations for shoreline management) or external resource agency (i.e., Arkansas Department of Energy and Environment and Missouri Department of Natural Resources for water quality) responsible for that specific area.

The revised Master Plan updates Design Memorandum No. 1-E, Norfork Lake Master Plan (USACE 1987, later revised in 1988).

With the proposed Master Plan update, an Environmental Assessment (EA) is completed to evaluate existing conditions and potential impacts of proposed alternatives. The EA is prepared pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) regulations (40 CFR,1500–1517), and the Corps implementing regulation, Policy and Procedures for Implementing NEPA, Engineer Regulation (ER) 200-2-2 (1988).

2. PURPOSE AND NEED FOR ACTION

2.1 Purpose and Need

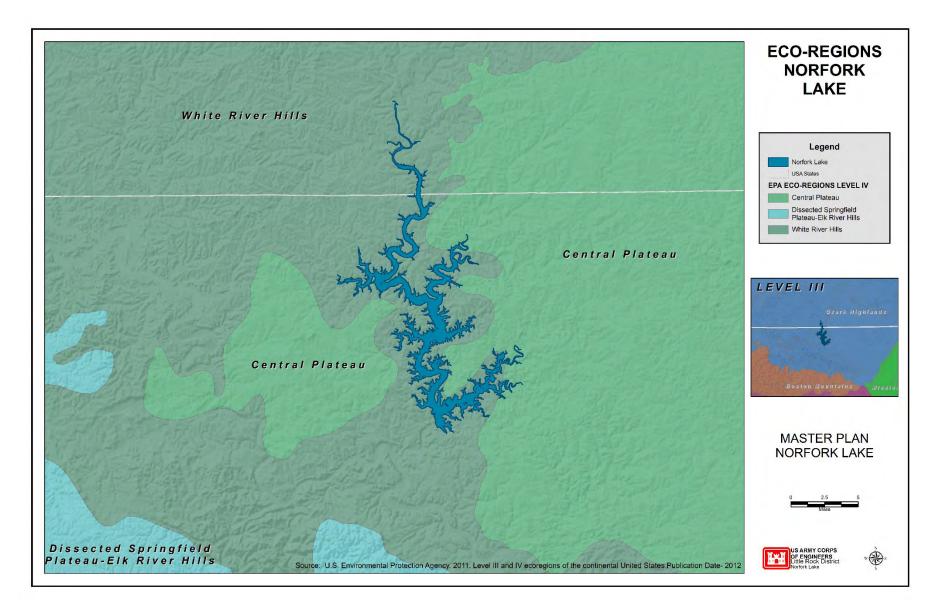
The purpose of the proposed action to revise the Norfork Lake Master Plan is to set a vision for the next 15 to 25 years and to reflect changing needs for operation of the project's lands, waters, and associated resources.

The need for the proposed action is based on the age of the current plan and the changed conditions around the lake and in lake use. The Master Plan for Norfork Lake was last approved in 1988; and was followed by 11 supplements over the last 32 years. Since the 1988 master plan revision, forecasted public use and development in the Norfork Lake region has not occurred as planned on the public lands and resources of the project. Based on this information and to bring in line with current management practices at the project, as well as new guidance and directives within U. S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), these actions have dictated the preparation of this Master Plan revision.

2.2 Project History

Norfork Lake is a multiple purpose water resource development project initially authorized for two purposes: flood control and hydropower generation. Subsequent authorized uses included: water supply, including providing water storage to supply a minimum flow discharge (Section 132 of the FY 2006 Energy and Water Resources Development Act, Public Law 109-103); recreation; and fish and wildlife (Flood Control Act of 1938, as amended in 1944, 1946, 1954, 1962, 1965 and 1968). Norfork Lake is a major component of a comprehensive plan for water resource development in the White River Basin of Arkansas and Missouri. The project is located in the scenic Ozark Highlands Ecoregion of southern Missouri (Ozark County) and northern Arkansas in Baxter and Fulton counties-Figure 2-1. The total area contained in the Norfork project, including both land and water surface, consists of 54,410 acres. Of this total, 253 acres are in flowage easement. Project access to the Norfork Lake area is depicted in Figure 2-2.

Figure 2-1 Eco-Regions at Norfork Lake Study Area



The lake is very irregular in shape, due to the mountainous terrain. Many large arms and bays extend up the valleys of tributaries, and the topography creates numerous small coves. The well-timbered shoreline varies from steep bluffs to gently sloping points and is indented with many coves. Many of the hills and flat-topped ridges in the vicinity rise to an elevation of 825 feet above mean sea level, and some of the higher peaks in the region reach an elevation of more than 1,100 feet msl. Mile-long limestone bluffs, striking vistas, and heavily wooded shorelines combine to offer a unique natural environment. When the lake is at the top of the conservation pool (elevation 553.75 feet above mean sea level), the water area is 21,662 surface acres with 372 miles of shoreline within the lands owned in fee.

Construction of Norfork Dam was initiated in spring of 1941. The dam was completed in July of 1944, and the powerhouse and switchyard were completed in 1953. The lake was declared operational for public use in 1953 under the authority of the Flood Control Act approved 28 June 1938 (Public Law No. 761, 75th Congress, 3rd Session) as modified by the Flood Control Act approved 18 August 1941 (Public Law No. 228, 77th Congress, 1st Session) which included the authorization of the project for flood control and generation of hydroelectric power. Table 2-1 provides pertinent construction and operations data for this lake. There are 30 public use areas and 9 marinas around Norfork Lake. Twenty public use areas on the lake are presently operated by the Corps of Engineers. Detailed descriptions of the Corps parks are located in Chapter 2 of the Master Plan. The Preferred Action, described in this draft EA, would result in no significant park operational changes.

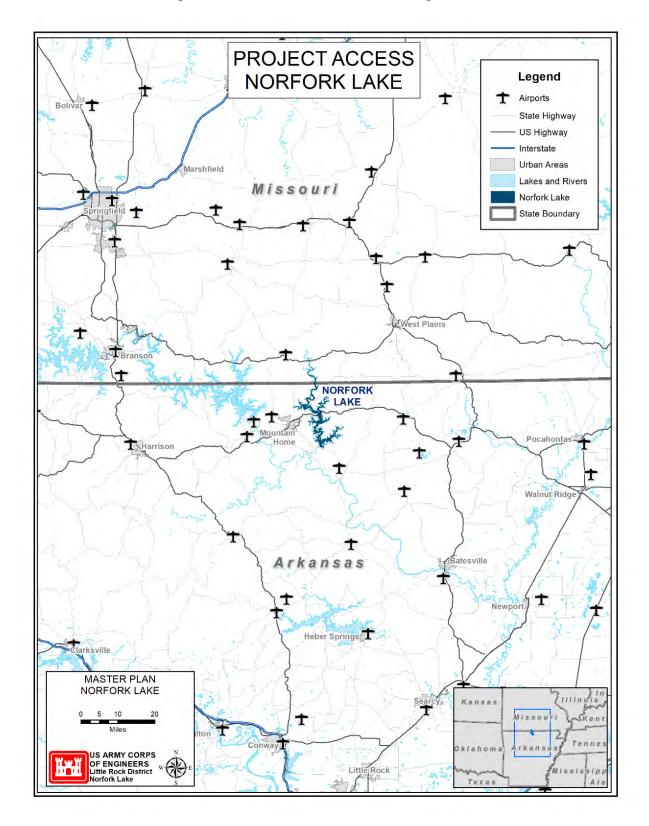


Figure 2-2 Norfork Lake and Surrounding Area

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General Information	
Purpose, Stream, States	FC, P, WS, R, F&W N. Fork R., Missouri
Drainage area, square miles	1,806
Average annual rainfall over the drainage area, inches, approximately	48
Dam	
Length in feet	2,624
Height, feet above streambed	216
Top of dam elevation, feet above mean sea level	590
Generators	
Main units, number	2
Rated capacity each unit, megawatts	40.25
Station service units, number	1
Rated capacity of station service unit, kilowatts	895
Lake	
Nominal bottom of power drawdown Elevation, feet above mean sea level	510
Area, acres	12,300
Nominal top of conservation pool Elevation, feet above mean sea level	553.75
Area, acres	21,662
Length of shoreline, miles	372
Nominal top of flood-control pool Elevation, feet above mean sea level	580
Area, acres	29,513
Length of shoreline, miles	511
Five-Year frequency pool	
Elevation, feet above mean sea level (flood pool)	571.2
Elevation, feet above mean sea level (drawdown)	537.8
(1) FC – flood control, P – power, WS-water supply, MF-minimum flow,	
<i>R</i> -recreation, <i>F</i> & <i>W</i> -Fish and <i>Wildlife</i>	

Table 2-1 Pertinent Data of Norfork Dam and Lake PERTINENT DATA OF THE DAM AND LAKE

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3. ALTERNATIVES

Alternatives evaluated in this EA are depicted in Table 3-1, and in Figure 3-1. The alternatives include: Alternative 1 (Increase Preservation); Preferred Alternative 2 (Increase Conservation); Alternative 3 (No Action) and Alternative 4 (Selected), which is a slight modification of the Preferred Alternative. For a more detailed map analysis of the Selected Alternative, refer to Appendix A of the Norfork Master Plan, which contains topographic maps depicting land classification and flowage easement areas around the shoreline. A complete set of maps for each alternative is located in an appendix to this document.

In this EA development, the different alternatives are compared to the No Action Alternative in order to evaluate potential positive and negative effects on the natural and human environment based on the various shoreline acreage classifications determined by each action alternative. All evaluated alternatives are being provided for public review after completion of the draft EA. Public comments would be collected during the public comment period and considered in the development of the final EA and the final updated Master Plan. Based on public comments received, the final EA will compare all action alternatives to the Preferred Action or to a modified alternative that is developed (Selected Alternative), based on public preferences. The Final EA will present the selected alternative and provide the basis for the agency decision under NEPA.

Alternative 1 (Increase		%of		<u>%</u> +/-
Preservation)	Acres	Land	+/-Acres	Change
Total Land and Water	54,412.3			
Total Water	21,878.9			
Restricted Water	61.9			
Open Recreation Water	21,816.9			
Total Land	32,533.5			
High Density Recreation	2,451.8	8%	-7,915.6	-24%
Low Density Recreation	2,116.3	7%	-9,849.5	-30%
Environmentally Sensitive Area	14,552.8	45%	7,023.8	22%
Project Operations	166.4	1%	89.7	0.3%
Wildlife Management (Habitat				
Improvement)	13,246.2	41%	10,988.0	34%

Table 3-1 Cha	ange in Land	Classification	by Alternative
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Alternative 2 Preferred (Increase		<u>% of</u>		<u>⁰∕₀</u> +/-
<u>Conservation)</u>	Acres	Land	+/-Acres	Change
Total Land and Water	54,412.3			
Total Water	21,878.9			
Restricted Water	61.9			
Open Recreation Water	21,816.9			
Total Land	32,533.5			
High Density Recreation	2,683.8	8%	-7683.6	-24%
Low Density Recreation	2,136.7	7%	-9,821.1	-30%
Environmentally Sensitive Area	6,686.8	21%	-842.1	-3%
Project Operations	166.4	1%	89.7	0.3%
Wildlife Management (Habitat				
Improvement)	20,859.7	64%	18,601.5	57%

Alternative 3 (No Action)	Acres	<u>% of Land</u>
Total land and Water	54,410.4	
Total Water	21,877.0	
Restricted Water	56.1	
Open Recreation Water	21,822.7	
Land	32,533.5	
High Density Recreation	10,367.3	32%
Low Density Recreation	11,965.8	37%
Environmentally Sensitive Area	7,528.9	23%
Project Operations	76.7	0.2%
Wildlife Management	2,258.2	7%
No Allocation	336.5	1%

Alternative 4 (Selected	Acres	<u>%0f</u>	+/-Acres	% +/- Change
<u>Alternative)</u>		Land		
Total Land and Water	54,410.4			
Total Water	21,877.0			
Restricted Water	61.9			
Open Recreation Water	21,815.0			
Land	32,533.5			
High Density	2,671.8	8%	-7,695.6	-24%
Low Density	2,136.7	7%	-9,829.1	-30%
Environmentally Sensitive	6,685.6	21%	-843.3	-3%
Project Operations	166.4	1%	89.7	0.3%
Wildlife Management (Habitat	20,873.0	64%	18,614.8	57%
Improvement)				

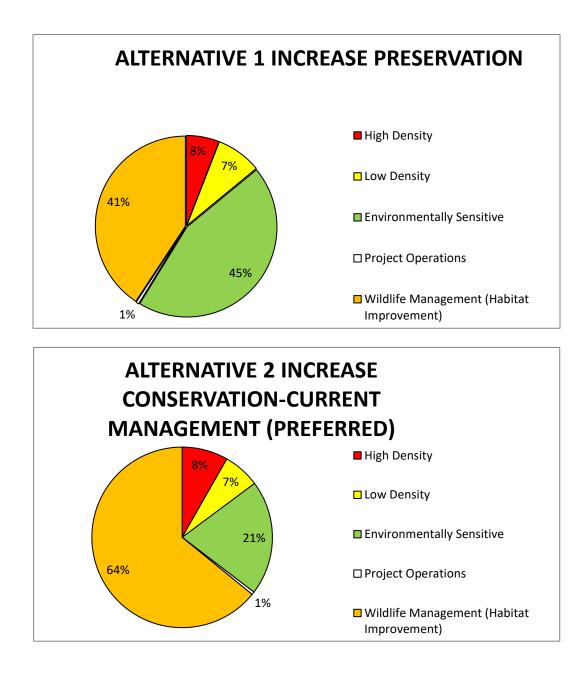
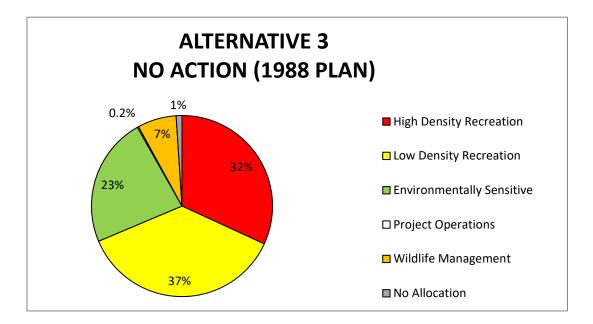
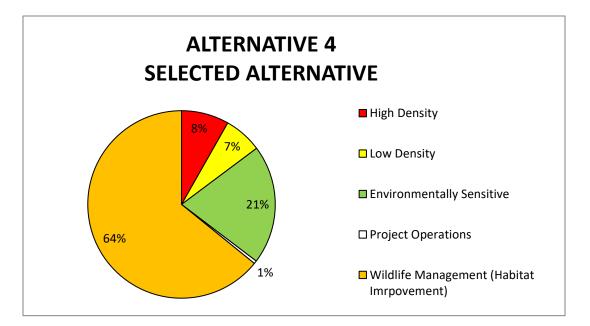


Figure 3-1 Percentage of Land Classifications for Each Alternative





3.1 Increase Preservation (Alternative 1)

Alternative 1 would reclassify most Low Density Recreation lands identified under Alternative 3 to Environmentally Sensitive Areas. Existing permitted shoreline uses would be grandfathered but there would be no new shoreline use permits issued.

This alternative would create the same amount of protected shoreline as Alternative 2 (85%), with approximately 5000 acres of Low Density lands shown in Alternative 3 would be reclassified as Environmentally Sensitive lands. Under Alternative 1 there would be a total of 14,552.8 acres in the Environmentally Sensitive classification. High Density is reduced from 10,367.3 acres to 2, 451.8 acres, while Wildlife Management lands increase from 2,258.2 acres in the No Action (Alternative 3) to 13, 246.2 acres in this alternative.

No Action	Converted to	Increased Preservation	Acres	% from No Action	
No Allocation		Low Density Recreation	13.2	3.9%	
		Environmentally Sensitive	62.1	18.4%	
	ocation Converted to High Density Recreation		1.4	0.4%	
		Wildlife Management	247.5	73.5%	
		Project Operations	12.3	3.7%	
		Low Density Recreation	6.0	0.3%	
		Environmentally Sensitive	328.6	14.5%	
Wildlife Management	Converted to	High Density Recreation	0.0	0.0%	
		Wildlife Management	1923.7	85.2%	
		Project Operations	0.0	0.0%	
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		Low Density Recreation	205.1	2.7%	
Environmentally		Environmentally Sensitive	3959.8	52.6%	
Sensitive	Converted to	High Density Recreation	0.0	0.0%	
Schlsterve		Wildlife Management	3364.0	44.7%	
		Project Operations	0.0	0.0%	
		Low Density Recreation	1159.9	9.7%	
Low Density	Converted to	Environmentally Sensitive	6734.1	56.3%	
Recreation		High Density Recreation	83.2	0.7%	
Recreation		Wildlife Management	3988.6	33.3%	
		Project Operations	0.0	0.0%	
	Converted to	Low Density Recreation	732.0	7.1%	
High Density Recreation		Environmentally Sensitive	3468.3	33.5%	
		High Density Recreation	2367.2	22.8%	
Recreation		Wildlife Management	3722.5	35.9%	
		Project Operations	77.4	0.7%	
Project Operations	Converted to	Low Density Recreation	0.0	0.0%	
		Environmentally Sensitive	0.0	0.0%	
		High Density Recreation	0.0	0.0%	
		Wildlife Management	0.00	0.0%	
		Project Operations	76.7	100.0%	
Total=				acres	

Table 3-2 Land Classification Changes form No Action to Alternative 1

3.2 Increase Conservation (Alternative 2, Preferred)

Under Alternative 2, the land classifications would be revised to reflect current management practices and responses to agency and public comments received during the scoping phase. Changes include reclassifying undeveloped High Density land classifications (i.e., future/closed Corps parks) to other land classifications; reclassifying undeveloped Low Density Recreation land to Wildlife Management, Project Operations, or Environmentally Sensitive Area; and reclassifying lands that contain active shoreline use permits to Low Density.

Alternative 2 proposes 2,683.8 acres in High Density recreation, representing a 7,683.6 acre decrease from the No Action Alternative. Low Density lands total 2,136.7 acres, representing a reduction of 9,829.1 acres from the No Action Alternative. The majority of the decrease in High and Low Density acreage would be due to reclassification to Wildlife Management (increased from 2, 258.2 acres to 20,859.7 acres). It should be noted that although the total number of acres of Environmentally Sensitive lands would be less under Alternative 2 than under the No Action Alternative, there would still be the same protected shoreline acreage from the combination of Environmentally Sensitive and Wildlife Management lands. Table 3-3 provides a comparison of alternatives in relation to Alternative 2.

<u>No Action</u>	<u>Converted to</u>	Preferred	<u>Acres</u>	<u>% from</u> <u>No Action</u>
No Allocation		Low Density Recreation	13.5	4.0%
		Environmentally Sensitive	61.6	18.3%
	Converted to	High Density Recreation	1.4	0.4%
		Wildlife Management	247.7	73.6%
		Project Operations	12.3	3.7%
	Converted to	Low Density Recreation	6.0	0.3%
		Environmentally Sensitive	0.0	0.0%
Wildlife Management		High Density Recreation	0.0	0.0%
		Wildlife Management	2252.2	99.7%
		Project Operations	0.0	0.0%
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	Converted to	Low Density Recreation	208.7	2.8%
Environmentally		Environmentally Sensitive	1385.1	18.4%
Sensitive		High Density Recreation	0.0	0.0%
Schshrve		Wildlife Management	5935.1	78.8%
		Project Operations	0.0	0.0%
		-	1	
	Converted to	Low Density Recreation	1166.0	9.7%
		Environmentally Sensitive	3021.7	25.3%
Low Density Recreation		High Density Recreation	83.2	0.7%
		Wildlife Management	7694.8	64.3%
		Project Operations	0.0	0.0%
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		Low Density Recreation	742.5	7.2%
		Environmentally Sensitive	2218.4	21.4%
High Density Recreation	Converted to	High Density Recreation	2599.2	25.1%
		Wildlife Management	4729.9	45.6%
		Project Operations	77.4	0.7%
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Project Operations	Converted to	Low Density Recreation	0.0	0.0%
		Environmentally Sensitive	0.0	0.0%
		High Density Recreation	0.0	0.0%
		Wildlife Management		0.0%
		Project Operations	76.7	100.0%
Total=				acres

Table 3.3 Land Classification Changes from No Action to Alternative 2

3.3 Increase Conservation-Modified (Alternative 4, Selected)

Similar to the original Alternative 2, the selected alternative is a slightly modified version. From Alternative 2 – Increased Conservation (preferred), this alternative includes slight decrease in High Density lands; a slight increase in Environmentally Sensitive Area lands; and a slight increase in Wildlife Management lands. There was no change in Project Operation lands or Low Density.

The slight increase/decrease in acreage can be attributed to: the modification to the Tracy Marina lease area to adjust for lease changes that occurred during the revision process, therefore adjusting the High Density Land Classification around the lease area. Table 3.4 provides a comparison of the No Action to Alternative 4, the Selected Alternative.

 Table 3-3 Classification Changes from No Action to Alternative 4 – Increase Conservation

 (Selected Alternative)

<u>No Action</u>	Converted <u>to</u>	Selected	<u>Acres</u>	<u>% from No</u> <u>Action</u>
No Allocation	Converted to	Low Density Recreation	13.5	4.0%
		Environmentally Sensitive	61.6	18.3%
		ocation Converted to High Density Recreation		1.4
		Wildlife Management	247.7	73.6%
		Project Operations	12.3	3.7%
	Converted to	Low Density Recreation	6.0	0.3%
		Environmentally Sensitive	0.0	0.0%
Wildlife Management		High Density Recreation	0.0	0.0%
		Wildlife Management	2,252.2	99.7%
		Project Operations	0.0	0.0%
		Low Density Recreation	208.7	2.8%
		Environmentally Sensitive	1,385.1	18.4%
Environmentally Sensitive	Converted to	High Density Recreation	0.0	0.0%
Environmentariy Sensitive		Wildlife Management	5,935.1	78.8%
		Project Operations	0.0	0.0%
	Converted to	Low Density Recreation	1,166.0	9.7%
		Environmentally Sensitive	3,021.7	25.3%
Low Density Recreation		High Density Recreation	83.2	0.7%
		Wildlife Management	7,694.8	64.3%
		Project Operations	0.0	0.0%
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		Low Density Recreation	742.5	7.2%
II's 1 Densit D	Course (1)	Environmentally Sensitive	2,217.2	21.4%
High Density Recreation	Converted to	High Density Recreation	2,587.2	25.1%
		Wildlife Management	4743.1	45.6%
		Project Operations	77.4	0.7%
		Low Density Recreation	0.0	0.0%
		Environmentally Sensitive	0.0	0.0%
Project Operations	Converted to	High Density Recreation	0.0	0.0%
		Wildlife Management	0.00	0.0%
		Project Operations	76.7	100.0%
Total=				acres

3.4 No-Action (Alternative 3)

The No Action Alternative land classification, which is based on the 1988 master plan, does not accurately reflect the land use activities or resource management of the lake. In addition, this alternative does not address resource management laws, policies, and regulations that were implemented after the 1988 Norfork Lake Master Plan.

Operation and management of Norfork Lake would continue as outlined in the 1988 Master Plan Update, which designates 10,367.3 acres as High Density recreation and 11,965.8 acres as Low Density recreation. This alternative has the potential to allow for increased land and water-based impacts within the Low Density land classification due to the fact this constitutes 37% of available shoreline acreage. There are 7,528.9 acres classified as Environmentally Sensitive areas, 76.7 acres as Project Operations, 2,258.2 acres as Wildlife Management, and 336.5 acres that currently have no allocation. High Density recreation refers to lands developed for intensive recreational activities for the visiting public including day use areas and/or campgrounds. These could include areas for concessions (marinas, commercial concessions, etc.), and quasi-public development.

Low Density recreation lands have minimal development or infrastructure that supports a passive public recreational use (e.g., primitive camping, fishing, hunting, trails, wildlife viewing, resorts, etc.).

Environmentally Sensitive areas include those lands where scientific, ecological, cultural or aesthetic features have been identified. Designation of these lands is not limited to just lands that are otherwise protected by laws such as the Endangered Species Act, the National Historic Preservation Act or applicable State statutes. 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. No agricultural or grazing uses are permitted on these lands unless necessary for a specific resource management benefit, such as prairie restoration. These restoration areas are typically distinct parcels located within another, and perhaps larger, land classification area.

The Project Operations category includes those 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.

Wildlife Management lands are designated for stewardship of fish and wildlife resources. Vegetative management lands are designated for stewardship of forest, prairie, and other native vegetative cover.

Land	Alternative 1 –		Alternative 2/4 –		Alternative 3 –		
Classification	Increased Preservation		Increased Conservation		No Action		
	Acres	Percent	Acres	Percent	Acres	Percent	
High Density	2,451.8	8	2683.8/2671.8	8	10,367.3	32	
Low Density	2,116.3	7	2,136.7	7	11,965.8	37	
Environmenta	14,552.8	45	6686.8/6685.6	21	7,528.9	23	
lly Sensitive	,				,		
Project	166.4	1	166.4	1	76.7	0.2	
Operations	100.1	1	100.1				
Wildlife	12 246 2	13,246.2 41	41	41 20859.7/20873	64	2,258.2	7
Management	13,240.2	41	20039.1/20073	04	2,238.2	/	
Not Allocated	0	0	0.0	0	336.5	1	
Change compared to Alternative		Decrease	e Incre	ease	No Change		
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Table 3-5 Comparison of Alternatives and Change Compared to Alternative 3

4. AFFECTED ENVIRONMENT

4.1 Project Setting

Norfork Lake is a reservoir created by the Norfork Dam on the North Fork of the White River, which is located approximately 4.8 miles upstream of the town of Norfork, Arkansas. The lake extends from North Central Arkansas in Fulton and Baxter counties into South Central Missouri in Ozark County, as shown in Figure 2-1. A more detailed description of the project location and area is provided in the following sub-sections.

4.2 Climate

Climate within the Norfork Lake watershed is temperate, with summer extremes lasting for longer periods throughout northern Arkansas, and winter temperatures being more influential in the zone's northern reaches in Missouri. Extremes may vary from lows around 0°F in the winter months to highs above 100°F occurring from southern Arkansas to central Missouri during the summer months. Extreme temperatures may occur for short periods of time at any location within the watershed. Heavy rainfall events are common. Average annual rainfall over the watershed varies from 48 to 50 inches. Monthly rainfall varies from 2.5 inches in the winter months to about 5 inches in the spring. Snowfall each year averages from 8 to 16 inches from south to north across the watershed. Snowpacks are usually short lived and are not commonly a concern for flooding.

Climate change is an area of concern due to the potential for effects on many aspects of the environment, especially those related to water resources. The U.S. Global Change Research Program (USGCRP) summarized information regarding climate change and its potential effects in regional assessments (http://www.globalchange.gov/publications/reports/scientific-assessments/us-impacts). In the Midwest, which extends from Minnesota to Missouri, extreme events such as heat waves, droughts and heavy rainfall events are projected to occur more frequently. Should these events become significant enough to impact the operation of Norfork Lake, the Master Plan and associated documents (i.e., Operations Management Plan and Shoreline Management Plan) would be reviewed and revised, if necessary.

4.3 Topography, Geology, and Soils

Norfork Lake and its watershed are located in the Springfield-Salem Plateaus section of the Ozark Plateaus physiographic province. The landscape is described as rugged uplands with exposed rock and varying soil depths and includes extensive areas of karst terrain (sink holes, caves, and springs) (Ethridge, 2009). Spring-fed streams are common and typically are perennial with gravelly substrates. Topographic relief in the area is a result of erosional dissection of the plateaus and generally is controlled by lithology, as well as structural features such as faults and fractures. Norfork Lake's watershed ranges in elevation from 531.5 feet above msl to 1,745.4 feet above msl, with an average elevation of 974 feet above msl (Figure 4-1). The North Fork River drops, on average, approximately 13.7 feet per mile from the headwaters (elevation 1,453.4 feet above msl) to the lake inlet (elevation 554.5 feet above msl). One large tributary joins the North Fork River from the west, Bryant Creek, and drains a similar area as that of the North Fork River (Figure 4-1).

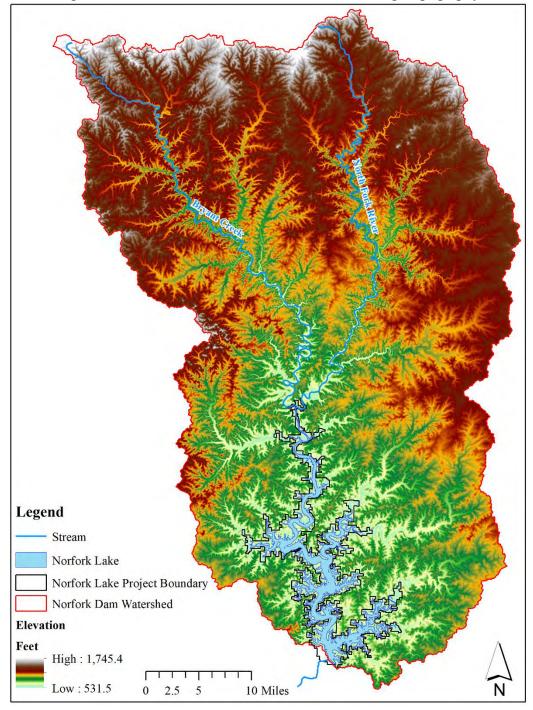


Figure 4-1 Norfork Lake Watershed and Surrounding Topography

The Norfork Lake area is part of the Ozark uplift. This region is characterized by flat-lying, sedimentary rocks composed predominantly of limestone and dolomitic limestone. The upland area surrounding the lake is part of the Salem Plateau, the surface of which is developed of limestone and dolomites of the Ordovician age. Remnants of the plateau are represented by the summits of the higher hills in the area. The rock strata underlying the lake and forming its rim are the Everton, Powell, Cotter-Jefferson City, and Roubidoux formations of Ordovician age.

The soil mantle is a residual product of weathering. It is relatively thin on the hills. In some places, it is rocky because of disintegration of the cherty limestone; in others, it is very sandy with sandstone fragments and boulders; and in still other localities, it is composed of red clay, formed by the decomposition of limestone, intermingled with sand and chert fragments. The river has cut a meandering course deep into the bedrock, forming a well-developed narrow floodplain. The alluvial material in the floodplain is composed principally of silt and sand that seldom exceeds 30 feet in thickness. Chert, gravel and sand occur in typically long, narrow and thin bars located on the inside bends of the old riverbed.

The 1983 Soil Survey of Baxter and Marion Counties, Arkansas (USDA Soil Conservation Service) indicates that the soils around Norfork Lake fall under two "general" soil map units, including the Arkana-Moko unit and the Doniphan-Gassville unit.

The Arkana-Moko unit consists of soils that formed in the residuum of dolomite and limestone. These soils are scattered throughout the part of Baxter County north of the White River. They are generally located on side slopes and ridgetops throughout the Norfork Lake project area. Arkana and Moko soils are both well drained. Arkana soils are moderately deep, and Moko soils are shallow. The soils in this unit are used mainly as woodland supporting eastern red cedar and a variety of low to moderate grade hardwoods. In some gently sloping areas, the soils are used for pasture, but they are generally not suitable for cultivated crops. Depth to bedrock, shrinkswell potential, surface stones, erosion hazard and steep slopes represent the main limitations to the use of these soils for farming and most other intensive uses.

The Doniphan-Gassville soils are also scattered throughout the project area. Doniphan soils are deep and well drained on moderately sloping uplands. Gassville soils are moderately deep and well drained, and generally occur on steep side slopes. These soils are not suited for cultivated crops. Primary limitations for intensive use of these soils include slope, erosion hazard, surface chert, depth to bedrock, low strength, and slow permeability. Figure 4-2 depicts the geology of the adjacent watershed of Norfork Lake.

A high-quality calcareous glade/outcrop has been identified at one location. These areas are typically characterized as dry sites, with thin soil and bedrock at or near the surface. They are frequently on steep slopes and sometimes support stunted or gnarled trees and shrubs and rare plants. This particular calcareous glade/outcrop shows no signs of recent grazing or other disturbance.

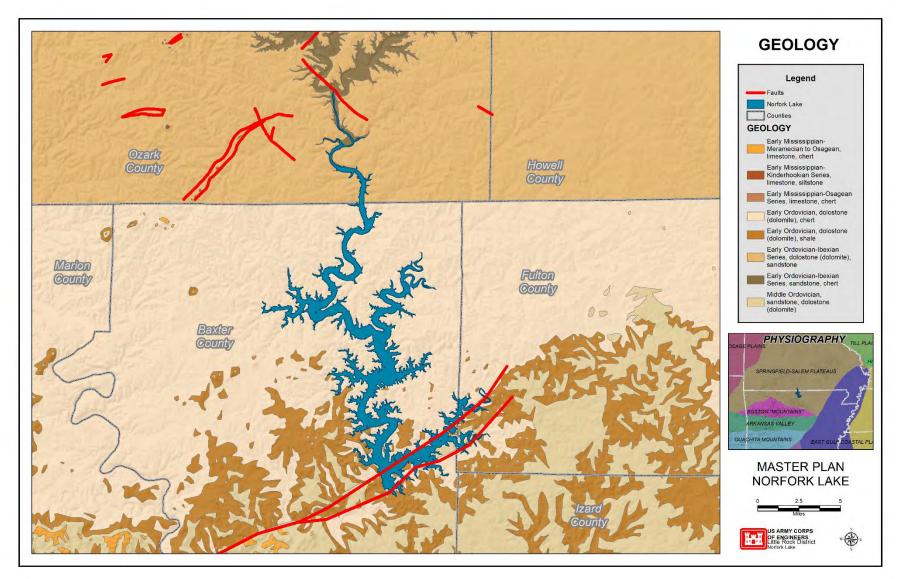


Figure 4-2 Geology of Norfork Lake Watershed

Soil conservation and management are major considerations when planning natural resource and recreation management practices. While soil movement is influenced by climate, soil type, and topography, which are uncontrollable, it can also be negatively affected by compaction, modification of vegetative cover, and very high lake pool elevations which increase wave action and inundation of unprotected shoreline.

4.4 Aquatic Environment

4.4.1 Hydrology and Groundwater

Norfork Lake is located on the North Fork of the White River and was formed by the construction of Norfork Dam, which was initiated in the spring of 1941. The dam was completed in July of 1944, and the powerhouse and switchyard were completed in 1953. The lake was declared operational for public use in 1953 under the authority of the Flood Control Act approved 28 June 1938 (Public Law No. 761, 75th Congress, 3rd Session) as modified by the Flood Control Act approved 18 August 1941 (Public Law No. 228, 77th Congress, 1st Session) which included the authorization of the project for flood control and generation of hydroelectric power. The elevation of the top of the conservation pool is approximately 553.75 feet NGVD29 with the flood pool being at 580 feet NGVD29. The conservation pool top area is approximately 21,662 surface acres and the flood pool top area is approximately 29513 surface acres. The shoreline length of the design conservation pool is approximately 372 miles, and the flood pool is approximately 511 miles in length. Norfork Lake has a drainage area of approximately 1806 square miles in northern Arkansas and southern Missouri. With the implementation of the White River Minimum Flow (WRMF) Project, the total water storage capacity of Norfork Lake is 5.318 million acre-feet, with 1.983 million acre-feet of flood control storage, 1.290 million acre-feet of conservation storage, and 2.045 million acre-feet of inactive storage. The lake has an average depth of 56 feet.

4.4.2 Water Quality

Overall surface water quality in the Norfork Lake area is good, and the lake has water quality which is suitable for primary and secondary contact, fisheries, domestic, industrial and agricultural water supply, as designated by the Arkansas Department of Energy and Environment (ADEE). Norfork Lake is classified by ADEE as a Type A water body, which includes most larger lakes of several thousand acres in size, in upland forest dominated watersheds, having an average depth of 30 to 60 feet, and having low primary production (i.e., having a low trophic status if in natural [unpolluted] condition). This is mainly due to temperature stratification, which is natural and occurs in many deep reservoirs such as Norfork Lake. During the warmer months, lake waters of the upper layer (the epilimnion) are warmer and contain more dissolved oxygen, while the denser, lower layer waters (the hypolimnion) are colder and contain very little or no dissolved oxygen. As the stratified epilimnion cools in the late fall and winter, the layers begin to mix (de-stratify), and dissolved oxygen (DO) is more evenly distributed. This condition is more favorable to the fishery of the lake and overall water quality.

In 2004, ADEQ placed the 4.8 miles of the Norfork tail water on the Water Quality Limited Waterbodies list (303(d) list) due to violation of the 6 mg/L dissolved oxygen (DO) standard. The listed source of the DO violation is hydropower (HP). Section 303(d) of the Clean Water Act requires states to list waters that do not meet Federal water quality standards or have a

significant potential not to meet standards as a result of point source dischargers or non-point source run-off. Subsequent to listing on the 303(d) list, the statute requires that the states develop and set the Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) for water bodies on the list within 13 years. A TMDL establishes the maximum amount of a pollutant that can enter a specific water body without violating the water quality standards. Values are normally calculated amounts based on dilution and the assimilative capacity of the water body. A TMDL was established by ADEQ for the 4.8 miles of the North Fork River below Norfork Dam. With an active TMDL in place, the 4.8 miles below the Norfork dam is no longer listed on the 303(d) as an impaired water body. In January 2009, USACE completed the WRMF Study, which would increase the minimum flow below the dam to 300 cfs to benefit the aquatic habitat and may result in water quality improvements in the tail water.

For the Missouri portion of Norfork Lake, the Missouri Department of Natural Resources and the Clean Water Commission are responsible for setting and enforcing water quality standards within the State of Missouri. Classified waters in the state are categorized according to their beneficial water usage. Major reservoirs like Norfork Lake are usually several thousand acres in size and are classified by the state as L2 (comparable to Type A in Arkansas). Norfork Lake, in addition to maintaining L2 water quality standards, is also subject to four other water quality standards: (1) livestock and wildlife watering; (2) protection of warm water aquatic life and human health/fish consumption; (3) whole body contact recreation; and (4) boating and canoeing water quality standards (MDNR, 1996b).

4.4.3 Fish Species and Habitat

The impoundment of the North Fork of the White River and other tributary streams which form Norfork Lake resulted in changes in the composition of the fish populations. Smallmouth bass was the principal game fish found in the White River prior to impoundment. Arkansas Game and Fish Commission (AGFC) and Missouri Department of Conservation (MDC) are the agencies primarily responsible for managing the fishery and through their efforts, a variety of fish species are well-established in the lake. Sport fish species currently found include: largemouth bass, spotted bass, smallmouth bass, white bass, striped bass, hybrid white-striped bass, walleye, flathead catfish, channel catfish, white crappie, black crappie, and various species of sunfish. Due to the quality and diversity of the fishery, Norfork Lake serves as a national fishing destination, hosting hundreds of bass tournaments annually.

Norfork Lake was first impounded in 1944 and much of the standing timber was cut prior to the impoundment. Since impoundment, the few remaining native forests that were submerged provided limited structure and forage habitat for fish. This limited habitat has degraded over time. Therefore in 1986, USACE, MDC, and AGFC began a large-scale artificial habitat improvement project with the primary objective to improve fish habitat within Norfork Lake. Since 1987, numerous fish habitat structures known as "fish attractors" have been placed in Norfork Lake by AGFC and several attractors by MDC. Approximately 30,000 trees comprise the attractors which cover over 45 acres of lake bottom, totaling 14 miles in length. AGFC and MDC fund the maintenance of the attractors each year, adding fresh cover to keep the attractors productive and increasing the habitat.

In 2013, MDC began a fish habitat enhancement project on Norfork Lake using standing cut

cedar trees anchored in concrete to provide a vertical habitat structure. When the project is completed, 29 structures would be constructed. Depending upon the structure, up to 300 trees would be constructed parallel to the shore in shallower water and perpendicular to the shore in deeper water to prevent possible boating obstacles. These structures would create approximately 4.3 acres of fish habitat. In 2014, AGFC began a trial program of adding commercially made artificial fish habitat structures to a small number of existing fish attractors. These structures are being studied for visual esthetics, durability, and usage by fish to determine if they can be used to enhance the existing fish habitat structure program.

The public is also encouraged to place natural fish attractors in Norfork Lake. Permits are issued periodically to private individuals to cut cedar trees and place fish attractors at various locations. In 1995, USACE began a program for the public to bring their discarded Christmas trees to be used as fish attractors to enhance fish habitat. Since the program began, thousands of these trees have been placed in the lake by USACE personnel and the public.

The impoundment of Norfork Lake resulted in environmental changes in the tailwater portion of the North Fork River from the dam to 4.8 miles downstream where it empties into the White River. AGFC realized that the cold-water discharges from Norfork Lake would necessitate a change in their fisheries management program for the North Fork River as it transformed from a warm water fishery to a cold water fishery. Rainbow trout, cutthroat trout, brook trout, and brown trout were stocked in the White River to replace the warm-water fishery. These efforts have allowed the production of a viable cold-water fishery. However, because of the unfavorable environmental factors such as: lack of suitable substrate, the fluctuation of water temperatures, dissolved oxygen levels, water levels, trout reproduction is very limited.

In 1955, the Norfork National Fish Hatchery was built by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) at Dry Run Creek below Norfork Dam to mitigate the loss of the warm water fishery and provide trout for the cold-water fishery below Norfork and nearby Bull Shoals Dams. Each year, an average of approximately 1,184,000 rainbow trout, 105,000 brown trout, 150,000 cutthroat trout, and 34,500 brook trout from the Norfork Hatchery and from the USFWS Fish Hatcheries at Greers Ferry Lake and Mammoth Springs, AR and the Arkansas State Fish Hatchery at Mammoth Springs, AR are stocked in the North Fork and White Rivers. Since the trout program began, the fishery has flourished and is now known as a world class trout fishery and has become a popular international trout fishing destination.

Previously, during periods when there was little or no power generation, the water flow in the tailwater area is reduced, resulting in shallow depths and exposed river bottom perimeters. Concerns about the degradation of aquatic habitats for the cold-water fishery in the North Fork River and the White River below Bull Shoals Dam due to these exposed areas lead to the implementation of "White River Minimum Flows". Section 132(a) of the FY06 EWDAA authorizes and directs the implementation of plan NF-7 at Norfork Lake for minimum flows in order to increase the wetted perimeter of the river and improve the habitat for the cold-water fishery. Plan NF-7 reallocates 3.5 feet of flood control storage at Norfork Lake to be evenly divided (50:50) between the conservation and flood control pools to provide for the minimum flows release of 300 cfs. This target flow of 300 cfs will consist of 185 cfs of minimum flow releases through a siphon system, as well as 20 cfs of existing releases through the house

hydropower Station Service Unit, 40 cfs of existing releases for the downstream trout hatchery, and existing flows of 55 cfs from normal leakage through the closed wicket gates. The conservation pool elevation was raised by 1.75 feet from 552.0 to 553.75 feet. Deviations from normal conservation pool exist for cold water fisheries management and may be found in the White River Basin Water Control Plan for Norfork Lake. The top of the flood control pool will remain at the existing elevation of 580.0. The construction of the associated bulkhead and siphon was completed in 2012, with the new conservation pool elevation being reached in 2013.

Walleye, striped bass, and hybrid white-striped bass have been introduced into Norfork Lake to add diversity to the fishery. Natural reproduction of striped bass and hybrid white-striped bass does not occur in Norfork Lake. Since 2004, AGFC each year stocks approximately 108,000 walleye, 67,000 black crappie, 26,000 channel catfish, 17,500 blue catfish, 146,000 striped bass, and 46,000 hybrid white-striped bass, with sporadic stockings of redear sunfish (2004, 2006, 2007), bluegill (2005, 2012), and black crappie (2004, 2007). Since 2017, AGFC has been strictly focusing on annually stocking hybrid striped bass, striped bass, and walleye, and currently have no plans to stock any other species unless a situation arises where there is a need to stock them. MDC stocks approximately 220,000 walleye in Norfork each year with no current plans to stock other species. While natural reproduction occurs in walleye, white crappie, black crappie, largemouth bass, and spotted bass, AGFC and MDC supplement this reproduction by occasional stockings of these species. Ozark bass, a sub-species of Rock bass, endemic to the North Fork of White River drainage, exists in this water body.

In 1963, AGFC constructed a five-acre fish nursery pond on the west shore of the North Fork River arm of Norfork Lake on Chapin Point for the purpose of rearing game fish for stocking purposes. This fish nursery pond has been used in the past to introduce walleye, northern pike, striped bass, muskellunge, and blue catfish into the lake fishery. These fish have utilized habitats in the lake which the original stream-type fish avoided. The hatchery pond is typically used to rear walleye (63,000 annually), threadfin shad and bluegill (400,000 in 2017) for stocking directly into the lake.

4.5 Terrestrial Resources

4.5.1 Wildlife

White-tailed deer and eastern wild turkey are common game animals found and hunted in the Norfork Lake area. Black bear have also become common in the area and are hunted on the Arkansas side of Norfork Lake. The principal small game species found in the open upland areas include bobwhite quail, cottontail rabbit, and mourning dove. Gray and fox squirrels are common in upland wooded areas and are also popular for sportsmen. Furbearing animals found in the Norfork Lake area include coyote, red fox, gray fox, otter, mink, muskrat, beaver, bobcat, and raccoon. Habitat management activities such as, wildlife food plot plantings, mowing, soil disturbance, removal of exotic species and application of prescribed fire, provide benefit to these populations.

The bat species diversity at Norfork Lake is high. Surveys have identified the following bat species around Norfork Lake, which include the big brown (*Eptesicus fuscu*), eastern red

(Lasiurus borealis), hoary (Lasiurus cinereus), tri-colored (Perimyotis subflavus), little brown (Myotis lucifugus), and evening (Nycticeius humeralis) bats.

The common migratory waterfowl species around Norfork Lake include mallard, gadwall, wood duck, and diving species such as common goldeneye, hooded merganser, and bufflehead. Other duck species are also common migrants in this area. However, some of these species are only transient visitors as their characteristic foraging habits involve more shallow waters, rather than the deep, clear waters of Norfork Lake. Migratory geese common to the area are Canada geese of the Eastern Prairie Population. Giant and Greater Canada geese were introduced to the area by the MDC in 1971 and 1972 and have become established as a resident population. Resident Canada geese are so numerous in many coves and recreation areas that their presence has become a nuisance.

Ring-billed gulls are seen frequently around the Norfork Lake area. Norfork has also become a popular place for the public to observe bald eagles. Twenty or more birds commonly winter here, and 4-6 breeding pairs can be found during the nesting period of March to June. Greater and lesser yellow legs and large flocks of horned grebes are also seen during their peak migration in the spring and fall. Norfork Lake is also one of the few places where visitors can see both the turkey vulture and the black vulture at the same time in the winter. In fact, wintering black vulture numbers have become so large, they also, have become a nuisance to the public.

4.5.2 Vegetation

The area surrounding Norfork Lake is primarily forested. Figure 4-3 depicts the predominant vegetation classification in the lake area. Vegetation types within this region include oak-hickory forests, oak-hickory-pine forests, and cedar glades. Post oaks, blackjack oaks, and black hickory are the dominant species found in the dry upland forests. Sandstone bedrock areas contain species such as shortleaf pine and various species of oak. Trees and shrubs around the lakeshore include upland oak and hickory species, persimmon, honey locust, hawthorn, flowering dogwood, redbud, coralberry, smooth and winged sumac, and buttonbush. Frequent periods of inundation keep the strip of government owned lands around the lake in early stages of succession. Ground cover consists of greenbrier, sedge, and native grasses.

Dolomite/limestone glades, which are characterized by barrens-like communities of prairie type native forbs and grasses, occur on the shallow soil over outcroppings of bedrock. USACE conducts a prescribed fire program to help maintain these specialized vegetative ecosystems in the Norfork Lake project area. Unique terrestrial ecosystems exist within the Norfork Lake project area, including Ozark Fen, Central Interior Highlands Calcareous Glade and Barrens, Central Interior Highlands and Appalachian Sinkhole and Depression Pond, and Old Growth Forest.

The Ozark Fen system is found in the Ozarks region of the United States. Stands occur on the side slopes of hills in narrow valleys, bases of bluffs, rock ledges, and terraces of streams and rivers, where the soil or substrate is saturated by calcareous groundwater seepage. Soils are moist to wet, mucky peat or mineral, with pH above 6.5, and vary from shallow (0-40 cm) to moderately deep (40-100 cm), depending on natural disturbance and slope. The parent material is a mixture of gravel and dolomite with fragments of deeply weathered bedrock present, or

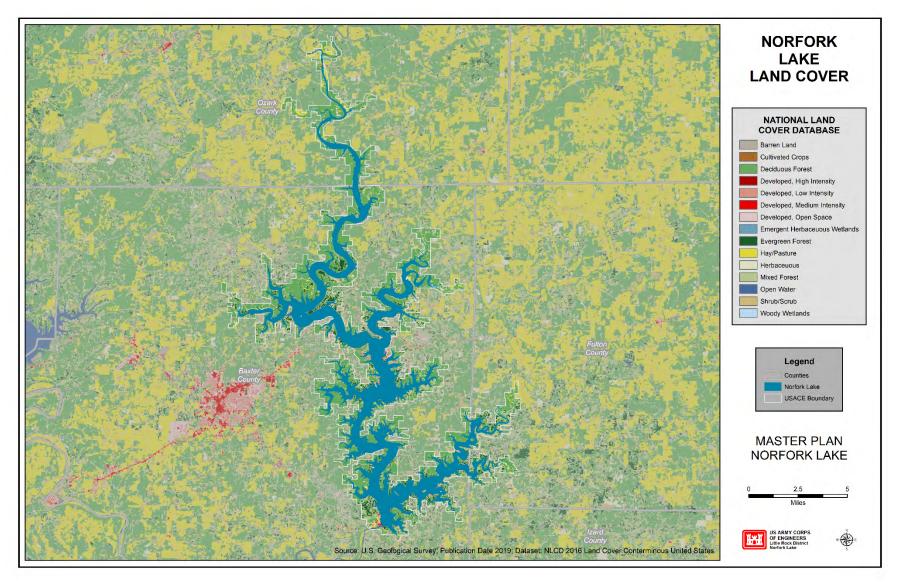
colluvium over bedrock. The bedrock strata are exposed, especially in hanging fens where the slope is greater than 35°. Hydrophytic plants dominate the fen, such as mixed grasses, spike rushes *(Eleocharis sp.)* and sedges *(Carex sp.)*.

The Central Interior Highlands Calcareous Glade and Barrens ecosystem occurs along moderate to steep slopes and steep valleys on primarily southerly to westerly facing slopes. Limestone and/or dolomite bedrock typify this system with shallow, moderately to well-drained soils interspersed with rocks. These soils often dry out during the summer and autumn, and then become saturated during the winter and spring. Little bluestem (*Schizachyrium scoparium*) dominates this system and is commonly associated with big bluestem (*Andropogon gerardii*), sideoats grama (*Bouteloua curtipendula*), and other calcium-loving plant species. Stunted woodlands primarily dominated by chinkapin oak (*Quercus muehlenbergii*) interspersed with eastern red cedar (*Juniperus virginiana*) occur on variable-depth-to-bedrock soils. Fire is the primary natural dynamic, and prescribed fires help manage this system by restricting woody growth and maintaining the more open glade structure.

The Central Interior Highlands and Appalachian Sinkhole and Depression Pond system of ponds and wetlands is found in the Interior Highlands of the Ozark region. Stands occur in basins of sinkholes or other isolated depressions on uplands. Soils are very poorly drained, and surface water may be present for extended periods of time, rarely becoming dry. Water depth may vary greatly on a seasonal basis and may be a meter deep or more in the winter. Some examples become dry in the summer. Soils may be deep (100 cm or more), consisting of peat or muck, with parent material of peat, muck or alluvium. Ponds vary from open water to herb-, shrub-, or tree-dominated. Tree-dominated examples typically contain oak species (*Quercus sp.*), American sycamore (*Platanus occidentalis*), green ash (*Fraxinus pennsylvanica*), silver maple (*Acer saccharinum*), or tupelo species (*Nyssa sp.*), or a combination of these. In addition, sweet gum (*Liquidambar styraciflua*) may be present in southern examples. Common buttonbush (*Cephalanthus occidentalis*) is a typical shrub component. The herbaceous layer is widely variable depending on geography.

The Old Growth Forest stands with large, mature or over-mature trees (both healthy and decadent), usually having a multi-layered canopy in trees of various age classes. Stands include dead trees and relatively large amounts of decaying material on the forest floor. Stands also contain trees older than normal rotation age for that timber type and contain numerous trees older than 150 years old. Ozark Highlands old growth forests are typically dominated by oak species (*Quercus sp.)*, and mockernut hickory (*Carya tomentosa*).

Figure 4-3 Norfork Lake Vegetation Classification



4.6 Threatened and Endangered Species

There are many species in the Ozarks that are considered either threatened, endangered, or state species of concern. Species become listed for a variety of reasons including over-hunting, over-fishing, and habitat loss as a result of human development and pollution; of these, habitat loss is the main contributor that imperils most species. A threatened species is one that is likely to become endangered within the foreseeable future. An endangered species is one in danger of extinction throughout all or a significant portion of its range.

The bald eagle (*Halieetus leucocephalus*) is common during the winter months around Norfork Lake. In addition, several bald eagle nests are located around the lake. Although the bald eagle was delisted by USFWS in 2007 due to recovery of the species, both the bald and golden eagles are still protected in accordance with the Bald and Golden Eagle Protection Act. Transient populations of gray and Indiana bats (*Myotis grisescens and Myotis sodalis*) -federally endangered species- are documented in caves located on and near the Norfork Lake area, however, no known caves are present on USACE owned property on Norfork Lake. The Ozark Hellbender (*Cryptobranchus alleganiensis bishopi*) is a species of strictly aquatic salamander found only in Ozark streams of southern Missouri and northern Arkansas. Critical habitat is located in the riverine portions of the North Fork River near Dawt, MO and the Bryant Creek area arm of Norfork Lake area in Ozark County, Missouri. USACE works closely with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, protecting USACE owned riparian areas designated as critical habitat, and managing project lands and waters to aid in recovery of stream, water, and habitat quality.

The following species listed in Table 4-1 are from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's federally classified status list of species and the Arkansas and Missouri Natural Heritage data sets which have been reported on project lands. There are other threatened and endangered species that are known to be in the general area

	State/Global		
Common Name	Scientific Name	Status	Rank
Bald Eagle	Halieetus leucocephalus	*Protected under Bald and Golden Eagle Protection Act	S3/G5
Gray Bat	Myotis grisescens	E/E	S3/G3
Indiana Bat	Myotis sodalis	E/E	S3/G3
Ozark Hellbender	Cryptobranchus alleganiensis bishopi	E/E	S1/G3 G4 T2Q
Alligator Snapping Turtle	Macrochelys temminckii	Species of Concern (SOC)	S2/G3 G4
Hammack Sedge	Carex fissa var. fissa	SOC	S1/G4 T3 T4
A Moss	Ptychomitrium sinense	SOC	S1/G4 G5
Arkansas Sedge	Carex arkansana	SOC	S3/G4
Umbrella Plant	Eriogonum longifolium var. longifolium	SOC	S2/G4 T4
Checkered Madtom	Noturus flavater	SOC	S3 S4/G3 G4
Red River Mudpuppy	Necturus maculosus louisianensis	SOC	SU/G5 T4
Juniper-leaf	Polypremum procumbens	SOC	S2/G5
Showy Beardtongue	Penstemon cobaea	SOC	S3/G4
Davis' Sedge	carex davisii	SOC	S3/G4
Trelease's Larkspur	Delphinium treleasei	SOC	S3/G3

Table 4-1 Threatened, Endangered, and Species of Concern

Horned-Pondweed	Zannichellia palustris	SOC	S2 S3/G5
Gap Ringed Crayfish	Orconectes neglectus chaenodactylus	SOC	S3/G5 T3
Autumn Darter	Etheostoma autumnale	SOC	S3/G4
Giant Prairie Robber Fly	Microstylum morosum	SOC	S1/G3 G4
Eastern Collared Lizard	Croptaphytus collaris	SOC	S2/G5
Large Indian-Breadroot	Pediomelum esculentum	SOC	S2/G5
Heart-leaf Plantain	Plantago cordata	SOC	S2/G4
Prairie Rattlesnake-root	Prenanthes aspera	SOC	S2 S3/G4
Bush's Skullcap	Scutellaria bushii	SOC	S2/G3

E = Endangered; S2: Imperiled: Imperiled in the state because of rarity or because of some factor(s) making it very vulnerable to extirpation from the nation or state (1,000 to 3,000). Typically, 6 to 20 occurrences or few remaining individuals (1,000 to 3,000). S3: Vulnerable: Vulnerable in the state either because rare and uncommon, or found only in a restricted range (even if abundant at some locations), or because of other factors making it vulnerable to extirpation. Typically, 21 to 100 occurrences or between 3,000 and 10,000 individuals; G3: Vulnerable: Vulnerable globally either because very rare and local throughout its range, found only in a restricted range (even if abundant at some location), or because of other factors making it vulnerable to extinction or elimination. Typically, 21 to 100 occurrences or between 3,000 and 10,000 individuals; G5: Secure: Common; widespread and abundant (although it may be rare in parts of its range, particularly on the periphery). Not vulnerable in most of its range. Typically, with considerably more than 100 occurrences and more than 10,000 individuals.

Other possible endangered or threatened species include the threatened northern long-eared bat (*Myotis septentrionalis*) and the endangered Ozark big-eared bat (*Plecotus townsendii ingens*). No known populations or hibernacula of these bats are known to occur on Norfork Lake at this time. However, until the presence of these bats is determined, tree cutting as a forestry practices will only occur during the winter months.

4.6.1 Invasive Species

In accordance with Executive Order (EO) 13112, an invasive species means an alien species whose introduction does or is likely to cause economic or environmental harm or harm to human health. Invasive species can be microbes, plants, or animals that are non-native to an ecosystem.

In contrast, exotic species, as defined by EO 11987, include all plants and animals not naturally occurring, either presently or historically, in any ecosystem of the United States. Invasive species can take over and out-compete native species by consuming their food, taking over their territory, and altering the ecosystem in ways that harm native species. Invasive species can be accidentally transported, or they can be deliberately introduced because they are thought to be helpful in some way. Invasive species cost local, state, and federal agencies billions of dollars every year.

The Norfork Project is not protected from the spread of invasive species. Locally the project office works with its partners, AGFC, MDC, University of Arkansas Extension Services and United States Department of Agriculture, to help stop the spread of some of the Ozarks most unwanted species. Invasive species include feral hogs (*Sus scrofa*), zebra mussels (*Dreissena polymorpha*), sericea lespedeza (*Lespedeza cuneata*), gypsy moths (*Lymantria dispar*) and the emerald ash borer (*Agrilus planipennis*). Mountain Home Project Office staff post signage in all the recreation areas to communicate the dangers of spreading invasive species on project lands and waters. Project Office staff also place gypsy moth traps on project lands to monitor any infestations of this species in cooperation with the Arkansas State Plant Board. In 2019, an agreement with the U.S. Dept. of Agriculture was signed to allow the trapping of feral hogs on USACE land on Norfork Lake using USDA crews from the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) to help control populations.

"Didymo" (*Didymosphenia geminata*) forms dense algal mats at times in the tailwaters of Norfork Lake and the White River and has been observed in several tributaries of Norfork Lake. This invasive species attaches to rocks and plants in streambeds and may impact freshwater fish, aquatic plants, and important aquatic insects. Didymo can completely cover rocks and plants and reduce the area of clean substrate on which fish need to spawn and feed. It also tends to outcompete native algal species, many of which are food for aquatic insects, the main diet source of native stream fishes. Didymo mats have become so thick in some areas it became impossible to fish those stream stretches. AGFC and MDC continue to educate anglers about taking precautions to avoid spreading Didymo to other waters by the contamination of recreational equipment, such as boats, life jackets and fishing gear, particularly felt soled waders, being the most common ways for didymo to spread.

4.7 Wetlands

The many rivers and streams flowing through the Norfork Lake region have created a landscape of level highlands dissected by rugged valleys rich in karst features, such as caves and sinkholes. Associated with these streams and landscape features are a variety of wetland habitats representative of three major wetland systems: riverine, lacustrine, and palustrine. In accordance with national USACE policy, wetlands at operational projects are inventoried using the protocol established by the USFWS in their Classification of Wetlands and Deepwater Habitats of the United States. Most wetlands at the project site are in the palustrine system; however, wetlands classified in the lacustrine and riverine systems are also present (USFWS, 2004).

The riverine system is the compilation of rivers and tributaries, flowing either permanently or intermittently, and adjoining the lacustrine, or open water system, they comprise the 21,662-acre permanently flooded reservoir, acre Norfork Lake. These rivers and tributaries range from low

gradient, slow moving, in well-developed floodplains with low oxygen levels, to mostly high gradient, fast moving, poorly developed floodplain, stone and rock substrate, with high oxygen levels. In between are those rivers with intermittent flows, isolated pools or surface water may be absent.

The palustrine system at Norfork Lake totals approximately 417 acres and constitutes three classes, consisting of freshwater emergent wetlands, forested/shrub-scrub, and ponded wetlands. The palustrine wetlands are impacted by elevated lake levels that have routinely occurred in recent years.

4.8 Archaeological and Historic Resources

4.8.1 Paleontology

North central Arkansas and south central Missouri are located on the Salem Plateau. Geologically the plateau is made up of relatively flat-lying Paleozoic age strata consisting of dolostones, sandstones, and limestones. The Ordovician aged Cotter and Jefferson City Dolomite is the primary outcropping formation in the area. Few fossils are known to exist in the Jefferson City Dolomite. Fossils from the Cotter Dolomite are rare but include gastropods, cephalopods, and reef-building algae. The Ordovician aged Powell Dolomite and Everton Formation also outcrop in the general area although to a lesser extent.

4.8.2 Cultural Resources

Stewardship of cultural resources on USACE Civil Works water resources projects is an important part of the overall Federal responsibility. Numerous laws pertaining to identification, evaluation, and protection of cultural resources, Native American Indian rights, curation and collections management, and the protection of resources from looting and vandalism establish the importance of cultural resources to our Nation's heritage. Guidance is derived from a number of cultural resources laws and regulations, including Sections 106 and 110 of the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA) of 1966; Archaeological Resources Protection Act (ARPA) of 1979; Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA); and 36 CFR Part 79, Curation of Federally Owned and Administered Archeological Collections. Implementing regulations for Section 106 of the NHPA and NAGPRA are 36 CFR Part 800 and 43 CFR Part 10, respectively. All cultural resources laws and regulations should be addressed under the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969, as applicable

There are over 145 identified archeological sites present at Norfork Lake. Many of these sites were submerged by impoundment of the North Fork River. Less than five percent of the known sites within the lake area have been investigated any further than documentation. Table 4-2 summarizes the previously recorded resources at Norfork Lake based on the most up-to-date survey information according the records of the Arkansas Archeological Survey and the Missouri Department of Natural Resources.

Type of Site	Number of Sites
Historic	25
Prehistoric	94
Multicomponent	14
Unknown	12
Total	145
National Register	
Not Evaluated	132
Not Eligible	12
Eligible	1

Table 4-2 Previously Recorded Resources at Norfork Lake

Norfork Project has no sites currently listed on the NRHP. Norfork Dam was completed in 1944 and is old enough to be considered for NRHP inclusion.

Multiple formal archaeological surveys have been completed at Norfork Lake since the 1960s in response to ongoing activities, such as, lake construction, inadvertent discoveries, and NHPA Section 106 compliance. Small surveys continue to be conducted in and near Norfork Lake for compliance with Section 106 of the NHPA. When funds are available, surveys and other preservation activities are also conducted in accordance with Section 110 of the NHPA in order to fully inventory the sites present at Norfork Lake. As significant sites are identified, they may be designated as ESAs in the future.

Table 4-3 provides a list of previous surveys performed at Norfork Lake. The table below represents the most up-to-date survey information according the records of the Arkansas Archeological Survey and the Missouri Department of Natural Resources.

Author	Title	Year
Howard, Lynn E.	Archaeological Survey in Norfork region of Arkansas	1963
Spears, Carol, Nancy Myer, Hester Davis	Watershed Summary of Archaeological and Historic Resources in the White River Basins, Arkansas and Missouri	1975
Padgett, Thomas J.	Norfork Lake: A Cultural Resources Management Study with Implications for Prehistoric Settlement-Subsistence Patterns in the Ozarks	1977
Novick, Lee and Charles Cantlry	Norfork Lake: An Archaeological Survey of a Portion of Norfork Lake Shoreline	1979
Lee, Aubra Lane	Cultural Resources Investigations Norfork Lake, Arkansas	1986
Austin, David	Phase II Archaeological Testing of Site 23OZ113, US Route 160, Ozark County, Missouri	1987
John Riggs	Survey and Testing at 3FU31, Norfork Lake, Fulton County Arkansas	1992
Bennett Jr., W. J.	The Archaeological Record at Bull Shoals Lake and Norfork Lake, Arkansas and Missouri	1993
Ray, Jack H.	An Archaeological and Geomorphological Survey of the Upper North Fork River Valley in Southern Missouri: 1993-1994	1995
John Riggs	Fulton County Resource Management Plan (PIF)	2000
Page, Chris	Tecumseh Park Bridge Replacement (COE) Ozark County, Missouri	2010
Horvath, Elizabeth A.	ACOE Managed Lands, Norfork Lake	2018
Horvath, Elizabeth A.	Cultural Resource Assessment Survey MH-Norfork, FY17-MH-N-1, Gamaliel MH-Norfork, FY17-MH-N-2, Niles 1 MH-Norfork, FY17- MH-N-3, Niles 2 and MH-Bull Shoals, FY17-MH-B-1, Long Bottom Baxter and Marion Counties, Arkansas	2018
Helton, Deseray	Ozark 160, MoDOT Job No J9P3169; Cultural Resources Survey of Route 160 Improvements from 0.9 Miles East of County Road 530 to 0.3 miles west of North Fork River	2019
Studevant, Craig	Cultural Resource Investigations Phase I Survey David's Trail	2019

Table 4-3 Previous Archeological Investigations on Norfork Lake

Under the NHPA, properties of traditional religious and cultural importance to a living community may be determined to be eligible for inclusion on the NRHP. Commonly known as Traditional Cultural Properties (TCP), these properties are associated with cultural practices or beliefs of a living community that are rooted in that community's history and are important in maintaining the continuing cultural identity of the community. Therefore, TCPs must be taken into account in order to comply with federal cultural resources regulations. Additionally, Executive Order 13007 states that each federal agency with responsibility for the management of Federal lands shall accommodate access to and ceremonial use of Native American sacred sites

by religious practitioners and avoid adversely affecting the physical integrity of such sacred sites. There have been no TCPs or sacred sites identified at this time at Norfork Lake. If TCPs or sacred sites are identified at Norfork Lake in the future, they could be given additional protected status through ESA designation.

Long-term Objectives for Cultural Resources

As funding allows, the Little Rock District will plan and budget for a Cultural Resources Management Plan (CRMP) that shall be developed and incorporated into the Operational Management Plan (OMP) in accordance with EP 1130-2-540. The purpose of the CRMP is to provide a comprehensive program to direct the historic preservation activities and objectives at Norfork Lake and it will be accomplished if future funding is forthcoming. Completion of a full inventory of cultural resources at Norfork Lake is a long-term objective that is needed for compliance with Section 110 of the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA). All currently known sites with unknown eligibility and newly recorded sites must be evaluated to determine their eligibility for the NRHP. Identification and evaluation of sites is an ongoing process at Norfork Lake. As more significant sites are identified, they could be protected through ESA designation in the future.

The Archaeological Resources Protection Act (ARPA) secures the protection of archaeological resources and sites on lands owned and administered by the United States for the benefit of the American people. According to ARPA, it is illegal to excavate, remove, damage, or deface archaeological resources on public lands without a permit issued by the federal agency managing the land. It is also illegal to sell or transport archaeological resources removed from public lands. Little Rock District requires permits for archaeological investigations at Norfork Lake in accordance with ARPA, and it is increasing surveillance and coordination with law enforcement agencies in the state to enforce ARPA civil and criminal penalties.

According to the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA), it is the responsibility of a federal agency to inventory human remains and associated funerary objects, as well as summarize any potential sacred objects, that existed within their archaeological collections prior to the passage of the law and, to the extent possible, identify their cultural affiliation in order to repatriate such objects to affiliated Tribes requesting their return. In addition, there are responsibilities related to the inadvertent discovery of human remains or funerary objects that occurred on federal land after the passage of the law that require a separate process of consultation, affiliation determinations, and notifications prior to repatriation. Although NAGPRA compliance has been an ongoing focus of the Little Rock District and many consultations and repatriations have occurred in the past, there is still more work to be done.

4.9 Air Quality

Norfork Lake is located in the Ozark Mountains, remote from heavy emission-producing industry or large mining operations. The air is clean with low levels of air emissions below local emission thresholds. There have been no violations of the current National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS) established by EPA. Air monitoring requirements are established by EPA and are dictated under their guidance and monitoring objectives. Monitoring sites are placed in areas believed to have higher concentration of pollutants, which generally consist of the state's larger metropolitan areas. These areas, called Metropolitan Statistical Areas (MSA's) are

defined by the larger population centers and surrounding counties. Based on these guidelines, the Branson MSA has one air quality monitoring site, with ozone the only constituent being monitored. The ozone concentration is consistently below the 75 parts per billion (ppb) established by EPA for this pollutant.

4.10 Socio-Economic Resources

This section describes the demographic and socioeconomic characteristics for the geographic areas surrounding Norfork Lake. The lake is located in Baxter County in northern Arkansas, near the border of Arkansas and Missouri. The closest urban area to the lake is the Mountain Home micropolitan statistical area, which is less than 10 miles west of the lake.

Data from the 2010 Census, the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, and the 2019 American Community Survey were used to summarize socioeconomic conditions in the project area. Table 4-4 shows 2010 and 2019 population estimates, as well as the estimated annual growth rate for each county in the area. The annual growth rate in recent years (2010-2019) has been a mix of positive and negative in the individual counties within the Zone of Influence (ZOI), but overall was positive for the ZOI. The annual growth rate in the ZOI between 2010 and 2019 was 0.5%. During the same timeframe, the annual growth rate was 0.6% in the United States, 0.3% in Arkansas, and 0.2% in Missouri.

Geographical Area	2010 Population Estimate	2019 Population Estimate	Population Percent Change (2010-2019)	
United States	308,745,538	324,697,795	0.6%	
Arkansas	2,915,918	2,999,370	0.3%	
Missouri	5,988,927	6,104,910	0.2%	
Zone of				
Influence	2,775,007	2,906,772	0.5%	
Source: U.S. Bureau of the Census, 2010 Census (2010 Estimate); U.S. Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey (2019 Estimate)				

Figure 4-4 displays population by age group for the country, states of Arkansas and Missouri, and the ZOI. In the ZOI, 13% of the population is 0 to 10 years old, another 13% is 10 to 19 years old, 20% is 20 to 34 years old, 12% is 35 to 44 years old, 12% is 45 to 54 years old, 13% is 55 to 64 years old, 10% is 65 to 74 years old, and 7% is 75 years and over. This age distribution is comparable to Arkansas and Missouri.

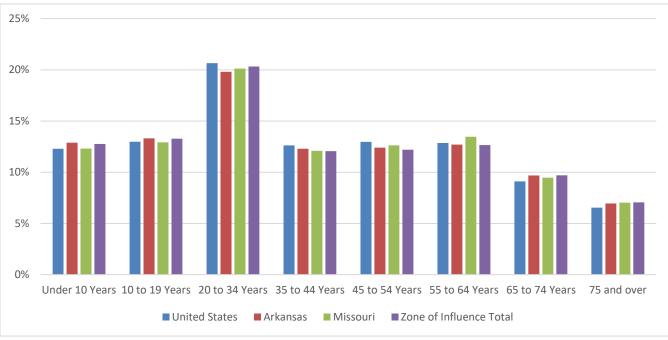


Figure 4-4 Population Distribution by Age Group (2019)

Key income indicators (median household income and per capita income) are presented in Table 4-5. Per capita income for counties in the project area varies but was \$26,128 for the overall ZOI in 2019. By comparison, per capita income was \$34,103 in the United States, \$26,577 in Arkansas, and \$30,810 in Missouri. Median household income is not available for the zone of influence but ranges from \$31,947 in Ozark County (Missouri) to \$66,362 in Benton County (Arkansas) for an average of \$42,758. In terms of occupations, the distribution across the zone of influence is similar to that of the Arkansas and Missouri. The largest majority of the ZOI (34%) is employed in the management, business, science, and arts occupations, followed by 22% in sales and office occupations, 17% in service occupations, 16% in production, transportation, and material moving occupations, and 10% in natural resources, construction, and maintenance occupations. Compared to the country, the ZOI has slightly less individuals employed in management, business, science, and slightly more in production, transportation, transportation, and material.

Source: U.S. Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey (2019 Estimate)

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Table 4-5 Income and Employment

In counties adjacent to Norfork Lake, tourism and recreation is also an important part of local economies. Recreation at the lake has substantial impact to local economies based on surveys of visitor spending and attendance at Corps projects. Between 2005 and 2019, annual average visitation was approximately 1.4 million. Visitation in 2019 was average, and visitors spent \$44.7 million in local economies within 30 miles of the lake. This spending generated \$12.5 million in business sales revenue and supported about 480 full and part time jobs resulting in \$12.5 million in labor income for local economies.

Executive Order 12898, entitled "Federal Actions to Address Environmental Justice in Minority Populations and Low-Income Populations," addresses potential disproportionate human health and environmental impacts that a project may have on minority or low-income communities. Thus, the environmental effects of the project on minority and low-income communities or Native American populations must be disclosed, and agencies must evaluate projects to ensure that they do not disproportionally impact any such community. If such impacts are identified, appropriate mitigation measures must be implemented.

To determine whether a project has a disproportionate effect on potential environmental justice communities (i.e., minority or low-income population), the demographics of an affected population within the vicinity of the Project must be considered in the context of the overall region. Guidance from the Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) states that "minority populations should be identified where either: (1) the minority population of the affected areas exceeds 50 percent, or (b) the minority population percentage of the affected area is meaningfully greater than the minority population percentage in the general population or other appropriate unit of geographic analysis (CEQ 1997)."

Table 4-6 displays Census data summarizing racial and ethnic characteristics of the ZOI. Table 4-7 displays poverty indicators for the ZOI. The purpose is to analyze whether the demographics of the affected area differ in the context of the broader region; and if so, do differences meet CEQ criteria for an Environmental Justice community. Based on the analysis, it does not appear that minority or low-income populations in the Project area are disproportionately affected.

Area	White alone	Black or African American alone	Hispanic or Latino (of any race)	American Indian and Alaska Native alone	Asian alone	Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander alone	Some other race alone	Two or more races					
United States	61%	12%	18%	1%	5%	0%	0%	2%					
Arkansas	72%	15%	7%	1%	1%	0%	0%	2%					
Missouri	79%	11%	4%	0%	2%	0%	0%	2%					
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Table 4-6 Population Distribution by Race and Ethnicity (2019)

Table 4-7 also displays the percentage of children (individuals under the age of 18) by county in the ZOI. The purpose of the data is to assess whether the project disproportionally affects the health or safety risks to children as specified by Executive Order (E.O.) 13045 - Protection of Children from Environmental Health Risks and Safety Risks (1997).

Table 4-7 Poverty Indicators and Number of Children (2019)

Area	Unemployment Rate	Percent of population below poverty line (last 12 months)	Percent of Population Under 18 Years Old
United States	3.7%	13.4%	18.5%
Arkansas	3.5%	17.0%	23.7%
Missouri	3.3%	13.7%	18.7%
Zone of Influence	3.4%	16.4%	22%
Source: U.S. Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey (2019 Estimate)			

4.11 Recreation Resources

The recreational opportunities and potential of Norfork Lake is of great importance to this Ozark Mountain region. The project offers many recreational activities such as swimming, SCUBA diving, boating, water skiing, fishing, picnicking, camping, hunting, hiking, and wildlife viewing. There are 30 public use areas around Norfork Lake. Eight campgrounds, four primitive campgrounds, one day use area, and seven access points on the lake are operated by the Corps of Engineers. In 2012, a district led Recreation Adjustment Plan evaluated all the parks on Norfork Lake and for budgetary reasons, leased the camping portion of Jordan Park. In this case, the boat ramp continues to be operated and maintained by the Mountain Home Project Office. There are nine recreation areas operated by county, resource agencys (i.e., AGFC), or other entities on Norfork Lake.

At the drafting of this final Master Plan, no significant park operational changes are anticipated. Since 1988, parks have been evaluated using an efficiency review process. Those parks chosen for closure for budgetary reasons were offered for lease through standard leasing procedures. Closed parks may be reopened at such time as adequate funding becomes available. For a detailed description of the recreational resources, as well as visitation data at Norfork Lake, see Chapter 2 of the Norfork Revised Master Plan.

4.12 Health and Safety

Safety of project visitors and project staff are the highest priority in daily project operations. Facilities and recreational areas are routinely evaluated to ensure sites are safe for visitor use. Project staff conducts numerous water safety programs and public announcements to educate children and project visitors about ways to be safe on the lake.

In coordination with the Missouri State Highway Patrol (MSHP), no wake zones are marked with buoys. Park Rangers provide visitor assistance and work with county law enforcement agencies to ensure public safety. Park Rangers, MSHP, and Arkansas Game and Fish personnel provide water safety and enforcement patrols on the lake as their budgets allow.

4.13 Aesthetics

Management objectives include maintaining scenic vistas while limiting impacts that would negatively affect aesthetics. Natural landscapes and views of undeveloped lands are an important feature that enhances the recreational experience. The perimeter lands around Norfork Lake provide a natural setting that is aesthetically pleasing as well as buffering the lake from development and negative impacts such as erosion and storm water runoff. However, there are problems in maintaining these aesthetic qualities. Project resource staff is continually investigating trespasses that include activities such as resource destruction and land degradation. In addition, litter and illegal trash dumping both on project lands and project waters are continual problems. Vandalism within recreation areas is a recurring problem. Other concerns that impact aesthetics are demands put upon project resources for uses such as road and utility line corridors.

5 ENVIRONMENTAL CONSEQUENCES

The following table summarizes the resources that are likely to be affected by each of the alternatives for an update of the Norfork Master Plan including the No Action alternative. A detailed discussion of the potential impacts of each of the alternatives follows the synopsis provided in the table. Alternative 2-Preferred has been slightly modified into Alternative 4 (Selected Alternative), with changes from the Preferred as follows: High Density lands have been reduced from 2,683.8 acres to 2, 761.8 acres (a 12 acre reduction), Environmentally Sensitive lands reduced from 6, 686.8 acres to 6, 685.6 acres (a 1.2 acre reduction) and Wildlife Management lands have increased from 20,859.7 acres to 20, 873 acres (a 13.3 acre increase). The following table summary and the detailed discussion of environmental consequences will not change based on these minimal acreage modifications.

Resource Category	Alternative 1 Increase Preservation	Alternative 2 Increase Conservation-Preferred	Alternative 3 No Action	Alternative 4 Increase Conservation-Selected
Climate, Topography, Geology and Soils	The Increase Preservation Alternative would have fewer potential impacts on climate, topography, geology and soils than the No Action Alternative due to a reduction in high and low density lands, and increases in environmentally sensitive and wildlife management lands, thus more vegetated shoreline acres.	The Increase Conservation Alternative would be more protective than the No Action Alternative in terms of potential impacts on climate, topography, geology and soils due to a reduction in low and high density acreage, with a major increase in wildlife management lands. Vegetated shoreline covers 85% of total acreage.	There would be an impact, although not significant, on climate, topography and geology as a result of implementation of the No Action Alternative due to the potential for new development around the lake provided by a larger proportion of high and low density designated lands.	The Selected Alternative would be more protective than the No Action Alternative in terms of potential impacts on climate, topography, geology and soils due to a reduction in low and high density acreage, with a major increase in wildlife management lands. Vegetated shoreline covers 85% of total acreage.
Aquatic Environment	The Increase Preservation Alternative would result in little to no impacts on the hydrology and groundwater components of the aquatic environment. Water quality would likely improve under this alternative due to a primarily vegetated shoreline, which helps reduce erosion.	The Increase Conservation Alternative is similar to the Increase Preservation Alternative in terms of potential impacts to the hydrology and groundwater components of the aquatic environment, with water quality being enhanced due to reduced potential for new development.	The hydrology and groundwater components of Norfork Lake would not change from the existing condition due to the implementation of the No Action Alternative. Water quality may be minimally impacted due to a greater amount of high and low density designated land which results in a higher risk for new development.	The Selected Alternative is similar to the Increase Preservation Alternative in terms of potential impacts to the hydrology and groundwater components of the aquatic environment, with water quality being enhanced due to reduced potential for new development.
Terrestrial Resources	The Increase Preservation Alternative would be similar to the Increase Conservation Alternative, however there is a larger portion of environmentally sensitive lands under this alternative. This may result in minimal positive impacts to wildlife and vegetation due to the potential for additional protection from vegetation modification.	Implementation of the Increase Conservation Alternative would have a positive impact on terrestrial resources in comparison to the No Action Alternative. Due to an increase in wildlife management lands, this would have a positive benefit to wildlife and terrestrial vegetation around the lake.	Under the No Action Alternative there is no modification of existing low density and high density acres. Based on this, the potential exists for continual degradation of shoreline vegetation due to probable increased development and subsequent vegetation removal/mowing activities.	Implementation of the Selected Alternative would have a positive impact on terrestrial resources in comparison to the No Action Alternative. Due to an increase in wildlife management lands, this would have a positive benefit to wildlife and terrestrial vegetation around the lake.
Threatened & Endangered Species	The Increase Preservation Alternative would likely have little to no negative impacts on any species listed Threatened, Endangered, Protected, or Species of State Concern. Positive impacts come from retention of shoreline vegetation, which preserves terrestrial habitat and enhances aquatic habitat quality.	The Increase Conservation Alternative would likely have positive effect on any listed Threatened, Endangered, Protected, or Species of State Concern. Due to the increase in Wildlife Management lands, there may be some positive benefits to both terrestrial and aquatic listed species.	The No Action Alternative could have negative impact on any listed Threatened, Endangered, Protected, or Species of State Concern due to the potential for vegetation removal in the high and low density shoreline acreage.	The Selected Alternative would likely have positive effect on any listed Threatened, Endangered, Protected, or Species of State Concern. Due to the increase in Wildlife Management lands, there may be some positive benefits to both terrestrial and aquatic listed species.

Table 5.1 Resources Likely Affected with Implementation of Alternatives

Resource Category	Alternative 1 Increase Preservation	Alternative 2 Increase Conservation	Alternative 3 No Action
Wetlands	The Increase Preservation Alternative would likely have little to no negative impacts on wetlands around the lake. Positive impacts come from retention of shoreline vegetation, which helps preserve terrestrial wetlands and enhances aquatic wetland habitat quality.	The Increase Conservation Alternative would likely have positive effect on wetlands. Due to the increase in Wildlife Management lands, there may be some positive benefits to wetlands by retaining shoreline vegetation in the bottom land hardwood wetlands.	The No Action Alternative could have negative impact on wetlands around the lake due to the potential for vegetation removal in the high and low density shoreline acreage.
Archaeological & Historic Resources	Under the Increase Preservation Alternative, the amount of Low Density and High Density acreage would decrease. This alternative would slightly reduce the potential for impacts on cultural resource sites or historic properties due to the reduction of lands available for potential development.	Under the Increase Conservation Alternative, due to increases in Wildlife Management acreage, potential impacts on cultural resources and historic properties would be minimal. Eighty five percent of shoreline acreage will be free of development under this alternative.	Under the No Action Alternative, the greatest potential for effects to cultural resources and historic properties would occur in the areas classified as Low Density, High Density, and No Allocation.
Air Quality	Implementation of the Increase Preservation Alternative would result in less potential impact to existing air quality compared to the No Action Alternative due to a decrease in High and Low Density Recreation acreage and thereby a decrease in future development.	Implementation of the Increase Conservation Alternative would result in some reduction in negative air quality impacts as compared to the No Action Alternative due to a decrease in High and Low Density Recreation acreage and thereby a decrease in future development. Eighty five percent of shoreline acreage will retain its oxygen producing shoreline vegetation under this alternative.	Under the No Action Alternative, the air quality around the lake would remain the same as currently exists. There could be an increase in vehicular exhaust emissions due to localized development, and associated construction equipment. No violations of the current National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS) established by the EPA would be expected under this alternative.
Socio-economics	The Increase Preservation Alternative could have some negative effect on the socio- economic situation in the counties surrounding Norfork Lake due to the loss of potential for future development in the reduced acreage High and Low Density Recreations land classification.	The Increase Conservation Alternative would likely have minimal impact on the socio- economic situation in the counties surrounding Norfork Lake since this alternative reflects how the lake is currently managed and operated.	The No Action Alternative would likely have the most impact on the socio-economic situation in the counties surrounding Norfork Lake due to the potential for future development in the Low Density and High Density Recreation land classifications.

Alternative 4 Increase Conservation-Selected

The Selected Alternative would likely have positive effect on wetlands. Due to the increase in Wildlife Management lands, there may be some positive benefits to wetlands by retaining shoreline vegetation in the bottom land hardwood wetlands.

Under the Selected Alternative, due to increases in Wildlife Management acreage, potential impacts on cultural resources and historic properties would be minimal. Eighty five percent of shoreline acreage will be free of development under this alternative.

Implementation of the Selected Alternative would result in some reduction in negative air quality impacts as compared to the No Action Alternative due to a decrease in High and Low Density Recreation acreage and thereby a decrease in future development. Eighty five percent of shoreline acreage will retain its oxygen producing shoreline vegetation under this alternative.

The Selected Alternative would likely have minimal impact on the socio-economic situation in the counties surrounding Norfork Lake since this alternative reflects how the lake is currently managed and operated.

Resource Category	Alternative 1 Increase Preservation	Alternative 2 Increase Conservation	Alternative 3 No Action	
Recreation Resources	The Increase Preservation Alternative would have some positive recreation impact in the area of camping, hiking, wildlife viewing and fishing, as these potential opportunities would be enhanced from 85% of the shoreline remaining vegetated and relatively unaltered.	The Increase Conservation Alternative would reclassify shoreline acreage to reflect current uses. Implementation of this alternative would allow continued public use of the lake while sustaining the natural, cultural, and socio- economic resources of the area. Current unclassified lands would have a land classification.	Provision of recreational facilities and services would continue at Norfork Lake without an update to the Norfork Lake Master Plan. However, the master plan would not accurately reflect the current status of project facilities. Lands with no classification would remain unclassified.	
Health & Safety	Under the Increase Preservation Alternative, access to Norfork Lake shoreline would be enhanced, with a potential for an increase in land-based recreational opportunities, such as hiking, hunting, and wildlife observation. Fishing/boating experiences could also be enhanced by more overhanging vegetation cover for fish, more shoreline shade, and unaltered scenic beauty.	The Increase Conservation Alternative would still allow potential development opportunities, but not to the degree to cause significant boat congestion or increase water related accidents. The increase in Wildlife Management areas could result in an increase in human exposure to insects and wildlife. The availability of recreational opportunities, balanced with conservation of natural environment could lead to better health, both mental and physical, of visiting populations.	The No Action Alternative would retain current land classifications, in which potential development could impact water quality. Continued development may lead to increased water traffic, with the potential for increased accidents and pollution.	
Aesthetics	The Increase Preservation Alternative would allow less potential development, which would have a positive effect on the scenic beauty and/or aesthetics of the lake. Under this alternative 85% of the shoreline acreage would retain natural vegetation cover. This will aid in preservation of the unique natural resources that currently exist around the lake.	Under the Increase Conservation Alternative, the wide panorama of Norfork Lake and the nearby shore would continue to convey a sense of enormity of the lake, and the limited development would continue to promote the sense of a relatively pristine shoreline. The developed areas are, for the most part, shielded from the lake view, which preserves the viewscapes of those recreating on the lake.	Under the No Action Alternative, the visual characteristics surrounding the Norfork Lake landscape could potentially change due to continued development in High and Low Density land classifications.	

Alternative 4 Increase Conservation-Selected

The Selected Alternative would reclassify shoreline acreage to reflect current uses. Implementation of this alternative would allow continued public use of the lake while sustaining the natural, cultural, and socioeconomic resources of the area. Current unclassified lands would have a land classification.

The Selected Alternative would still allow potential development opportunities, but not to the degree to cause significant boat congestion or increase water related accidents. The increase in Wildlife Management areas could result in an increase in human exposure to insects and wildlife. The availability of recreational opportunities, balanced with conservation of natural environment could lead to better health, both mental and physical, of visiting populations.

Under the Selected Alternative, the wide panorama of Norfork Lake and the nearby shore would continue to convey a sense of enormity of the lake, and the limited development would continue to promote the sense of a relatively pristine shoreline. The developed areas are, for the most part, shielded from the lake view, which preserves the viewscapes of those recreating on the lake.

5.1 Climate

5.1.1 Increase Preservation (Alternative 1)

There could be some potential positive impact to climate as a result of implementation of the Increase Preservation alternative. Of the 32,533.5 total land acres, only 4,568 acres, representing 15% of the total land acreage, are classified as either High Density or Low Density lands under this alternative. This reduces the potential development opportunities, leaving the majority of the shoreline vegetation intact. Vegetated shorelines result in reduced ground temperatures due to shade, reduced erosion potential, cooler rainfall runoff, and a reduction in lake water temperature.

5.1.2 Increase Conservation (Alternative 2)

The Increase Conservation Alternative is more protective than the No Action Alternative in terms of potential impacts on air and water temperature modification. A conversion of both High Density and Low Density lands to Environmentally Sensitive and Wildlife Management lands would reduce the potential for development, which reduces the potential impact on climate due to vegetation removal. This reclassification would provide a better buffering effect which would result in storm water velocity reduction and act as a filtering mechanism. This would help reduce erosion and sediment deposition in the lake.

5.1.3 No-Action (Alternative 3)

The No Action Alternative allows for more potential development, due to 69% of the total land being classified as either high or low density lands. This may result in a negative impact on climate around Norfork Lake due to potential vegetation removal through development. This potential for development could modify the vegetation component near the shoreline, allowing more sunlight penetration. Greater temperature fluctuations generally occur when woody vegetation is removed from an area. Reduced ground cover could cause an increase in sedimentation during rainfall events, which could increase the turbidity of the water, resulting in a potential for a small increase in water temperature.

5.1.4 Increase Conservation-Modified (Alternative 4)

The Increase Conservation-Modified Alternative (Selected Alternative) is more protective than the No Action Alternative in terms of potential impacts on air and water temperature modification. A conversion of both High Density and Low Density lands to Environmentally Sensitive and Wildlife Management lands would reduce the potential for development, which reduces the potential impact on climate due to vegetation removal. This reclassification would provide a better buffering effect which would result in storm water velocity reduction and act as a filtering mechanism. This would help reduce erosion and sediment deposition in the lake.

5.2 Topography, Geology and Soils

5.2.1 Increase Preservation (Alternative 1)

The Increase Preservation Alternative would decrease Low Density lands by 9849.5 acres as compared to the No Action Alternative, and also decrease High Density by 7915.6 acres over the No Action Alternative. This preservation of the natural shoreline vegetation would have a positive impact on the topography, geology and soils. The combination of High Density and

Low Density Recreation lands represents only 15% of available acreage around the lake. With Environmentally Sensitive and Wildlife Management lands comprising a vast majority of the shoreline acreage, minimal impacts from erosion and sedimentation would result from the implementation of this alternative.

5.2.2 Increase Conservation (Alternative 2)

The Increase Conservation Alternative is more restrictive than the No Action Alternative in terms of potential impacts to topography, geology and soils. There would be little to no change in impacts on the existing conditions regarding these features due to the fact that this alternative reflects current lake usage patterns. High Density Recreation acreage would be reduced from the No Action Alternative (8,310.9 acres) to 2,683.8 acres, and the Low Density recreation acreage has been reduced from 31,957.2 to 2,136.7 acres. These lands would be reclassified to Environmentally Sensitive and Wildlife Management lands, which provide a vegetated lake buffer area. This vegetation helps to reduce storm water velocity and acts as a filtering mechanism. This would help reduce erosion and sediment deposition in the lake.

5.2.3 No Action (Alternative 3)

Soil erosion would persist due to development being allowed under this alternative. Approximately 69% of available acreage (22,641.1 acres) around the lake is currently classified as High and Low Density Recreation (32% and 37%, respectively). High Density acreage would allow development of intense recreational activities including campgrounds, parks, marinas, resorts and other public development infrastructure. This development results in soil disturbance, vegetation removal and transforming some pervious surfaces to impervious areas. It also promotes erosion during construction activities and increased runoff velocity after development is completed. The remaining pervious surfaces around these developed areas would become more impervious due to increased foot traffic from recreational activity. Of the activities associated with Low Density land classification primitive camping, fishing, hunting, trails, wildlife viewing, and shoreline use permits the shoreline use permits would typically have the greatest impacts on soil disturbance due to potential vegetation removal and conversion of pervious surfaces to impervious.

5.2.4 Increase Conservation-Modified (Alternative 4)

The Increase Conservation-Modified Alternative is more restrictive than the No Action Alternative in terms of potential impacts to topography, geology and soils. There would be little to no change in impacts on the existing conditions regarding these features due to the fact that this alternative reflects current lake usage patterns. High Density Recreation acreage would be reduced from the No Action Alternative (8,310.9 acres) to 2,671.8 acres, and the Low Density recreation acreage has been reduced from 31,957.2 to 2,136.7 acres. These lands would be reclassified to Environmentally Sensitive and Wildlife Management lands, which provide a vegetated lake buffer area. This vegetation helps to reduce storm water velocity and acts as a filtering mechanism. This would help reduce erosion and sediment deposition in the lake.

5.3 Aquatic Environment

5.3.1 Hydrology and Groundwater

5.3.1.1 Increase Preservation (Alternative 1)

The Increase Preservation Alternative would have a positive impact on the hydrology and groundwater components of the aquatic environment as compared to the No Action Alternative. The High and Low Density Recreation lands comprise 15% of the shoreline in this alternative, with the remainder dominated by Environmentally Sensitive and Wildlife Management lands, which enhance hydrology and groundwater conditions and function.

5.3.1.2 Increase Conservation (Alternative 2)

The Increase Conservation Alternative is different than the No Action Alternative in terms of potential impacts to the hydrology and groundwater components of the aquatic environment. The hydrology and groundwater conditions are generally a function of the watershed drainage and existing geology of the area but having only 15% of the shoreline classified as High and Low Density Recreation lands in this Alternative, as compared to 69% in the No Action Alternative, would enhance rainfall absorption and slow runoff velocity due to retention of Environmentally Sensitive and Wildlife Management land shoreline vegetation.

5.3.1.3 No Action (Alternative 3)

The hydrology and groundwater components of Norfork Lake would not change from the existing condition due to the implementation of a No Action Alternative. The potential for additional development under this alternative would have some effect on reducing percolation through the soil layers due to ground cover removal, and potentially increasing storm water velocity.

Wetland areas are relatively limited within Norfork Lake and throughout the adjacent government property surrounding the lake and would not undergo any significant change from existing conditions due to implementation of the No Action Alternative.

5.3.1.4 Increase Conservation-Modified (Alternative 4)

The Increase Conservation-Modified Alternative is different than the No Action Alternative in terms of potential impacts to the hydrology and groundwater components of the aquatic environment. The hydrology and groundwater conditions are generally a function of the watershed drainage and existing geology of the area but having only 15% of the shoreline classified as High and Low Density Recreation lands in this Alternative, as compared to 69% in the No Action Alternative, would enhance rainfall absorption and slow runoff velocity due to retention of Environmentally Sensitive and Wildlife Management land shoreline vegetation.

5.3.2 Water Quality

5.3.2.1 Increase Preservation (Alternative 1)

The Increase Preservation Alternative would reduce Low Density acreage by 9,849.5 (30%) and High Density acreage by 7,915.6 (24%) compared to the No Action Alternative. This alternative represents a 54% reduction in potentially developable shoreline acreage, which would have a positive effect on lake water quality due to the rainwater filtering benefits from shoreline vegetation buffer associated with Environmentally Sensitive and Wildlife Management lands. These land classifications would represent 85% of the shoreline acreage under the Increase Preservation Alternative. Being similar to the Increase Conservation Alternative, these land reclassifications would serve to limit development on these lands, thereby reducing potential impacts from ground disturbance and subsequent increased erosion.

5.3.2.2 Increase Conservation (Alternative 2)

Implementation of the Increase Conservation Alternative may result in positive benefits to water quality due to a reduction in both High Density and Low Density acreage by 7,915.6 and 9,849.5 acres respectively as compared to the No Action Alternative. Though there is a minor decrease in Environmentally Sensitive acreage, from 7,528.9 acres to 6686.8 acres, which represents a reduction of 842.1 acres, Wildlife Management lands increased from 2,258.2 acres to 20,859.7 acres, representing a gain of 18,601.5 acres. These land reclassifications would serve to limit development on these lands, thereby reducing impacts to ground disturbance and subsequent increased erosion. These factors would reduce erosion sedimentation and pollutants scoured from reduced impervious surfaces, with additional benefits of retention of more shoreline vegetation, better fishery habitat, increased water clarity and cooler water temperature conditions due to the decrease of turbidity and sediment deposition.

5.3.2.3 No Action (Alternative 3)

Lake fluctuations, associated with power production and flood control procedures, result in change in the environment along the shoreline of the lake. Turbidity from heavy rainfall has a temporary, adverse effect on Norfork Lake. During these periods of increased runoff, urban areas and other parts of the terrain, especially those that have had the protective vegetation removed, contribute silt and other suspended particles to the tributaries. While implementation of the No Action Alternative is relatively independent of the existing watershed drainage on the lake water quality, potential continued development around the lake shoreline would exacerbate water quality issues due to potential increased erosion, localized increases in turbidity and increased sedimentation in the lake following storm events. Under the No Action Alternative, High Density recreation land classification would be 8,310.9 acres (15% of total available area), Low Density recreation lands would be 31,957.2 acres (57%), Environmentally Sensitive lands include 11,895.7 acres (21%), Wildlife Management lands total 3,953.5 acres (7%), while 169 acres have no current classification. Based on the current classification, the potential exists for continual degradation of shoreline vegetation due to potential increased development and subsequent vegetation removal and mowing activities. This would result in negative impacts to water quality due to increased storm water velocity, scour and sedimentation.

5.3.2.4 Increase Conservation-Modified (Alternative 4)

Implementation of the Increase Conservation-Modified Alternative may result in positive benefits to water quality due to a reduction in both High Density and Low Density acreage by 7,695.6 and

9,829.1 acres respectively as compared to the No Action Alternative. Though there is a minor decrease in Environmentally Sensitive acreage, from 7,528.9 acres to 6685.6 acres, which represents a reduction of 843.3 acres, Wildlife Management lands increased from 2,258.2 acres to 20,873 acres, representing a gain of 18,614.8 acres. These land reclassifications would serve to limit development on these lands, thereby reducing impacts to ground disturbance and subsequent increased erosion. These factors would reduce erosion sedimentation and pollutants scoured from reduced impervious surfaces, with additional benefits of retention of more shoreline vegetation, better fishery habitat, increased water clarity and cooler water temperature conditions due to the decrease of turbidity and sediment deposition.

5.3.3 Fish Species and Habitat

5.3.3.1 Increase Preservation (Alternative 1)

The Increase Preservation Alternative is similar to the Increase Conservation Alternative in terms of potential positive benefits to the lake fishery. A comparison with the No Action Alternative shows a reduction of 9,849.5 acres of Low Density lands. In this alternative, 85% of the available shoreline acreage would be classified as Environmentally Sensitive and Wildlife Management lands, preserving a majority of the natural shoreline vegetation along the shoreline. Similar to the positive effects discussed in the Increase Conservation Alternative, this alternative should have a beneficial effect on the fish and fish habitat of Norfork Lake.

5.3.3.2 Increase Conservation (Alternative 2)

Implementation of the Increase Conservation Alternative would have a positive effect on the lake fishery resource as compared to the No Action Alternative. There is a 9,849.5-acre reduction in Low Density recreation land classification (-30%), a 7,915.6-acre reduction in High Density lands (-24%), a 57% increase in Wildlife Management lands from 2,258.2 acres to 20,859.7 acres, which results in 64% of available acreage classified as Wildlife Management lands. The increase in lands classified in this area would serve as additional protection for lakeside vegetation and preservation of overhanging vegetation, which provides cover for fish, reduces storm flow velocity, reduces erosion scour, and reduces sedimentation. These factors improve spawning habitat, thereby potentially enhancing fish population dynamics in the lake.

5.3.3.3 No Action (Alternative 3)

The fishery of Norfork Lake may have potential minor impacts from the implementation of the No Action alternative, which has 69% of available shoreline acreage classified as High and Low Density lands. Implementation of the No Action alternative would allow potential development around much of the shoreline. Development often results in vegetation removal down to water's edge, which impacts shoreline stability, removes fish cover provided by overhanging vegetation, tree trunks and roots, and exacerbates storm water erosion and sedimentation. During the spring spawning season this sedimentation has the potential to disrupt spawning activity and productivity in the coves and lake arms where spawning commonly occurs.

5.3.3.4 Increase Conservation-Modified (Alternative 4)

Implementation of the Increase Conservation-Modified Alternative would have a positive effect on the lake fishery resource as compared to the No Action Alternative. There is a 9,849.5-acre reduction in Low Density recreation land classification (-30%), a 7,695.6-acre reduction in High Density lands (-24%), a 57% increase in Wildlife Management lands from 2,258.2 acres to 20,873 acres, which results in 64% of available acreage classified as Wildlife Management lands. The increase in lands classified in this area would serve as additional protection for lakeside vegetation and preservation of overhanging vegetation, which provides cover for fish, reduces storm flow velocity, reduces erosion scour, and reduces sedimentation. These factors improve spawning habitat, thereby potentially enhancing fish population dynamics in the lake.

5.4 Terrestrial Resources

5.4.1 Wildlife

5.4.1.1 Increase Preservation (Alternative 1)

The Increase Preservation alternative is more similar to the Increase Conservation Alternative than the No Action Alternative in terms of potential effects to the terrestrial resources and land use patterns. A proposed decrease in Low Density lands of 9,849.5 acres, would result in 7% of available acreage classified as Low Density, which would potentially be available for development. This amount of Low Density land would likely have some negative, but still insignificant effect, on wildlife species and activity. With approximately 20 acres difference in Low Density lands between this and the Increase Conservation Alternative, the majority of natural shoreline vegetation would likely remain in this alternative. High Density lands are reduced by 7,915.6 acres from the original 10,367.3 acres in the No Action Alternative. With 85% of the shoreline in Environmentally Sensitive and Wildlife Management lands, good habitat for wildlife would still be abundant under this alternative.

5.4.1.2 Increase Conservation (Alternative 2)

Implementation of the Increase Conservation Alternative would have a positive effect on terrestrial resources, when compared to the No Action alternative. There would be a 9,829.1-acre reduction in Low Density Recreation land classification (to 2,136.7 acres), a 7,683.6-acre reduction in High Density Recreation lands (to 2,683.8), only a .3% decrease in Environmentally Sensitive Area lands classification (6,683.6 total acres) and an increase in Wildlife Management lands from 2,258.2 acres to 20,859.7 acres. This would result in 64% of available acreage classified as Wildlife Management lands. The increase in lands classified as Wildlife Management lands for wildlife and migratory bird species. The buffer of natural vegetation that remains along the shoreline from this designated acreage would potentially enhance migration and feeding activities for many species of wildlife.

5.4.1.3 No Action (Alternative 3)

Under the No Action Alternative, shoreline lands would be classified into High Density Recreation lands (10,337.6 acres, representing 32% of total available area), Low Density Recreation lands (11,965.8 acres-37%), Environmentally Sensitive Area lands (7,528.9 acres-23%), and Wildlife Management lands (2,258.2 acres-7%), while 336.5 acres have no current classification. Based on the current shoreline classification, the potential exists for continual degradation of shoreline vegetation due to increased development and potential vegetation removal and mowing activities. Unclassified lands are potentially developable, resulting in 70% of the shoreline acreage subject to possible increased or new development. This would result in negative effects to wildlife due to potential removal of trees and understory vegetation (with the highest potential in the Low Density Recreation lands), thus altering food sources and migratory patterns of insects, birds and mammal species.

5.4.1.4 Increase Conservation-Modified (Alternative 4)

Implementation of the Increase Conservation-Modified Alternative would have a positive effect on terrestrial resources, when compared to the No Action alternative. There would be a 9,829.1acre reduction in Low Density Recreation land classification (to 2,136.7 acres), a 7,695.6-acre reduction in High Density Recreation lands (to 2,671.8), only a .3% decrease in Environmentally Sensitive Area lands classification (6,685.6 total acres) and an increase in Wildlife Management lands from 2,258.2 acres to 20,873 acres. This would result in 64% of available acreage classified as Wildlife Management lands. The increase in lands classified as Wildlife Management land would provide additional protection for lakeside vegetation, and preservation of habitat for wildlife and migratory bird species. The buffer of natural vegetation that remains along the shoreline from this designated acreage would potentially enhance migration and feeding activities for many species of wildlife.

5.4.2 Vegetation

5.4.2.1 Increase Preservation (Alternative 1)

The Increase Preservation Alternative is more similar to the Increase Conservation Alternative in terms of potential effects to the lakeshore vegetation than that of the No Action Alternative. A proposed decrease in Low Density lands of 9,849.5 acres, would result in 7% of available acreage for potential development, would likely have some, but still insignificant effect, on shoreline vegetation. High Density lands are reduced by 7,915.6 acres from the original 10,367.3 acres in the No Action Alternative. With 85% of the shoreline in Environmentally Sensitive and Wildlife Management lands, natural shoreline vegetation would still be abundant under this alternative.

5.4.2.2 Increase Conservation (Alternative 2)

Implementation of the Increase Conservation Alternative would have a positive effect on shoreline vegetation, when compared to the No Action alternative. There would be a 9,829.1-acre reduction in Low Density recreation land classification (to 2,136.7 acres), a 7,683.8 acre reduction in High Density lands (to 2,683.8), only a .3% decrease in Environmentally Sensitive lands classification (6,683.6 total acres) and an increase in Wildlife Management lands from 2,258.2 acres to 20,859.7 acres. This would result in 64% of available acreage classified as Wildlife Management lands. The increase in lands classified as Wildlife Management land would provide additional protection for lakeside vegetation and subsequent preservation of habitat for wildlife and migratory bird species. The buffer of natural vegetation that remains along the shoreline from this designated acreage would enhance migration and feeding activities for many species of wildlife, as well as mediate storm water velocity and scour.

5.4.2.3 No Action (Alternative 3)

Under the No Action Alternative, shoreline lands would be classified into High Density recreation lands (10,337.6 acres, representing 32% of total available area), Low Density recreation lands (11,965.8 acres-37%), Environmentally Sensitive lands (7,528.9 acres-23%), and Wildlife Management lands (2,258.2 acres-7%), while 336.5 acres have no current classification. Based on this, the potential exists for continued degradation of shoreline vegetation due to increased development and subsequent vegetation removal and mowing activities. Unclassified lands are potentially developable, resulting in 7% of the shoreline acreage subject to possible increased or new development. This would result in potential negative effects to the natural

shoreline vegetation composition due to potential removal of trees and understory vegetation, thus possibly altering food sources and migratory patterns of insects, birds and mammal species, as well as increasing a potential for increased storm water erosion effects.

5.4.2.1 Increase Conservation-Modified (Alternative 4)

Implementation of the Increase Conservation-Modified Alternative would have a positive effect on shoreline vegetation, when compared to the No Action alternative. There would be a 9,829.1acre reduction in Low Density recreation land classification (to 2,136.7 acres), a 7,695.6 acre reduction in High Density lands (to 2,671.8), only a .3% decrease in Environmentally Sensitive lands classification (6,685.6 total acres) and an increase in Wildlife Management lands from 2,258.2 acres to 20,873 acres. This would result in 64% of available acreage classified as Wildlife Management lands. The increase in lands classified as Wildlife Management land would provide additional protection for lakeside vegetation and subsequent preservation of habitat for wildlife and migratory bird species. The buffer of natural vegetation that remains along the shoreline from this designated acreage would enhance migration and feeding activities for many species of wildlife, as well as mediate storm water velocity and scour.

5.5 Threatened and Endangered Species

5.5.1 Increase Preservation (Alternative 1)

The Increase Preservation Alternative would likely have little to no effects on any listed Threatened, Endangered, Protected, or Species of State Concern based on the proposed reduction of potentially developable acreage from the amount listed in the No Action Alternative. A proposed decrease in Low Density lands of 9,849.5 acres, would result in 7% of available acreage for potential development. This may result in some potential minor negative effects to listed species based on possible development activity in Low Density lands. High Density lands are reduced by 7,915.6 acres from the original 10,367.3 acres in the No Action Alternative. With 85% of the shoreline in Environmentally Sensitive and Wildlife Management lands, natural shoreline vegetation would still be abundant and provide protection for T&E species and Species of State Concern.

5.5.2 Increase Conservation (Alternative 2)

The Increase Conservation Alternative would likely have little to no negative effects on any listed threatened, endangered, protected, or species of state concern based on the documentation and justification noted in the No Action Alternative. Due to the reclassification of 17,512.7 acres from High and Low Density Recreation lands to Environmentally Sensitive and Wildlife Management lands classifications, there may be potential positive benefits to any or all the listed species, and possibly other yet undiscovered species that may exist in the area. This is due to the higher level of protection offered by the Environmentally Sensitive and Wildlife Management land classifications, which constitute 85% of total shoreline acreage.

5.5.3 No Action (Alternative 3)

Of the species listed in Table 4-1 of Section 4.0, affected environment, two species would be most affected by implementation of the No Action Alternative. The Gray Bat, *Myotis grisescens*, and the Indiana Bat, *Myotis sodalis*, roost in various species of hardwood trees located in areas currently classified as High and Low Density lands. Potential development could occur in these land classifications that might have a significant impact on the ecology of area that these species

utilize. The Bald Eagle, *Haliaeetus leucocephalus*, was removed from the threatened listing in 2007 by the USFWS, but it still remains as a protected species. While there have been reports of nesting in some locations around the lake perimeter, this species is not confined to a particular area around the lake, so implementation of this alternative may result in potential removal of large trees used as nesting sites.

5.5.4 Increase Conservation-Modified (Alternative 4)

The Increase Conservation-Modified Alternative would likely have little to no negative effects on any listed threatened, endangered, protected, or species of state concern based on the documentation and justification noted in the No Action Alternative. Due to the reclassification of 17,524.7 acres from High and Low Density Recreation lands to Environmentally Sensitive and Wildlife Management lands classifications, there may be potential positive benefits to any or all the listed species, and possibly other yet undiscovered species that may exist in the area. This is due to the higher level of protection offered by the Environmentally Sensitive and Wildlife Management land classifications, which constitute 85% of total shoreline acreage.

5.6 Wetlands

Norfork Lake has a variety of wetland habitats representative of three major wetland systems: riverine, lacustrine, and palustrine, with the majority of wetlands at the project site being in the palustrine system. While the following sections discuss potential impacts from implementation of various alternatives, the greatest impact to wetlands at this lake is due to an extended high water conditions, which have occurred in recent years.

5.6.1 Increase Preservation (Alternative 1)

The Increase Preservation Alternative is similar to the Increase Conservation Alternative in terms of potential effects to the lakeshore wetland vegetation, as compared to the No Action Alternative. A proposed decrease in Low Density lands of 9,849.5 acres, would result in 7% of available acreage for potential development, would likely have some, but still insignificant effect, on shoreline wetland areas. High Density lands are reduced by 7,915.6 acres from the original 10,367.3 acres in the No Action Alternative. With 85% of the shoreline in Environmentally Sensitive and Wildlife Management lands, natural shoreline wetland vegetation would still be protected under this alternative.

5.6.2 Increase Conservation (Alternative 2)

Implementation of the Increase Conservation Alternative would have a positive effect on shoreline wetland vegetation, when compared to the No Action alternative. There would be a 9,829.1-acre reduction in Low Density recreation land classification (to 2,136.7 acres), a 7,683.6-acre reduction in High Density lands (to 2,683.8), only a .3% decrease in Environmentally Sensitive lands classification (6,686.8 total acres) and an increase in Wildlife Management lands from 2,258.2 acres to 20,859.7 acres. This would result in 64% of available acreage classified as Wildlife Management lands. The increase in lands classified as Wildlife Management land would provide additional protection for lakeside wetland vegetation by preventing destruction of wetland plant and animal species due to potential development activity.

5.6.3 No Action (Alternative 3)

Under the No Action Alternative, shoreline lands would be classified into High Density

recreation lands (10,337.6 acres, representing 32% of total available area), Low Density recreation lands (11,965.8 acres-37%), Environmentally Sensitive lands (7,528.9 acres-23%), and Wildlife Management lands (2,258.2 acres-7%), while 336.5 acres have no current classification. Based on this, the potential exists for continued degradation of shoreline wetland vegetation due to increased development and subsequent vegetation removal and mowing activities. Unclassified lands are potentially developable, resulting in 7% of the shoreline acreage subject to possible increased or new development. This would result in potential negative effects to the existing natural wetland habitat due to potential removal of trees, as well as understory and emergent vegetation, thus possibly altering food sources of wetland inhabitants, including insects, amphibians, reptiles, birds and mammal species that utilize these areas.

5.6.4 Increase Conservation-Modified (Alternative 4)

Implementation of the Increase Conservation-Modified Alternative would have a positive effect on shoreline wetland vegetation, when compared to the No Action alternative. There would be a 9,829.1-acre reduction in Low Density recreation land classification (to 2,136.7 acres), a 7,695.6acre reduction in High Density lands (to 2,671.8), only a .3% decrease in Environmentally Sensitive lands classification (6,685.6 total acres) and an increase in Wildlife Management lands from 2,258.2 acres to 20,873 acres. This would result in 64% of available acreage classified as Wildlife Management lands. The increase in lands classified as Wildlife Management land would provide additional protection for lakeside wetland vegetation by preventing destruction of wetland plant and animal species due to potential development activity.

5.7 Archaeological and Historic Resources

5.7.1 Increase Preservation (Alternative 1)

Under the Increase Preservation Alternative, High Density Recreation classifications would be decreased around Norfork Lake; Low Density would also be decreased to a slightly greater amount than under the Preferred Action, while Environmentally Sensitive and Wildlife Management Areas would be increased, thus reducing the potential for development. This alternative, while having a larger potential for development as compared to the Preferred Action, would still result in a benefit to cultural resources based on the large decrease in the increase in Wildlife Management lands and large decreases in High and Low Density Recreation land classifications, as compared to the No Action Alternative.

5.7.2 Increase Conservation (Alternative 2)

Under the Increase Conservation Alternative, the area classified as Environmentally Sensitive would have a reduction of 842.1 acres, however, Wildlife Management lands would increase by over 18,600 acres. With these proposed modifications, there would be minimal potential for ground disturbing activities along the shoreline, thus decreasing the potential for effects on cultural resources. In areas that were classified as Low Density under the No Action Alternative and that have no permits or houses, and undeveloped lots, would be changed to Environmentally Sensitive in effort to preserve the scenic, historical, archaeological, scientific, water quality, or ecological value of the overall project. In areas where the land has been previously classified as High Density, but it has not yet been identified for development, these lands would be converted to Environmentally Sensitive or Wildlife Management.

5.7.3 No Action (Alternative 3)

Under the No-Action Alternative there would be no change in the current Master Plan land classifications as designated under the 1988 MP. Under this alternative, the greatest potential for effects on cultural resources and historic properties would occur in the areas classified as Low and High Density Recreation and those lands with no classification. Cultural Resources under the No Action Alternative would be at risk of disturbance in areas where the land classification would allow for intensive development. Any new ground disturbing activities on USACE lands would require a permit to be issued prior to commencement of the activity. Through the site review process prior to issuance of a permit or any federal action, unknown sites would be identified, and known sites would be evaluated for their significance and eligibility for the National Register of Historic Places pursuant to 36 CFR Part 800 of the National Historic Preservation Act. Cultural Resource sites within Low Density or High Density classification areas could potentially undergo the most severe impact due to the fact that activities such as boat dock construction and shoreline use permits result in a degree of ground disturbance which could pose a threat to intact cultural deposits. Potential mitigation for impact to cultural or historic sites would be the requirement for a cultural or historic resource site evaluation. If evaluation of site identifies a cultural or historic resource, avoidance of the action would be recommended.

5.7.4 Increase Conservation-Modified (Alternative 4)

Under the Increase Conservation-Modified Alternative, the area classified as Environmentally Sensitive would have a reduction of 843.3 acres, however, Wildlife Management lands would increase by 18,614.8 acres. With these proposed modifications, there would be minimal potential for ground disturbing activities along the shoreline, thus decreasing the potential for effects on cultural resources. In areas that were classified as Low Density under the No Action Alternative and that have no permits or houses, and undeveloped lots, would be changed to Environmentally Sensitive in effort to preserve the scenic, historical, archaeological, scientific, water quality, or ecological value of the overall project. In areas where the land has been previously classified as High Density, but it has not yet been identified for development, these lands would be converted to Environmentally Sensitive or Wildlife Management.

5.8 Socio-Economic Resources

5.8.1 Increase Preservation (Alternative 1)

The Increase Preservation Alternative would result in a similar socio-economic situation as Alternative 2, but possibly would have less of a positive effect as compared to the No Action Alternative. Low Density acreage in this alternative would be 2,116.3 acres, representing 7% of available shoreline acreage. The economy in the area could possibly decrease slightly due to a potential decreased opportunity for development and boating recreation.

5.8.2 Increase Conservation (Alternative 2)

The Increase Conservation Alternative would likely have less of a positive effect on the socioeconomic situation in the counties surrounding Norfork Lake than the No Action Alternative. Population would be expected to stay the same or decline slightly due to the decreased High Density acreage and the conversion of 9,829.1 acres of Low Density lands to Wildlife Management lands. Although under the Preferred Action, the demographic makeup of the population would likely be unaffected. Total housing units would stay the same or decrease due to the decreased availability of recreation at the lake, but it is unlikely that housing values would change as a result of the alternative. The economy of the area would likely stay the same or have a slight decline if this alternative is implemented.

5.8.3 No Action (Alternative 3)

The No Action Alternative may have the most effect on the socio-economic situation in the counties surrounding Norfork Lake due to the fact that 70% of the available shoreline acreage is classified as either High or Low Density Recreation lands. While the potential for some development exists around the lake, current population growth and the demographic makeup of the population are expected to remain similar to the current rates and percentages the area experiences now. Housing units and their values would not be affected if the No Action alternative is implemented. It is likely that changes in the socio-economic conditions of the Norfork area would be the result of outside influences, and not those created by the No Action alternative.

5.8.4 Increase Conservation-Modified (Alternative 4)

The Increase Conservation-Modified Alternative would likely have less of a positive effect on the socio-economic situation in the counties surrounding Norfork Lake than the No Action Alternative. Population would be expected to stay the same or decline slightly due to the decreased High Density acreage and the conversion of 9,829.1 acres of Low Density lands to Wildlife Management lands. Although under the Preferred Action, the demographic makeup of the population would likely be unaffected. Total housing units would stay the same or decrease due to the decreased availability of recreation at the lake, but it is unlikely that housing values would change as a result of the alternative. The economy of the area would likely stay the same or have a slight decline if this alternative is implemented.

5.9 Recreation Resources

5.9.1 Increase Preservation (Alternative 1)

The Increase Preservation Alternative would not deviate significantly from the Increase Conservation Alternative in terms of provision of recreational opportunities on the lake. The 9,849.5 acres of shoreline that would be reclassified from Low Density recreation and 7,915.6 acres from High Density to Environmentally Sensitive and Wildlife Management lands would create a reduced potential to have additional private boat docks for fishing and lake access but would increase the potential to develop nature trails and wildlife viewing areas, thus potentially increasing recreational traffic around Norfork Lake and its adjacent lands.

5.9.2 Increase Conservation (Alternative 2)

Under the Increase Conservation Alternative, all lands would be classified and some of the existing classifications would be changed. This proposed update in classification would be structured to achieve a balance based on the present public use of the lake while sustaining the natural, cultural, and socio- economic resources of the area and reflecting the current management and operation of lands at Norfork Lake. Under Alternative 2, the current High and Low Density lands, comprising 69% of available shoreline acreage, would be reduced to 15%, while Environmentally Sensitive and Wildlife Management lands, at 23% and 7%, respectively, would change to 21% and 64% of shoreline acreage. These classifications reflect current lake usage, with fishing, boating, hunting and wildlife Management and Environmentally Sensitive classified

lands action would assist in forging partnerships between public and private entities for recreational and wildlife conservation opportunities. The retention of a major percentage of the natural shoreline vegetation would lead to improved water quality, due to the buffering and filtering capability of this vegetation.

5.9.3 No Action (Alternative 3)

Provision of recreational facilities and services would continue at Norfork Lake without an update to the Norfork Lake Master Plan. However, the plan by which the Resource Manager and staff operate would not accurately reflect the current status of project facilities. Nor would there be additional measures in place, such as trail corridors and additional land use designations, to better accommodate recreational needs while protecting the natural resources. Currently, there are several boat docks outside of areas currently zoned for them and under the No Action Alternative these uses would remain inconsistent with the Master Plan. A total of 336.5 acres of shoreline would remain unclassified generating confusion about which uses are allowed in these areas.

5.9.4 Increase Conservation-Modified (Alternative 4)

Under the Increase Conservation-Modified Alternative, all lands would be classified and some of the existing classifications would be changed. This proposed update in classification would be structured to achieve a balance based on the present public use of the lake while sustaining the natural, cultural, and socio- economic resources of the area and reflecting the current management and operation of lands at Norfork Lake. Under Alternative 4, the current High and Low Density lands, comprising 69% of available shoreline acreage, would be reduced to 15%, while Environmentally Sensitive and Wildlife Management lands, at 23% and 7%, respectively, would change to 21% and 64% of shoreline acreage. These classifications reflect current lake usage, with fishing, boating, hunting and wildlife Viewing dominating the recreational activity on the lake. The proposed increase in Wildlife Management and Environmentally Sensitive classified lands action would assist in forging partnerships between public and private entities for recreational and wildlife conservation opportunities. The retention of a major percentage of the natural shoreline vegetation would lead to improved water quality, due to the buffering and filtering capability of this vegetation.

5.10 Air Quality

5.10.1 Increase Preservation (Alternative 1)

Being similar to the Increase Conservation Alternative, the Increase Preservation Alternative would result in fewer air quality effects as compared to the No Action Alternative. This alternative would reclassify more High and Low Density to Environmentally Sensitive, as compared to the Preferred Action, which converted more to Wildlife Management lands. This additional Environmentally Sensitive and Wildlife Management lands acreage would result in a reduced potential for additional development, which could lead to decreased local vehicular exhaust emissions. The increased vegetation cover would result in increased oxygen production through photosynthesis, and lower air temperatures from additional shade. No violations of the current NAAQS established by EPA would be expected as a result of the implementation of this alternative.

5.10.2 Increase Conservation (Alternative 2)

Implementation of the Increase Conservation Alternative would also result improved air quality impacts, as compared to the No Action Alternative. Since this alternative would incorporate more shoreline acreage into the Wildlife Management land classification, there would likely be a reduction in potential development, local vehicular exhaust emissions, and construction equipment activity. This would avoid or reduce potential impacts on localized air quality. No violations of the current NAAQS established by EPA would be expected as a result of the implementation of this alternative.

5.10.3 No Action (Alternative 3)

Under the No Action alternative, the air quality around the lake would remain the same as currently exists. There would likely be increases in vehicular exhaust emissions due to localized development, and the associated construction equipment and traffic in the area. However, no violations of the current National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS) established by EPA would be expected as a result of the implementation of this alternative.

5.10.4 Increase Conservation-Modified (Alternative 4)

Implementation of the Increase Conservation-Modified Alternative would also result improved air quality impacts, as compared to the No Action Alternative. Since this alternative would incorporate more shoreline acreage into the Wildlife Management land classification, there would likely be a reduction in potential development, local vehicular exhaust emissions, and construction equipment activity. This would avoid or reduce potential impacts on localized air quality. No violations of the current NAAQS established by EPA would be expected as a result of the implementation of this alternative.

5.11 Health & Safety

5.11.1 Increase Preservation (Alternative 1)

Similar to the impacts in Alternative 2, the Increase Preservation Alternative could also reduce the potential for additional boat docks being built due to a reduction in High and Low Density Recreation lands. This alternative would potentially result in a small decrease of traffic congestion on the water, thus water related incidents could potentially become reduced under this alternative, as compared to the No Action Alternative.

5.11.2 Increase Conservation (Alternative 2)

The recreational opportunities, balanced with conservation of natural environment could lead to better health, both mental and physical, of the visiting population. Implementation of the Increase Conservation Alternative would likely result in reduced traffic congestion on the water, and a lower potential for water related incidents. The increase in Wildlife Management Areas could potentially increase exposure to insects and animals, which is generally understood by the public who utilize these lands.

5.11.3 No Action (Alternative 3)

Safety of project visitors and project staff are highest priority in daily project operations. The No Action Alternative would have 69% of available shoreline acreage classified for High and Low Density development, would allow for the highest potential for a reduction in lake water quality, as described in Section 5.3.2. There could potentially be an increase in boat traffic on the lake and a possible increase in congestion, creating additional safety issues. The lake could experience increased user conflict, for example, boats vs. personal watercrafts. Under the No Action Alternative, populations who recreate at the lake could be exposed to health risks associated with impaired water quality, such as *E. coli*, and potential hazardous run off due to the overall potential for increased recreation at the lake.

5.11.4 Increase Conservation-Modified (Alternative 4)

The recreational opportunities, balanced with conservation of natural environment could lead to better health, both mental and physical, of the visiting population. Implementation of the Increase Conservation-Modified Alternative would likely result in reduced traffic congestion on the water, and a lower potential for water related incidents. The increase in Wildlife Management Areas could potentially increase exposure to insects and animals, which is generally understood by the public who utilize these lands.

5.12 Aesthetics

Aesthetics are an important feature that enhances the recreational experience. Lands around Norfork Lake provide a natural setting that is aesthetically pleasing as well as buffering the lake from views of development and existing cleared areas.

5.12.1 Increase Preservation (Alternative 1)

Implementation of the Increase Preservation Alternative would be similar in regard to aesthetics as the Increase Conservation Alternative. Under this alternative, a combined 17,513.5 acres of High and Low Density would be converted to Environmentally Sensitive and Wildlife Management lands. This reduces potential for additional boat dock construction and vegetation modification permits, thus preserving the natural scenic beauty of the lake shoreline.

5.12.2 Increase Conservation (Alternative 2)

The wide panorama of Norfork Lake and the nearby shore conveys a sense of enormity to the lake, with most of the conversion of 9,829.1 acres of Low Density lands and 7,683.6 acres of High Density lands going to Wildlife Management acreage under the Increase Conservation Alternative, which would continue to preserve the sense of relatively pristine shoreline. The natural vegetation along the shoreline would enhance the viewscapes of the people recreating on the lake, while potentially impeding the view of the lake from the shore. Under this proposed alternative, property owners could work with Corps staff to determine the appropriate vegetation management measures for their specific property location adjacent to the shoreline of the lake.

5.12.3 Action (Alternative 3)

Under the No-Action Alternative the visual character of the landscape would slowly change due to potential continued development increasing the amount of land with views of development and human structures. This would increase the amount of visual contrast between the natural and developed landscapes around the lake. Visual contrast is a measure of impact on visual quality and aesthetics. Dock development would eliminate the unspoiled and untamed aesthetic of this landscape. Road and utility line corridors also impact aesthetics and visual resources at Norfork. Since the lake is partially surrounded by pockets of residential and commercial development, these demands would continue to increase. In many instances, requests for new shoreline use permits are in areas where the natural vegetation and landscape would be disturbed.

5.12.4 Increase Conservation-Modified (Alternative 4)

The wide panorama of Norfork Lake and the nearby shore conveys a sense of enormity to the lake, with most of the conversion of 9,829.1 acres of Low Density lands and 7,695.6 acres of High Density lands going to Wildlife Management acreage under the Increase Conservation-Modified Alternative, which would continue to preserve the sense of relatively pristine shoreline. The natural vegetation along the shoreline would enhance the viewscapes of the people recreating on the lake, while potentially impeding the view of the lake from the shore. Under this proposed alternative, property owners could work with Corps staff to determine the appropriate vegetation management measures for their specific property location adjacent to the shoreline of the lake.

5.13 Cumulative Impacts

Cumulative impacts are those that may result from the incremental impact of the evaluated alternatives added to those of other past, present, or reasonably foreseeable future actions in the local area. The Master Plan for Norfork Lake was last approved in 1988; this was followed by multiple supplements over the last 32 years. During that time, public use patterns have remained similar, but trends, facility and service demands have shifted in the past 32 years due to the need for alternative experiences in recreation and tourism. The demand for high quality recreational experiences remains. Norfork Lake receives pressure for both private shoreline and public recreation use, resulting in management concerns regarding the overall sustainability of the lake. With public use at project facilities changing, reallocations of services at these facilities need to be addressed. Changes involving recreation area closures and improvements have occurred during the last four decades to meet the evolving public use. In addition, cooperative agreements are being considered in order to operate and maintain facilities, which would reduce the financial burden on the taxpayers.

Two main themes came out of the scoping process, which was a cumulative exercise involving private and public entities, and local, state and federal agencies improved water quality and maintenance of the environmental setting around the lake. Preservation of the natural shoreline and lack of extensive development has enhanced and maintained good water quality since the lake was constructed. The Arkansas Department of Energy and Environment has classified Norfork Lake as a Type A water body, which includes most larger lakes of several thousand acres in size, in upland forest dominated watersheds, having an average depth of 30 to 60 feet, and having low primary production (i.e., having a low trophic status if in natural [unpolluted] condition). The Missouri Department of Natural Resources has designated it as a Class L2 waterbody, which is similar to the ADEE classification. Existing conditions at the lake allow for some degree of development on 69% of available acreage, with an additional 336.5 acres having no specific land classification. However, it should be noted that reclassification of lands under the proposed alternative would enhance water quality by restricting Low Density recreation development and increasing the amount of Wildlife Management acreage, thereby retaining more of the natural shoreline vegetation. Approximately 85% of the linear shoreline would have a natural vegetated shoreline due to these land reclassifications identified in the Selected Alternative. There would be some positive impacts to climate, topography, geology and soils under this alternative. The aquatic environment of the lake should benefit from a potential

reduction in storm water runoff velocity, reduced sedimentation, improved water quality, and a cleaner substrate for macroinvertebrate production and fish spawning activity. This alternative would also enhance wildlife foraging and movement patterns, offer more protection for threatened and endangered species that inhabit the area, and result in minimal impacts to cultural resources. A provision for additional potential development opportunities coupled with an abundance of lands remaining in their natural condition would balance and enhance recreational experiences, which would potentially stimulate the socioeconomics of the area. This balanced approach should provide a safe and aesthetically pleasing recreational experience for the public that visits and/or lives at Norfork Lake.

Continued collaboration and coordination with state and federal resource agencies, as well as local agencies and watershed groups, is necessary to monitor, evaluate and remediate aging infrastructure, failing septic systems around the shoreline, and potential water quality impacts. Coordination with these entities could also evaluate and promote watershed enhancement programs that would serve to institute stream bank stabilization, land improvement and conservation programs, and implementation of best management practices to reduce watershed runoff and erosion.

As management of Norfork Lake ensues, the Corps would continue to coordinate with Federal, State, and local agencies to avoid, minimize or mitigate potential impacts.

6. ENVIRONMENTAL COMPLIANCE

Compliance with Federal Acts and Executive Orders are summarized in the following table.

Act/Executive Order	Status	Compliance
Wetlands (EO 11990)	No effect	С
Prime/Unique Farmlands	N/A	N/A
Floodplain Management (EO 11988)	N/A	N/A
Clean Water Act		
Section 404	No effect	N/A
Section 401	No effect	N/A
NPDES	No effect	N/A
Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act	No effect	C
Endangered Species Act	No effect	C
National Historic Preservation Act	No effect	C
Environmental Justice (EO 12898)	No effect	С
Clean Air Act	No effect	C
Comprehensive Environmental Response	N/A	N/A
Compensation and Liability Act (CERCLA)		
Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA)	N/A	N/A
Wild and Scenic Rivers Act	N/A	N/A
Rivers and Harbors Act	N/A	N/A
N/A—not applicable CCompliant		

Table 6-1 Federal Act/Executive Order Compliance

6.1 Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act

The Corps is required to coordinate with the USFWS and MDNR under the Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act (FWCA) (48 Stat. 401, as amended; 16 USC 661 et. seq.). Coordination was initiated with a scoping notice; no concerns were raised by these agencies. Review of the Environmental Assessment is pending; no concerns are anticipated.

6.2 Endangered Species Act

The Endangered Species Act (ESA) requires the determination of possible effects on species or degradation of habitat critical to Federally listed endangered or threatened species. Implementation of an updated Master Plan is not likely to affect threatened or endangered species. Individual requests for use of project lands would be evaluated to ensure compliance with this Act.

6.3 Environmental Justice

Executive Order 12898, Federal Actions to Address Environmental Justice in Minority Populations and Low Income Populations requires Federal agencies to promote

"nondiscrimination in Federal programs substantially affecting human health and environment". In response to this directive, Federal Agencies must identify and address a disproportionately high and adverse human health and environmental effects of their programs, policies, and activities on minority and low-income populations. The final step in the environmental justice evaluation process is to evaluate the impact of the project on the population and to ascertain whether target populations are affected more adversely than other residents.

Implementing the proposed Master Plan Update would not disproportionately affect minority or low-income populations.

6.4 Cultural Resource Requirement

Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 requires the Corps to identify historic properties affected by the proposed action and to evaluate the eligibility of those properties for the National Register of Historic Places. Section 110 of the Act requires the Corps to assume responsibility for the preservation of historic properties in its ownership. The Act also requires Federal agencies to provide the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation an opportunity to comment on undertakings through the process outlined in the Council's regulations (36 CFR 800).

There would be no potential adverse effects on cultural resources with implementation of an updated Master Plan. Individual requests for use of project lands would be evaluated on a caseby-case basis to ensure compliance with this act.

7. Scoping and Public Concern

7.1 Introduction

No single agency has complete oversight of stewardship activities on the public lands and waters surrounding Norfork Lake. Responsibility for natural resource and recreation management falls to several agencies that own or have jurisdiction over these public lands and waters.

Increasingly, competition for the use of these lands and waters and their natural resources can create conflicts and concerns among stakeholders. The need to coordinate a cooperative approach to protect and sustain these resources is compelling. Many opportunities exist to increase the effectiveness of Federal programs through collaboration among agencies and to facilitate the process of partnering between government and non-government agencies.

To sustain healthy and productive public lands and water with the most efficient approach requires individuals and organizations to recognize their unique ability to contribute to commonly held goals. The key to progress is building on the strengths of each sector, achieving goals collectively that could not be reasonably achieved individually. Given the interjurisdictional nature of Norfork Lake, partnering opportunities exist and can promote the leveraging of limited financial and human resources. Partnering and identification of innovative approaches to deliver justified levels of service defuse polarization among interest groups, and lead to a common understanding and appreciation of individual roles, priorities, and

responsibilities.

To the extent practical, this Master Plan and a proactive approach to partnering would position Norfork Lake to aggressively leverage project financial capability and human resources in order to identify and satisfy customer expectations, protect and sustain natural and cultural resources and recreational infrastructure, and programmatically bring Corps management efforts and outputs up to a justified level of service. Public involvement and extensive coordination within the Corps of Engineers and with other affected agencies and organizations is a critical feature required in developing or revising a Project Master Plan.

Agency and public involvement and coordination have been a key element in every phase of the Norfork Lake Master Plan revision.

7.2 Scoping

In March of 2020, a global coronavirus pandemic (COVID-19) was declared. This prompted a lot of changes in the workforce, including USACE implementing telework schedules across the board to keep employees safe and social distanced. In addition, and due to the evolving Federal, State, and Local policies designed to address the spread of COVID-19, the project delivery team (PDT) determined that no in person agency or public scoping workshops would occur until the threat of the virus subsided. As an alternative, the Norfork Master Plan Revision website was created to be the primary source of information during this time. Website information was provided through various sources, such notification postcards, news releases, agency scoping letters, and media outreach, for individuals to visit the project website to find out more information about the process to update the master plan for Norfork Lake; to solicit comments for Scoping; and to communicate to the public of the reason behind changing the traditional USACE scoping process in response to the global pandemic. As part of the initial phase of the environmental process, an extended public scoping comment period was held between November 16, 2020 and December 31, 2020 to gather agency public comments on the MP revision process and issues that should be examined as part of the environmental analysis. The extension on the comment period was one response to the change in the traditional USACE scoping process due to the pandemic.

Agencies were invited to participate in the scoping process and to provide input on the vision for the Norfork Lake MP and on issues that should be addressed through the environmental assessment. A letter was sent on November 10, 2020 to 30 agencies providing notification of the upcoming agency scoping comment period and links to the project website where more information could be found.

In total, approximately 165 comment submittals (letters, emails, comment cards, or oral comments) from members of the public and 8 comment submittals from agencies were received by the end of the comment period.

7.3 Draft Master Plan/Draft Environmental Assessment.

The Draft Master Plan/Draft Environmental Assessment was presented to the public through two public workshops on September 30 and October 1, 2021 at the Mountain Home Arkansas State

University campus.

7.4 Final Master Plan/Final EA.

The Final Master Plan is currently scheduled for completion in February 2022, with public notification of final documents scheduled in late February, 2022.

8. Conclusions

The Master Plan for Norfork Lake was last approved in 1988; this was followed by multiple supplements over the last 32 years. During that time, public use patterns have remained similar, but trends, facility and service demands have shifted in the past 32 years due to the need for alternative experiences in recreation and tourism. Norfork Lake receives pressure for both private shoreline and public recreation use, resulting in management concerns regarding the overall sustainability of the lake. With public use at project facilities changing, reallocations of services at these facilities need to be addressed. Changes involving recreation area closures and improvements have occurred during the last four decades to meet the evolving public use. In addition, cooperative agreements are being considered in order to operate and maintain facilities, which would reduce the financial burden on the taxpayers.

The Master Plan is not intended to address the specifics of regional water quality, shoreline management, or water level management; these areas are covered in a project's shoreline management plan or water management plan. However, specific issues identified through the Master Plan revision process can still be communicated and coordinated with the appropriate internal Corps resource (i.e., Operations for shoreline management) or external resource agency (i.e., Missouri Department of Natural Resources and Arkansas Dept. of Energy and Environment for water quality) responsible for that specific area. To facilitate this action, the current Master Plan development evaluated three alternatives relative to their potential impacts on the land and water resources of Norfork Lake.

These alternatives spanned the gamut of increased shoreline protection to increased shoreline development and the potential effects on the human, terrestrial, and aquatic environment from their implementation. A no action alternative looked at leaving the lake as it currently exists in terms of developable areas and protected areas. Of the 32,533.5 acres of available land around the lake, 69% of this is classified as High and Low density recreation, with potential future development occurring. While 23% of available acreage is classified as Environmentally Sensitive lands, 336.5 acres of land currently has no classification. Under each of the action alternatives, the lands with no classification are allocated to one of the land classifications.

The action alternatives included an Increase Preservation and an Increase Conservation Alternative. The Increase Preservation Alternative (Alternative 1) shifted the majority of the available shoreline acreage toward future preservation, with 8% classified as High Density recreation, 45% classified as Environmentally Sensitive, and 41% classified as Wildlife Management lands. Potential effects from this would be decreased vegetation removal and a reduction in soil erosion due to the reclassification of lands previously included as high and low density lands, having the potential for construction and conversion of pervious surfaces to impervious. This construction activity is generally detrimental to water quality and terrestrial and aquatic wildlife species. Development has the potential to increase the number of boats on the lake, increased health and safety issues, aesthetic impacts, and impaired recreational experiences for many visitors. The Increase Conservation Alternative (Alternative 2 Preferred) includes 8% High Density lands, while reducing the 37% of Low Density lands to 7%, with the 30% difference going to the Wildlife Management classification. This action would preserve shoreline vegetation, reduce stormwater runoff quantity and velocity, resulting in less in-lake sedimentation and turbidity, and improve water quality. This action also has the potential to improve health and safety issues, aesthetics, terrestrial and aquatic wildlife habitat. The Increase Conservation Alternative seeks to balance all components of lake usage, including the provision for growth and recreation potential, while protecting and preserving terrestrial and aquatic resources. A detailed description of the modifications is located in Chapter 5 of the Master Plan.

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Acronyms

ADA	Americans with Disabilities Act
CEQ	Council on Environmental Quality
CFR	Code of Federal Regulations
EA	Environmental Assessment
EIS	Environmental Impact Statement
EP	Engineer Pamphlet
ER	Engineer Regulation
MP	Master Plan
NEPA	National Environmental Policy Act
NRRS	National Recreation Reservation Service
OMP	Operational Management Plan
P.L.	Public Law
SMP	Shoreline Management Plan
URL	uniform resource locator

Section 1 - Introduction

1.1 Overview

The United States Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) Little Rock District is proposing to revise the Norfork 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 Norfork 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 Norfork Lake MP was developed over 30 years ago, and original estimates of future population and land use do not align with current demographics. The MP revision will re-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 Operational Management Plans (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 Norfork Lake MP. The last revision took place in 1988. 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 30 years (e.g., an increase in visitation and tourism).
- 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.
- To ensure project lands and water are not adversely impacted.
- To align past and current management practices and land classifications.

1.3 Project Area

Norfork Dam is located in Baxter County, Arkansas on the North Fork River, about 4.8 miles upstream from its confluence with the White River. Norfork Lake was authorized by the Flood Control Act of June 28, 1938. At conservation pool, the lake is about 54,410 acres of land and water with 258 miles of boundary line. The lake provides many recreational opportunities, along with fish and wildlife habitat.

During high water events and flood periods, Norfork Lake is operated in conjunction with other lakes within the White River Basin to prevent flood damage along the White and lower Mississippi Rivers. The dam also generates hydropower electricity.

The lake provides many recreational opportunities, along with fish and wildlife habitat. With its clear, deep waters, Norfork Lake is especially popular for fishing and scuba diving. There are 24 public use areas around Norfork Lake. There are 10 parks on the lake presently operated by USACE. Six parks (Red Bank, George's Cove, Tecumseh, Hand Cove, Liner Creek, and Woods Point parks) have been reduced to lake access only. One park (Wilderness Point) is permanently closed. Four parks (Buzzard Roost, Howard Cove, Jordan, and Tracy) are operated by commercial concessionaires. One park (Boggy Point) is operated by Fulton County, Arkansas.

In addition to the public use areas there is also one fish hatchery (Norfork National Fish Hatchery) located below the Norfork Dam on the North Fork River and is operated by

the Department of the Interior, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and one Boy Scout Camp (Camp Spencer) operated by the local Westark Area Council of Boy Scouts of America. USACE lands around the lake also provide for other popular recreational activities, including hiking, hunting, swimming, and picnicking.

1.4 Purpose of this Report

The following report summarizes the public participation process for, and the public comments resulting from, the Norfork Lake MP Revision public scoping comment period. "Scoping" is the process of determining the scope, focus, and content of a NEPA document. 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 Norfork Lake MP revision project. An EA will be prepared to identify potential direct, indirect, and cumulative impacts related to implementation of the MP. The process of determining the scope, focus, and content of a NEPA document is known as "scoping" and this occurs at the start of the process. Scoping is a useful tool to obtain information from the public and governmental agencies in order to help set the parameters of issues to focus on and analyze.

In March of 2020, a global coronavirus pandemic (COVID-19) was declared. This prompted a lot of changes in the workforce, including USACE implementing telework schedules across the board to keep employees safe and social distanced. In addition, and due to the evolving Federal, State, and Local policies designed to address the spread of COVID-19, the project delivery team (PDT) determined that no in person agency or public scoping workshops would occur until the threat of the virus subsided. As an alternative, the Norfork Master Plan Revision website was created to be the primary source of information during this time. Website information was provided through various sources, such notification postcards, news releases, agency scoping letters, and media outreach, for individuals to visit the project website to find out more information about the process to update the master plan for Norfork Lake; to solicit comments for Scoping; and to communicate to the public of the reason behind changing the traditional USACE scoping process in response to the global pandemic. As part of the initial phase of the environmental process, an extended public scoping comment period was held between November 16, 2020 and December 31, 2020 to gather agency public comments on the MP revision process and issues that should be examined as part of the environmental analysis. The extension on the comment period was one response to the change in the traditional USACE scoping process due to the pandemic.

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. When people visited the Norfork Lake Master Plan update website, they were encouraged to provide input by completing a comment form that asked for responses to specific questions in addition to providing general comments about the plan and the environmental review. The questions included:

- How would you like to see Norfork Lake in 20 years?
- What changes, if any, would you like to see at the lake?
- What about Norfork Lake is most important to you?
- What about Norfork Lake is least important to you?

USACE published notice of the scoping period through an email blast, a direct mail postcard, press releases, and agency notification letters. The postcard notice and email blast were sent to landowners adjacent to USACE-owned lands around the lake, holders of fishing permits purchased in Arkansas whose listed zip code is within 7 miles of Norfork lake, dock permit holders, marina slip owners, marina and resort owners, dock builders, and those who held reservations to camp at Norfork Lake campgrounds within the 2019 recreational season. Postcards were sent to those for whom only a postal address was available; all others received the email blast. Agency coordination letters were sent to potentially interested agencies.

2.2 Agency Scoping

Agencies were invited to participate in the scoping process and to provide input on the vision for the Norfork Lake MP and on issues that should be addressed through the environmental assessment. A letter was sent on November 10, 2020 to 30 agencies (Appendix B) providing notification of the upcoming agency scoping comment period and links to the project website where more information could be found.

2.3 Public Scoping

Public scoping is an important element in the process of determining the focus and content of a NEPA document. Scoping helps to identify the range of actions, alternatives, environmental effects, and mitigation measures to be analyzed in depth and helps eliminate from detailed study those issues that are not pertinent to the final decision. Scoping is an effective way to bring together and address the concerns of the public, agencies, and other interested parties.

Notification of the scoping comment period was completed via several forms of media as described further in this section.

Notification Database

USACE maintains a database of stakeholder groups interested in activities around Norfork Lake, which includes resort and marina owners. Other databases maintained by USACE include shoreline use permit holders, boat slip owners, and dock builders. In addition, USACE developed a list of adjacent property owners based on the databases maintained by the county assessors of the surrounding counties. USACE also compiled a list of parties who had made campground reservations through the Recreation 1 Stop (R1S) reservation system for camping visits at Norfork Lake during the 2019 camping season. Finally, USACE obtained the database of holders of fishing permits purchased in Arkansas whose listed zip code is within 7 miles of Norfork Lake. These combined databases included 3,726 email addresses and 10,637 postal addresses, to which notification was sent about the public scoping comment period and website information.

2.3.1 Public Notification Activities

Strategies to engage the public to participate in the MP visioning and environmental review processes included (1) making it easy to participate, (2) providing easy-tounderstand information that helps people provide informed scoping comments, and (3) ensuring that stakeholders are aware of the planning process and understand how public input will be used. In addition and as stated earlier, it was important to USACE to communicate to the public why the traditional scoping process had changed during the pandemic—to protect the public and USACE employees and promote social distancing while still achieving the goal of soliciting for comments during the scoping comment period.

Each notification medium was assigned a unique short Uniform Resource Locator (URL) to direct recipients to the project website for more information. This allowed USACE to track how people heard about the scoping period and the master planning process and evaluate the effectiveness of various notification methods for future projects.

2.3.1.1 Direct Mail Notification

On November 16, 10,637 postcards were mailed to adjacent property owners, private boat slip owners, stakeholders, and holders of fishing permits purchased in Arkansas whose listed zip code is within 7 miles of Norfork lake. The distribution of postcard recipients is illustrated in Figure 2-1 by zip code. Of these, 786 were classified as invalid addresses.

The postcard notification included information on the MP revision process, how to provide comments, the comment period closing date, and the project website address. The direct mail postcard is included in Appendix C. The postcard resulted in 262 visits to the project website during the comment period.

2.3.1.2 E-mail Notification

An e-mail blast was sent on November 16, 2020, to approximately 3,726 email addresses. These emails were sent to adjacent property owners, private boat slip owners, boat dock builders, stakeholders, and those listed on the R1S reservation list for whom valid email addresses were available. Of the total emails sent, approximately 15 were returned as undeliverable. The information in the email blast was the same as the information on the postcard notification. The email blast resulted in 1,063 visits to the project website during the comment period.

2.3.1.3 Project Website

A project website, https://www.swl.usace.army.mil/Missions/Planning/Norfork-Lake-Master-Plan-Revision/, was developed for the MP revision project. The site included information about Norfork Lake, the MP revision process, and the scoping process. Information on the scoping process included, how to submit comments and who to contact for more information. Between November 16, and December 31, 2020, 1,410 people visited the project website.

2.3.1.4 Other Notification Activities

To maximize the coverage of the outreach effort for the scoping period, a media release was sent to local media outlets using the Southwestern Division, Little Rock District, Mountain Home Media distribution list on November 16, 2020. A copy of the press release is in Appendix C, and copies of the media coverage are in Appendix H.

2.3.1.5 Website Statistics

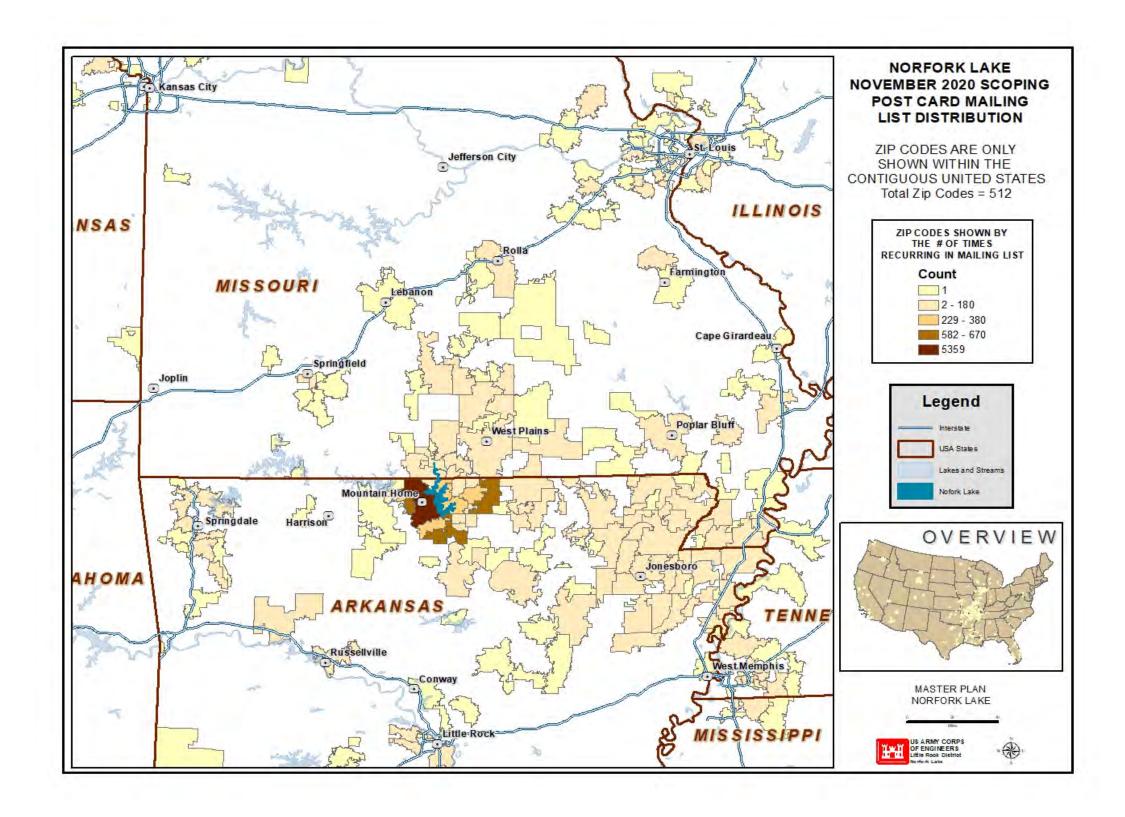
Each type of media notification (e.g. display ads, postcard, email, Facebook page, etc.) provided a different URL or specific web addresses to the project website. This was done in order to gather information on how people found out about and accessed the project website. The following is a list of the number of people who accessed the website organized by the media notification web address used. In total, the specific project web addresses were used 1,410 times.

First news release and newspaper display ads: 65
Email blast: 1,063
Postcard notification: 262
Agency letter: 14
Comment cards: 6

2.4 Comments Received

The public scoping comment period was from November 16 to December 31, 2020, which provided a 45-day comment period. All interested people were provided opportunities to submit comments on the public website comment form as well as via email, fax, or mail.

In total, approximately 165 comment submittals (letters, emails, comment cards, or oral comments) from members of the public and 8 comment submittals from agencies were received by the end of the comment period. Copies of all the public comments submitted during the comment period are included in Appendix E. Copies of agency submittals are included in Appendix F.



Section 3 - Summary of Scoping Comments

3.1 Introduction

USACE accepted comments on the Norfork Lake MP Revision throughout the entire scoping period from November 16 through December 31, 2020. Agencies, community groups, members of the public, elected officials, and other interested parties submitted 165 letters, e-mails, and comment cards during this period. The summary table (Table 3-1) provides a tally of the topics discussed in the comments.

It should be noted that the combined numbers 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 and the environmental review as well as answers to the following questions:

- How would you like to see Norfork Lake in 20 years? What Changes, if any, would you like to see at the lake?
- What about Norfork Lake is most important to you?
- What is least important to you?
- What changes, if any, would you like to see at the lake?

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

3.2 Summary of Comments

All comments were reviewed and categorized. The full text of each comment is included in Appendices E (public comments) and F (agency comments).

Table 3-1 provides a summary of the comments received during the scoping comment period. While this table does not include every comment received, it provides a general summary of the topics most frequently submitted during the comment period. A more detailed overview of comments follows in Sections 3.3 through 3.9. Several comments were not related to the plan or the environmental review, and these are included in the summary of additional comments in Section 3.7. The full text of all written comments submitted by members of the public or stakeholder organizations is provided in Appendix E. Agency comments are included in Appendix F.

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voul			•	Clean Water/Water Quality (11)	■ D	ecrease Hiking Trails (1)
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Table 3-1. Summary of Comments Received

	 Improve Access to Lake/Docks (7) 	 Clean Water / Water Quality (2)
Additional Comments	 More Access Points (7) 	 Natural Beauty/Pristine/Peaceful (2)
	 Re-open Closed Areas (7) 	 Limit Boat Size/Speed/Noise (1)
	Open Campgrounds/Boat Launches Year-Round (7)	 No Homes on/near Lake (1)
	Allow Additional Under brushing/ Clearing Below	 No Change (1)
	White Line (6)	 Limit Development (1)
	 More Hiking Trails (5) 	 Encourage Development (1)
	 Fishing (5) 	 More Shoreline/ Erosion Protection (1)
	 Increase Designated Parking (2) 	

3.3 Comments Related to Questions 1 and 2:

How Would You Like to See Norfork Lake in 20 Years and What Changes Would You Like to See at the Lake?

The most frequent response to Question 1 was that people want to see improved lake level management after a high-water event on Norfork Lake over the next 20 years (Table 3-1). 56 respondents commented on the lake level elevations being held high for an extended period. It is important to note that this concern is not within the scope of the Master Plan, but instead is within the intent of the Water Control Plan. This scoping report will not address water/lake levels, nor will the MP or accompanying EA. The second most common request was for boat ramps, parking lots, and campgrounds to be at a higher elevation for utilization during high water events. There were 41 comments from individuals who would like to see improvements for accessibility to existing recreational facilities around the lake to include 21 respondents indicating more parking is needed in these facilities. Many also indicated a desire for a natural shoreline with limited growth and development and the wilderness quality that the lake currently presents to visitors. A total of 19 respondents indicated a desire for limited growth/ controlled development on Norfork Lake. In addition, 19 respondents indicated a desire to focus on camping, 19 respondents indicated a focus on increasing hiking and multiuse trails, and 17 respondents indicated a desire to preserve the lake's natural beauty/ pristine shoreline.

3.4 Comments Related to Question 3:

What About Norfork Lake is Most Important to You?

The top response to what is most important about the lake was the natural beauty/pristine/ peacefulness of the lake (Table 3-1). There was a total of 41 respondents indicating this interest including 15 comments for limited to no development and 12 comments for a natural shoreline on Norfork Lake. Several of these responses made mention that they did not want to see the beauty of Norfork overdeveloped like Lake of

the Ozarks and that they recreate on Norfork because of its natural shoreline and beautiful landscape. Of the comments, there were 31 respondents who indicated that clean water and water quality were most important to them.

Additionally, 29 respondents said fishing was most important and 27 respondents mentioned that recreational uses that Norfork Lake provides is most important. A large majority of responses to what is most important indicates that the public prefer to see a natural lake with proper access to the lake and the existing amenities. However, 24 respondents indicated that public access to the lake and recreational areas is most important indicating in their comments that this has been an obstacle over the last few years due to high lake elevations.

3.5 Comments Related to Question 4:

What about Norfork Lake is Least Important to You?

The most frequent response to what is least important about the lake included commercial development (12 comments) followed by eight comments making mention that tourism is least important (Table 3-1). Most of these responses were from people who desired the natural beauty of the shoreline of Norfork Lake. Other responses identified as least important also included Hydropower and boating. It is important to note that this question received far fewer responses than any other question on the comment form. However, the overall responses reflect the interests indicated by input from the first three questions.

3.6 Additional Comments – Question 5:

Comments contained in letters or emails that did not directly relate to Questions 1, 2, 3, or 4 are summarized in this section. Many commenters provided most of their input into the first two question dialog boxes on the online comment form which at times included specific requests and did not conform to the typical responses.

There were also several comments regarding specific areas around the lake. The number of times a comment was raised by a different respondent is noted in parenthesis.

- Raise the road to Cranfield Campground for accessibility during high lake elevations (2)
- Rezone a section of shoreline within Crooked Creek Resort DACW0319300725, to allow for a private dock (1)
- Reopen Closed access points near Christensen Rd. and County Road 396 (?)
- Allow public access to Sand Island by Jordan Marina (1)
- Preferential treatment adjacent landowners with greater than 25 acres for approval of a private boat dock (1)
- Consider a state park on Norfork (1)

- Sell Wilderness Point Campground for development (1)
- Make Buzzard Roost Launch Ramp more accessible (stair installation) (1)
- Utilize Corps land to complete Ozark Highlands Trail (10)
- Request for land allocation around Dellinger Point to allow for future private boat dock development (2)
- Request for land allocation around County Road 807 and Seward Point for potential community docks (1)
- Set aside an area for wake surfing and other water sports (2)
- Make Calamity Point a Dark Sky Location with more restrictions on development and light pollution (1)
- Request for trimming trees on USACE managed land (3)
- Increase Primitive Camping areas (2)
- Widen parking lot at George's Cove boat ramp (1)
- Public Access at McClellan (1)
- Increase parking at Fouts (1)
- Additional boat ramp at Hand Cove area (1)
- Designate Newton Landing park as High Use (1)
- Install dock at Woods Point (1)
- Request more private docks near Marker 3

3.7 Agency Comments

Eight agencies submitted comments during the scoping period. The official agency letters and emails are included in Appendix F. Agencies that commented during the comment period included:

- Southwest Power Administration
- Missouri Department of Conservation
- Missouri Department of Natural Resources
- Arkansas Department of Health
- Missouri State Historic Preservation Office
- United Keetoowah Band of Cherokee Indians in Oklahoma, Office of Historic Preservation
- Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality
- City of Mountain Home, Office of the Mayor

Common input from agencies included some "no comments" reply at this time but also provided general topics to be mindful of during the update process. All responding agencies requested to continue to be informed throughout the update process and indicated their interested in reviewing a draft document before it goes out for final review and approval.

Agency comments not covered in previous sections, as well as comments regarding specific areas of the lake, are summarized in this section. The full text of the agency comments is available in Appendix F. Comments not covered in earlier sections or regarding specific areas of the lake include:

- Request to raise causeway to Cranfield park 15 ft. to allow access during high water. City of Mountain Home
- Coordinate with SHPO if changes cause effects to cultural and historical resources. -SHPO
- Coordinate with ADEQ if any changes to shoreline or flood relief footprint occur during the update. -ADEQ
- Land usage around the hydropower plant should include the potential for future expansion. -SWPA
- Master Plan should not include changes to water level management SWPA
- Maintain buffer zone around water intake structures. -ADH
- Ensure land use allocation reflects proposal for new water intake structure. -ADH

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, the range of alternatives proposed for analysis, and to help the project proponent 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 revision.

4.1 Next Steps

The five questions were designed to help USACE elicit input not only on elements of the NEPA process but also on topics of interest to the public and agencies that may be revised or updated in the new MP. USACE will continue to work closely with the public, agencies, and stakeholder groups to address issues identified through scoping as the draft MP is developed and evaluated. An EA will be prepared to evaluate potential impacts from changes in the MP. However, an EIS would be prepared if significant environmental effects are identified during preparation of the EA as a result of the MP revisions. Both the draft MP and the EA will be made available for review and comment. It is anticipated that this public review would occur in the summer of 2021.

Individual responses to comments provided during scoping are not developed; rather, the draft MP revision that will be provided for review and comment will address comments received in a global manner. Where consistent with the purpose of an MP and where possible under the planning mechanisms available for an MP, USACE will incorporate the feedback and suggestions provided through the scoping comments.

4.2 Comments Related to Question 1 & 2

Question 1 "*How would you like to see Norfork Lake in 20 years?*" and question 2 " *What changes, if any, would you like to see at the lake?*" provides direction to USACE on the MP vision and on issues of concern to lake users and stakeholders that should be evaluated through the NEPA process. Continued focus on campgrounds, limiting development, and maintaining the natural beauty of the lake, accessibility to recreational areas during high water, increased parking, and trail development ranked highly among the concerns raised in response to this two-part question. These resource categories will be addressed in the draft MP revision, and potential impacts to these resource categories will be evaluated in the NEPA document.

4.3 Comments Related to Questions 3 and 4

Question 3 "*What about Norfork Lake is most important to you?*" and Question 4 "*What is least important to you?*" invited respondents to prioritize issues, features, or qualities of the lake experience that were important. This question provides insight both into issues that should be addressed in the MP revision and that should be evaluated in the NEPA document. Top concerns were related to natural beauty, clean water/ water

quality, fishing, recreational usage, and accessibility to recreational facilities. The top response related to what was least important was commercial development and tourism.

4.4 Comments Related to Question 5

Question 4 "Additional comments on the Master Plan revision or about issues that should be studied?" helps USACE identify additional priorities for action, whether through the MP revision or other means. It is important to note that much of the input on the comment cards were provided within the first two question blocks on the online comment form. The online comment form provided ample space to provide input and therefore topics of discussion that may better fit this more general question were provided early in the comment form. Input that was provided in this section included reiteration that improving the access to the lake/docks, build more hiking trails, reopening closed recreational areas, and keeping recreational facilities open longer into the non-peak season were topics people would like to be taken into consideration. There were also six comments from individuals who are adjacent landowners requesting consideration for vegetation removal between private property and the lake to maintain a view of Norfork. Additional comments in this section mirrored comments provided in the first three questions and may be found in **Table 3-1**.

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- Arkansas Game and Fish Commission, Director
- Arkansas Natural Heritage Commission, Director
- Arkansas Historic Preservation Program, Director
- Arkansas Natural Resources Commission, Executive Director
- Arkansas Department of Health, Director of Engineering
- Cultural & Historic Preservation office, Director, Delaware Nation
- Environmental Protection Agency, Region 6 Environmental Review Coordinator
- Environmental Protection Agency, Region 6 NEPA Specialist
- Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma, Preservation Director
- FEMA Region VI Regional Director
- FEMA, Region 6 Administrator
- Missouri Department of Natural Resources, Director
- Missouri Department of Conservation, Director
- Missouri State Historic Preservation Office, Director
- Missouri Department of Conservation, Chief, Fisheries Division
- National Park Service, Midwest Region, Regional Director
- Shawnee Tribe
- SEMA, Planner/ Area Coordinator
- Southwestern Power Administration, Administrator
- The Nature Conservancy, State Director
- Tribal Historic Preservation Office, The Osage Nation
- Tribal Historic Preservation Office, The Quapaw Tribe of Indians
- Tribal Historic Preservation Office, Cherokee Nation
- Tribal Historic Preservation Office, Caddo Nation of Oklahoma
- Tribal Historic Preservation Office, United Keetoowah Cherokee of Oklahoma
- U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Regional Director
- U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Field Supervisor
- U.S. Department of Agriculture, District Conservationist.
- U.S. Department of the Interior
- U.S. Geological Survey, Hydrologist
- U.S. Department of Interior, Regional Environmental Officer
- U.S. Department of the Interior, Program Analyst, NRM Team
- U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 6
- U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
- U.S. Department of Agriculture, Natural Resources Conservation Services

Organizations

Resorts

- Blue Lady Resort
- Blackburn's Resort.
- Crooked Hook Resort
- Fish and Fiddle Resort
- Hand Cove Resort & RV Park
- Holiday Hills Resort
- Hummingbird Hideaway Resort
- Keller's Kove Resort
- Mockingbird Bay Resort
- Rocking Chair Resort
- Four Winds at Norfork
- Teal Point Resort
- Lawellins Three Oaks Resort
- Treasure Cove Resort
- Driftwood Resort

Marinas

- Panther Bay, Inc.
- Brooke Development, LLC
- New Management, Inc.
- Fout Boat Dock, Inc
- J & K Marina LLC
- Jordan Marina
- Tracy Ferry Marina Inc.
- Buzzard Roost Boat Dock
- DLC Investments, LLC

Dock Builders

- Lakeland Industries, Inc.
- Ozark Boat Docks
- Wilson Dock Company
- Dry Docker Boat Lifts & Docks
- Power Source Solar
- Crawford Power Systems

Appendix B

Agency Notification



DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY LITTLE ROCK DISTRICT, CORPS OF ENGINEERS POST OFFICE BOX 867 LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS 72203-0867 www.swl.usace.army.mil/

November 10, 2020

CESWL-PM

Ms. Cindy Dohner Regional Director U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service 1875 Century Boulevard Atlanta, GA 30345

Dear Ms. Dohner:

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), Little Rock District, is revising the Norfork Lake Master Plan, which was last updated in 1987. 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 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 summer of 2021.

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 reflect current and anticipated development around 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".

Due to the evolving Federal, State, and Local policies designed to address the spread of COVID-19, the Corps will not hold our traditional public and agency Scoping workshops. We invite you to visit our website, https://go.usa.gov/x7b9S, to provide comments/suggestions for the Master Plan update.

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.

In addition to providing comments/suggestions to the above website, your agency may also submit comments via mail, email, or fax with attention to: USACE, Little Rock District, ATTN: NRM Planner, P.O. Box 867, Little Rock, AR 72203, Fax: (501) 324-6230, Email: <u>CESWL-NorforkLakeMPUpdate@usace.army.mil</u>, Website: <u>https://go.usa.gov/x7b9S</u>. Written comments must be postmarked, e-mailed, faxed, or otherwise submitted by 31 December 2020. 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 process please contact Dana Coburn, Project Manager, at (501) 324-5601 or via email at <u>dana.o.coburn@usace.army.mil</u>.

Sincerely,

Dana Coburn Project Manager Programs and Project Management Division

Appendix C Notification Materials

- Direct Mail Postcard
 - Email Blast

Press Releases

Norfork Lake Master Plan Update



PUBLIC SCOPING NOTIFICATION

The Army Corps of Engineers, Little Rock District, is updating the Norfork Lake Master Plan (MP).

The MP guides the classification and management of public lands around the lake and influence 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.

IMPORTANT COVID-19 UPDATE: Due to the evolving Federal, State, and Local policies designed to address the spread of COVID-19, the Corps will not hold our traditional public workshops at this time. We invite you to visit our website, address provided below, to find out information about the process to update the master plan for Norfork Lake. You will be able to provide comments through the website. If you have questions, voicemail and email options will be provided and you will receive a response.

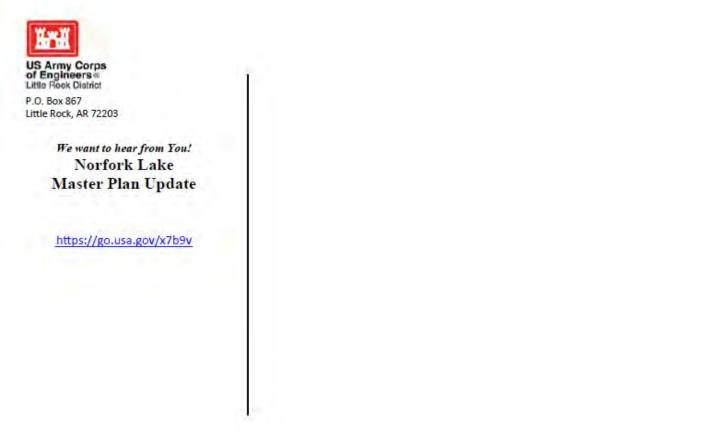
We want to hear from you! Please visit our website:

https://go.usa.gov/x7b9v

for current information or to submit comments.

Visit our website to learn the details of the MP update process. Your input will help define the Norfork Lake MP Update scheduled for public review in 2021. Staff will be available to answer your questions by either a response phone call or email response. Find out how to leave a question on our website!

BUILDING STRONG



Email Blast

NORFORK LAKE MASTER PLAN REVISION

The Army Corps of Engineers, Little Rock District, plans to revise the Norfork 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.

The Army Corps of Engineers is notifying the public that the Scoping comment period will begin November 16, 2020 to accept input on the upcoming revision of the Norfork Lake Master Plan (MP). "Scoping" is the process of determining the scope, focus, and content of master plan update documents. For a planning process such as the MP revision, the scoping process is used as an opportunity to get input from the public and resource agencies about the vision for the MP update and the issues that the MP should address where possible.

IMPORTANT COVID-19 UPDATE: Due to the evolving Federal, State, and Local policies designed to address the spread of COVID-19, the Corps will not hold our traditional public workshops at this time. We invite you to visit our website, address provided below, to find out information about the process to update the master plan for Norfork Lake. You will be able to provide comments through the website.

We want to hear from you! Please visit our website: https://go.usa.gov/x7b9F for current information or to submit comments.

Visit our website to learn the details of the MP update process. Your input will help define the Norfork Lake MP Update scheduled for public review in 2021. Staff will be available to answer your questions by either a response phone call or email response. Find out how to leave a question on our website!

Comments may be submitted via mail, email, or fax with attention to: Norfork Lake MP Planner, Natural Resources Management Section, USACE, Little Rock District, P.O. Box 867, Little Rock, AR 72203. Fax: (501) 324-6230, Email: CESWL-NorforkLakeMPUpdate@usace.army.mil

Written comments must be postmarked, e-mailed, faxed, or otherwise submitted by December 31, 2020.

PRIVACY ACT STATEMENT INSTRUCTIONS

AUTHORITY: ER 1130-2-406, and the laws and regulations referenced thurrein.

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

ROUTINE USE(5): Information you provide will be available for public review or may be disclosed to members of the Department of Defenseor other Government agencies who have a need for the information in performance of their official daties, 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, not any or provide additional information to commentary.



NEWS RELEASE

U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS

Release No: 87-20 Release: Immediately Nov. 16, 2020 Media Contact: Public Affairs Office, 501-324-5551 <u>CESWL-PA@usace.army.mil</u> Media after hours: 501-563-6835

USACE seeks public input for Norfork Lake Master Plan revision process Mountain Home, Ark. – The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers is notifying the public that the scoping comment period for the Norfork Lake Master Plan revision will begin November 16.

"Scoping" is the process of determining the scope, focus, and content of the master plan update documents. For a planning process such as the MP revision, the scoping process is used as an opportunity to get input from the public and resource agencies about the vision for the MP update and the issues that the MP should address where possible.

The MP guides the management of the government lands around our reservoirs. It also affects future management of natural resources and recreational opportunities to ensure the sustainability of Norfork Lake. The planning process will include an analysis of potential effects on the natural and social environment, including fish and wildlife, recreation opportunities, economics, land use, cultural and historical resources, aesthetics, and public health and safety.

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U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS – LITTLE ROCK DISTRICT 700 West Capitol, Little Rock, AR 72201 www.swl.usace.army.mil Due to the evolving Federal, State, and Local policies designed to address the spread of COVID-19, USACE will not hold traditional public workshops at this time.

To find out more about the MP revision and to submit a comment visit the Norfork Lake MP webpage at: <u>https://go.usa.gov/x7bXZ</u>. Comments are due by December 31, 2020.

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Appendix D

Scoping Materials

Norfork Lake Master Plan Revision

The Army Corps of Engineers, Little Rock District, is revising the Norfork Lake Master plan. The master plan guides the management of the government-owned and leased lands around the lake. The Master plan affects future management of natural resources and recreational opportunities to ensure the sustainability of Norfork Lake.

The master plan revision will set the stage for a later update of the Shoreline Management Plan.

This is your opportunity to let the Corps know how you would like the lake to be managed for the future.

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.



About Norfork Lake

Norfork Dam is located in Baxter County, Arkansas on the North Fork River, about 4.8 miles upstream from its confluence with the White River. Norfork Lake was authorized by the Flood Control Act of June 28, 1938. The lake is about 54,410 acres of land and water with 276 miles of boundary line. The lake provides many recreational opportunities, along with fish and wildlife habitat. During high water events and flood periods, Norfork Lake is operated in conjunction with other lakes within the White River Basin to prevent flood damage along the White and lower Mississippi Rivers. The dam also generates hydropower electricity.

What is a master plan?

A master plan 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 master plan does not address the details of how and where shoreline use permits may be issued, however, it does set the stage for implementation of the shoreline management program. After the master plan is revised, the operational management plan and shoreline management plan would be revised to be consistent with the goals identified in the master plan.

Development of the revised master plan will include consideration of:

Regional and ecosystem needs

Public interests and desires

The Norfork Lake Master Plan Update main objectives are:

- Conserve the resources of the lake within the current policies and guidelines of the Corps of Engineers
- Accommodate current and projected use patterns with maximum efficiency
- · Identify and protect cultural and natural resources
- Attract maximum participation by the general public and local government

For More Information Visit Our Website at: https://go.usa.gov/x7bXW



Why Update the Norfork Lake Master Plan?

The current Norfork Lake Master Plan was developed more than 30 years ago and is outdated. The master plan 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.

Lands may be classified into one of these categories:

- · Project Operations: lands required for the dam, spillway, offices, and other areas used solely for the operation of the reservoir.
- High Density Recreation: lands acquired and designated for use as parks or other areas for intensive recreational activities by the visiting public. Shoreline Use permits should not be allowed in these areas.
- Environmentally Sensitive Areas: lands designated for areas where scientific, ecological, cultural, or aesthetic features have been identified. These areas
 are managed to protect environmental resources.
- Multiple Resource Management Lands: This classification allows for the designation of a predominant use with the understanding that other compatible
 uses may also occur on these lands; these additional uses may include:
 - Low Density Recreation: lands classified for use for activities such as hiking trails, primitive camping, limited lake access points, and other similar
 activities by the visiting public. Shoreline Use Permits may be permitted in these areas in accordance with the shoreline management plan.
 - Wildlife Management: lands allocated as habitat for fish and wildlife and are generally open for hunting and fishing.
 - Future/Inactive Recreation Areas: Lands intended for recreation, but which were never developed or have been closed.
 - Vegetative Management: Lands designated for stewardship of forest, prairie, and other native vegetative cover.

Water Surface: For those projects that administer a surface water zoning program, this will be included in the Master plan revision process.

- Restricted: Water areas restricted for project operations, safety, and security purposes.
- Designated No-Wake: To protect environmentally sensitive shoreline areas, recreational water access areas from disturbance, and for public safety.
- Fish and Wildlife Sanctuary: Annual or seasonal restrictions on areas to protect fish and wildlife species during periods of migrations, resting, feeding, nesting, and/or spawning.
- Open Recreation: Those waters available for year-round or seasonal water-based recreational use.

These land and water classifications are established in the master plan and will guide future updates to the operation management plan and shoreline management plan, which implements the master plan.



Norfork Lake Master Plan Revision and Environmental Assessment



Please use this form to provide comments and suggestions about how you would like to see the Norfork Lake Master Plan revised; or provide comments on the issues that should be studied before a decision is made on Master Plan revisions. Feel free to take an extra form to provide to friends or neighbors and send the forms back, before December 31, 2020, to USACE at the addresses below.

(Optional Information) Name/Organization : Address:

E-mail:

Phone:

How would you like to see Norfork Lake in 20 years? What changes, if any, would you like to see at the lake?

What about Norfork Lake is most and least important to you?____

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

Comments may be submitted via mail, email, or fax with attention to: Norfork Lake MP Planner, Natural Resources Management Section, USACE, Little Rock District, P.O. Box 867, Little Rock, AR 72203.

Fax: (501) 324-6230, Email: CESWL-NorforkLakeMPUpdate@usace.army.mil

Website: https://go.usa.gov/x7b9H

Written comments must be postmarked, e-mailed, faxed, or otherwise submitted by December 31, 2020. PRIVACY ACT STATEMENT INSTRUCTIONS

AUTHORITY: ER 1130-2-406, and the laws and regulations referenced therein.

PRINCIPAL PURPOSE(5): 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(5): Information you provide will be evailable 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 commenters.

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Norfork Lake MP Planner Natural Resources Management Section Little Rock District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers P.O. Box 867 Little Rock, AR 72203

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Appendix F Public Scoping Comments From: noreply@dma.mil CESWL-NorforkLakeMPUpdate To: Subject: Public Comment Submission for Norfork Lake SMP / MP Date: Friday, December 4, 2020 9:59:30 AM

Name / Organization:

Address:

E-Mail:

Privacy Act of 1974, 5 U.S.C. § 552a

Phone: How would you like to see Norfork Lake in 20 years? What changes, if Improve boat ramps and parking due to high lake levels. any, would you like to see at the lake: What about Norfork Lake is most and least most fishing, least is power boats. important to you:

Additional Comments on The trend of very high lake levels for the past 5 years. Can the Master Plan Revision ampground and boat accesses be improved so they are not closed most of the year.

should be studied:

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Date:	Thursday, December 17, 2020 4:46:38 PM

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How would you like to see Norfork Lake in 20 years? What changes, if any, would you like to see at the lake:	We simply would love to have access to our dock regardless of lake level. I understand the need for flood control. However the newport gauge seems to be an outdated model to control Norfork Lake's level. I am not against more development, within reason, around the lake. Allowing on-lake floating cabins at limited marinas (I have seen this in TN and NC) would help with marina with revenue and sustainability. We love our marinas, anything to help them thrive is a positive for the lake.
What about Norfork Lake is most and least important to you:	Access to personal docks regardless of lake level.
Additional Comments on the Master Plan Revision or about issues that should be studied:	
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	"How would you like to see Norfolk Lade in 20 years?"
How would you like to see Norfork Lake in 20 years? What changes, if any, would you like to see at the lake:	Need to see significant reduction in lake level volatility in order to maintain use of the lake for recreational purposes. In recent years, extremely high lake levels have contributed to major lake shore erosion and extended periods (months) of inaccessibility to my personal dock, not to mention the multiple hazards associated with flooded recreational facilities, major floating debris/pollutants and general inaccessibility for the public; all of which significantly impact the local economy.
What about Norfork	"What about Norfolk Lake is most important?"
Lake is most and least important to you:	Maintaining it's pristine quality and accessibility. Avoiding prolonged periods of high water levels and the associated above mentioned concerns.
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How would you like to see Norfork Lake in 20 years? What changes, if any, would you like to see at the lake:

What about Norfork Lake is most and least important to you:

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

Privacy Act of 1974, 5 U.S.C. § 552a

I have enjoyed the pristine beauty of the Norfork Lake area for around 60 years. As a visitor and now resident I have seen many improvements and some things that I find concerning. With the influx of these large powerful wave board boats using the smaller coves and long narrow inlets. I am seeing shoreline erosion that will continue to worsen if not corrected somehow. I fear that left uncontrolled this could lead to degradation beyond repair. Establishing more no wake zones like were set up on table rock could be helpful here. I realize waves from boats is inevitable but using common sense and maybe boater education are also options but enforcement of no wake zones may also be an option. A typical busy weekend will render the buzzard roost and panther creek areas silted with banks eroded to the point that trees are falling in. I have seen this in other area over the lake. These large waves in smaller areas also create a danger to other vessels with the waves not having enough area to dissipate.

The conservation of this pristine lake is most important to me and my family. I do however realize that these yearly heavy rainfalls we have had have been very hard to manage and I also am very aware that the lake is doing exactly what is was built for, flood control. With that said I wonder if anything can be done to prepare for these events such as lower winter spring drawdowns to allow for more storage space.

I was very happy to see the Corp cooperation with the Arkansas game and fish allowing them to use resources on the shoreline to replenish the fish attraction sites this year and I am hopeful this continues in the future. My hopes are that looking into erosion caused by uneducated boaters and the damage they leave behind will help elevate tons of silt being left over from a busy weekend . Thank you for allowing me to have be part of this conversation.

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How would you like to see Norfork Lake in 20 years? What changes, if any, would you like to see at the lake:

What about Norfork Lake is most and least important to you:

Additional Comments on the Master Plan Revision or about issues that should be studied: Privacy Act of 1974, 5 U.S.C. § 552a

I have been a resident of the Cranfield Area for 45 years. The high water has become a reoccurring issue reaching well into the end of summer. In the past few years we have seen shift in the way the flooded areas are utilized. It seems now that when the swim areas and the boat launches are flooded that the area exposed by default becomes a boat launch and the swimmers are banished from the area. This makes for a class system in our lakes. If you have a boat you are given priority over the swimmers. Be it for their safety this is understood however in the MH area there are no swim areas close to MH (Short of muddy pigeon creek) that swimmers are allowed to exercise. It would only seem proper that one or more of the flooded roads be designated for swimmers. Currently if you have a boat you are given preferential accessibility to the lake while swimmers, often lower on the economic scale and possibly without reliable transportation are banished. This does not seem appropriate. Why not designate Cranfield to be swimming (as there is no parking during high water for trailers) and the others for launching? It would only seem proper to accommodate those that live here all year and probably exercise more control and pick up the trash around the lake more than the weekend warriors. The resorts are a thing of the past, there is no down side to this plan economically. Panther bay certainly has more parking during high water for the boats. Thank you for your consideration.

What is the water treatment plant along side Cranfield dumping back into the lake? When I boat in this area it appears to be algae blooms that are concentrated along the creek coming down from the water treatment plant mid way back in the cove. The pool of water above it is visible via google earth. Can this not be handled in a proper fashion? Should I submit photos? I have to wash the hull of my boat during the summer if I go back into this area.

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 Public Comment Submission for Norfork Lake SMP / MP

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 Wednesday, November 18, 2020 8:58:00 PM

Name / Organization:

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How would you like to see Norfork Lake in 20 years? What changes, if any, would you like to see at the lake:

What about Norfork Lake is most and least important to you:

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

Privacy Act of 1974, 5 U.S.C. § 552a

Would like to see updated campgrounds. The floods the past years has destroyed a lot of them . It would be nice if there was a way to build some restaurants near the lake you could put up to in your boat .

The most important is a clean beautiful lake to enjoy. I also enjoy camping around the lake .

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	Currently the lake floods most Corp parks throughout the year causing many issues for businesses that rely on tourism and surrounding area utilization support.
	Locals are deprived of proper fishing, boat launches and recreational activities.
How would you like to see Norfork Lake in 20 years? What changes, if any, would you like to	I realize it's complicated and there's numerous considerations in additional ie downstream areas relating to water levels etc.
see at the lake:	I would like to see lake levels dropped in dry seasons so they will not become extraordinarily high most of the year flooding most boat launches, swim areas, day use areas, campgrounds and connecting water ways like the large creeks bordering properties!
	Greatest issue is what appears to be a lack of balanced lake levels and seldom is ever are reasonable but extreme.
	Balanced water levels within an except able range below and above the base level of the lake.
	This is the greatest complaint in the area as it touches most of the local concerns relating to economy, tourism, recreational
What about Norfork Lake is most and least important to you:	activities from fishing to camping and even the effects of local properties surrounding lake tributaries which render even private land unusable and undependable for use for over a year at a time due to extremely high lake levels.
	Your consideration and assistance is greatly appreciated!
	JGB
Additional Comments on the Master Plan Revision or about issues that should be studied:	

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 From:
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 To:
 CESWL-NorforkLakeMPUpdate

 Subject:
 Public Comment Submission for Norfork Lake SMP / MP

 Date:
 Wednesday, December 30, 2020 6:06:58 PM

Name / Organization:

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How would you like to see Norfork Lake in 20 years? What changes, if any, would you like to see at the lake:

What about Norfork Lake is most and least important to you:

Privacy Act of 1974, 5 U.S.C. § 552a

This is important to me... Thanks

I am not sure how to do this, but here it goes... I live on the lake and own a home here. I was born here, and I'm now retired here. I absolutely love it here. I have roots on this lake. My father was on the crew that built the Hwy 62 bridge that is under water, that is so famous with the divers. My family name is one the original founders of this area and the original name of Mountain Home, Privacy Act of 1974, 5 U.S.C. § 552a

Now I only said that so maybe you could listen to me a little. Not that I have any importance at all, but what I would like to see is a few community docks for us - meaning residents and owners who live here all the time. I feel like we deserve to have that, even more so than just visitors or people who just vacation here. And there needs to be a good bit, maybe a big one near a community that have permanent residence, and some smaller ones near residence that live away from town. I cannot afford the marina dock fees, and a lot of them are already full. The ones that do have space are too far from me. So please, at least look at where I live on the water and see if this could be something you would consider. I know of quite a few residents just on my road that would love to have a 'community dock' we could all share that is not too far from us. My road is Country Road 806 Gamaliel. For our area, the cove at the end of CR807 would be ideal for a community dock. Or somewhere in the Seward Point area. These are just a couple of suggestions that would be hidden in a cove and not detract from the lake's appeal.

Also, we enjoy David's Trail near us, but it seems to only be maintained once a year. I understand that it is maintained by another group of volunteers, and we truly appreciate their hard work. I only mention it here because it is on COE land, so I don't know what involvement there would be. We would love to enjoy the trail more, but the section of trail near us just becomes unpassable during the spring and summer months. Thank you for your consideration in these matters and thank you for the work you do in maintaining Lake Norfork!

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

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North Arkansas Fly Fishers

PO Box 1213 Mountain Home, Arkansas 72654

December 14, 2020

To Whom it May Concern

RE: USACE Norfork Lake Master Plan

Not entirely related to the Norfork Lake, but still of major concern for management of the Norfork System under USACE.

The Norfork River is well known for its excellent trout fishery, attracting visitors to the area from across the country and abroad. But because it is a tailwater, the water on the river can rise suddenly, trapping wading anglers in the stream. While there is an audible horn at the dam warning anglers of an imminent water release, this warning cannot be heard downstream.

On behalf of the members of North Arkansas Fly Fishers, the Board of Directors requests that the Corp of Engineers, while reviewing the Master Plan for the Norfork Lake Master Plan, consider adding additional horns downstream (perhaps half-way downstream and near the Ackerman access) for the safety of the anglers on the river.

Additionally, it would be ideal to have an alert system via cell phones to notify anglers when the Southwest Power Authority actively adjusts generation or water releases. Such a system could be used to improve safety on all the fishable tailwaters. Anglers could subscribe to the service and keep their phones with them while on the river to monitor flow changes and stay safe.

Thank you for your attention to our concerns.

North Arkansas Fly Fishers

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cc: Senator John Boozman Representative Rick Crawford

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To:	CESWL-NorforkLakeMPUpdate
Subject:	Public Comment Submission for Norfork Lake SMP / MP
Date:	Friday, December 11, 2020 9:55:39 PM

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Address:	Privacy Act of 1974, 5 U.S.C. § 552a
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How would you like to see Norfork Lake in 20 years? What changes, if any, would you like to see at the lake:	A more consistent lake levels during the spring and summer seasons .
What about Norfork Lake is most and least important to you:	Most important is the fish stocking programs and the recreation side of the lake
Additional Comments on the Master Plan Revision or about issues that should be studied:	

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Name / Organization: Privacy Act of 1974, 5 U.S.C. § 552a Address: E-Mail: Phone: 1. Continue to limit the building on and around the lake. a. Maintaining the Corp land around the lake to preserve the woods and avoid development. b. Don't allow more docks, consider removing permits for docks that are not maintained 2. Understanding that water levels and repeated releases impact How would you like to the entire system, something needs to be done to correct what has see Norfork Lake in 20 become the new normal for water volumes If more water can't be vears? What changes, if released could the engineers make changes in the lake's design to any, would you like to allow more volume retention without creating 20+ foot excess see at the lake: pool levels all summer. The excess pool renders boat ramps, picnic areas, camping, area, etc. unusable. 3. Support the marinas in their upkeep, similar to building leases. The Corp should support upkeep by providing capital investment funds back to marina lease holders for projects that maintain the aesthetics of the lake. Maintain the fisheries, proper stocking and harvesting. What about Norfork 1. The clean waters Lake is most and least 2. The undeveloped surrounding land important to you: 3. The marine ecosystem, maintaining fisheries Additional Comments on 1. Ensure the lake design is still correct for today's needs and the Master Plan Revision water volumes or about issues that 2. Fish volumes and stocking needs should be studied:

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How would you like to see Norfork Lake in 20 years? What changes, if any, would you like to see at the lake:	Protect all the land base from development but install high water boat ramps.
What about Norfork	
Lake is most and least important to you:	Pristine undeveloped shoreline.
Additional Comments on the Master Plan Revision or about issues that should be studied:	

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Date:	Saturday, December 26, 2020 11:21:49 AM

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How would you like to see Norfork Lake in 20 years? What changes, if any, would you like to see at the lake:	Maximum protection of the shore lines and expansion of wildlife management areas with limited to NO development.
What about Norfork Lake is most and least important to you:	Protection of the shore lines and the installation of high water boat ramps.
Additional Comments on the Master Plan Revision or about issues that should be studied:	Limit any discharges into the lake, and not allowing any septic systems close to army corps boundary lines.

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How would you like to see Norfork Lake in 20 years? What changes, if any, would you like to see at the lake:

What about Norfork Lake is most and least important to you:

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I would hope the lake can remain as beautiful as it is now. I first started coming to the lake in 1962 with my parents. I brought my kids up here for vacation in 2000 - 2019. And now I am retired here. Consistency of the lake water quality is very important. As is the shore line and established businesses. The CORPS need to review their water level management plan and processes and begin a more aggressive winter drawdown, and aggressive spring releases. What good does it do to hold back because of the white river gauge then blow open the floodgates on Norfork and Bull Shoals and flood everyone.

Most important is water level and lake usage for recreation and businesses. Least important is re-defining CORPS boundaries using new GPS/GIS datum. This has the potential to impact businesses and properties that have been operating for decades and now find the CORPS saying they are encroaching on land. This needs to be evaluated and addressed.

Additional Comments on I do not believe that the water level management in the winter and the Master Plan Revision spring is adequately addressed to avoid what now is yearly flood or about issues that should be studied: impacts lake use and local businesses.

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How would you like to see Norfork Lake in 20 years? What changes, if any, would you like to see at the lake:	better high water management . don't keep high all summer high
What about Norfork Lake is most and least important to you:	high water management most,
Additional Comments on the Master Plan Revision or about issues that should be studied:	
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Date:	Tuesday, November 17, 2020 4:40:55 PM

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How would you like to see Norfork Lake in 20 years? What changes, if any, would you like to see at the lake: What about Norfork Lake is most and least important to you: Additional Comments on the Master Plan Revision or about issues that should be studied:

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I would like to see Bidwell, Cranfield and Robinson Point campgrounds open from mid March through mid November.

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How would you like to see Norfork Lake in 20 years? What changes, if any, would you like to see at the lake:	I would like to see the lake be more accessible during high water years - more high water parking and launch ramps, beaches. I would like to see restrictions loosened on resorts, and commercial marinas. I would like to see the amount of developable shoreline be at the very least sustained, if not expanded
What about Norfork Lake is most and least important to you:	The most important thing to me is recreation as our local economy largely depends on it. That said, making the lake accessible and attractive. Another important factor is maintaining our fish population and anything that effects that population is well maintained. Also i portant is the availability of WMAs. Least important would be restrictions that keep people feom easily maintaining their private dock/shoreline areas.
	Another factor on our lake is limitations on areas to shoreline fish; limitations foe the local community to have access to the lake. We would love for the opportunity to have only a few (1-3) eateries accessible by water but are satisfied with not having structures built up around the shoreline (we don't want to be a lake of the ozarks

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How would you like to see Norfork Lake in 20 years? What changes, if any, would you like to see at the lake:	All lots on Mallard Point should be allowed to have a boat dock. If there is too much traffic, then cut back on commercial docks.
What about Norfork Lake is most and least	Peace and calm is most important.
important to you:	Bass tournaments, jet-skis, and huge boats are least important.
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the Master Plan Revision or about issues that should be studied:	Encourage more unpowered watercraft, such as sailboats, canoes, and kayaks.

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	I'm commenting not just for myself but for the many people that use the lake by way of the Gamaliel Recreation Area and Fout Boat Dock.
How would you like to see Norfork Lake in 20	The PARKING for the launch area needs to be expanded at regular lake level and desperately needs it during high water which has become very common. The launch road into the lake has hazardous drop-offs under the
years? What changes, if	water that need to be repaired.
any, would you like to see at the lake:	A bathroom that's open year round with a flush toilet has been mentioned by many fishermen.
	There is a growing need for 50 amp service at the campground. The Gamaliel campground needs some updates - it is long overdue. It is one of the only campgrounds that totally stays above water always. Additional campsites would be greatly appreciated.
	We like the fact that the lake is natural and not spoiled by uncontrolled commercial growth and the craziness that goes with it.
What about Norfork Lake is most and least important to you:	Parking for vehicles and trailers is very important.
	The playground and bathroom facilities at Panther Bay that are kept open all year are very much appreciated.
	Hiking trails are very popular with local people and visitors to the lake and campgrounds.
Additional Comments on	
the Master Plan Revision or about issues that should be studied:	The difficulties associated with launching a boat and finding a place to park are causing some people to give up on Norfork Lake. Also, not being able to find a campsite to stay at.
	This in turn means a loss of revenue to businesses in the area of Norfork Lake and a loss of tax revenue.

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 Public Comment Submission for Norfork Lake SMP / MP

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How would you like to see Norfork Lake in 20 years? What changes, if any, would you like to see at the lake:

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First, I'd like to see 2 or 3 high water launching areas with adequate parking distributed over the lake. A prime area is the camping area at Panther Bay, under the Hwy, 62 east bridge. If the COE cannot control the lake levels, and Norfork Lake continues to flood every spring, then adequate launching and boat trailer parking is a must. Second, open up more campgrounds for winter camping. Our winters are mild compared to other areas up north, and the area could benefit from a little more tourism. With all of the flooding in recent years, the COE has not enforced its Day Use Fee, due to limited access to recreational areas. It's time to drop this fee altogether. When the fee was being collected, I saw no major improvements in this area. Where did the money go? Parks were shut down, such as Jordan, Pigeon Creek, Red Bank, and others. Why pay money if it is public property and government-owned, and I pay taxes to the government for such things? People are tired of being nickeled and dimed and there's not much to show for it. And last, allow camping on the shoreline all over the lake. It would be nice to take a canoe or kayak trip and stop and camp in a spot away from crowds. If a permit needs to be issued for someone to camp away from Corps parks, then issue them as needed. It's a shame to have all this area to enjoy, but we have to be inundated with countless regulations for public property.

What about Norfork Lake is most and least important to you: Additional Comments on the Master Plan Revision or about issues that should be studied:

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How would you like to see Norfork Lake in 20 years? What changes, if any, would you like to see at the lake:

What about Norfork Lake is most and least important to you:

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Ideally, the lake itself would be essentially unchanged in 20 years. Please reopen the campgrounds and campsites that have been closed in recent years. Also, please look at the seasons most of the campgrounds are open. They do not open until late and most of them have closed earlier than scheduled for the last few seasons if they are even open at all. The few that are open have a greatly reduced number of campsites due to the high lake levels and are extremely busy and booked weeks in advance. Then, when the lake levels finally decrease, there is a huge amount of repair work to be done each year that takes additional time and money to repair. This seems like a huge waste of taxpayer dollars. The lake levels have been so high over the last several years that it is nearly impossible to find a campsite. Please make these facilities available for all of us to use again.

There is not enough parking at the limited amount of boat ramps if they are even usable due to the high water levels. Parking lots are covered with water and if you are lucky enough to find a place that you can put your boat in, wait in the long line for your turn, then you still have to park 1/4 -1/2 mile or more away. This makes for dangerous conditions along the roadways as most people just park anywhere they can find a spot, most of the time, not even getting all the way off the roads.

Please do not continue to allow private docks and commercialize our lake like the Lake of the Ozarks. Please patrol these lakes more as they are now becoming increasingly overcrowded and dangerous - especially on the holiday weekends. This Labor Day weekend we witnessed several near-collisions on the water as well as multiple boaters who let their children out of the boats in the main channel waterways and then left them at least 100 feet away in the middle of the lake while boats were speeding past them in every direction, barely seeing the swimmers in the middle of the lakes. I honestly don't know how someone wasn't killed in these situations.

Please look at limits for the amount of time that people can stay in a campground. It is becoming very common for people to live in our campgrounds and just switch a spot or find a friend to switch a spot with every 14 days. This does not give other people a chance to reserve or even find a "first come, first served" campsite.
 My husband and I are fortunate to have lived in this area our entire lives. We have 3 children and we LOVE to spend time camping and boating on our beautiful lakes and campgrounds with our friends and family. Please take these suggestions into consideration. While we do understand the importance of tourism to our area, please understand that there are thousands of us living here in the same area who have been very limited on what we are able to do now due to the fluctuating lake levels and constant closures of campgrounds and accesses.

Thank you, Stacie Coy

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How would you like to see Norfork Lake in 20 years? What changes, if any, would you like to see at the lake:	More hiking trails. Open more parks, some are closed and would like to camp and hike on new area.
What about Norfork	
Lake is most and least important to you:	Most important is keeping water clean and clear.
Additional Comments on the Master Plan Revision or about issues that should be studied:	

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How would you like to see Norfork Lake in 20 years? What changes, if any, would you like to see at the lake:

What about Norfork Lake is most and least important to you:

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I would like to see Norfork Lake maintained not just for flood control and power generation, but as the recreational area it has become in the last 20 years. The Lake level needs to be more static and less volatile. Since 1998, the lake has risen to and above 580 msl multiple times. This has created an environment in the lake that is unsafe for boating with incredible debris fields from shoreline erosion. The debris is not just organic material but also man made pollutants such as walls, refrigerators, insulation, water

heaters and more. Privacy Act of 1974. 5 U.S.C. § 552a Furthermore, many state campgrounds are underwater and no camping is available when the lake floods. Fishing is heavily restricted due to the inaccessibility of boat ramps. This has a tremendous negative impact on the local economy due to the loss of tourism that comes from recreational use. Many marinas have flooded parking areas and boat launches due to high water which results in significant losses in revenues for the owners. Lake Norfork is usually a pristine lake with inflows from springs flowing into the Norfork River. In recent years the clarity and quality of the water has been significantly compromised by flooding.

The current water management plan that allows the lake level to rise to and above 580 msl is the most impactful issue for the

Privacy Act of 1974, 5 U.S.C. § 552a Privacy Act of 1974, 5 U.S.C. § 552a t. Those of us that built or were told that the lake level

would never exceed 380 msl. we found out in 2008 that the lake could rise above 580 msl if the Corp decided to go into "Surcharge Plan". No one knew about this part of the plan as it was never used prior to 2008. It exceeded that level in 2008, 2011 and 2017, damaging multiple properties on Mallard Point. This year it rose to 579.83 msl in June, and stayed above 579 msl for nearly a month. While we expect some high water years, it is happening more often and the high levels stay throughout the summer. The water management plan needs to be revised as a result of the climate change that we seem to be experiencing.

The hydrologists in Little Rock should be allowed more discretion in managing the discharge of water from the lake. They are tied to a rigid plan that in my opinion is obsolete for the climate we are currently experiencing. The Newport gauge, which determines Additional Comments on the Master Plan Revision or about issues that should be studied: when and how much water is discharged, is regulated to provide farmers with more land to plant downstream. In 1998 the regulating stage in the spring went from 16 feet to 14 and then 12 feet. This is too low for our dam to hold back the water from the spring rainfall. I recommend that it be no lower than 16 feet and probably higher than that considering the weather these days. Additionally, the power management needs to be in the hands of the Corps and not the power companies, as their interests are certainly different from those of our community.

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How would you like to see Norfork Lake in 20 years? What changes, if any, would you like to see at the lake:

What about Norfork Lake is most and least important to you:

or about issues that should be studied:

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I would like to see another boat ramp in the Hand Cove area. Difficult to gain access to lake in this area. Also interested in the Newton Landing Park designated as high use area on the lake. What are the plans for this area?

Thanks for your time.

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Most: Clear Water and Access Least Lake level

There are erosion issues on several roads that lead to boat docks Additional Comments on all around the lake. Would it be prudent to work with the County the Master Plan Revision to improve these roads, so there is less sediment flow into the lake? Proper parking locations near boat docks on Corp land would be beneficial to overall water quality. Proper water detention areas, etc. could be employed.

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How would you like to see Norfork Lake in 20 years? What changes, if any, would you like to see at the lake?

What about Norfork Lake is most and least important to you?

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I've been frequenting Lake Norfork since the late 1980's. There has obviously been new management for the past 10 years. I do not understand why the water is being held so much higher above pool now. It was never a problem in the past. This lake is most important for fishing and recreation to me and many others. I fully understand that it was built for a bigger purpose. However, in the past the water levels were maintained better and there was still plenty of water for generating. Has anyone traced the miles of shoreline and determined the long term effect of all the dead trees the high water is killing? Surely, that needs to be listed with all the other negative impacts the high water levels are causing. I sent the letter below back in early April. As usual it gains zero traction or attention. I'm not trying to be difficult or unreasonable. There simply needs to be better management of the current water levels. It worked for years. Why was it changed? Can we as the public view the criteria for the rationale? Lastly, I know many boaters who have damaged their motors, props, hulls, pontoons, etc ... The high water leaves debris above

and below the surface that is extremely dangerous. Over the next 20 years we need to take a look back and then forward on how to manage Lake Norfork. If there are immediate problems with down stream drainage, those need to be addressed rather than ignored.

The letter below I sent back in April. We could not even get to our dock via vehicle until after Labor Day. This is the new and unacceptable normal. It wasn't because of constant flooding. It was because the water levels were kept at extreme high levels. At one point, the water was encroaching the Max Limit!

Elizabeth,

N/A

Thank you for accepting my phone call regarding our boat dock situation. We've had at least one stall on Privacy Act of 1974, 5 U.S.C. § 552a the early 90.'s. During the first 15 years of being a member I can only remember one particular time that we had experienced high water and had to take a boat, just to get to our boat. We know

Additional Comments on the Master Plan Revision or about issues that should be studied	100trds to the backside of Wilderness point/ There ennears to be a
	feasible. We are open to any suggestions and assistance. At this point, our boat dock is truly of no value. We would be better off launching at Henderson each time we go out on the water. This will cause further crowding and congestion at these areas as well. Our families have a lot invested in this private boat dock and from our children to our grand parents, we are missing out on a lot of memories being made. The high water has caused many to not even attempt to go out on the water. Please forward this message to your superiors and let's all try to look for any reasonable solutions. Thanks for your assistance with this matter,
	Privacy Act of 1974, 5 U.S.C. § 552a

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	I would like to see less walking trails on the land we are giving to hunt. I am sick of going hunting and people just start walking around on these trails with no respect of the hunters. I also don't think more trails are needed! There are plenty of places for people to go walk in the 20-40 degree temps besides the middle of the land during deer/turkey season.
How would you like to see Norfork Lake in 20 years? What changes, if any, would you like to see at the lake:	The other is we have to have some high water ramps one on bull shoals and the other on norfork! Mid lake area on norfork would be a great place to have one! I have lived here my whole life and it's pretty sad that we cant have a good place to launch a boat in high water and have places to park. We lose so much money throughout the year because we have no place to park or launch off of a good ramp. I am an avid bass fisherman and fish a lot of tournaments and it gets old having no place to launch a boat with 30 ft of water held back. We need parking and high water ramps on our lakes! We would have so much more income coming into our community if we had these! Thank you
What about Norfork Lake is most and least important to you:	It's all important to me!
Additional Comments on the Master Plan Revision or about issues that should be studied:	

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How would you like to see Norfork Lake in 20 years? What changes, if any, would you like to see at the lake:	Need more parking at Fouts. Oly have one lane of traffic to get boats up the road.
What about Norfork Lake is most and least important to you:	The fishing and good water
Additional Comments on the Master Plan Revision or about issues that should be studied:	Parking at the boat raps

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How would you like to see Norfork Lake in 20 years? What changes, if any, would you like to see at the lake:	I would like to see the the roads that lead to core properties be reopened so hunters can make to core properties without the land owners calling the law or game wardens or new roads made to access the core properties!!!
What about Norfork Lake is most and least important to you:	The fishin & how clear the lake is!!!
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How would you like to see Norfork Lake in 20 years? What changes, if any, would you like to see at the lake:

What about Norfork Lake is most and least important to you:

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As an elderly fisherman I would like to see handicapped parking areas. Not a single one can I find at any ramp. High use areas such as Buzzard Roost and Panther Bay have no rest room facilities. There is a portable jon at Panther but nothing at Buzzard. Why can't Henderson be opened up? I know its under water most of the year but when its not its still closed. It should be managed better as a flood area so it is not destroyed every year.

Close to my living situation.

Flood issues and the damage it causes They hold the water to minimize down stream flooding but what it floods at the lake should also be considered.

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Date:	Monday, December 28, 2020 10:39:06 PM

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How would you like to see Norfork Lake in 20 years? What changes, if any, would you like to see at the lake:	Stop letting it flood every spring!! Maintain level under the extreme!
What about Norfork	
Lake is most and least important to you:	Water level. Most important
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How would you like to see Norfork Lake in 20 years? What changes, if any, would you like to see at the lake:	Have all Corp campsites open year round for camping, if you open them they WILL come. Open back up the parks that have been closed.
What about Norfork Lake is most and least important to you:	Most important is to have courtesy docks at EVERY Corp launch ramp.
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How would you like to see Norfork Lake in 20 years? What changes, if any, would you like to see at the lake:	Too many floods! Keep the lake level lower! Outlaw trolling for Stripers! Stripers are almost gone!!
What about Norfork Lake is most and least important to you:	Lake levels and fishing
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How would you like to see Norfork Lake in 20 years? What changes, if any, would you like to see at the lake:	Biger parking lot at all boat ramps high enough to be above high water level.
What about Norfork Lake is most and least important to you:	Fishing and boating.
	Why you spend big money on one park that has been under water all summer. Why you abandon parks that people use a lot. If water level is going to be managed as the last few years we need parking and boat ramps we can use .

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Sent: Tuesday, December 29, 2020 1:29 PM To: CESWL-MH SWL <<u>MH.CESWL-MH@usace.army.mil</u>> Subject: [Non-DoD Source]

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We would like to keep Norfork Lake commercial free- no restaurants, casinos, bars, pubs, -- free and truly family friendly. We also would like more interest and updates in campgrounds as more and more families are enjoying camping-- also no closure of current acesses -- it is public property and as such should be accessible to all to enjoy!!-- update Udall in <u>mo.to</u> usable campground with water and electricity-- & a decent shower house -- it is needed on that end of the lake--- keep all boat launches and provide more parking-- leave Calamity Beach as is -- flooding is an yearly occurence so no need to upgrade there.& most people like the quite remoteness of it when it is usable for swimming or fishing --, please no commercialism of the lake such as has occurred at Lake of the

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There needs to be better management of the Rivers and Lake system.

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What about Norfork Lake is most and least important to you:

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

I'm not going to pretend how to do your job but there has to be some better way. Maybe draining more thru the gates during the winter so therefore come spring showers/tornado seasons etc the water level has more room to expand? Or if for some reason having the rivers higher during winter isnt a solution than maybe start opening sooner than wait until its too late at the levels are so ridiculously high the fishing is crap for the season, cant swim dilue to E Coli, closed beaches, and unsafe conditions. This really hurts our tourist season. I'm sure having too many more years like the recent Bass Pro wont continue to do the fishing tournament here either. Ive lived here my entire life and the last 10 years have been awful for our "lake season". My kids havent gotten to experience the lakes like I knew it because its always closed due to the levels every year We live in an area by the lakes in expectation of actually using it. Cant swim because it isnt safe, no good fishing because your lure is caught in all the trees and poles under water, cant take the boat out either because there's a good chance you'll hit a watered log and mess your boat up. The whole situation is sad. I ultimately hope something can be fixed and water levels will be handled better so the people of Baxter County and actually enjoy the lakes like we use too.

I do not think residents of BxCo should have to pay full prices at swim beaches. Honestly I pay taxes here, I shouldnt have to pay to sit there or. To watch my kids swim. Residents should recieve FREE or reduced day/ year fees. I live 2 min from Cranfield but yet drive 45 min to a different part of the same lake to avoid the fee.

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How would you like to see Norfork Lake in 20 years? What changes, if any, would you like to see at the lake:	It is obvious that the corp parks and access areas were not set up or designed for the water levels that are "normal" it seems now. I would like to see a restructuring of parks and access to match the high water levels. I have a private dock that has not been accessible in the summer for four years straight. Parking and roads on corp land need to be changed. This actually will preserve the beauty and environment of the lake and surrounding habitat. This would also make it much easier for recreational use and fishing.
What about Norfork Lake is most and least important to you:	Accessibility is the most important. Safe parking areas and a clean lake. least important is debating about what the lakes are intended for, when we should be looking for solutions not finger pointing. All aspects of the lakes are important!
Additional Comments on the Master Plan Revision or about issues that should be studied:	Most of the issues are common sense issues Of course funding is

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What about Norfork Lake is most and least important to you:

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

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I would like to see the continued development of multi-use trail systems along and through USACE lands. Expenses could be offset via public/private partnerships with local organizations (Master Naturalists, Ozark Highlands Trail Association, etc) These trails could bring a different type of tourism in conjunction with already present industries, that could prove to the beneficial to the surrounding areas.

Most important is the upkeep and cleanliness of the lake, shoreline, and public use areas. One consistent comment that is heard when talking to tourists is how clean this lake is, and I believe that is one thing that keeps bringing people back.

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How would you like to see Norfork Lake in 20 years? What changes, if any, would you like to see at the lake:	I would like to see Lake Norfork protected from outside/commercial development. Its beauty is in its most natural stateundeveloped As water becomes more valuable, I would also like to see legislation that would protect its waters from being taken by out- of-state interests.
What about Norfork Lake is most and least important to you:	I know its main importance is to manage floodwaters for down- state agricultural reasons. That should remain #1. It is the main water source for the city of Mountain Home. That is super important to residents as to quality and availability. We love recreational boating on the lake.
	We have many friends who are interested in the ongoing maintenance and further development of David's Trail. Development of non-invasive projects like that will bring more tourism to the lake.

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What about Norfork Lake is most and least important to you: Additional Comments on

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I would like to see the lake level management changed. I understand that the lake is for flood control, but when there is no chance of down stream flooding the lake should be lowered to help accommodate a big rise in water. The high water floods in the summer months are very detrimental to the economy of the area. Resorts, marinas, restaurants and in general all businesses in the Mountain Home area are negatively affected. In addition to the economic impact the high water in the hot summer months negatively impacts the striped bass and hybrid bass population in the lake. High water during the hot months, depletes the oxygen levels in the lake and the striped bass die. This die off of striped bass also affects the economy as fishermen wanting to fish for striped bass do not come. Tourism is hurt.

Tourism is the most important aspect by Norfork Lake.

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How would you like to see Norfork Lake in 20 years? What changes, if any, would you like to see at the lake:

What about Norfork Lake is most and least important to you:

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

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Hi. A warning siren or phone notification for flow rate increases is absolutely necessary. The published schedule is insufficient since it frequently not accurate. Wade fishermen are in danger of being swept away daily. My wife and I have been caught on the wrong side of the river and its a long walk around, but better than risking a dangerous crossing. Thank you.

It's great. Keep maintaining good access points with clean bathrooms.

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How would you like to see Norfork Lake in 20 years? What changes, if any, would you like to see at the lake:	We need boat ramps and parking lots that are accessible during high water, new normal, periods. Move improved camping areas up and out of the areas affected by high water. Make the rules for placing fish habitat much less restrictive. Allow primitive camping all around the lake. Keep the large very fast boats off the lake. I haven't experienced it but I've heard that they are a safety hazard on many lakes.
What about Norfork Lake is most and least important to you:	I really like that the shoreline isn't full of houses.
Additional Comments on the Master Plan Revision or about issues that should be studied:	

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How would you like to see Norfork Lake in 20 years? What changes, if any, would you like to see at the lake: What about Norfork

Lake is most and least

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Wake boats are getting bigger and bigger every year. Very dangerous while on docks. Would like to see more parking at boat launches.

Most important is the habit of the lake. We have a very clean lake.

important to you:

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How would you like to see Norfork Lake in 20 years? What changes, if any, would you like to see at the lake: What about Norfork Lake is most and least important to you: Additional Comments on the Master Plan Revision or about issues that

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More Wheelchair accessible fishing spots and hiking trails. A must have "Jordan Campground Shower House.

Clean water.

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How would you like to see Norfork Lake in 20 years? What changes, if any, would you like to see at the lake:

What about Norfork Lake is most and least important to you:

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As a retired family member enjoying my remaining years on this lake, I am concerned about the future of the lake... When I first started coming to the lake in 1972, my historical pictures indicate a very clean and stable lake. Water skiing, scuba diving, fishing and simply enjoying the beauty of the Ozarks... Slow rides on the ferries that ran between Gamaliel and Henderson to the city of Mountain Home were to be enjoyed! Sure, you sometimes got behind a gas truck which necessitated a 15-minute wait or so, but there was always something to do while you waited; visit with locals, visit with out of towners, or simply rest and enjoy the leisure ride...

And, as time passed, the marina owners were starting to complain about the water level being so inconsistent. Travelers from far away did not particularly like not being able to camp near the water's edge or the ability to launch from your favorite campgrounds because the water was over 20 feet high!

There were many people who traveled miles to enjoy the lake only to find access to some of the campgrounds were closed due to high water...

Further, the stability of marina owners became suspect as campers cancelled their reservations because of the lack of lake access... Boat sales and repairs began to dry up and disappear. Only the strong survived... And I see this situation only getting worse. Per my notes above, the lake has lost some of its cleanliness, the water clarity has diminished, and marina owners have reduced some of their options for out of towners due to the inability to properly plan for summer activities. What is important to me is stability. Post the level of the lake for all to see. Ensure that the level of the lake during the vacation months be maintained so that there will be a consistency that can be planned on.

As for the power generation, many small dams have realized that power can be purchased much cheaper (and more reliable) than hydropower plants...

The purpose of the dam was to help manage flood control. This has been modified for the betterment of the farmers downstream. We ALL live downstream! Open up those dams and flood the fields that are there to eliminate a flooding condition downstream. But do not punish the people who love this lake with the constant changing of the water level ... Baxter County has many options for retirees who want to live in the Ozarks... Unfortunately, due to the poor management of the lake, some people who would have moved here have changed their mind ... There is a beautiful entertainment center just south of Mountain Home that catered to the young and old alike. It is now closed due to a lack of patronage... There was a driving range just east of Mountain Home that has been bulldozered and is now an empty lot, due to a lack of business ... The mall around Walmart is waiting for new businesses to move in, but I don't see that Additional Comments on happening without more people moving into this territory to the Master Plan Revision support the business ... or about issues that should be studied: Mountain Home has one of the best hospitals in the country. Seventeen hundred and 50 employees and approximately 500 volunteers make this one of the safest areas to be in if you are in poor health or elderly. The infrastructure of this area is the strongest you can get for a population of approximately 12.500 people. But if the lake continues to drive people away, it will not exist forever...

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Name / Organization: Privacy Act of 1974, 5 U.S.C. § 552a Address: E-Mail: Phone: I would like to see that the great Camp grounds that you have installed and maintained over the years continue to be maintained and updated as Necessary. Once the Coronavirus has some kind of control, I would like to make sure your policies change back to the way they were prior to the virus as far as camping reservations are Concerned. That being that you have BOTH Reservable and non-reservable sites. This is very important to my wife and myself as I am sure it is important to many others. How would you like to We are retired and love the travel in our camper for long periods see Norfork Lake in 20 of time. We don't like to travel on a schedule but rather roam as vears? What changes, if the mode strikes us. In the past when you had non-reservable sites any, would you like to the only planing we had to do was move to our next camp sight see at the lake: during the middle of the week and we could usually find an open site. With it being reservable only sites we find that if we do find a site we have to be out by the weekend because some one has reserved it for those 2 two days and then it comes open during the work days the following week. By going back to the way it was prior to the virus it is a win / win you will have more campsites full dearing the week and it will allow us retired folks travel and enjoy this country the way we would like to. Thanks for listening and we do love what the Corps of Engineers does for this great country (retired veteran) What about Norfork Lake is most and least important to you: Additional Comments on the Master Plan Revision

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	I'd love to see more campgrounds be developed in general - there aren't enough.
How would you like to see Norfork Lake in 20 years? What changes, if any, would you like to see at the lake:	I'd love for the existing ones to be upgraded to include sewer connections at each site. Not only does that increase the enjoyment while camping (not having to worry about tank size), i would reduce the number of people needing to use the campground's bathrooms and shower houses which is healthier for everyone at the point.
	Camping is the most important!
	I did not camp as a child or young adult, but have started in my 50s and now see how beneficial and nurturing it is. I feel that it's a wonderful way for families to do real family activities and spend real family time together that aren't otherwise an option.
What about Norfork Lake is most and least important to you:	Some families have limited income and this provides a way to escape the normal day to day at home and have a vacation. And for those with plenty of funds to do whatever, camping allows a place to disconnect from this busy world and enjoy simplicity.
	My grandchildren love to go camping with us and hope that it provides as good of memories for them as it does for me to enoy watching them now.
	I would like to see that the flood gates are opened earlier to prevent campground closures for most of the camping season. Many of our reservations have been cancelled over the last few
	years and that's extremely disappointing when you plan 6 months in advance and secure a camp site only to be left with no where to camp when the actual time rolls around.
snouid be studied:	I would like to see that all campsites are reservable. For the working population, it is always feasible to head to the campsite in the middle of the workweek to get the "prime spots".

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Would like to see less traffic on the lake. As for changes, it would be great if the corps could keep the lake level between 551 feet and 559 feet. This would do less damage to the shoreline and make boat docks more manageable. A published set of clear and concise rules concerning the use of public lands and enforcement of the rules to be consistent for everyone. Develop and implement a plan to clean the lake and keep it that way. More No Wake Zones, especially around private docks.

The most important item is to keep the lake clean and help maintain a good habitat for fish and other wildlife. NEVER allow the lake to become like Lake of the Ozarks!

Least important would be the development of more recreation areas designed to bring more and more people to the area.

Put in place a better plan to manage the water level. Holding water in the lake until it reaches 579,9 feet does no good

Additional Comments on whatsoever. The people down stream have already gotten the or about issues that should be studied:

the Master Plan Revision worst and just a little bit more water from Norfork will not make their situation any worse. It is worse for them to hold water until all the other lakes are back normal pool and then release Norfork. This just makes it longer period before they can get back to normal.

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What about Norfork Lake is most and least important to you:

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I would like to keep Norfork Lake from turning into Lake of the Ozarks. The size and speed of boats permitted on the lake has a direct correlation to safety. I'm not sure what rules can be made to help out with this. But what I do know is on this size lake there would is no need for a boat over the length of 30° to go over 50 mph.

Parking at marinas during high water seasons has been horrible. Marina owners should receive a grant to help improve parking.

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Keep Norfork Lake rural & as natural as possible, this is why Norfork lake is very special and is a step above many of the other area lakes which are over developed and commercialized. It is fantastic to take a boat trip out on the lake and feel like you are in the middle of a forest and it has the feel of a wilderness because the core land creates a natural buffer zone and keeps development on private land. Keep Norfork Lake natural & rural as possible.

I'm a property owner with 34 acres adjoining core land at the head of Koso point. It is very important to retain the rural character of the lake. Many of the other area lakes are over commercialized and have too much development which changes their character from a rural lake to an urban lake. Let's keep Norfork lake rural and natural as possible. I'm not opposed to some modest improvement but not at the expense of adjoining property owners. The plan needs to be well thought out and not create a propensity for private property impacts such as trespass, poaching, parking congestion. Let's avoid urbanization of this lake.

I'm a property owner with 34 acres adjoining core land at the head of Koso point. I think any changes to the current plan should ensure no negative impact to adjoining lake property owners. Changes can have unintended consequences such as unintentionally creating an 'Attractive Nuisance' situation where access across private land is incentivized because due to changes it creates a shortcut to access campgrounds, boat launches,

Additional Comments on hunting areas, etc. Any changes to the plan must take into account the Master Plan Revision the access needed and parking requirements to avoid trespassing on private land or parking congestion. Fencing should also be included in plan changes as the core boundaries are not well marked and legal users of core land often stray unknowingly onto private land which creates confrontations.

> I also suggest that larger property owners perhaps 25 acres minimum adjoining lake core land should have preferential opportunity for accessing the lake and receiving modest boat dock permits.

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How would you like to see Norfork Lake in 20 years? What changes, if any, would you like to see at the lake:	I'd like the lake more developed for recreation. Many parks have been closed, there are severe restrictions on dock ownership, there are no restaurant options on the lake to boaters. This could be carefully controlled, just not completely stopped. Raise fees for access to a manages camping area if necessary. The virus this year has redirected families from their phones and iPads toward family trips and the outdoors. Time to redirect taxpayer money to support this change of habit. Flood control is primary, but recreation should not be squashed. Other lakes in Arkansas under Corps control aren't treated as restrictively as Norfork.
What about Norfork Lake is most and least important to you:	Family recreation opportunities rank above flood control to my family. The lake level fluctuations of over 20° each year is devastating to dock owners who are trying to make a living while paying lease fees to the Corps.
Additional Comments on the Master Plan Revision or about issues that should be studied:	The tay revenue that the area around Nortork lake can benefit

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How would you like to see Norfork Lake in 20 years? What changes, if any, would you like to see at the lake:	I know the lake was designed and built for flood control. When the lake is at the higher levels there are very few areas that you can load a boat. And park a trailer. It would be nice if improvements were made to the ramps for high water access and parking. The lake is used a lot more
What about Norfork Lake is most and least important to you:	We use the like for recreation and fishing
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How would you like to see Norfork Lake in 20 years? What changes, if any, would you like to see at the lake:	Access by restaurants or business to Corps property to accommodate a few boat up bars and food services on the lake. Easier access to obtain private boat docks permits is needed. More hiking/biking trails around the lake on Corps property. The high lake levels make lake access to boat docks and boat launches impossible during high water. It also increases erosion. (Better water/flood control is needed) More camp grounds around the lake on Corps property Camping areas on the proposed hiking trails with no utilities (unlike a camp ground) are needed.
What about Norfork Lake is most and least important to you:	
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How would you like to see Norfork Lake in 20 years? What changes, if any, would you like to see at the lake:

What about Norfork Lake is most and least important to you:

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Norfork Lake is a hidden gem and we like it that way! When we first started coming to Lake Norfork the water was so clear that you couldn't tell the difference between it and bottled water when placed side by side. Due to the changes in water levels (i.e. flooding) this is no longer the case. In the spring and early summer we had more debris floating in the lake than ever! We'd like to see it go back to being pristine and a beautiful place to swim! We believe if water would be let out all winter, it would prepare for the spring rains that have caused the flooding we've been experiencing.

As you know, it is next to impossible to get a dock, and making more shoreline use permits available.

As a resident, it would be really nice to be able to boat to a restaurant. This would be great for the tourists as well! Our family has been coming to Lake Norfork for 30+ years. And in all that time, until we bought our house in 2008, we had not experienced the flooding that has occurred since then. We moved here full time in 2016 and since then our lake has been flooding 3 out of 4 years. We bought here because of the lake and socializing on our dock is a big part of our lake experience. Unfortunately, for the last two years we've not been able to walk onto our dock by land until just before Labor Day. This has been frustrating for us, as well as our neighbors, the resort owners and marinas. So, to answer the question succinctly, recreation is the most important thing to us. To be able to swim, fish, boat and get to our docks is what we moved here for.

We realize that lake management has many facets, and selling the water rights to Southwest Power, and the changes to the lake levels for minimum flow are just a part. However, it seems very simple to us...let water out all winter and we won't have the flooding issues in the spring.

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How would you like to see Norfork Lake in 20 years? What changes, if any, would you like to see at the lake:	Continued habitat and conservation efforts for the lake and Corp areas. For the lake to continue to be a place to be enjoyed by families for recreation, fishing and boating. For a more levelized plan of power production that keeps the lake at more normal levels than always extremely high or too low. The only people holding water too long benefits is the power company. It hurts the environment, the wildlife, and the lake lovers.
	Most important-Lake levels remaining more constant.
What about Norfork Lake is most and least important to you:	Other areas of importance-Improvements to camp grounds and boat ramps. Revitalizing areas that the Corp could use to produce money, such as the revitalization of the Wilderness point camp ground and woods point.
	Least important-The power companies profits
Additional Comments on the Master Plan Revision or about issues that should be studied:	People want to camp, enjoy the lake and the outdoors now more

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I would like to see the completion of the Ozark Highland Trail along Lake Norfork along with more trails with signage at trailheads.

Clean water and healthy fish and wildlife is most important to me. Least important are noisy, gas propelled water sports.

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How would you like to see Norfork Lake in 20 years? What changes, if any, would you like to see at the lake:	I've lived here for 36 years, I've seen how the lakes been managed over that time. You've shut down motorized traffic on public land for what reason? Since then our crime has sky rocketed. Theft, drugs, drunks has increased significantly in the past 20 years. But you never shut down boat traffic. Ironic that a few tabs is more harmful to the lake than storing thousands of boats that are leaking petroleum into the water. Into our water table. But myself and many natives are seeing the bigger picture here, it's another opportunity for you to create revenue off citations, and legitimizes your office as even more law enforcement. That's why many of the people I know, including myself make a habit of making your tourists lives as hard as possible while they spend their weekends and holidays trashing our roads and woods and private property. We notice the only time the state brush hogs the sides of the roads, it's usually a major holiday, lord knows you'd hate to disappoint the tourist all while not giving two cents about people that were bom and raised here. I'd like to see the boats off the water and stored at the owners expense at their own storage on land. Or at least open the public land up to off road vehicles. Atvs side by sides, dirt bikes etc.
What about Norfork Lake is most and least important to you:	Cleanliness of the water is most important, the tourism and out of state folks are at the very bottom of consideration for me and many others.
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How would you like to see Norfork Lake in 20 years? What changes, if any, would you like to see at the lake:

What about Norfork Lake is most and least important to you: Additional Comments on the Master Plan Revision

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I would love for the lake to be much improved in 20 years! I know the lake was built for flood control but that was not the only reason it was built, with the other reason being to bring jobs. This year with the continued high lake levels along with Covid have crippled so many businesses in the area. The biggest change we would like to see, of course, would be to regulate the water levels better by taking the lake levels down more during the fall/winter months so when the big spring rains come, there is minimal flooding. If this is not possible, then the Corp needs to change the normal pool to a higher level and redo all of the ramps, parking lots and campgrounds so they can at least be used more during the high floods during the recreational summer months. We have had a boat at Cranfield over 20 years and we never had problems like this years ago. Now it seems to be the norm for the levels to remain high all summer long then returning to normal quickly after the summer season is over. Again, if the lake levels are going to remain high during the summer months, then steps need to be taken to redo all of the ramps, parking lots and campgrounds so they can at least be used or remove them so they won't be the evesores they continue to be during the high water. Cranfield has very little parking during normal lake levels, but almost zero parking during high water and the causeway to the campground seems to stay underwater every summer. Maybe raising the causeway several feet would allow it to be used. Also eliminating the tiny, outdated campground by the marina and turning it into a parking lot would allow more people to have access to their boats. Also, more ramps all over the lake would be very beneficial! Another thing we would like to see happen is for the Corp to clear underbrush and trim trees on Corp property or allow property owners that join the property to restore lake views that would in turn increase property values. It is still a beautiful lake but it seems to be suffering from neglect and is not the beauty it once was. Thank you for listening!

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How would you like to see Norfork Lake in 20 years? What changes, if any, would you like to see at the lake:	I am a volunteer with the Ozark Trail Association, who coordinates construction and maintenance on the Ozark Trail. We have recently Sept 2020) started work constructing the connection between the Ozark Trail and tge Ozark Highland Trail via David's Trail in and around Norfolk Lake. We have been working with James Hodges and Jackson Rhodes who have been working with your organization to approve a trail corridor on the COE lake easement. We want encourage the Core to include the trail corridor in ALL future plans to help insure that the Conbined trail systems can be built and maintained for future generations. By supporting the trail connection, the Core will increase public use of all of the resoyrces provided by Lake Norfolk and increase visists by hikers, backpackers abd day users who will come ftom all over the United States to experience the unique outdoor wonders of the Arkansas and Missouri Ozark Plateau.
What about Norfork Lake is most and least important to you:	The most important function if Norfork Lake is that it anchors so many other recreational and outdoor activities which would not exist otherwise. All of the combined uses provide an economic engine that helps the entire region in both Arkansas and Missouri where there would be nonethus helping raise the economic oportunities that help allready depressed communities that lack a diversity of financial development.
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I would like to see abandoned camp grounds cleaned up and reopened so there is more campsites that we can enjoy.

Most important is maintaining a more stable water level

should be studied:

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More campsites and more access (in designated areas) for off road vehicles. With the increased popularity of camping, more campsites would benefit a lot of people. Also, please consider access to camping during high water times. We have had multiple campsite reservations that we have been notified have been cancelled do to high water. We understand why this happens and that there is not much that can be done with the existing campsites, but This is of course mostly an issue in the spring and early summer but those are very popular times for people to camp. Often times it may not be that the campsites are under water but the roads leading to them are- such as at Cranfield park/campground. If future campgrounds are ever in the plans, maybe they could still be accessible during the times the lake level is high. I would also like to mention that we really, really like the option to reserve any and all of the campsites- I know this came about due to the pandemic but I hope this option stays even after the pandemic. My husband and I both work so once we pack up and head for one of the campgrounds after work, we want to be certain that their is a campsite available before we just drive around, so reservations are a must for us.

Camping is important to us but we are also off road enthusiasts and this is also very important to us but access for off road use is almost non-existent around the lakes. Areas designated for off road vehicles and dirt bikes would be very much appreciated. Most off roaders are respectful of the land and the surroundings and would not destroy areas set aside for such use. We would like consideration for use of our public lands for this sport.

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How would you like to see Norfork Lake in 20 any, would you like to see at the lake:

What about Norfork Lake is most and least important to you:

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

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Such a beautiful lake. We've loved it since buying our cottage in 1971!

years? What changes, if I wish you would allow select trimming of trees so those of us could see the lake from our porches!! Even if you would be the controller of the trimming, it would be nice to have part of our scenic view returned to us!

> Most - the beautiful clean lake - we did some diving and although it's not the ocean, we still enjoyed it.

Least - I don't know.

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The next 20 years: 1. Complete the Ozarks Keystone Trail (OKT) to connect the Ozark Highlands Trail (OHT) in AR and the Ozark Trail (OT) in MO to connect make the key connection in the envisioned 700+ mile Trans-Ozark-Trail (TOT).

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- Establish convenient parking for trail users, to include school buses, at numerous OKT access points between the Dam and Dawt

- Corps install informational and educational signage to direct trail users, maintenance volunteers, students, community members, and visitors to all OKT access points from the Dam to Dawt

- The OKT will be the contiguous trail from Lake Norfork Dam, AR to Dawt Mill, MO "Dam-to-Dawt"

- The OHT will run concurrently with the OKT in AR and the OT will run concurrently with the OKT in MO, much like the BRT/OHT run concurrently along the Buffalo River in AR

- The existing 17-mail "David's Trail" section will remain a segment of the OKT/OHT in AR as already designated in honor of David Floyd

2. Establish designated Back-Country/Dispersed Camp Sites while also allowing camping at non-designated dispersed backcountry sites (sometimes the sunlight runs out before people get to designated sites, especially when there are long distances between sites) for long-distance "Through-Hikers."

- Backcountry camp sites should be free with year-round access 3. Provide updated (digital and downloadable) trail maps on Corps and Recreation gov and other partner sites with lake levels noting which sections of the OKT are underwater at various lake levels and impassable by bushwhacking around the water on Corps land (i.e. where there's no way through during high water without trespassing) - I can help with that--I have a pretty good list.

4. Corps contract to fix bad erosion spots, install culverts and drainage structures where needed, and crossings of steep ravines or high water points that are more than what typical trail construction partners typically purchase or install (to include potential land easements or purchases): - To include places where ArDOT, Baxter County, or Corps roadway water runoff and or other naturally occurring concentrations of water volume and velocity erode the forest into the lake and where culverts and drainage structures would address the erosion

- To include the Corps pursuing an easement or land purchase for easier access through/around constraining terrain or private land choke points (from South to North on the trail route):

-- Drainage/cove Northwest of Quarry Park near Tedder property between Rolling Lane and Shoal Creek Road, need small easement to stay above high water line

 Point East of Shoal Creek Road and creek inlets near Bettenhausen property, need small easement to stay above high water line

 South Shoal Creek crossing near Schmidt property, need small easement to stay above high water line

-- North Shoal Creek crossing near Shultz property, need small easement to stay above high water line

-- Just South of the end of the Belle Cove Road cul-de-sac at the Radcliff property, need small easement to stay above high water line

– Adjacent to Sandstone Circle/Baxter County Road 384 near George/Linderman property and Jones property, need small easement to stay above high water line and steep bluff or use BCR384/Sandstone Circle with small easement to rejoin trail above 580' MSL

- 2 creek crossings at unnamed drainage to the South and Fall Creek to the North near the Chrenko property (elevated hunting stand super-structure) and the Scott property to the West and North, need small easement to stay above high water line

 Southeast corner of the Wolf/Jones property at the end of Slick Rock Road, need a very small easement across their corner to stay above high water line

-- Multiple drainage crossings South of Buzzard Roost Park, AR near County Road 399/Brushy Knob, to include portions of the Finch property, the Kramm property, and the Lewis Property, need small easement to stay above high water line

-- Ravine just North of Three Oaks Resort near County Road 806, Gamaliel, AR; enable routing around the rim/waterfall of the ravine rather than using the "loco ropes" to get up/down the ravine bluffs/cliffs

-- Fix the trail erosion, drainages, grades, routing, and spurs in the Seward WMA, AR to "sustainable" designs

-- Drainage just North of the Red Bank, AR trailhead that typically fills with driftwood, need small easement to stay above high water line

-- In Doc Hollow, MO, just north of the MO-AR state lines, need small easement on the South side of the cove to stay above the high water line

-- In Cane Creek/Provo Hollow, MO, North of the MO-AR state

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-- In Possum Hollow Hollow, MO, just north of the MO-AR state lines, need small easement stay above the high water line and/or above the small bluff/steep slope on the East and North side of the creek inlet/cove for easier walking and trail building and at the mouth of the drainage to stay above the high water line

 Ravine to the Northeast of Udall Campground, MO, need small easement to stay above ravine for easier walking and trail building (probably NOT going to happen due to hostile neighboring land owner...)

 Approval for a high-water bush-whack route on Corps land around Bridges Creek through Hasty Pudding Hollow when the water is over the bridge

-- At the last major "North-South/East-West corner due South of Tecumseh at Corps boundary marker/monument 392A-2/2-1, south of Ozark County Road 551A, need short easement to stay above high water line for easier trail maintenance

-- Between Corps Boundary markers/monuments 396-5A, 396-6, and 396-6A, ensure the trail can cross on Corps land above the high water line without concern from the neighboring land owner, but where the adjacent land has what appears to be a maintained lawn on Corps land

-- Ravine East of the "Forks" confluence of the Norfork River and Bryant Creek in the middle of the major bend of the Norfork River between the "Forks" and Dawt, MO, need short easement to stay above ravine for easier walking and trail building

-- Near Corp Boundary markers/monuments 407-1 and 406-4, need small easement through creek bank and creek bed to stay above high water line and to enable easier trail construction and maintenance

-- Near Corp Boundary markers/monuments 407-1 and 406-4, need small easement through creek bank and creek bed to stay above high water line and to enable easier trail construction and maintenance

 Near Corp Boundary markers/monuments 407-3, need small easement to cross onto Dawt Mill Estates South Road/River Road corner to access the public access/community road that leads to Dawt Mill

5. Obtain National Scenic Trail designation

 A National Scenic Trail is a designation for trails that consist of trails of particular natural beauty. They are among America's most iconic trails, obtain notoriety, and earn Congressional designation.
 6. OKT outdoor trail-based education and enrichment opportunities for K-12.

 Over 1000 students from local School Districts visit the trail annually--we need to expand this use for underserved School Districts near the trail, such as Norfork, AR Gainesville, MO. - Trails near these major access points need to be designed and built such that students can walk/hike side-by-side without encountering overhanging limbs, vines, weeds, and poison ivy while enabling teachers and parent chaperones to supervise, teach and ensure safety while the students walk in side-by-side lines along the trail.

- The traditional single-track trail corridor is too thin for this trail user group.

OKT outdoor recreation opportunities.

- The trail benefits the economy and revenues of local outdoor recreation related industries such as lodging, dining, convenience stores, guide services, transportation/shuttle services, and facilitates small business growth and entrepreneurism to serve this market niche.

 The through-hike trail also enhances sales of backpacking gear at sporting goods stores and local outfitters, such as Aspire, Norfork Adventure Supply, Gearhead, and Pack Rat.

8. OKT health and wellness opportunities:

 Spending time in nature, walking in the forest, wandering along the shoreline, being active, outside, and on the trail are all scientifically proven to improve physical health and mental wellness.

9. Establish a parallel OKT Blue/Water Trail for safe activities with educational and informational signs & buoys that allow boats to peacefully co-exist with other non-motorized lake users.

 Popular Olympic sports, such as open water swimming, paddle boarding, and flat-water kayaking/canoeing are all low-impact, environmentally-sound, and health-and-wellness options to connect people with the lake.

10. Continue to support and expand events that draw large numbers of people to the trail, lake and local area in the offseason (Fall-Spring) that spur business opportunities for local lodging, restaurants, convenience stores, grocery stores, sporting goods, outfitters, guides, etc, to include:

 Corps-sponsored (and partnered with OKTE, NCAMN, OHTA, etc. volunteers) School education visits, like the National Park Service does with Rangers/Interpreters

- Corps-sponsored media events to include national and local elected leaders (U.S. Senators, US Congressmen, AR & MO Governors, US Army Corps of Engineers Commander, Corps local commanders/leaders, other local leaders, and local Partners, especially OKTE, OTA, OHTA, and NCAMN), such as groundbreaking ceremonies (to start each new segment), the AR-MO "Golden Spike" construction start, and ribbon-cutting ceremonies (to officially open each new segment).

- Establish the OKT (and its connection of the OT and OHT to make up the TOT) along Norfork Lake as one of the Corps recreation projects' national "Crown Jewels" and advertise it as such

- David's Trail Endurance Run

	 A potential 100-mile endurance run/ultramarathon from the town of Norfork, MO to Dawt, MO Potential Iron-Man type triathlons and adventure races Potential open water swims
	 Full, free, year-round access and dispersed camping to the OKT Fix terrain choke points, such as severe erosion spots, high water, and steep ravines Install convenient parking for public users and school buses at numerous OKT access points between the Lake Norfork Dam and Dawt Mill. Install dDirectional, informational and educations signage to direct users, students, community members, and visitors to all
Lake is most and least important to you:	OKT access points from the dam to Dawt Mill. 5. Friendly, enduring, and enriching community & school partnerships with the US Army Corps of Engineers and other partners that encourage community and K-12 students to be active, outside, and on the OKT. 6. Local, State, and Federal COE leadership that values and supports the OKT with funding, prioritization of other time & resources, trail maintenance and enhancements, media support, etc., etc.
Additional Comments on the Master Plan Revision or about issues that should be studied:	 Strategies to provide interest and enthusiasm for long-distance through-hikers, section-hikers, trail runners, bikers, etc to hike, bike, paddle & camp along the entire trail, Dam-to-Dawt. Updated (digital and downloadable) trail maps with lake levels noting which sections of the OKT are underwater at what lake levels (when applicable).

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I would love to see Calamity Point designated as a Dark Sky Location. Unpolluted dark skies are becoming very rare in the United States but we still have some of them in North-Central years? What changes, if Arkansas. By designating Calamity Point as a dark sky park and protecting it from wasteful streetlights and "security" lights, the Corps of Engineers could set a model for surrounding property owners to consider following.

What about Norfork Lake is most and least important to you: Additional Comments on the Master Plan Revision or about issues that should be studied:

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Privacy Act of 1974, 5 U.S.C. § 552a
The thru hiking potential of the Ozark Highland Trail (w/ David's Trail) should be a high priority of the recreational development of Lake Norfork. NCAMN has done considerable trail maintenance on the Norfork Trail sections near the dam, however the trailheads are hard to access, and parking, maps and signage are insufficient. Also: our property in Hand Cove is adjacent to the Corp land, but the months of high water seem to be nearly an annual problem for lake recreation. I don't know how this can be managed better with the trout fishing and flood control balance needed. We've observed the lake for nearly 30 years, and high water used to be rare occurancenow it seems most years. The landings become flooded, and this impacts the economic benefit of vacationers to the area. Thank you for considering these comments. Sincerely, Privacy Act of 1974, 5 U.S.C. § 552a

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As we continue to see much higher lake levels, many areas of the lake are inaccessible for much of the time you would want to use them. Entire camp grounds and public use areas are not usable. It is my understanding that this particular plan does not change the way the lake is used as far as holding water. If we cannot change that, I'd like to see trees cleared out along the banks and new facilities/public use areas put in at a higher level. People are still going to go to the lake. A safe, accessible public swim area, adequate parking, and safer boat launching conditions can be achieved if the Corp will allow some shoreline changes. I know historically, the Corp is very much against shoreline changes. However, the overall conditions of the lake have changed (higher overall water levels each year). Because of this, it's time to allow shoreline changes. As long as there is water, people will come to the lake. Giving them safe areas to use the lake should be a priority of the Corp. As a resident of Mountain Home, I also know the lake brings in substantial amounts of people to the area. They may start choosing to go elsewhere if we can't provide better access to the lake due to high water levels. That would have a heavy impact on the economy. We don't want to be Table Rock, but investing in the infrastructure and shoreline areas at higher elevations would certainly be positive overall. In 20 years, I'd like to see Norfork similar to the way is has been in the past: accessible camp grounds, boat launches, parks/swim areas, etc. that people can access easily and safely.

Most: recreation, tourism, flood prevention

Least:

It would be nice if we simply could use the public areas we have Additional Comments on now. The current winter water level is perfect and all areas are the Master Plan Revision accessible. If we cannot change the management plan in regards to lake levels or water releases, I believe the Corp should make the lake access easier/safer based on the new average summer lake levels.

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Lake is most and least important to you:

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Privacy Act of 1974, 5 U.S.C. § 552a

See more changes that protect and respect landowners that have land that back up to the Corp. Example: Trespassing and Poaching

Most important is have fishing and hunting habitat. Least important is poachers coming in from the lake on private property from access points on the Corp.

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I have been going to Norfork for over 45 years. I have many great memories with grand parents, parents, kids and friends at this lake. I have owned property on the lake for about 20 years now. Over the years I have lived in NC, VA, and TN, visiting many lakes in those states in addition to the major lakes of Arkansas, and I can say without a doubt Norfork is my favorite. We love the "natural" feel of Norfork with limited development around the lake. Limiting the homes, business and docks on the lake makes it unique and beautiful. Please do not make major changes in that area. Most of the lakes we frequented while living in VA had their shorelines completely covered with homes and docks. It would be nice if there was lake (boat access) to a couple of nice restaurants on the lake. Other than that, I like the way the shoreline is managed and would like to see that remain the same. There is adequate number of marinas, boat launches and campgrounds if the water level is managed better.

Up until around 2010, it was very rare for the lake level to get and stay above 560 for very long. Something has changed and we are now regularly seeing the lake over 570 (I think 5 of the last 6 years) with it even hitting that max 180 a couple times in the past few years. The high water makes the campgrounds and boat ramps and parking unusable. The high water also makes for unsafe boating/skiing/tubing conditions with all the debris in the lake. The high water is also killing a lot of the trees and vegetation growing around the normal pool shoreline. In addition, the high water makes it where we cannot access our private boat docks. We are no longer able to get the elderly and young kids to the dock and out to enjoy the lake. This reduced access to the lake and the docks has also greatly reduced the value of the investments I have made in my lake house and private dock.

I know the lake was built primarily for flood control and power generation, but I think those goals can still be accomplished while maintaining the lake for good tourism which drives the economy of Baxter county.

Most important to me is maintaining water levels closer to the 550 normal pool so we can get access to boat docks, boat ramps, parking and swimming areas. This also keeps the lake free of

important to you:	debris so we can boat, swim, ski, and tube without risk of damage to our boat to risk of personal injury.
	Wildlife habitat is also very important to me. We love seeing the deer, turkey, bald eagles and even the occasional bear. Good fish habitat is becoming more important as I get the ability to spend more time at the lake and get back into fishing.
Additional Comments on the Master Plan Revision	I would again just ask for help controlling the water level, or at least working with the private dock owners to allow us to relocate the docks to nearby areas where we could gain high water access. There are win/win solutions if we are willing to explore them.
or about issues that should be studied:	I look forward to spending even more time on Norfork and watching my future grandkids grow up enjoying the lake and making more great memories.
	Thanks for the opportunity to give feedback.

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Establish GPS coordinated elevation for the white line. We all

know that the white line is very arbitrarily placed, relative to Lake elevation. It should be set at a predetermined level above a certain pool level, and regulated at that level. There are some places on the lake, that the white line is 20 feet above pool, and other places that the white line is hundreds of feet above pool. I understand the difficulty in consistently establishing a white line in the 1940s, but in the 2020s, this should not be a difficult task.

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I encourage the Corps to complete the planned Ozark Highlands Trail along Lake Norfork, and to erect signs and trailhead kiosks so the public will be aware of existing trails. There are approx 50 miles of hiking/nature trails on Lake Norfork, and I'd like to see more.

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While I know this Master Plan Project's purpose is not to address the extremely high water levels experienced the last few years. I believe you can do something that would make the lake easier to access during the time of high water. Living in the Jordan Area there are minimal places to launch a boat (Jordan Access-Quarry Access) during normal lake levels. Adding upwards of 18 feet of water which has been the case the last few years during the spring and summer, there is no access at Jordan (it's underwater), so you have to go to Quarry to launch. Parking at Jordan for those who use the Marina to keep their boat is almost nonexistent. Add to that it becomes very difficult for the aging population in the area to navigate the steep hillside resulting from having to park higher up in the park. Parking at Quarry is just as difficult since every car there has a trailer attached taking up more of the limited parking space. While I'm not sure there is a location in this area to create additional lake access. I do believe something can be done to fix the parking situation at both locations.

Most important-

What about Norfork Lake is most and least important to you: Making it easier to access the lake (i.e. additional parking where access to the lake already exists)

Continue to limit the number of private docks (we don't want to become another Lake of the Ozarks or for that matter Table Rock Lake)

Additional Comments on

the Master Plan Revision Make sure when you send out a notice for comments be sure to or about issues that include the correct website to access. should be studied:

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How would you like to see Norfork Lake in 20 years? What changes, if any, would you like to see at the lake:	Would like to see the Ozark Highland Trail and the Ozark Trail in use along the entire length of the Norfork Lake.
What about Norfork Lake is most and least important to you:	Making the connection of the OHT, AR, and the OT, MO at our borders. The sooner the better. When our two trails and two states become connected, the huge attention that our two states will get is almost unreal. The ability to begin and complete the 700 mile trail becomes much easier than trying to do it one state as a time. The financial gains are obvious.
	Least important is working on the trails in MO and AR that is not being the first focus or priority. Connecting the trails together at the border is the most important thing that needs to be done soon.
	I am a member of both Associations and whenever I tell anyone we will make the connection at the border of our two trails and will become a 700 mile through trail, I always get a positive response. The big question always is:
Additional Comments or	WHEN WILL THE TRAILS BE CONNECTED! This is a big deal to many people
	Not only will our states have a positive outcome, but so will the mid west also benefit. To look beyond, a trail from the great lakes to the gulf could happen, passing their way through MO/AR.
	Hope this helps,

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Continuing the development of the Ozark Trail & connection to the Ozark Highland Trail through the area. Continued maintenance and protection to the trail will be imperative to future generations getting to enjoy the area in a way otherwise unable to do.

What about Norfork Lake is most and least important to you:

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

The hiking trails being developed are most important. As a Missouri native, finding good quality trails in my own backyard is a passion of mine. I'm blessed to live near St. Louis currently, where there are an abundance of trails, but love being able to travel to other parts of my own state to hike other trails as well. The impact of good trails on the local communities surrounding them can be massive - new people means new business, new hikers means trails being partially upkept just by the walking done on them.

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I would like to see the lake levels between labor day and memorial day to not exceed 560 ft. The road to my boat dock submerges and becomes impassable once the lake level exceeds 560ft. Since 2015, I have only had access to my boat dock during the summer months in 2016. Also, I would like to see relaxing of restrictions on creating parking areas for boat docks. The increase of the average lake level has restricted parking for my boat dock when we can get to it. I would also like to see ATV access to low density areas.

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The water level has been so high from March to September we have not had land access to our boat dock. If the summer water level cannot be reduced, we would like permission to construct a new road and parking area. Also, ATV land use has been prohibited and it would be nice to have some low density area opened up for the teenagers.

We enjoy fishing, but access to launch areas and truck/trailers is almost impossible to find.

Boating and fishing are most important.

High water levels are my biggest issue.

Swimming areas are least important.

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We have been Lake users for the past thirty years, enjoying the boating, fishing, and swimming: while raising a family. Over the past several years, we have not had access to our boat dock or launch area because of high high water levels. The road going to our dock has been underwater from March until September this year and is a good example of previous years. For the past three years we have not been able to access our boat because of the high level of the water.

Access is our greatest need. If the high water is our future then we need to have permission to build up our access route to shorten the time that the high water would limit the access. People in our community found paths for 4-wheelers through the government stripe to get within swimming distance of our docks, but the paths were sealed with Tee post and bull wire. No trespass notices were put up.

Our next need is launch areas. We use primitive launch sites close to our docks, as the improved sites are so congested and there is no parking on the Henderson side of the lake. With the high water even our primitive sites are gone putting more pressure on launch site.

We used to ski but waist lines and age has put that out of the question. We love to ride around in our boat and do what my wife calls bobbling in the water letting the wind. I Love fishing on Norfork and it has changed over the years in our little bay. Originally, it was catfish that was always there, then crappie and bass. Now the catfish seem to have moved off and been replaced by strippers and the occasional walleye. I would like to see a return of the catfish in our cove and the addition of some habitat.

1. The ability to improve our road going to our dock for high water access. Reopen of 4 wheeler paths to allow for lake access during high water

Increase in the number of improved water access points on the Henderson side of the lake.

3. increase in the number and quality of fish attractors

The lake levels are a concern. It is a handicap for currently built roads that were built to accommodate lower lake levels. People with investments in lake use such as dock memberships need a method to allow for updating access routes without undo stress should be studied: from ACE.

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Additional Comments on

the Master Plan Revision Thank you for opportunity to comment and for all you all do. We or about issues that appreciate you! should be studied:

Most important, maintaining wildlife.

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Complete the OHT along Lake Norfork. Erect signs an trailhead

love it here. Being new to hiking these improvements would

really help travel in these areas an lessen chance of getting lost.

kiosks . My husband an I semi retired here a year an a half ago an

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Citizens should be able to purchase their current land from the
Government with a Lake view from their current property? And have road access to the lake. Sincerely.
Lake View.

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Privacy Act of 1974, 5 U.S.C. § 552a Address: E-Mail: Phone: More handicap accessible spots for folks like my 94 year old mother. I appreciate what sites there are!! THe discharge from the Norfork needs to have a better alert system. I have personally got caught to far from the walkin access How would you like to when I see the water coming up. This causes me to have to almost see Norfork Lake in 20 run to get out. Since there are not many walkin access points, years? What changes, if there should be an early warning system that tells us the water is any, would you like to being turned on. Maybe use our phones. Maybe have a siren see at the lake: system like there is at the dam. The Norfork River rises so fast, it would really be helpful if we had some kind of early warning system. THe Norfork River needs a public access at McClellan. What about Norfork It is a beautiful lake and I enjoy fishing it. Most important is Lake is most and least keeping it beautiful and clean. important to you: Additional Comments on the Master Plan Revision or about issues that should be studied:

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I would like to see the water quality return to how it was during the last master plan update (1988). While reading that master plan it appeared that preserving water quality was an important consideration. Having been spending time at lake Norfolk since the mid 1990's the water is no where near as clear as it used to be. It used to be a great lake to snorkel in but now its not. You used to be able to see the bottom down 15-20 feet. Now your lucky to see 5 foot down

Everyone knows the lakes primary reason to be built was for flood control. Everything else is secondary. But.....

We need to figure out how to control the lake level! Water levels for 3 of the last 5 years have been near flood stage in the spring. Then it takes all summer to be drawn down. Something has changed with level control and it did not change for the better. This high water did not happen that often in the past. I can only remember a couple times from 1997 to 2015. I don't believe the spring rains have been that much different these past 5 years versus the previous 20 years.

We need to revisit who has control over the water rights at particular lake levels. There doesn't appear to be a reason the lake couldn't be lowered more In the winter to prepare for the spring rains.

Does no one think we are stressing out the dam itself by running it up to its capacity every year. It's man made and whatever man makes eventually wears out.

Personally I think the multiple years of high water has something to do with the clarity of the water. To high of water along with increased boat traffic making waves on shore bring more dirt and silt ect. back into the water

First and second are water level and clarity. (see above)

Next the lack of development and commercialism should be commended. Please do not let lake Norfolk become another Table

What about Norfork Lake is most and least important to you:	Rock lake or lake of the ozark. Continue to limit development and keep it as natural as possible.
	That said you are killing the few resort and marina owners on the lake (not to mention the dock owners) with the continued high water. Theres no place to access the lake when water is high like this. You have people doing unsafe things to get their boats in the water. Parking at the few access points is crowded and dangerous at best. The money that could be brought into the community at the resorts and marinas is gone. Tourism is by no means as important as flood control but the economic impact needs to be factored into water level discussions. Fishing is fantastic keep up what your doing
Additional Comments on the Master Plan Revision or about issues that should be studied:	I've watched the COE spend thousands of dollars, probably hundreds of thousand, to rebuild Robinson Point park after high water events. Only to have to do it again because the water gets high again. This is not a smart strategy and as a taxpayer who helps foot this bill it doesn't sit well. I reference Robinson Point but there are other areas on the lake that see the same thing. Over and over again

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I would like to see a boat dock installed at woods point asap also a better place to park your truck my wife and I enjoy fishing there and that is almost always our first stop the dock would make it easier for us to launch our boat as well as others thanks would also be great to have camping there as well thanks again on another note it would be great if flooding control was a lot better and campground prices were low

Most important is having a boat dock and good parking and updated campgrounds with water and sewerage least important for us would be swimming area as we do not swim

the Master Plan Revision Better flood control and I know that is not an easy task

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What about Norfork Lake is most and least important to you:

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20 years from now I would like to see the lake look much like it does today.

The most important thing to me about the lake is keeping it clean.

Additional Comments on No doubt the biggest issue that has to be taking care of is the level the Master Plan Revision of water. For a few years now the water level has been so high or about issues that that summer vacationers are not coming. Somebody needs to should be studied: figure out another solution.

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We have been fishing lake Norfork the first week in may for over 30 years, the lake level has been 20 feet above normal the last few years! It has ruined over fishing trip. Can you control the lake level better? Please let me know what you can do! Thank you, don

Water level most and fish abundance the least!

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How would you like to see Norfork Lake in 20 years? What changes, if any, would you like to see at the lake:	Outlaw wake boats or implement a new regulation on distance they are allowed to get to docks with a reduced speed limit. It is dangerous for people on private docks when they speed by causing Hugh wakes, the pontoon boats are hitting top of docks and young children are in danger of being seriously injured or thrown into the water. Lake levels reduced in late spring early summer we cannot even get to our boat or dock for high water seriously considering moving to a different lake. Allow small tress and brush be Removed by dock owners so docks can be moved Closer to land and have access to private docks if The lake levels are high. Allow additional private docks to be placed on water.
What about Norfork Lake is most and least important to you:	
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How would you like to see Norfork Lake in 20 years? What changes, if any, would you like to see at the lake:	 We need a State park on Norfork Lake! The Newport gauge level controlling water levels on Norfork Lake needs to be revisited. Times have changed a commerce on Norfork Lake deserves attention and consideration! Wilderness Point Campground should be allowed to be sold to private investors for development, if the Corp does not have plans for it. Would love to see more commerce around the lake! There are many coves that have home accesses where docks should be allowed.
What about Norfork Lake is most and least important to you:	Most important is controlled water levels!
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Date:	Tuesday, December 15, 2020 6:51:27 PM

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Lake is most and least important to you:

or about issues that should be studied:

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Would like to see a couple of restaurants available by boat. I would like to see the boats that make those huge waves, banned from the lake.

Most important is to be able to relax and swim with more places with sand to be able to beach boats. Least important to me is the fishing but I don't fish.

Additional Comments on I realize this lake was built for a reservoir to control the water on the Master Plan Revision the river but times have changed and the lake has become a source of family togetherness and friends to socialize especially sow with so many restrictions

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How would you like to see Norfork Lake in 20 years? What changes, if any, would you like to see at the lake: What about Norfork Lake is most and least important to you: Additional Comments on the Master Plan Revision

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see Norfork Lake in 20 I'd like to see the lake grow . I'd like to see nicer camp grounds, years? What changes, if any, would you like to love to see the lake levels lower

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How would you like to see Norfork Lake in 20 years? What changes, if any, would you like to see at the lake?

What about Norfork Lake is most and least important to you? Additional Comments on the Master Plan Revision

or about issues that should be studied

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Our family loves to camp, boat and fish on Norfork Lake. Our favorite campground is Cranfield. We would like to see the road raised to this campground so we can access it even when the water is high. We have reserved sites several years that was cancelled due to water over the road. We usually spend 3-4 weeks on the lake ever year that we can get a site. But last year due to Cranfield being closed we didn't hardly get on the lake.

The ability to camp and boat.

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From: To: Subject:	C.M <u>CESWL-NorforkLakeMPUpdate</u> [Non-DoD Source] Norfork Lake MP Planner, Natural Resources Management Section, USACE, Little Rock District, P.O. Box 867, Little Rock, AR 72203
Date:	Monday, November 23, 2020 6:29:46 PM
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Address:	Privacy Act of 1974, 5 U.S.C. § 552a
Contact:	

To whom it may concern:

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years. We have enjoyed our ability to provide accommodations and revenue on Norfork Lake over those years, but we are getting to the point that we would like to settle down and potentially cease operations of our resort. Before we did that though, we wanted to see if it's possible to zone our dock shoreline to allow it to become a private dock.

Unfortunately, our dock is attached to the business only and is not zoned for personal use. according to the lease, the dock would have to come out of the water if we were to cease operations.

The dock and road have been here since the 60s and a new metal dock was installed in 1993. We have taken good care of the road access and its parking area, it's also in a location where the dock can move up and down easily in high and low water.

We are asking if the dock can be zoned for private use. Our family would be good stewards of the access and its location in the many years to come. We also believe we would be able to meet all requirements under the new master plan.

Thanks for your consideration,

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5 more lighted boat ramps, other than than keep it the same
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Keeping lake the same and clean

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Sent: Monday, December 28, 2020 5:58 PM To: CESWL-MH SWL <<u>MH.CESWL-MH@usace.army.mil</u>> Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Norfork master plan

I would like to see more or at least a couple of high water ramps constructed so we can enjoy the lake when the levels are above normal. It would also be nice to see a joint effort between the Corps and Game and Fish to introduce another strain of bass in the lake.

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First and foremost I would love to see the lake at normal pool for the summer months. I understand the lakes were built for flood control. What I don't understand is why can't the lake be drawn down below top power pool in the winter knowing the spring rains will bring it back up. I am in my 50's and I grew up on this lake and until the last five years have never seen the lake levels as high as they have been the last five years. I would like to see my grandkids be able to enjoy camping and vacationing on this lake for years to come.

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The lake needs to be lowered in the winter so that the spring rain do not flood the lake. The last 4 out of 5 years have been terrible. The lake is not safe due to floating debris. We have a dock and have been unable to use our dock due to the road being under water. The high lake levels have hurt the merchants and the econony of the area. In the past the lake would occasionally be high but in the last several years it has constantly been at flood level during the summer months. This year it was after the summer season before the lake was at a normal level. Please maintain Norfork as you do the other lake in Arkansas and operate the damn to generate energy for the tax payers of Arkansas.

Most important: maintain the natural beauty and f the lake by restricting building around shoreline and better management of lake levels.

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 Public Comment Submission for Norfork Lake SMP / MP

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How would you like to see Norfork Lake in 20 years? What changes, if any, would you like to see at the lake:

What about Norfork Lake is most and least important to you:

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Perhaps you could consider putting in some stairs going to and from the ramp at Buzzard Roost boat launch. That walk up that ramp going to the parking lot is a little challenging for us senior citizens. Thank you! From: To: Subject: Date: noreply@dma.mil <u>CESWL-NorforkLakeMPUpdate</u> Public Comment Submission for Norfork Lake SMP / MP Monday, December 21, 2020 10:12:53 PM

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How would you like to see Norfork Lake in 20 years? What changes, if any, would you like to see at the lake:

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What we would like to see is Norfork Lake not being flooded as often as it seems to be. We know that tourism was not the primary reason for its construction, but tourism has become a very important factor in the local community. We have been here since 1981 and do not remember the lake being in flooded conditions as often as it is, and has been, for the last several years. We are hearing more critical comments from our guests as to the boating and fishing conditions. We have lost some of our guests due to the flooding issue. Years ago, we had a lakeshore cleanup in September and the lake levels were drawn down. We had lower water levels going into the winter and spring seasons, thus allowing for the Spring rains. Now we end up with flooded parking lots, ramp closures, sometimes through the summer season, and massive amounts of debris in the water. That drives our customers to look for lakes that have better management. We love this lake and want it's natural beauty to be preserved for many more years. Thank you for the opportunity to offer our opinion.

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What about Norfork Lake is most and least important to you:

Water quality and the ability to service our customers are some of the more important issues.

Additional Comments on the Master Plan Revision

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How would you like to see Norfork Lake in 20 years? What changes, if any, would you like to see at the lake:

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I would like to be able to clear out some of the thick vegetation behind my cabin and even possibly have a lake view. It would make our area way more desirable. It would also increase the wildlife in that area be they could move easier and find areas of rest more easily. The area just looks extremely overgrown and not taken care of.

The most important is maintaining the clear water and keeping trash and brush out.

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	 The Ozarks Keystone Trail Endowment (OKTE) continue to be empowered to machine-build and machine-maintain the dam-to- Dawt Mill Ozarks Keystone Trail (OKT). The OKTE is a 501c(3) public charity focused on building, maintaining, and promoting the Ozarks Keystone Trail (OKT) and its health, wellbeing, and economic connection to Mountain Home Public Schools and trailside communities. OKTE and COE continued cooperation and collaboration focused on Construction and completion of the OKT. Promotion of the OKT.
	- Improvements to the OKT to encourage expanding trail usage.
How would you like to see Norfork Lake in 20 years? What changes, if any, would you like to see at the lake:	 3. COE signage, Trail Maps, and informational kiosks to help students, community members, and visitors understand how they can use the OKT. 4. COE rules and regulations that enhance the value and long- term utilization of the OKT by diverse user groups. - hunting - fishing - walking
	 hiking (short hikes, day hikes, section hikers, all thru-hikers) camping bird watching dog walking running biking K-12 outside classrooms outdoor education COE (matching) financial support to build, maintain, and
	promote the OKT.
What about Norfork Lake is most and least important to you:	1. Continued local, state, and federal COE leadership that values and supports the OKT and the OKTE.
	1. Strategies to help acknowledge and show gratitude to COE individuals who have (or are) gong above and beyond their call of duty by making key contributions to the OKT - BRIGADIER GENERAL DONALD E. (ED) JACKSON JR He helped start the trail.

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- 2. Strategies for monuments to celebrate OKT connection points
- Where the OKT & OHT connect (around the dam/Quarry)
- Where the OKT & OT connect (around Dawt Mill)
- Where the OKT crosses the AR/MO State Line

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To whom it may concern,

I understand a new Shoreline Management Plan will be in place later this year. Will this allow for new/additional boat docks & slips? My specific ? is will new docks be allowed near mile marker 3. Baxter 1281 road.

On the interactive Map it is a Low Denisty area and if I understand correctly a LDA (limited development area)

There are NOT enough current boat slips for the number of home owners in the Sycamore Springs area.

We recently purchased a home in this area and I am simply inquiring about the possibilities.

What permits and approvals are required to build a dock? Etc.

I look forward to hearing back...Thanks for your time.

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I would like to see the Lake Water continue to be crystal clear! Maintaining that clear water while also bringing in more development on the lake. A place or two to have dinner for example. I would love to see a restaurant on the lake. I would like to see more docks/boat slips for private owners. There appears to be a great shortage. Marina's don't have room for boats (some have longer waiting lists) as their slips are full. I would like to see the lake have a greater positive economic impact on the local community.
Most important is the expansion/addition for more boat docks in the LDA's.

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My family have been coming to Robinson Point to camp for 30 years.

How would you like to see Norfork Lake in 20 years? What changes, if any, would you like to see at the lake:

What about Norfork Lake is most and least important to you:

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

There is more flooding and we cannot count on getting to camp there, we love the lake. I would like to see the campgrounds updated for the larger rv's and something done so the campgrounds don't get tom up and run down all the time from the rise of the water. I had hoped we would get to camp there a lot once we retired, but that hasn't happened due to the parks closing because of flooding. I worry the campgrounds will close permanently and that saddens me. This is one of the best summer vacations for families to have quality time together.

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I would like to see more campgrounds. I believe the Corps could increase revenue in recreational facilities by having more campgrounds open around summer time. Better flood control on the lake and better parking at boat ramps to keep people who are launching boats from parking in campers areas. Also some camping areas need a refresh. Raise camping fees to \$25 a night to help cover cost for campground refresh.

What about Norfork Lake is most and least important to you: Additional Comments on the Master Plan Revision or about issues that should be studied:

I like to camp and fish every chance I get. Keep up with the great fishing we already have on the lake.

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Would like to be able to maintain roads and parking areas, general safety for resort dock like handrails and stairs. Thanks Paul Pierski

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How would you like to see Norfork Lake in 20 years? What changes, if any, would you like to see at the lake:	The water clarity has diminished greatly over the last few decades. Rocks, etc. are covered in algae and water has a green tint. I'm not sure if this is due to septic systems, fertilizer, or what but I think it needs to be addressed. I think private boat docks should be limited. The lake needs more public access swimming areas and camping areas.
What about Norfork Lake is most and least important to you:	The natural beauty is most important. Commercial and residential construction is the least important.
	The water clarity has diminished greatly over the last few decades. Rocks, etc. are covered in algae and water has a green tint. I'm not sure if this is due to septic systems, fertilizer, or what but I think it needs to be addressed. I think private boat docks should be limited. The lake needs more public access swimming areas and camping areas.

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[Non-DoD Source] Beaches
Monday, November 16, 2020 12:44:21 PM

Dear Sirs or Madame

There used to be really good beaches here, however since the beaches are now mostly rock, they are not exactly tourist or even local friendly. We cannot even enjoy the beaches because we cannot even walk on them. Browns Beach (I realize this is Bull Shoals, but added for future points) Panther Bay, Robinson Point area...how much does cost for a couple dump trucks full of sand to be dumped? I'm sure the increase in tourism money and tax dollars would more than pay for it.

I am just curious about this matter, as it seems that some of our tourist towns no longer can sustain themselves due to this loss of revenue.

As far as the outline or scope of what is intended, I feel as though after reading the info sheets that there is not enough information about what is actually the scope. I'm sure this will be addressed in the future at the meeting. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely

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How would you like to see Norfork Lake in 20 years? What changes, if any, would you like to see at the lake:	No jet skis. A more stable water level. Not this 20+ ft. rise in the spring each year then high all summer where parks/campgrounds closed.
What about Norfork Lake is most and least important to you:	Keep it natural. Find a way to eliminate the private grandfathered boat houses and the houseboats that stay anchored year round.
Additional Comments on the Master Plan Revision or about issues that should be studied:	can youch for the Tracy Ferry area where there are 4 times more

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I support the need to keep, improve and protect the Ozark Trail and Ozark Highland Trail connection corridor intact.

How would you like to see Norfork Lake in 20 years? What changes, if any, would you like to see at the lake:

What about Norfork Lake is most and least important to you: Additional Comments on the Master Plan Revision or about issues that should be studied:

The COE has approved the entire 56 mike corridor that the connection is to build through and we need to keep and even improve the corridor so that the 2 iconic trail systems can be connected and create a 700 hundred mile unique wilderness outdoor experience through the Arkansas and Missouri Ozarks.

Not only does this provide exceptional outdoor recreational activities but it also adds positively to the economic Support of the area

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I would like to see more areas developed for bank fishermen with structure in water to hold fish. Maybe have some coves closed to boats with a trail around it for bank fishing access. Most of the best fishing spots in the parks, you cant fish unless you are camping.

Having good fish habitat is very important. The AGFC does a good job of this, but most of it you have to have a boat to access it. The fishing dock at cranfield is nice, but you have to be a senior citizen or handicapped to use it. Keeping the water clean is also very important also.

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	Boating, water activities, along with power generation, and flood control are well established.
	I hope we can use the lake shore property for more activities in the next 20 years.
How would you like to see Norfork Lake in 20 years? What changes, if any, would you like to see at the lake:	I have helped with building David's trail on lake shore property generously made available by the US Army Corps of Engineers and know many friends and groups who use this for a healthy outdoor activity. If we can get the trail finished from the dam to the Ozark Highlands trail in Missouri, it will leave only a short section remaining to connect to the Ozark trail in Arkansas—giving miles and miles of trail thru the Ozarks. Making this one of the premier trail systems in the nation. This can be a big milestone with Lake Norfolk in the middle of the system. I would like the master plan to reflect the importance of using the lake shore property for this trail project !!
	Thanks
What about Norfork Lake is most and least important to you:	
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How would you like to see Norfork Lake in 20 years? What changes, if any, would you like to see at the lake:	 Ozarks Keystone Trail (OKT) completed. The OKT is a contiguous trail from Lake Norfork Dam to Dawt Mill to connect the Ozarks Highlands Trail (OHT) with the Ozark Trail (OT) and thereby completing the TransOzarkTrail (TOT). National Scenic Trail designation. Celebrating the Ozarks, a National Scenic Trail is a designation for trails that consist of trails of particular natural beauty. They are among America's most iconic trails. OKT outdoor trail-based education and enrichment opportunities for K-12. Over 1000 students from the Mountain Home School District visit the trail annually for a variety of outdoor-classroom & recreation activities. Students walk or hike side-by-side with teachers and parent chaperones supervising by walking alongside up and down the long line teaching and encouraging students. Old-style, head-down, single-file hiking on a narrow trail wading through the brush does not promote reoccurring outdoor- classroom opportunities. A double-wide trail encourages conversations and collaboration among diverse trail users. OKT outdoor recreation opportunities. The economic benefits of local outdoor recreation empowers OKT trailside communities and facilitates small business growth and entrepreneurism. OKT health and wellness opportunities. Spending time in nature, walking in the forest, wandering along the shoreline, being active, outside, and on the trail are all scientifically proven techniques & strategies to improve health and wellness. OKT Water Trail for safe activities with educational signs & buoys that allow boats to peacefully co-exist with other non- motorized lake users. Open water swimming, paddleboarding (SUP), and flat-water kayaking are all low-impact, long-distance (1k-25k), environmentally-sound, health-and-wellness options to connect people with the lake. These Olympic sports are popular worldwide. Ful

What about Norfork Lake is most and least important to you:	 points between the Lake Norfork Dam and Dawt Mill. 3. Helpful and educational signage to direct students, community members, and visitors to all OKT access points from the dam to Dawt Mill. 4. Friendly, enduring, and enriching school & community partnerships with the US Army Corps of Engineers that encourage K-12 to be active, outside, and on the OKT. 5. Local, State, and Federal COE leadership that values and supports the OKT.
Additional Comments on the Master Plan Revision or about issues that should be studied:	 Strategies to provide interest and enthusiasm for long-distance OKT through-hikers and section-hikers to hike & camp (and paddle & camp) along the entire Dam-to-Dawt Mill trail. Rules to allow camping Rules to allow fire-ringed campfires Accommodations (drinking water, etc.) for winter hiking and camping Updated (digital and downloadable) trail maps with lake levels noting which sections of the OKT are underwater where and at what lake levels. Erosion spots and OKT deep ravine reviews - places with ArDOT highway water runoff and or other naturally occurring concentrations of water volume and velocity erode the forest into the lake.

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How would you like to see Norfork Lake in 20 years? What changes, if any, would you like to see at the lake:

What about Norfork Lake is most and least important to you: to purchase. Additional dock zones and expansion of existing ones. With the addition of services in Fulton County, the infrastructure can be addressed at the county level to accommodate the expansion of new cabins and homes.

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throughout the country. The public's behaviors have also changed in many ways. There was a increase for rental demand driven primarily from people vacationing local and moving out of the larger cities. Norfork Lake is poised to gain financial in this

migration of the public. With digital technology, many people are

increase has strained the already limited availability of dock slips.

working remote and looking to purchase lake property or near

Western Fulton county is too far to drive to rent slips and the zones are very, very limited. I would like to see the zones in Fulton county expanded or enlarged to accommodate the increased demand. Currently their are twelve families that own property in the Osage Village(Kerley Point) area that are looking

lake property, but stay employed at their current jobs. This

The pandemic in 2020 brought about numerous changes

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

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Norfork Lake Master Plan Revision and Environmental Assessment



Please use this form to provide comments and suggestions about how you would like to see the Norfork Lake Master Plan revised; or provide comments on the issues that should be studied before a decision is made on Master Plan revisions. Feel free to take an extra form to provide to friends or neighbors and send the forms back, before December 31, 2020, to USACE at the addresses below.

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How would you like to see Norfork Lake in 20 years? What changes, if any, would you like to see at the lake?

The pandemic in 2020 brought about numerous changes throughout the country. The public's behaviors have also changed in many ways. The area surrounding Norfork Lake saw a major uptick in rental demand and an increase in land values driven by people vacationing local and moving out of larger cities. There is a limited allocation of dock zones that are already at max capacity. People can now work remote with digital thus increasing usage of the lake with no capacity to expand dock zones. We need to increase zones or the area will suffer financially with this unique opportunity.

What about Norfork Lake is most and least Important to you? Increasing access to Norfork Lake and expansion of services available, primarily in the

Fulton County section of the lake. If you study the map, Baxter county has benefited exponentially more in household and land values/taxes along with infrastruture investment. Fulton county has some beautiful areas of the lake to enjoy, but are disproportionately disenfranchised because of the number of zones and boat access areas. You can't get zones approved in Fulton in large part for the number in Baxter.

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

I have attached a highlighted section of the interactive map along with a survey of the Dillinger Point addition that is being redeveloped. This area actually adjoins the Big Creek and Brushy Creek areas with lots within less than 100 feet of the normal pool. In fact, the lake backs up on lots 1 and 7 when the lake elevation hits 560 and is within 50 linear feet in normal pool. There is also an existing road, with no impact to the shoreline if a zone is added, resultin in access to a large deep cove on the main Big Creek channel. Lot 4 is encroached by the lake at a slightly higher point, but is within 100 feet at normal point an original road bed used during construction of the lake with minimum disturbance to the shoreline if approved. This area would provide a much needed zone on Brushy Creek's main channel.

Comments may be submitted via mail, email, or fax with attention to: Norfork Lake MP Planner, Natural Resources Management Section, USACE, Little Rock District, P.O. Box 867, Little Rock, AR 72203.

Fax: (501) 324-6230, Email: CESWL-NorforkLakeMPUpdate@usace.army.mil

Website: https://go.usa.gov/x7b9H

Written comments must be postmarked, e-mailed, faxed, or otherwise submitted by December 31, 2020.

PRIVACY ACT STATEMENT INSTRUCTIONS

AUTHORITY: ER 1130-2-406, and the laws and regulations referenced therein.

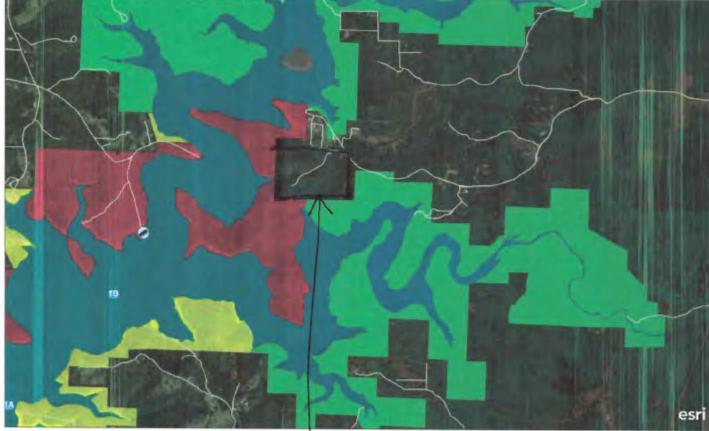
PRINCIPAL PURPOSE(S): To provide a means for the maximum practicable public participation in Master Plan formulation, preparation and subsequent revisions, through the use of public meetings, group workshops, open houses or other public involvement.

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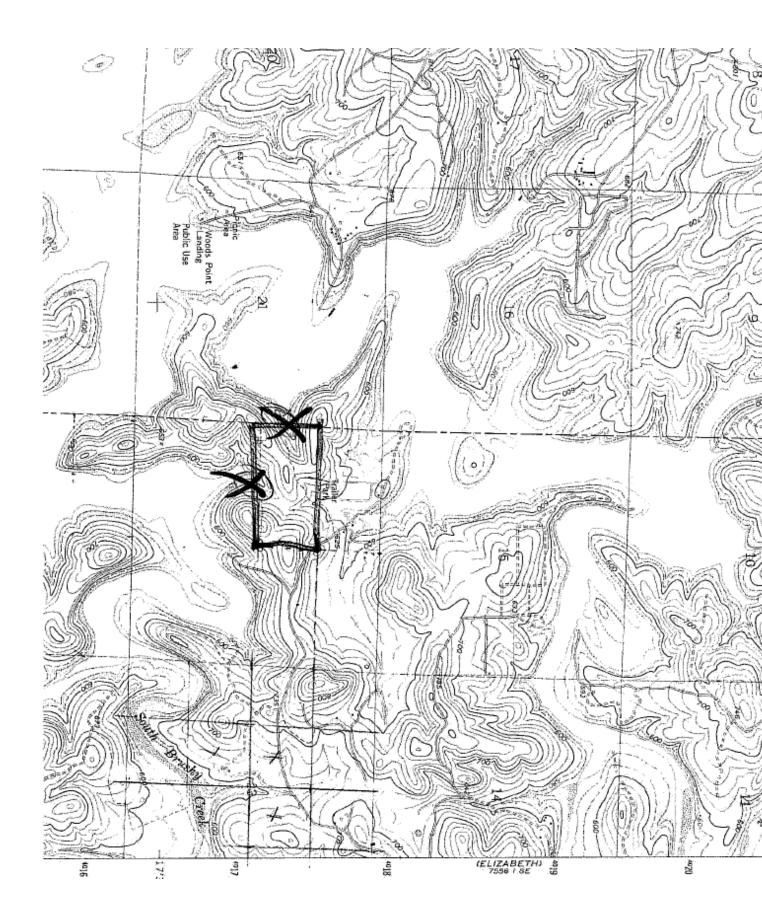
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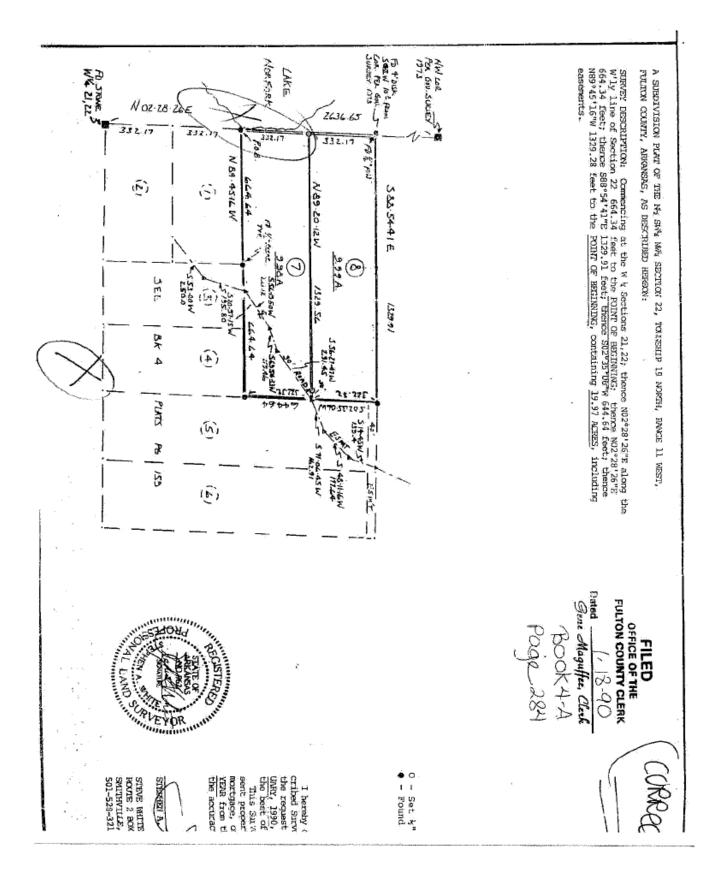


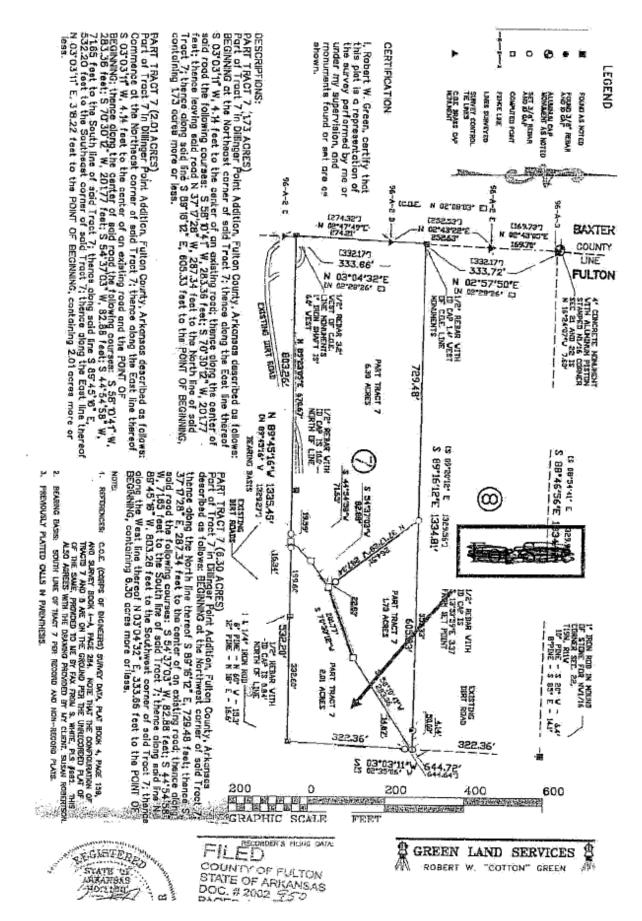
Norfork Lake Master Plan Update Scoping Map for public input

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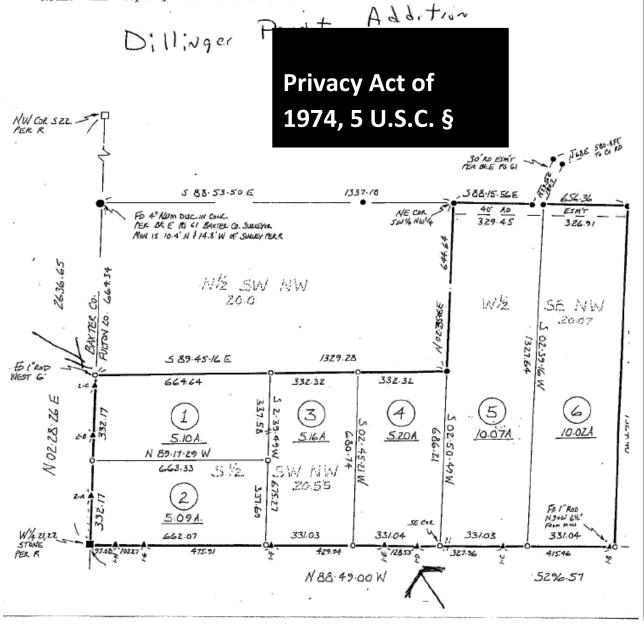
A SUBDIVISION MAP OF THE

 S_2 SW4 NW4 and the W2 SE4 NW4 Section 22, Township 19 North, Range 11 West, Fulton County, Arkansas, as described hereon:

SURVEY DESCRIPTION

Beginning at the W4 Sections 21,22; thence N02°28'26"E along the W'ly line of Section 22 664.34 feet; thence S89°45'16"E 1329.28 feet; thence N02°35'06"E 644.64 feet to the NE Corner of the SW4 NW4; thence S88°15'56"E 656.36 feet along the N'ly line of the SE4 NW4; thence S02°28'44"W 1324.40 feet; thence N88°49'00"W 1986.21 feet along the s'ly line of the NW4 to the POINT OF BEGINNING, containing 40.62 ACRES, including easemen

NOTE: All Property Lines and Future Roads are subject to a 10' Public Utility Easement.



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What about Norfork Lake is most and least important to you:

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Based on the extended periods of very high water over the past decade, I would like to suggest that to increase recreational use of the lake, several high water ramps should be built around the lake. Included with the construction of the ramps, adequate parking for vehicles and trailers sshould be provided. High water is certainly an inconvenience for those who are able or choose to keep their boats in a marina. For those that the marina is not an option, not having access to a ramp with parking lrevents access to the lake until the water level drops.

Every amenity on the lake is important. I cannot think of any aspect that is not important to some but probably some of the least used part are he nature trails.

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What about Norfork Lake is most and least important to you:

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I would like to see Norfork Lake maintained not just for flood control and power generation but as the recreational area it has become in the last 20 years. The Lake levels need to be more static and less volatile. Since 1998 the lake has risen to and above 580 msl many times. This has created an environment in the lake that is unsafe for boating with incredible debris fields from shoreline erosion. The debris is not just organic material but also man made pollutants such as walls, refrigerators, insulation, water heaters and more. I have pictures of this in my back yard. I live by Lake Norfork at Mallard Point. Furthermore, the many state RV parks are underwater and no camping is available when the lake floods. Fishing is heavily restricted due to boat ramps being inaccessible. This has a tremendous negative impact on the local economy, without the tourism that comes from recreational use. Many marinas have no parking areas and no boat launches due to high water which results in less revenues for the owners. Lake Norfork is usually a pristine lake with inflows from springs flowing into the Norfork River. In recent years the clarity and quality of the water has been compromised by flooding.

The issue that impacts my neighbors and me the most is the current water management plan that allows the lake level to rise to 580 msl and above. Those of us that built or bought property on Mallard Point were told that the lake level would never exceed 580 msl. We found out in 2008 that the lake could rise above 580 msl if the Corp decided to go into "Surcharge Plan". No one knew about this part of the plan as it was never used prior to 2008. It exceeded that level in 2008, 2011 and 2017, damaging my property and others on Mallard Point. This year it rose to 579.83 msl in June, and stayed above 579 msl for nearly a month. While we expect some high water years, it is happening more often and the high levels stay throughout the summer. The water management plan needs to be revised as a result of the climate change that we seem to be experiencing.

The hydrologists in Little Rock should be allowed more discretion in managing the discharge of water from the lake. They are tied to a rigid plan that in my opinion is obsolete for the climate we are currently experiencing. The Newport gauge, which determines when and how much water is discharged, is regulated to provide Additional Comments on the Master Plan Revision or about issues that should be studied: farmers with more land to plant downstream. In 1998 the regulating stage in the spring went from 16 feet to 14 and then 12 feet. This is too low for our dam to hold back the water from rainfall in the spring. I recommend that it be no lower than 16 feet and probably higher than that considering the weather these days. Additionally, the power management needs to be in the hands of the Corps and not the power companies, as their interests are certainly different from those of our community.

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My wife and I are going to retire at the lake. Planing on buying a house this summer (2021). I want the lake to be like it was in the late 1990's to early 2000's. Constant lake levels and crystal clear water. In the years past the lake has been very high during the summer months. The high water takes away from the clarity of the water.

Most important is the great memories we create every summer.

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How would you like to see Norfork Lake in 20 years? What changes, if any, would you like to see at the lake:	One of the things that I like about Lake Norfork is the lack of development on the shoreline, which makes it more scenic, however, would it be possible to designate a small area in the future that could support waterfront dining? It also seems like the lake water levels have been unusually high for several years in a row. I realize the purpose of the lake is flood control, but is there a way to draw the lake down lower in the winter to allow for the spring floods to be absorbed without as drastic an effect on recreation?
What about Norfork Lake is most and least important to you:	Water quality and scenic beauty are most important. I have also enjoyed several of the nature trails. Access to commercial marinas are important.
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How would you like to see Norfork Lake in 20 any, would you like to see at the lake:

What about Norfork Lake is most and least important to you:

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No more shore line development other than boat ramps. The years? What changes, if beauty of Norfork Lake is its shoreline. Expansion of wildlife management areas.

> The quality camping facilities and its limited shoreline developments. It's beautiful undeveloped shoreline. Having high water boat ramps and access.

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	I am a boating enthusiast and avid fisherman. I would like to see the lake continue to keep a natural look on the shoreline. We are blessed to have such a beautiful lakes in our state. I realize the lakes were built for flood control, but a lot of business is severely impacted during high water due to limited access.
How would you like to see Norfork Lake in 20 years? What changes, if any, would you like to see at the lake:	Revision of the new plan needs to consider the construction of higher shoreline parking lots and launch ramps for high water years.
	Docks located in low density areas of the lake need to be allowed riding trails, approved by the CORP, to access their docks. Some of these docks only have shoreline access from county roads and can't be accessed during high water conditions.
	I feel that both, flood control and recreation, should be considered when developing the new plan.
What about Norfork Lake is most and least important to you:	It's important to be able to pass the natural beauty onto our children and grandchildren.
	I think the normal pool stage needs to lowered from the current level.
	This would help to eliminate some high water conditions on the lake.
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	I feel that both, flood control and recreation, should be considered when developing the new plan.

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How would you like to see Norfork Lake in 20 years? What changes, if any, would you like to see at the lake:	I read over you master plan. First off, the dock at Udall is completely gone. It washed away during the 2016 floods. We live by Liner Creek on the east side with the access road to the lake between our property and the Liner Bridge. This is south of Udall but north of the Missouri/Arkansas border on the lake. In the last 20 years that we have lived here, the lake has been so high that the Liner Bridge gets flooded and we have to drive the long way around on 522 to get back to J highway. My husband, Jerry, has been the fire chief for Lick Creek FD for 30 years and this has caused time lost when he has to respond to calls. It really has been a hugh problem. This has occurred every time the lake reaches 575 or above.
	launch here. Would you please consider reevaluating the lake levels and set them at a lower feet number?
What about Norfork	Most important if the flooding.
Lake is most and least important to you:	I east important is the trout fishing below the dam
important to you:	Least important is the trout fishing below the dam. Also, you need to be able to monitor the boat landing at Liner. We get people who camp there, use drugs, leave condoms laying around and other trash. I am glad you finally closed off the land up here because of the people we have had show up who have
Additional Comments on the Master Plan Revision or about issues that	been mudding and get stuck and want us to pull them out. Most
should be studied:	This use to be a nice area up here but it's nasty, overgrown, washed out and not patrolled.
	We've also had our Permanent trailer tag stolen and so have people at Udall.

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I would like to see more Campgrounds available around the lake, like Panther Bay for instance. It is already a very rudimentary campground area and could be improved to allow more modern day camping. With all of the new interest in camping, it would be great to make more sites available to everyone. We have a whole new generation that are experiencing the joy and adventure in camping with Family and Friends! The Corp of Engineers have always made sure that all of the camping sites around the lake give you a glimpse into the natural beauty of our State. I feel like adding a few more campgrounds could be done as seamlessly as it has been in the past!

Clean lake water and campsites are most important. Least important is private ownership of land around the lake.

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I grew up on Lake Norfork. Now I am married with two kids. We camp on Lake Norfork and the surrounding lakes frequently, but I'm partial to Lake Norfork. I realize that flooding is out of your control alone, but my husband doesn't like camping on that specific lake because it's almost always flooded. For the past three years, camp sites have been limited and swimming areas are unavailable (mainly Bidwell and Robinson Point). Panther Bay and Cranfield easily hit flood stage due to the cross roads to the campgrounds. We were actually talking this past summer about how many people seem to own campers now, but it's almost impossible to find a last minute spot. Between additional campers and flooding, the campgrounds have limited space. I would love to see additional campgrounds added and swimming areas that were available before, during, and after flood stage. Panther Bay could also use a facelift. It seems to have been let go and it's a perfect spot for Lake Norfork.

It is home to me. I spent many many summers at my grandparents. We went to the lake daily throughout the summer. The clarity of the water is one of my favorite things about this lake. If you compare it to surrounding lakes, it is the top 2 in my opinion.

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How would you like to see Norfork Lake in 20 years? What changes, if any, would you like to see at the lake? What about Norfork Lake is most and least important to you? Additional Comments on the Master Plan Revision

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In 20 years I would like to see Norfolk still useable for people. Keeping development to a minimum would keep the amount of traffic reasonable and fishing/recreation activities possible.

Fishing, diving, and wildlife areas are the most important to me.

Lake Houses and on lake restaurants are least important to me.

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	 The Ozarks Keystone Trail Endowment (OKTE) continue to be empowered to machine-build and machine-maintain the dam-to- Dawt Mill Ozarks Keystone Trail (OKT). The OKTE is a 501c(3) public charity focused on building, maintaining, and promoting the Ozarks Keystone Trail (OKT) and its health, wellbeing, and economic connection to Mountain Home Public Schools and trailside communities. OKTE and COE continued cooperation and collaboration focused on Construction and completion of the OKT. Promotion of the OKT.
How would you like to see Norfork Lake in 20 years? What changes, if any, would you like to see at the lake:	 Improvements to the OKT to encourage expanding trail usage. COE signage, Trail Maps, and informational kiosks to help students, community members, and visitors understand how they can use the OKT. COE rules and regulations that enhance the value and long-term utilization of the OKT by diverse user groups. hunting
	 fishing walking hiking (short hikes, day hikes, section hikers, all thru-hikers) camping bird watching dog walking running biking K-12 outside classrooms outdoor education
	5. COE (matching) financial support to build, maintain, and promote the OKT.
What about Norfork Lake is most and least important to you:	1. Continued local, state, and federal COE leadership that values and supports the OKT and the OKTE.
	1. Strategies to help acknowledge and show gratitude to COE individuals who have (or are) gong above and beyond their call of duty by making key contributions to the OKT - BRIGADIER GENERAL DONALD E. (ED) JACKSON JR He helped start the trail.

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2. Strategies for monuments to celebrate OKT connection points

- Where the OKT & OHT connect (around the dam/Quarry)
- Where the OKT & OT connect (around Dawt Mill)

- Where the OKT crosses the AR/MO State Line

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How would you like to see Norfork Lake in 20 years? What changes, if any, would you like to see at the lake:	keeping it more accessible in high water years. More shoreline access.
What about Norfork Lake is most and least important to you:	Getting to launch and use areas is most important. Electric generation is less.
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the Master Plan Revision or about issues that should be studied:	How to get the water control under closer supervision and better management for local as well as far reaching effects.

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How would you like to see Norfork Lake in 20 years? What changes, if any, would you like to see at the lake:

What about Norfork Lake is most and least important to you:

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I would like to own and operate a sailboat of 23 ft. to 28 ft. in length. I would like to store the sailboat at a marina in a slip on a hydro lift. At present, I cannot purchase of lift that is made for a sailboat with a keel and associated draft. At present all boat lifts at the marinas on Norfork Lake are made for power boats. A company called HydroHoist of Oklahoma make lifts for power and sailboats accommodating boats up to 60,000 lbs. The sailboats I am interested in weighs between 1,500 to 2,000 lbs. At present I am not allowed to purchase and have installed any lift other than those made in Mountain Home and these lifts are made only for power boats

As long as I pay the appropriate slip fee, it should not matter what brand or manufacturer of boat lift I might use. HydroHoist has been making boat lifts for 50+ years and they are a nation wide company. I previously owned and used HydroHoist lifts for 30 years for a sailboat.

At present there is a bias to the Mountain Home boat lift manufacturers for a power boat lift as they do not know how to make a lift for a sailboat.

At present, I cannot use the public use lake for the intent of sailing without ramp launching every time I want to go sailing. The bias and prejudice is contradictory to the mandate of a public use lake where the marina owners and managers are limiting.

I worked in the Little Rock area for 18 years, retired and decided to move to where I go on my free time. I moved to the Mountain Home area because of the twin lakes and because I enjoy fly fishing, especially on the Norfork river. My new home is 1 mile from Tracy Ferry Marina where I would like to sail and also row. The crystal clear waters, topography, vegetation make for great ambiance. The quiet solitude is very comforting where everything that is and of the Norfork Lake area makes for a great place to live.

The marinas on the Norfork Lake must accommodate the public and public use. Prejudice and bias toward a particular brand or company does not benefit the marine or the public or the US Com or about issues that should be studied:

the Master Plan Revision of Engineers. The main function of the Corp is for flood control, the power generation while at the same time making provisions to accommodate and facilitate the public that in turn facilitates the Corp. Extensive and varied use of the Corp's waters generates great returns for all.

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How would you like to see Norfork Lake in 20 years? What changes, if any, would you like to see at the lake:

What about Norfork Lake is most and least important to you:

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I would like to see low level docks installed at ideal rowing and paddling locations at a dock/ramp area to facilitate launching kayaks, canoes and rowing shells. By low height, I am referring to docks that are 4-5 inches above the water line that float with the rise and fall of the lake. The normal dock height of 12-15 inches for a power boat is too high to be able to launch a kayak, canoe or rowing shell. Especially for a rowing shell where the riggers need to overlap the dock (riggers extend ~3 ft. to the side of the shell) to facilitate getting on the shell to row. A low height swim platform is another form that would work well for launching a low height watercraft.

There are several manufacturers that make low height docks, Connect-A-Dock is one where their low height floating dock sits 4-5 inches above the water line. Or one can be made using polyethylene low height pontoons. The edging needs to be of wood or rubber bumper to preclude damaging the side of the kayak, canoe or rowing shell.

Two ideal locations are Tracy Ferry Marina and Buzzard Roost Marina areas where there is ample protected shoreline to paddle and row so as to not conflict with power boat activity. Henderson is another area with ample room along the south edge shoreline south of the docks before going west to the main lake area. There may be other areas that are well protected; Pigeon Creek is another that comes to mind.

I favor Tracy Ferry Marina area as I live in The Summit one mile distance.

Thank you.

Crystal clear waters with ample area for power boats, sailboats, kayaks, canoes and rowing shells. The topography and landscape is picturesque with an ambiance that is relaxing and appealing. And I live within one mile of Tracy Ferry Marina.

Thank you.

I had made comment in a previous input about being able to use a

sailboat where I would like for some of the marinas to
accommodate a hydro lift system of the sailboat owners choosing.
There are hydro lift systems that are specifically made forAdditional Comments on
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should be studied:sailboats, or powerboats, or jet skis'. The issue with a sailboat
the allowance for the keel where there is a
slot in the lift for the area of the keel that may draft 3-5 ft. Tracy
Ferry Marina, Buzzard Roost and Henderson marinas are ideal
locations for open waters and area allowing good sailing with
good winds.

Thank you.

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How would you like to see Norfork Lake in 20 years? What changes, if any, would you like to see at the lake: What about Norfork Lake is most and least important to you: Privacy Act of 1974, 5 U.S.C. § 552a

Additional Comments on The COE should provide sewage pump out stations for larger the Master Plan Revision boats with heads that are becoming more numerous on the lake. or about issues that should be studied: Now there are only a few and they are hard to find and expensive. This would keep the lake cleaner and less polluted.

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	The lake should be managed to limit really low lake levels and really high lake levels that limit lake access and launching ramps. Also leaving water levels too high for to long needlessly kills vegetation along the bank increasing turbidity during rainy periods.
How would you like to see Norfork Lake in 20 years? What changes, if any, would you like to see at the lake:	During high and low water underwater obstructions and hazards should be marked with buoys, especially where campsites are totally flooded like Henderson was this past year. Picnic tables, signs and pavilion tops were under water and extremely hazardous and should be marked.
	The road to the Cranfield camp area should be raised so the campsite is usable during high water.
	Also reopen campsites as soon as possible after lake levels recede.
What about Norfork Lake is most and least important to you:	Keeping water levels at near normal levels is important and keeping campsites and ramps open. Maintaining campgrounds and ramps including public docks at launch ramps is important.
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Since my usage revolves around boating and fishing I have only some miner

suggestions for the boat ramps. Since the addition of the large rock to prevent erosion around the boat ramps, some poles tall enough to be above the high water line and located on either side of the boat ramp would allow us to launch without tearing our trailers up on the large rock on either side of the ramp. Also during the time that the launch area restrooms are closed a flat spot for the greatly appreciated portable restrooms would be very nice. Doesn't seem like it would take too much, a load of gravel leveled out just above the high water line would do the trick. A lot of us older people won't use the portable john's when the are so unstable.

How would you like to see Norfork Lake in 20 years? What changes, if any, would you like to see at the lake:

Of course the parking problem at the boat ramps during the high water is a real problem, and it seems there are area's above the high water line at most of the launches that could be made into additional parking area's.

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What about Norfork

Most important is continued access for boating and fishing.

Lake is most and least important to you:

Can't think of much that would be least important, just keep up the good work on the access area's.

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

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What about Norfork Lake is most and least important to you:

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

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I would like to see the continuation of the trails around the lake, such as David's trail. I would also like to see additional parking for trucks and trailers along with additional curtsey docks. I find launching our boat to be difficult during the busy summer months between the increased traffic and lack of parking especially with a toddler and a wife that isn't comfortable backing the trailer in.

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How would you like to see Norfork Lake in 20 years? What changes, if any, would you like to see at the lake:	I desire Lake Norfork to remain as natural and pristine as possible. I hope the Corps will facilitate the completion of hiking trail all the way from Norfork Dam to Dawt Mill (see page 104 of old Master Plan rev 1988 and map plate 6-02). The 340-mile Ozark Highlands Trail from Lake Fort Smith to Dawt Mill is 85% complete, with only four remaining unfinished gaps. Two of these four gaps lie within the Lake Norfork government strip.
What about Norfork Lake is most and least important to you:	Most important - natural beauty, parks and hiking trails for people to enjoy nature. Least important - development, buildings crowding the shoreline, an ugly urban lake lined with boat docks and subdivisions.
Additional Comments on the Master Plan Revision or about issues that should be studied:	Signs and trailhead kiosks are needed to make the public aware of hiking and nature trails at Lake Norfork.

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How would you like to see Norfork Lake in 20 years? What changes, if any, would you like to see at the lake: What about Norfork

Lake is most and least important to you:

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Water level more stable.

I would like to be able to get to our pontoon without hiking. We are tired of not having a place to park because the water covers the parking area a good deal of boating season. We need more parking that is not under water. We are old and we are tired. We love the clean water and would like to see it stay that way. We like the fact that there are not private docks everywhere. Norfork is a nice clean lake and family friendly, we love it!

the Master Plan Revision Is there anything that can be done about numerous dead, floating or about issues that fish? should be studied:

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How would you like to see Norfork Lake in 20 years? What changes, if any, would you like to see at the lake:

What about Norfork Lake is most and least important to you:

or about issues that should be studied:

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We would very much like to see improved public access, additional dock zones and an increase in boat launches and public use areas in parts of the lake located in Fulton County.

Most important is revitalization and increased access to areas of the lake in Fulton County. The Fulton County section of the lake is more remote than most of the lake located in Baxter County. Many people, locals and tourists alike, enjoy the beautiful remote and pristine nature of the lake in Fulton County but would very much appreciate and utilize increased and improved access for launching, parking, swimming and perhaps camping, particularly in the Kerley Point and surrounding area. There is no doubt that Baxter County has benefited disproportionately to Fulton County in terms of home and land values around the lake and in the generation of tax revenue derived from lake tourism due to the higher number of boat launch areas and dock zones in Baxter as compared to Fulton County. There are two very suitable areas for new dock zones in Fulton County in the Dillinger Point addition which adjoins both the Big Creek and Brushy Creek areas of the lake and we respectfully request your serious consideration of those two areas.

I would particularly like to bring to your attention the redevelopment of the Dillinger Point Addition in Fulton County. This particular area adjoins both the Big Creek and Brushy Creek areas of the lake and includes lots which are located within less than 100 feet of the normal pool. The lake backs up on lots 1 and 7 when the lake elevation hits 560 and is within 50 linear feet in

Additional Comments on normal pool. There is also an existing road, with no impact to the the Master Plan Revision shoreline if a zone is added, resulting in access to a large deep cove on the main Big Creek channel. Lot 4 is encroached by the lake at just a slightly higher point, but is certainly within 100 feet at normal pool and has an original road bed used during construction of the lake resulting in very minimal disturbance to the shoreline if approved. This area would provide a much needed zone on Brushy Creek's main channel. Again, we respectfully request your evaluation and consideration of these two specific areas for new dock zones in Fulton County.

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How would you like to see Norfork Lake in 20 years? What changes, if any, would you like to see at the lake:

What about Norfork Lake is most and least important to you:

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

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Have 2 houses and 2 slips on a dock in Henderson. Would like to see the lake level maintained at winter pool beginning to lower ~November each year. If the level is then maintained at or about 25' below normal pool of 552', spring rains should not have such an impact on the lake level. Winter pool is set at 511'. However, in the past few years, it's been maintained at ~550'..... Spring rains which happen every year take the level to around 575' which is only 7' below flood pool.....

Lake levels are the most important....., period. Park maintenance is least because I have property there....

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How would you like to see Norfork Lake in 20 years? What changes, if any, would you like to see at the lake:	 PLEASE!!!!!! 1. Continue to limit the building on and around the lake. a. Maintaining the Corp land around the lake to preserve the woods and avoid development. b. Don't allow more docks, consider removing permits for docks that are not maintained. 2. Understanding that water levels and repeated releases impact the entire system, something needs to be done to correct what has become the new normal for water volumes If more water can't be released could the engineers make changes in the lake's design to allow more volume retention without creating 20+ foot excess pool levels all summer. The excess pool renders boat ramps, picnic areas, camping, area, etc. unusable. 3. Support the marinas in their upkeep, similar to building leases. The Corp should support upkeep by providing capital investment funds back to marina lease holders for projects that maintain the aesthetics of the lake.
What about Norfork Lake is most and least important to you:	Most important is the continued efforts to keep the lake as is with no building on the lake. Least important is providing any new dock permits.
Additional Comments on the Master Plan Revision or about issues that should be studied:	

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How would you like to see Norfork Lake in 20 years? What changes, if any, would you like to see at the lake:	I would not change a thing. We drive 4.5 hours every summer from mid-missouri to spend our week of vacation boating on Norfork lake. Sure, we could go somewhere closer, but Norfork is our favorite. So clean and uncrowded! Well worth the drive.
What about Norfork Lake is most and least important to you:	Most: Clean water Availability of cabins and marinas Laid back atmosphere Scenery, bluffs and Ozarks Fishing Water sports Least: Shopping, retail
	I think too many campsites were made "first come first serve" a few years back. Travellers from out of town need the security of a confirmed booked spot. Also more campsites need sewer dumps. When staying for an entire week a full hookup site is necessary.

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How would you like to see Norfork Lake in 20 years? What changes, if any, would you like to see at the lake:

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It would be a great help and be an asset to public sasafety to have a warning siren or horn down river on the Norfork tailwater. The horn at the

dam cannot be heard down river.

An alert app for the cell phone might be another option. Either one of these might save a wade fisher from drowning.

What about Norfork Lake is most and least important to you:

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

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How would you like to see Norfork Lake in 20 years? What changes, if any, would you like to see at the lake:	I would like to see Norfork as one of the premier destinations in the country. Growing up in the twin lakes area, I always loved spending time on Norfork. However, I struggle now to give my children the same opportunities that I had. One main issue with this is the lack of campsites where you can put up a tent. Especially, sites that are nearby, or on the waterline. I feel like we miss out on the opportunity to attract a large amount of people to the lake that cannot afford campers or RVs. I also feel like we do not invest enough money into keeping all of our parks updated and attractive for visitors. My last and largest area of concern is with the water level management. For the past several years the water level has been kept too high going into the spring. The spring rainfall then results in flooding and many campsites and parks being full or partially shut down for the majority of the summer.
What about Norfork Lake is most and least important to you:	The natural beauty of the lake is by far the most important. Keeping the lake clean and having places that provide accessibility to the lake is very important. These places could be launching ramps, parks, or campsites.
	With the lack of tent campsites and poor water level management, I feel like we are hindering the local economy as well as not allowing us to pass on the love of the outdoors to younger generations.

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It is a beautiful lake the way it is now. I would like to see the public ramps able to be utilized during high water. For example places for parking to be made so people are able to enjoy the lake even when the water levels are being left higher. I would like to see some regulations on the boats that are doing the surfing that are throwing out big wakes and doing damage to docks and shorelines.
Most important is keeping the lakes clean and peaceful.
The damage/killing of the trees around the lake due to the higher water levels left for such long periods of time.

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What about Norfork Lake is most and least important to you:

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Under the control of anyone but the ACOE that is regulated mostly by politicians that want their piece of the pie first.

Clean water, better flood control, better regulations of marinas, much better fireworks display.

Badge heavy water officers seeking the opportunity to raise as much revenue as possible all under the pretense of safety law and order.

Additional Comments on

the Master Plan Revision Regardless of comments about the master plan revision as always or about issues that you people are going to do what the politicians want you to do. should be studied:

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How would you like to see Norfork Lake in 20 years? What changes, if any, would you like to see at the lake:	NOT like Lake of Ozark! there needs to be a boat size and power limit. Better policing of the lake during high use time.
What about Norfork Lake is most and least important to you:	Most important preserve the natural beauty of the lake and surrounding areas. Don't mark your boundaries like the KKK just marched through like you did on Bull Shoals! You can identify boundaries with out the eye sore.
Additional Comments on the Master Plan Revision or about issues that should be studied:	

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How would you like to see Norfork Lake in 20 years? What changes, if any, would you like to see at the lake:	First I would like to see more parking and more campgrounds accessible during periods of water at 580 feet. Many times people complain about the water levels but what I think they are really complaining about is the lack of accessibility when the water is that High. Second I want the trail systems that are on the Corp of engineers property To continue to be developed there has been great work done with David's Trail and I would love to see more of that With the possibility of even some backpacking Or mountain biking opportunities.
What about Norfork Lake is most and least important to you:	Most important to me is that the Corps of Engineers maintains the buffer zone around the Lake. Norfork Is unique in the fact that the land around the lake it's still natural.
Additional Comments on the Master Plan Revision or about issues that should be studied:	

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i would like to see my favorite lake stay relatively the same but if there is recreation areas that are not being used to full potential then i would be okay with new modern development just in those areas like Georges cove and others. i strongly believe the majority of my friends and family love that there is a large amount of the lake where it has a suclusive feel and doesn't have home built on the shoreline!!!!!

most important is privacy while on the water! least important is the development of shoreline for finacial gain

the Master Plan Revision i am totaly happy with the plan as is but would be okay with maybe a couple nice resorts

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How would you like to see Norfork Lake in 20 years? What changes, if any, would you like to see at the lake:	I would like the lake level to be at normal lake pool level more often than it has been the last 5 years. I would like to be able to preserve a "lake view" from our property which would require some tree maintenance on the government property between our property and the lake, to restore a view like we had when we bought the place 34 years ago. I would like the general feel of the lake to stay the same, not overly commercialized.
What about Norfork Lake is most and least important to you:	Most important: Not overly populated Clean water Calm water Sand island Enjoying the lake itself, forit to remain not an entertainment/ retail/partying type of place like Lake of the Ozarks. For smaller/ medium size boats to be able to safely navigate the lake. Not to be overtaken by huge boats. To be able to see the lake from our property, which is how it was when we bought it.
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The lake needs better access, especially during high water. I feel many people are restricted from using the lake in high water because they are older or handicapped and do not have easy access.

I think Lake Norfork should trend the way of Lake Ouachita. Minimized the number of private dock and allow the commercial zones to expand. Water quality is the most important.

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In 20 years, I would like to see people of all ages, including handicapped people, able to park a vehicle and access the lake safely, especially during the summer season. Parking lots need to expand to accommodate demand.

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Public demand for outdoor recreation is increasing. People are also staying more active as they age. During the summer season when the largest group of people want to access the lake, the lake (for a multitude of reasons) has been well above normal, and is

For these reasons, Norfork Lake needs to be easier to access in high water conditions. We need parking lots and boat ramps that

can be used when the lake is above normal.

Marinas need to be allowed to adapt to changing demands... more slips, more amenities.

You also might consider establishing several zones for wake surfing. These would be areas with no docks and where shoreline erosion is not a issue. Wake surfing is fun and growing in popularity, but the wake surfing boats throw off a sizeable wake that can disturb fisherman or damage boat docks. Establishing zones might let people coexist peacefully.

Most important to me are the commercial amenities. In the old days, people would throw their 9.9 outboard in the trunk of the car and rent a boat for their vacation...literally just that... a 14° wooden boat with no engine. Those days are gone.

The public wants to be able to rent boats (including engines!) from marinas, or launch their boat and get a slip for the weekend. All boaters want fuel, snacks, ice and things to do on the water. They want a quality place to stay that is close to the lake.

Commercial expansion under the current plan is far too limited. We need to follow the Corps plan used in the Vicksburg District and Lake Ouchita. It allows for marina expansion and development.

What about Norfork Lake is most and least important to you:

	Also, under the Bull Shoals Master Plan revision, new permit applications are only accepted from October through April. That seems to be restrictive. Business goes on year round, and waiting 6 months just to submit a plan is an unnecessary delay.
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	I have two thoughts about Norfork Lake. Overall, I believe the Corp does a good job with managing the lake.
	We are a 2nd generation family to use the lake and own a home overlooking the lake, soon to be 3rd generation.
How would you like to see Norfork Lake in 20 years? What changes, if any, would you like to see at the lake:	1. Our number one concern, flood control the last 10 years or so is out of control. I understand the number 1 need when the lake was constructed was flood control and I understand weather patterns are changing. I also believe a better job could be done trying to keep the level more in check realizing mother nature is brutal sometimes.
	2. We own a home on a couple of acres overlooking the lake and our family has owned it for over 45 years. Having a minimal view of the lake would be a great addition for us and the many families that own property on the lake. I am not talking about clearing the land, but trimming a few trees under supervision from the corp is what I am suggesting. The lake is a beautiful asset for the public and the people that own property around the lake.
What about Norfork Lake is most and least	Most important would be maintaining the clean water for fishing and recreation that we have been enjoying on Norfork Lake for generations.
important to you:	Developing more commercial facilities on the lake would be the least important to us. There are many other lakes that boaters can go if they want bars and restaurants on the lake.
	We keep our boat at 101 Marina. The camp ground there has been a mess for years Either clean it up or just eliminate it altogether, it is an eyesore. There are not good facilities there and there are many better campgrounds around the lake

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I have been visiting Lake Norfork for over 30 years. I grew up going to the lake and love being down there. Over the last 5-10 years it seems like the lake levels have been considerably higher during the summer busy season. This makes getting onto the lake very difficult at times. Parking at the marinas is a mess and finding a boat ramp that is reasonably accessible is very difficult. In addition there is so much debris in the lake for the first couple weeks of the season it creates a safety issue. Also the inability to use sand island by Jordan Marina is a shame. I have many happy memories as a child there and that is a huge draw for families with children. My parents and some family friends purchased vacation homes on the lake 30-50 years ago, when they purchased their homes, they had a very clear view of the lake which enhanced the lake experience and increased the home value. Over the last 20 years as the corps has adjusted their management of the land surrounding the lake, many of the homes of my family and friends have a very limited or no lake view. I love the natural feeling of the lake but feel like, with Corp approval one oversight, homeowners Gould be able to maintain a moderate lake view to maintain value of their home and the experience of being down at the lake. I love this lake and will continue visiting. I appreciate that it is not overly busy and commercialized and look forward to many many more years and wonderful memories at the lake.

Lake levels during summer season

Homeowners being able to maintain a moderate view of the lake and be able to prune trees between their property and the lake to keep their view.

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I and my family would like to see the lake remain as is. NO development commercial or residential. We would like the lake and surrounding areas including government strips to remain as natural as possible. I vacationed as a boy in the mid 60s at lake of the Ozarks and would hate to see what has been done there happen on our twin lakes.

Most important would be to maintain the lakes natural state and its shore lines. Also to maintain the normal summer and winter pool levels.

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How would you like to see Norfork Lake in 20 years? What changes, if any, would you like to see at the lake:	The way it is set up is just right.
What about Norfork Lake is most and least important to you:	The abundance of nature and untouched shoreline is what I love about it. I spend the majority of mine time either on the lake or hunting the Corp land around the lake. Have been enjoying this lake for 30 years and hope to be able to enjoy it for the reminder of my life. All my kids grew up coming to the lake.
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Well if it's going to keep getting flooded, you need to think about high water ramps and parking also maybe more high water campsites.

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I enjoy wade fishing which id difficult in the lake. It would be nice if some jetties were added so you could fish more of the water. The jetty would allow anglers to access a little deeper water. I feel these should be smooth for handicap accessibility as well.

Most important is the water stored and later released in the river for trout.

One thing that concerns many fly fisherman who wade fish concerns the sudden and dangerous rise in the river. It can come on sudden and create a hasty exit that leads to falls. If there was a warning system tied to a graduated release schedule it would help. The release app on the USGS site helps but you don't want to pull

Additional Comments on your phone out to keep checking a possible release change. One the Master Plan Revision of the best things on the lake or river is that you should only use your phone to take pictures. Push notifications would help. It would also help if there was another entry point on the river. The walks would be shorter requiring less time to reach safety. The forecast release schedule would be of more value if it could forecast the project for a day or two. Certain times of the year you would like to visit the area and fish but feel the one day schedule is not enough to justify a long drive and expenses.

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How would you like to see Norfork Lake in 20 years? What changes, if any, would you like to

see at the lake:

What about Norfork Lake is most and least important to you: Induces, cleaniness and respect for nature, including lands, floral and fauna. Most: Clean, Clear Water. Preservation of Shorelines Preservation of Campground areas Preservation of Trails More Water/Land clean-up (organized or otherwise) Safety issues Enforced

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More Parking near Marinas and in Camp Grounds. Visitors park on Highways, roads, in private yards, and grassy areas in parks and marinas. There needs to be more structured parking areas so yards and grassy areas are not destroyed, causing erosion and killing vegetation. It is a safey hazard to park along highways, especially on holidays, that bring Many visitors to the area. The parking rules that we Do have, need to be more strictly enforced Thru out our campgrounds and around the lakes and picnic areas. There needs be more enforcement on the water during High Traffic times to watch for underage Jet Ski drivers, boating Safety issues; people riding on the Front of pontoons with feet hanging over, riding on Top of pontoons, riding on Back of boats, etc while boats are in motion. In the last 30 years we have watched visitors become more abusive to our area. Showing much lass consideration for

In the last 30 years we have watched visitors become more abusive to our area. Showing much less consideration for resources, cleanliness and respect for nature, including waters, lands, floral and fauna.

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	We have been coming down to Norfork our entire lives. We love the natural beauty of the lake, so we'd like to see it mostly unchanged in 20 years which is when we plan to retire in the area. The only changes we'd like to see revolve around the constant high lake levels the last 10 years or so.
How would you like to see Norfork Lake in 20 years? What changes, if any, would you like to see at the lake:	When the lake is high, boat launching is quite difficult, if not dangerous on a crowded weekend. We've seen fist fights at launch areas (parking lots and roads) because of a lack of direction. Buzzard Roost is one particular trouble spot during high water, it's complete and utter chaos. While I understand that nothing can be done about the high water or climate change, it does seem like more attention could be paid to what is used as a boat launch and how (direction of traffic, parking areas, etc) when the water is high.
	The other issue we see has to do with the debris and underwater hazards. As the water comes down, the debris on the shoreline needs to be dealt with sooner, if not, when the water comes back up the debris gets pulled back out into the lake causing a hazard to boaters. Also, with the changing water levels, underwater hazards appear and disappear, with no markings. This isn't as big of an issue for those that frequent the lake because we know where they are, but I've seen numerous boaters with damage from guard rails, light posts, park benches, etc.
What about Norfork Lake is most and least	Most: Natural beauty
important to you:	Least: Fancy marinas, and events that draw crowds
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Keep all boats with ballast tanks 1/2 mile from shore when tanks are filled. More high water boat launches at new locations.

Enjoyment, fishing, hunting, flood control, lake level, etc most important

high value on demand electricity output least important.

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What about Norfork Lake is most and least important to you:

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I would like to see the interests of the people whose recreational interests or whose livelihood is dependent upon lake management be better balanced with the interests of the downstream farmers whose lands are near the White River. The economic interests of those whose interests are more closely tied to the lake itself are no less important than the economic interests of the downstream agricultural sector. Unusually high lake levels, particularly when held late into the spring and summer, represents detrimental "flooding" just as much as inundation of crop fields. As it is now, the agricultural interests seem to trump the interests of those whose interests are more directly tied to Lake Norfork.

To me personally, recreational interests are most important. That includes my participation in the multimillion dollar recreational fishing economy associated with the lake proper, as well as the tailwater trout fishing that also brings many visitors and millions of dollars into the local economy.

Of least interest to me is the power that the agricultural sector located in the Arkansas Delta, which includes many individual farmers who are knowingly farming land that is near the river and susceptible to the flooding that is a natural part of the hydrological cycle of the White River, seems to have over control of the management of the lake.

Additional Comments on the Master Plan Revision or about issues that should be studied: The significant safety issue associated with releases from the dam into the tailwaters must be addressed. Anglers downstream of the dam cannot hear a siren when water is going to be released. In this days of high tech and wifi, there is no reason that sires could not be installed the short (~4 miles) length of the tailwaters so that anglers can get out of the river in advance of the relatively rapid rise that can occur. Someone is going to be killed some day if this is not corrected.

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More consideration of the trout fishery that the lake supports. Also more cellular access around the lake.

The lake is a necessary part of the areas economy. This includes many small businesses that contribute to the area's fiscal viability. Many rely on sport fishing and other recreational activities. These should be a primary focus secondary to the main goal of the lake in water management of the Mississippi Delta Region.

My comment is more related to water releases from the Norfork Dam. I am a trout fisherman who travels to the different rivers this state has to offer. I realize there are many factors that contribute to releases at the dams. In times of low power need when the lake is in power pool can we possibly get a minimum flow rate to avoid unnecessary trout kills. I would also love to have a more continual flow during a set 8-12 hour period. Large fluctuations in generated flows make things very unpredictable for those on the river and negatively affect the river system as a whole. If there is a non financial reason for these fluctuations I personally would love to hear from you.

Thanks,

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How would you like to see Norfork Lake in 20 years? What changes, if any, would you like to see at the lake:	In 20 years, I would like to see Norfork Lake continuing to be clean and stocked with fish. I would like to see guests continue to come to enjoy boating, fishing, and recreating. However, with high water (561') we begin to have difficulty with the lake entering our parking lot. Then with higher levels, it becomes labor intensive to sustain access onto our boat dock. As lake levels rise, we lose our parking lot all together, and guests have to walk through the woods to get onto our boat dock the elderly, very young, and physically unfit struggle with this, and I worry about their safety. Over at George's Cove during the summer, swimmers and waders take up the boat ramp area and our guests have encountered difficulty launching their boats. During high water, this is exacerbated. I wish the end of the gravel road by the launch area could be widened to help accommodate parking as well as boat launch trailer maneuvering.
What about Norfork Lake is most and least important to you:	Most important: Tourism-related activities like fishing and boating. Good fish stocking. Clean water for swimming. Calm water for boating. Access onto our boat dock for tourism.
	Least important: N/A
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should be studied:

Norfork Lake Master Plan Revision and Environmental Assessment



Please use this form to provide comments and suggestions about how you would like to see the Norfork Lake Master Plan revised; or provide comments on the issues that should be studied before a decision is made on Master Plan revisions. Feel free to take an extra form to provide to friends or neighbors and send the forms back, before December 31, 2020, to USACE at the addresses below.

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

Comments may be submitted via mail, email, or fax with attention to: Norfork Lake MP Planner, Natural Resources Management Section, USACE, Little Rock District, P.O. Box 867, Little Rock, AR 72203.

Fax: (501) 324-6230, Email: CESWL-NorforkLakeMPUpdate@usace.army.mll

Website: https://go.usa.gov/x7b9H

Written comments must be postmarked, e-mailed, faxed, or otherwise submitted by December 31, 2020. PRIVACY ACT STATEMENT INSTRUCTIONS

AUTHORITY: ER 1130-2-406, and the laws and regulations referenced therein.

PRINCIPAL PURPOSE[5]: 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(5): Information you provide will be available for public review or may be disclosed to members of the Department of Defense or other Sovernment 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 commenters. USACE, Little Rock District P.O. Box 867 Little Rock, AR 72203

Gentlemen:

I would like to take this opportunity to comment and address a major area of concern in regard to the Norfork Lake Master Plan Revision.

The current Master Plan land use classifications and permitting has been excellent in protecting the lake and shoreline. I would hope that any future revisions will follow along current guidelines.

My main concern at this time is the safety and recreational issues regarding water releases into the Norfork Tailwater. I would like to think several major issues could be fairly easily addressed and remedied.

Currently fishermen, kayakers, and others using the river rely on website and phone predictions for water release scheduling. Most make river use timing and travel plans based on those predictions. Very, very often these predictions are invalid, resulting often in putting recreational users in danger, and inconveniencing many more would-be users who travel to the river only to realize they will not be able to fish, or safely otherwise use the river. There have been many, many times when fishermen wade quite far from an access point, expecting the predicted release time. When releases are made hours ahead of schedule, these individuals face real danger, as the water may rise very quickly, trapping them where they cannot get back to the access point or safety, or even worse, they may be swept downstream. I realize SW Power's demands change, but I believe several avenues of communications are available to alleviate the danger and allow for consistently better planning.

Safety being the main concern, it would seem that with modern technology, one or more water release warning sirens could be placed along the river. Currently the horn at the dam cannot be heard on most of the river, certainly not in the main fishing areas above and at the highly used Ackerman Handicap access.

Secondly, to maximize safety, a great service would be the creation of a cell phone APP that would provide up-to-the minute release data and have a notification feature available to notify the user at the time of release changes.

For the immediate future, it would seem fairly easy to update website predictions on the current websites.

I do realize that recreational use and Fish and Game is a secondary consideration of the dam operation, but over the years the importance of these have become a major economic driver to the local areas surrounding the Lake and River. A very large

number of residents as well as a continual influx of fishermen from all over the state and surrounding states visit our area to fish. This continually growing number of fishermen need reliable information for their safety and the ability for proper planning. These needs should be vital components of the Lake's Master Plan.

Thank you for allowing public input on this Master Plan Revision.

Sincerely. Privacy Act of 1974, 5 U.S.C. § 552a

CC: Senator John Boozman

CC: Representative Rick Crawford

Appendix G Agency Scoping Comments



ARKANSAS ENERGY & ENVIRONMENT

December 17, 2020

NRM Planner U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Little Rock District Via Email: <u>CESWL-NorforkLakeMPUpdate@usace.army.mil</u>

RE: Norfork Lake Master Plan Update

To Whom It May Concern:

The Division of Environmental Quality (DEQ) appreciates the opportunity to comment on the Norfork Lake Master Plan Update. At this stage of review, DEQ can provide only generalized comments on issues to consider during Environmental Assessment (EA) development. We request the opportunity to review both the draft and final EAs when available.

While the Office of Land Resources has no specific comments at this time, additional review may be required should the shoreline or flood relief footprints change.

The Office of Water Quality recommends that all necessary steps be taken to prevent or minimize erosion of materials and soils into surface waters. Proposed activities should include measures to protect both the water quality and designated uses of the waterways.

This letter is issued in reliance upon the statements and representations made in the submittal. DEQ has no responsibility for adequacy or proper functioning of the proposed project. Please contact the referenced offices with any questions.

Sincerely, Mulia Third

Julie Nicol Director of Enterprise Services, Division of Environmental Quality 5301 Northshore Drive, North Little Rock, AR 72118

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ARKANSAS DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT

Norfork Lake Master Plan Revision and Environmental Assessment



Please use this form to provide comments and suggestions about how you would like to see the Norfork Lake Master Plan revised; or provide comments on the issues that should be studied before a decision is made on Master Plan revisions. Feel free to take an extra form to provide to friends or neighbors and send the forms back, before December 31, 2020, to USACE at the addresses below.

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Address:	4815 W.	Markham St. Little Rock, AR 72205	
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How would you like to see Norfork Lake in 20 years? What changes, if any, would you like to see at the lake?

What about Norfork Lake is most and least important to you?_____

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

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

Arkansas Dept. 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 Norfork Lake Master Plan.

Additionally, the Arkansas Department of Health has generally concurred with a new proposed intake for Mountain Home Waterworks at Latitude (36.3954806) and Logitude (-92.3114949) on 9/22/20. Detailed plans / specifications are to be submitted at a later date. ADH notes the Norfork master plan should offer a low impact recreation or more restrictive. ADH can provide additional information as needed.

Comments may be submitted via mail, email, or fax with attention to: Norfork Lake MP Planner, Natural Resources Management Section, USACE, Little Rock District, P.O. Box 867, Little Rock, AR 72203.

Fax: (501) 324-6230, Email: CESWL-NorforkLakeMPUpdate@usace.army.mil

Website: https://go.usa.gov/x7b9H

Written comments must be postmarked, e-mailed, faxed, or otherwise submitted by December 31, 2020.

PRIVACY ACT STATEMENT INSTRUCTIONS

AUTHORITY: ER 1130-2-406, 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(5): 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 commenters.

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Good afternoon Dana,

The Missouri Department of Natural Resources is in receipt of your letter advising us that the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers is in the process of revising the Norfork Lake Master Plan.

At this time, we do not have any comments. We do request that you keep us in the loop as you move forward with this process.

Thank you,



We'd like your feedback on the service you received from the Missouri Department of Natural Resources. Please consider taking a few minutes to complete the department's Customer Satisfaction Survey at <u>https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/MoDNRsurvey</u>. Thank you.

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To: Cc: Subject: Date:

From:

Monday, December 28, 2020 10:37:35 AM

Dear Ms. Coburn,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Norfork Lake Master Plan revision and Environmental Assessment. The Missouri Department of Conservation (Department) is the agency responsible for fish, forest, and wildlife resources in Missouri. As such, we actively participate in project review when projects might affect those resources. Our comments and recommendations are for your consideration and are offered to enhance the fish, forest, and wildlife resources in the project area.

ping comments

The Department offers the following comments for USACE consideration as they revise the Norfork Lake Master Plan:

- Identify changing demands for the water resources and identify zones to accommodate authorized uses. We encourage this to include access at varying water levels.
- Identify measures that will improve water quality in Norfork Lake, including long-term
 watershed level Best Management Practices addressing sedimentation and erosion, as
 well as point and non-point sources of water quality.
- Identify measures that will improve the safety for all users of the Lake.
- · Provide for protection of rare species and their habitats in and around the Lake.
- Identify steps to educate the public on invasive species and appropriate measures to limit their spread.
- Prescribe practices to be implemented that will maintain a quality fishery for future generations.
- Provide equal opportunity for multiple uses of the resource (fishing, hunting, boating, wildlife watching, etc.)
- Provide adequate law enforcement.
- Though outside the scope of the Master Plan, consider management of pool levels to
 optimize habitat conditions and vegetation management.

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Sincerely,

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Department of Energy Southwestern Power Administration One West Third Street. Tulsa, Oklahoma 74103-3502

December 22, 2020

Ms. Dana Coburn Norfork Lake MP/EA Project Manager Programs and Projects 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 Norfork Lake Master Plan (Master Plan). As the Federal agency responsible for scheduling and marketing the hydroelectric power and energy from the Norfork project, Southwestern Power Administration (Southwestern) has comments and corrections regarding the update of the Master Plan. Please find Southwestern's specific comments regarding the update of the Master Plan in the attached enclosure.

Most importantly, it is imperative that any updates made to the Master Plan do not negatively impact hydroelectric power operations at the Norfork project. Hydroelectric power is one of the two original Congressionally authorized purposes of the project, and Southwestern applies all of the revenues collected each year to repaying the U.S. taxpayers' original investment and ongoing reinvestment, plus interest, as well as annual operation and maintenance cost, for the Norfork 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 Norfork Lake, and the Master Plan should clearly specify that it is not intended to address water control plans, water releases, or issues related to lake levels. The current Master Plan does a good job of asserting that the lake level will fluctuate as a result of a variety of factors including inflows, flood risk management and power demand. Prior to the construction of additional facilities in or around Norfork Lake, developers should continue to be informed of these routine and sometimes significant fluctuations.

Southwestern also supports efforts to improve the water quality at Norfork Lake. In addition to improving recreating 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 Norfork project during the low DO season, which historically occurs during the months of July through November.



United Keetoowah Band Of Cherokee Indians in Oklahoma Office of Historic Preservation P.O. Box 746 • Tahlequah, OK 74465 4547 S Whitmore Lane • Tahlequah, OK 74464 Phone: (918) 871-2800 • Fax: (918) 414-4038 <u>ukbthpo@ukb-nsn.gov</u>



December 28, 2020

RE: USACE, Little Rock District, Norfork Lake Master Plan

To whom it may concern,

Thank you for consulting with the United Keetoowah Band of Cherokee Indians in Oklahoma (UKB). This response is regarding the request from your office for a review of the project listed above located in the Little Rock District, Arkansas. After review of the consultation request, we find that we do not have information on this Plan and have not received a copy of Plan materials. We would appreciate the forwarding of any pertinent information so that we may formally comment.

Please note that due to COVID-19, response times are longer than expected for correspondences. Thank you for your patience during this time. We are diligently working to complete all Section 106 consultations in as timely a manner as possible. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact our office. These comments are based on information available to us at the time of the project review. We reserve the right to revise our comments as information becomes available. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Certified Tribal

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Thank you for your consultation,

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December 14, 2020

USACE, Little Rock District Attn: NRM Planner P.O. Box 867 Little Rock, AR 72203

RE: SHPO Number: 001-OZ-21 – Norfork Lake Master Plan EA, St. Charles County, Missouri

Dear Dana Coburn:

Thank you for submitting information about the above-referenced project for our review pursuant to Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (P.L. 89-665, as amended) and the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation's regulation 36 CFR Part 800, which require identification and evaluation of cultural resources.

SHPO received the information submitted by your office on November 16, 2020. SHPO has no comments at this time but looks forward to working with your agency regarding the planning process for effects to any cultural and historic resources.

If you have any questions please write Missouri Department of Natural Resources, State Historic Preservation Office, Attn: Review and Compliance, P.O. Box 176, Jefferson City, Missouri

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How would you like to see Norfork Lake in 20 years? What changes, if any, would you like to see at the lake:

What about Norfork Lake is most and least important to you:

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

To a large degree still see the solitude surrounding the lake itself. I do believe that as MH grows we do need additional boat stalls on the lake even if just at the commercial docks. We are in desperate need of not only High Water Boat ramps with additional parking but also more camping for high water periods. I would love to see the causeway at Cranfield Park raised 15 ft or more so that those campsites could be used regardless of water levels..due to water levels we are in need of more campgrounds for high water periods so that we do not lose tourist traffic when high water is issue.

Flexibility of lake useage during high water is main issue due to loss of access points to lake and camping

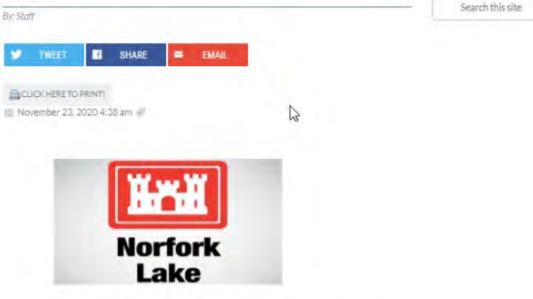
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Corps of Engineers seeks input for Norfork Lake Master Plan revision



The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers is in its scoping comment period for the revision of its Norfork Lake Master Plan. "Scoping" is the process of determining the scope, focus and content of the master plan update documents.

For a planning process like the master plan revision, a scoping process is used as an opportunity to get input from the public and resource agencies about the vision for the master plan update and any issues the plan should address where possible.

The master plan guides the management of the government lands around the Corps' reservoirs. It also affects future management of natural resources and recreational opportunities to ensure the sustainability of Norfork Lake.

The planning process will include an analysis of potential effects on the natural and social environment, including fish and wildlife, recreation opportunities, economics, land use, cultural and historical resources, aesthetics, public health and safety.

For more information, contact the Mountain Home Project Office at 870-425-2700.

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Norfork Lake Master Plan Revision

Draft Plan Release Comments Report

Appendix B to the Norfork Lake Master Plan Revision Environmental Assessment



January 2022

Norfork Lake Master Plan Revision Draft Plan Release Comments Report Appendix B to the Norfork Lake Master Plan Revision Environmental Assessment

January 2022

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Acronyms

- ADA Americans with Disabilities Act
- CEQ Council on Environmental Quality
- CFR Code of Federal Regulations
- EA Environmental Assessment
- EIS Environmental Impact Statement
- EP Engineer Pamphlet
- ER Engineer Regulation
- MP Master Plan
- NEPA National Environmental Policy Act
- R1S Recreation 1 Stop
- OMP Operational Management Plan
- P.L. Public Law
- SMP Shoreline Management Plan
- URL uniform resource locator
- OHT Ozark Highlands Trail
- WMA Wildlife Management Area

1. Introduction

1.1 Overview

The United States Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) Little Rock District is proposing to revise the Norfork Lake Master Plan. The Master Plan (MP) guides the management of the government-owned and leased lands around the lake. The MP affects future management of natural resources and recreational opportunities to ensure the sustainability of Norfork 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 Norfork Lake MP was developed nearly 30 years ago, and original estimates of future population and land use do not align with current demographics. 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 an 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 or does not serve its intended purpose due to changes in the project should be revised.

USACE has prepared a draft 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 evaluates the potential environmental effects of the MP revisions. An environmental impact statement (EIS) would be prepared only if significant environmental effects that are identified during preparation of the EA could result from the MP revisions.

1.2 Purpose and Need for Master Plan Revision

The purpose of the project is to review and revise the Norfork Lake MP. The last revision took place in 1988. Updating the MP is now required for the following reasons:

• The current plan was developed in 1988

- Customer uses have remained similar, but trends and facility and service demands have shifted in the past 30 years
- Norfork Lake is an alternative recreational and natural resource experience for visitors to the White River watershed projects
- To align with current Corps policies/regulations
- Use of new technology and maps for greater accuracy and efficiency
- Respond to changing land usage
- Balance resources with partner and stakeholder interests
- Proactively prepare for resource demands
- Sustainably manage the lake's resources for future generations

As described in Engineering Pamphlet (EP) 1130-2-550, the national goals for MPs are:

GOAL A. Provide the best management practices to respond to regional needs, resource capabilities and suitabilities, and expressed public interests consistent with authorized project purposes.

GOAL B. Protect and manage project natural and cultural resources through sustainable environmental stewardship programs.

GOAL C. Provide public outdoor recreation opportunities that support project purposes and public demands created by the project itself while sustaining project natural resources.

GOAL D. Recognize the particular qualities, characteristics, and potentials of the project.

GOAL E. Provide consistency and compatibility with national objectives and other State and regional goals and programs.

1.3 Project Area

The Norfork Lake is located within Southern Missouri (Ozark county) and Northern Arkansas (Baxter and Fulton counties) on the North Fork of the White River and was authorized by the Flood Control Act of June 28, 1938. Norfork Lake is authorized for six missions: flood risk management, generation of hydroelectric power, water supply, recreational opportunities, and fish and wildlife. Norfork Lake also provides water for "minimum flows" as directed by law (Section 132 of the Fiscal Year 2006 Energy and Water Resources Development Act, Public Law [P.L.] 109-103). The project area encompasses 54,410 acres of land and water, with 276 miles of boundary line.

The lake provides many recreational opportunities, along with fish and wildlife habitat. With its clear, deep waters, Norfork Lake is especially popular for water sports (swimming, boating, and fishing). Through the Norfork Lake Master Plan revision, 30 recreation areas have been classified as public use areas. Of these, eight campgrounds and six access areas around the lake are operated by the Corps of Engineers.

During high water events and flood periods, Norfork Lake is operated in conjunction with

other lakes in the White River Basin to reduce the risk of flood damage along the White and Lower Mississippi Rivers.

1.4 Purpose of this Report

The following report summarizes the public participation process for, and the public comments resulting from, the Norfork Lake MP Revision draft plan release public workshops and comment period.

2. Draft Plan Release Process

2.1 Overview

In accordance with NEPA and ER 200-2-2, USACE initiated the environmental compliance and review process for the Norfork Lake MP revision project. A draft EA was prepared to identify potential direct, indirect, and cumulative impacts related to implementation of the MP.

As part of the draft plan release phase of the environmental process, a comment period was held from September 15 to October 29, 2021. Workshops were held on September 30, and October 1, 2021 to gather comments on the draft revised MP and the draft EA. The workshops also gave the public an opportunity to learn about the alternatives and provide input on the draft MP and EA.

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:

- What alternative best encompasses your vision for the future of Norfork Lake?
- What, if any, changes would you like to see to this alternative?
- Additional Comments?

USACE published notice of the public workshops through a direct mail postcard and email notifications, news releases, and announcements on the Norfork Lake Master Plan webpage, and the Little Rock District Facebook and Twitter pages. The postcard and email notifications were sent to landowners adjacent to USACE-owned lands around the lake, holders of fishing Licenses purchased in Arkansas whose listed zip code is within 7 miles of Norfork Lake, shoreline use permit holders, marina and resort owners, dock builders, and those with held reservations to camp at Norfork Lake campground within the 2019 recreational season. Postcards were sent to those for whom only a postal address was available; all others received email notifications. Flyers were posted on bulletin boards at campgrounds and recreational facilities throughout the lake. Agency coordination letters were sent to potentially interested agencies.

2.2 Norfork MP Webpage

A webpage, <u>https://www.swl.usace.army.mil/Missions/Planning/Norfork-Lake-Master-Plan-Revision/</u>, was developed for the MP revision project. The site included information about Norfork Lake, the MP revision process, the revised draft MP and draft EA. Information on the site included the dates and locations of the public workshops, how to submit comments, and who to contact for more information. The website also contained an online interactive map, an online comment form, the Master Plan revision timeline, and the workshop information posterboards.

Short URLs or specific web addresses were developed for each notification method (e.g.,

postcard, email), which made it easier for the public to access the webpage and also allowed USACE to evaluate the effectiveness of each notification method. Between September 15 and October 29, 2021, 2,172 people visited the Norfork Lake MP webpage.

2.3 Public Outreach

Notification of the draft review comment period and public workshops was completed via several forms of media as described further in this section. Two public workshops were held as described in Section 2.3.3.

2.3.1 Notification Database

USACE maintains a database of stakeholder groups interested in activities around Norfork Lake, which includes resort and marina owners. Other databases maintained by USACE include shoreline use permit holders, boat slip owners, and dock builders. In addition, USACE developed a list of adjacent property owners based on the databases maintained by the county assessors of the surrounding counties. USACE also compiled a list of parties who had made campground reservations through the Recreation 1 Stop (R1S) reservation system for camping visits at Norfork Lake during the 2019 camping season. Finally, USACE obtained the database of holders of fishing licenses purchased in Arkansas whose listed zip code is within 7 miles of Norfork Lake. These combined databases included 3,725 email addresses and 11,483 postal addresses, to which notification was sent about the public scoping comment period, workshop details, and website information.

2.3.2 Public Notification Activities

Invitations to the workshops were mailed directly to individuals and organizations on the Norfork Lake MP mailing list, and email notification invitations were sent to persons and organizations where email addresses were available. Additionally, a Norfork MP web page was developed to provide project information and pertinent information about the workshops. Facebook and Twitter were also used to distribute project information to encourage public participation during the comment period and to notify followers of the scheduled workshops.

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

2.3.2.1 Direct Mail Notification

On September 15, 2021, 11,483 postcards were mailed to those listed in the notification database without email addresses. The distribution of postcard recipients is illustrated in Figure 2-1 by zip code.

The postcard notification included information on the Norfork Lake MP web address where the draft documents may be found, provide details on the two public workshop locations and dates, how to provide comments, and the comment period closing date. The direct mail postcard is included in Appendix C. The postcard generated 622 visits to the Norfork Lake MP webpage

during the comment period.

2.3.2.2 E-mail Notification

An email notification was sent on September 15, 2021, to approximately 3,725 email addresses. These emails were sent to those in the notification database for whom email addresses were available. The information in the email notification was the same as the information on the postcard notification. The email generated 1,220 visits to the Norfork Lake MP webpage during the comment period.

2.3.2.3 Social Media

The Little Rock District Facebook and Twitter pages were used to distribute project information. Facebook and Twitter posts included information similar to that found on the Norfork Lake MP webpage. The Facebook posts reached 7,233 users, and the Twitter post reached 319 users. Social media posts generated 22 visits to the Norfork Lake MP webpage during the comment period.

2.3.2.4 Other Notification Activities

In order to maximize the coverage of the outreach effort for the workshops, a media release was sent to local media outlets using the Southwestern Division, Little Rock District, Mountain Home Media distribution list on September 24, 2021. Copies of the press releases are in Appendix C, and copies of the media coverage and statistics are in Appendix F. This press release was picked up by the Paragould Daily Press (Appendix F).

2.3.2.5 Webpage Statistics

Each type of media notification (e.g., display ads, postcard, email, Facebook page, etc.) provided a different URL or specific web addresses to the Norfork Lake MP webpage. This was done in order to gather information on how people found out about and accessed the Norfork Lake MP webpage. The following is a list of the number of people who accessed the webpage organized by the media notification web address used. In total, the specific short web addresses were used 3,969 times.

- Postcard notification: 622
- News release: 215
- Email notification: 1,220
- Agency letter: 36
- Comment cards: 28
- Posterboards: 622

2.3.3 Public Workshop

USACE hosted two public workshops to gather input on the Draft Revised MP and the Draft EA. Workshops were scheduled in compliance with NEPA guidelines, and locations were selected to reflect equitable geographic coverage. Meeting locations were all within the project area

adjacent to the lake. The location was also all Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) compliant. The workshops were held 15 days after the draft documents became available to the public. To provide the greatest opportunity for community participation, workshops were held on two separate days of the week and at different times during the day (afternoon/evening).

A total of 89 people signed in at the two workshops (Figure 2-1 and Figure 2-2). A total of 10 comment cards were returned at the workshops. An additional 384 comment submittals were received via letters, email, and mailed comment cards by the close of the public comment period. In total, approximately 394 comment submittals from members of the public and 3 letters from agencies were received by the end of the comment period.

Workshop 1: Mountain Home, AR

Thursday, September 29, 2021 4:00 to 8:00 p.m. Shied Convention Center Arkansas State University 1600 S. College St. Mountain Home, Arkansas Attendees: 42 signed in Comments: 5 comment cards or letters were submitted at the workshop

Open house 2: Mountain Home, AR

Wednesday, August 5, 2015 4:00 to 8:00 p.m. Shied Convention Center Arkansas State University 1600 S. College St. Mountain Home, Arkansas Attendees: 47 signed in Comments: 5 comment cards or letters were submitted at the workshop



Figure 2-1 Mountain Home Workshop, Photo 1



Figure 2-2 Mountain Home Workshop, Photo 2

2.3.3.1 Public Workshop Format

The purpose of the public workshops was to present the three alternatives and get feedback on the Draft Revised MP and the Draft EA. Due to evolving safety protocols during the COVID-19 pandemic, the workshops were held in a non-traditional fashion for the draft release. Attendees to the draft release workshop were requested to wear a facemask and maintain a six-foot social distance. Four computers were set up during the workshop with links to the online interactive map of the lake and the alternative land classifications to facilitate responses to questions about the lake and MP revision (Figure 2-3). Additionally, a large, printed map of Norfork Lake with the preferred alternative land classifications was on display for review. The workshop and materials provided and presented were utilized in such a way as to prevent participants from grouping up in close proximity, therefore decreasing the chances of potentially spreading or contracting the COVID-19 and variant viruses.

Written comments were collected at each workshop in the form of the comment cards and also were accepted by mail, fax, and e-mail after the workshop until the close of the comment period on October 29, 2021.



Figure 2-3 Interactive Maps at the Mountain Home Workshop

2.3.3.2 Public Workshop Materials

Each workshop attendee was provided a double-sided fact sheet (Appendix C) and a comment card (Appendix C). The fact sheet provided a brief overview and comparison of the three alternatives. The comment card included information on how to comment and allowed attendees to either submit written comments at the workshop or to mail them in after the workshop. The comment card was designed as a self-mailer so that individuals could easily mail comments to USACE if they needed more time to develop their comments after attending the public workshops.

2.4 Comments Received

The public comment period was held from September 15 to October 29, 2021, which provided a 45-day comment period. All interested persons were provided opportunities to submit written

comments at the two workshops as well as via email, fax, or mail. Persons attending a workshop could also provide verbal comments by speaking to a USACE staff member responsible for transcribing verbal comments from members of the public if there was a need. The comment cards distributed at the public workshops were designed to facilitate return of written comments either at the public workshop or via mail later during the public comment period. Email comments could be sent to a project specific email address, which was included on the Norfork Lake MP webpage as well as on all of the notice materials distributed. Many open house participants took multiple comment cards to distribute to friends and family who were not able to attend an open house in person.

In total, approximately 394 comment submittals (letters, emails, comment cards, or oral comments) from members of the public and three comment submittals from agencies were received by the end of the comment period. Copies of all of the public comments submitted during the comment period are included in Appendix D. Copies of agency submittals are included in Appendix E.

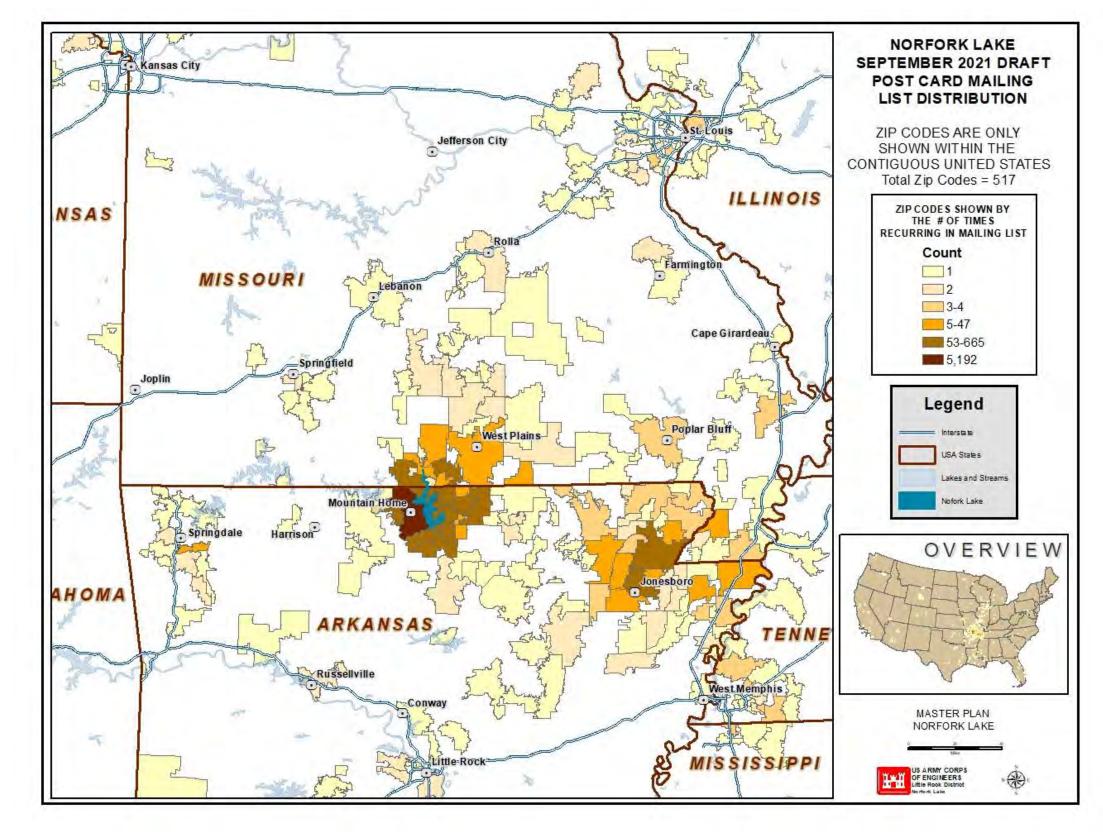


Figure 2-4 Distribution of Postcard Notification by Zip Code

Draft Release Comments Report

3. Summary of Draft Release Comments

3.1 Introduction

USACE accepted comments on the Norfork Lake MP Revision throughout the entire comment period from September 15 through October 29, 2021. Agencies, community groups, members of the public, and other interested parties submitted 394 letters, e-mails, comment cards, and faxes during this period. The summary table (Table 3-1) provides a tally of the topics discussed in the comments.

It should be noted that the combined numbers 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 and the environmental review as well as which alternative the commenter prefers and general comments about the lake.

3.2 Summary of Comments

Table 3-1 provides a summary of the comments received during the comment period. While this table does not include every comment received, it provides a general summary of the topics most frequently submitted during the comment period. The full text of all written comments submitted by members of the public or stakeholder organizations is provided in Appendix D. Agency comments are included in Appendix E.

What alternative best encompasses your vision for the future of Norfork Lake?	 Alternative 1 Increased Preservation (2) Alternative 2 Increased Conservation (13) Alternative 3 No Action (5) In favor of Ozark Highlands Trial (9) Management of water levels (3) Increase development (3) Increase lake access points (2) Do no reduce developable land (2) More docks/slips (2) Increase hiking/multiuse trails (2) High water ramps (2) 	 More No Wake zones (1) Additional Marinas (1) More enforcement of rules (1) Family Friendly (1) More public Involvement (1) In favor of WMA's (1) Limit development (1) Focus on fishing habitat (1) Focus on hunting habitat (1) Increase wildlife viewing areas (1)
What, if any, changes would you like to see to this alternative?	 Provide camping along the Ozark Highlands Trail (4) Increase parking (3) Open closed access points (2) More development (2) Less ESA land classification (1) Increase ESA land classification (1) No High Density Land classification at wilderness Point (1) Increase timber harvesting (1) Address high-water levels High-water boat ramps (1) Make draft plan easier to understand (1) In favor of the Ozark Highlands Trail (1) 	 Allow increased vegetative management below boundary (1) Increase tourism Additional marinas (1) Accessibility to recreation facilities during high-water (1) Decrease boat docks (1) Litter reduction enforcement (1) Campground/facility improvements (1) Open recreation facilities year-round (1) Maintain hiking/biking trails (1) Continue communication with adjacent landowners (1)
Additional Comments	 In favor of the Ozark Highlands Trail (336) More accessible parking along OHT (192) Add outdoor classroom facilities to OHT (175) Improve/more OHT trail markers (105) Add WIFI/cell service along OHT (101) Add campground facilities along OHT (96) Increase rest stops/benches along OHT (58) Add restrooms along OHT (40) More OHT trailheads (21) Add running water along OHT (19) Improve OHT maintenance (15) More refuse and recycling stations along OHT (12) Add picnic tables along OHT (9) Add pavilions along OHT (7) ADA accessibility along the OHT (4) Interpretive material for OHT (5) Add mountain bike trail (4) Open campgrounds year-round (3) Continued development of Ozark Highlands Trail (2) 	 Encourage development (1) More No Wake zones (1) Improve access to lake/docks (1) Open recreation facilities year-round (1) More docks (2) ATV trails (2) Add trail lighting Name change of OHT to David's Trail (2) More ADA access to the lake (1) Increase parking (1) Keep the natural beauty of the lake (1) No limit to lake access (1) Raise roads for access during high water events (1) Improve navigation markers (1) No change for WMA land class (1) More user-friendly document (1) More lake access restaurants (1) High water recreation facilities (1) Add lighting along OHT (2)

Table 3-1 Summary of Comments Received

The most frequent comments submitted during the draft release comment period relates to continued development of the Ozark Highlands Trail, often referred to as David's Trail (**Table 3-1**). Most comments encouraged further development of the Ozark Highlands Trail as well as increasing the number and types of amenities along the trail system for ease of access, safety, education, and many other improvements mentioned in the full text of all written comments that may be found in Appendix D.

Additionally, other frequent requests mention preferring no decrease in lake access (**Table 3-1**). It is important to note that no existing lake access points are being proposed for closure as part of the Norfork Lake Master Plan revision. In response to the comments received during the scoping phase of this revision, six high water boat ramps have been proposed for future development to maintain adequate public access to the lake during high-water events.

3.2.1.1 Document Specific Comments

There were 11 document specific comments, which are listed below.

- Norfork Lake Draft Master Plan, pg. 55: "Tecumseh Access, include "Future Improvements could include the continued development of the Ozark Keystone Trial section of the Ozark Highlands Trail.""
- Norfork Lake Draft Master Plan, pg. 55: "Udall Park, change the comment to read, "Future improvements could include continued development of the Ozark Keystone Trail section of the Ozark Trail."
- Norfork Lake Draft Master Plan, pg. 56: "Buzzard Roost Access, change the comment to read, "Future improvements could include continued development of the Ozark Keystone Trail section of the Ozark Highlands Trial.""
- Norfork Lake Draft Master Plan, pg. 91: "The "Ozark Highlands Trail" section Title should be changed to read, "Ozark Keystone Trail section of the Ozark Highlands Trail and the Ozark Trail"
 - "The third sentence in this section should read "The trail, once complete, will run the length of Norfork Lake and contain approximately 76 miles of hiking trail." (Trail is currently estimated/GPS'd at 87 miles...could be slightly more depending on final construction)."
 - "The last sentence should read, "the Trail is marked with distinctive OKT or blue markers to guide hikers along with numerous trail heads located at roads crossings for convenient access." (OKT is installing more distinctive OKT markers and replacing the blue arrows over time)""
 - "The map showing the overall OKT-OHT-OT trail route from the 1987 Master Plan (Plate 6-02) should be included in Appendix C and referenced in this section."

- "This section should also reference the need and approval for "dispersed primitive camping for through-hikers" transiting the Ozark Highlands Trail or the Ozark Trail using the Ozarks Keystone Trail section along Norfork Lake."
- "If locations need to be designated for dispersed primitive camping for throughhikers, those should be shown in Appendix C, and should be approximately every 10-miles between trails where a Corps campground isn't available. Through hikers typically hike in the mid-Fall to mid-Spring timeframe, so they shouldn't conflict with the peak Corps park usage during the late Spring-Summer season."
- Norfork Lake Draft Master Plan: "Appendix C, Robinson Point Park: the loop on the southwestern peninsula needs to be removed (not the one on the Robinson Point Overlook, the one to the west of that). We only built the shorter route shown going over the ridge."
- Norfork Lake Draft Master Plan: "Appendix C, Udall and Tecumseh: the trail in that section needs to be labeled Ozark Trail (not Ozark Highlands Trail)."

3.2.1.2 Location Specific Requests

There were 18 location specific requests, which are summarized below.

- Extend the ramp at Udall Park & turn on security light at Udall Ramp
- Instead of taking a small easement, build a footbridge to stay above the high waterline for the Ozark Highlands Trail construction
- Add an alternative access at Tecumseh
- Install a high-water boat ramp near the Pigeon Creek access
- Request for the construction of steps down to a private dock
- Manage some coves as "No Wake" areas
- Install highwater ramps
- Allow marinas to install more parking spaces to offset the parking that is underwater during times of high water
- Increase size of the navigation markers
- Refresh the water level markers under the two bridges that is faded
- Improve Woods Point Access ramp and parking
- Would like to see Red Bank maintained by the Corps
- Suggest dispersed primitive camping along the Ozark Highlands Trail
- Manage the flowage easements as "No Wake" to prevent environmental damage to private property
- Suggest the High Density area upstream on Bryant from the forks should be classified something other than High Density

- Raise the Cranfield Bridge to make the area accessible during high water
- Request relocating multi-owner dock to Wilderness Point area.
- Add bus parking for K-12 along the Ozark Highlands Trail for easier access (e.g. Panther Bay, Lagoon Road, Raccoon Ridge, Rocking Chair, Bidwell, CR806, CR815, Swards WMA)
- In Arkansas, the through trail should be referred to as the Ozark Keystone Trail (OKT) of the Ozark Highlands Trail (OHT) and In Missouri, the through trail should be referred to as the Ozark Keystone Trail (OKT) as part of the Ozark Trail (OT).

3.3 Agency Comments

Three agencies submitted comments during the draft release comment period. The official agency letters and emails are included in Appendix E. Agencies that commented during the comment period included:

- Missouri Department of Conservation (MDC)
- Missouri Department of Natural Resources (MDNR)
- Arkansas Historic Preservation Program (AHPP)

Agency comments either expressed being in favor of the Preferred Alternative plan or were a no comment reply. The full text of the agency comments is available in Appendix E. Comments not covered in earlier sections include:

- "As long as the Arkansas Historic Preservation Program is consulted regarding any ground disturbing activities that may affect historic properties through the Section 106 process, we find the revised master plan to be acceptable." (AHPP)
- "The Department supports the Preferred Alternative, Increase Conservation, as supporting the Departments mission to protect the fish, forest, and wildlife resources for the state and to provide public access to these resources." (MDC)

4. Next Steps: MP Revision Process

The purpose of the Norfork Lake MP Revision draft plan release workshops and comment period was to provide an opportunity for agencies and the public to learn about the draft alternatives and provide input on the draft MP and EA to help guide future land use and management at Norfork Lake.

USACE will consider the comments and issues identified during the draft release comment period as the final MP and EA are developed. Both the final MP and the EA will be made available to the public. It is anticipated that this will occur in early 2022.

Individual responses to comments provided during the draft release comment period are not developed in the preparation of an EA. Where consistent with the purpose of an MP and where

possible under the planning mechanisms utilized during a MP revision, USACE will incorporate the feedback and suggestions provided through the comments.

Appendix A: Agencies Notified of Draft Release

Agencies

- Arkansas Department of Energy and Environment
- Arkansas Department of Health
- Arkansas Department of Parks and Tourism
- Arkansas Forestry Commission
- Arkansas Game and Fish Commission
- Arkansas Natural Heritage Commission
- Arkansas Natural Resources Commission
- Arkansas State Clearing House
- Arkansas State Historic Preservation Office
- Caddo Nation of Oklahoma
- Cherokee Nation, Tribal Historic Preservation Office
- Delaware Nation, Cultural Historic Preservation Office
- Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma
- Environmental Protection Agency, Office of Planning and Coordination
- Environmental Protection Agency, Region 6, 6WQ-EM
- FEMA, Federal Regional Center
- FEMA, Region VI
- Missouri Department of Conservation
- Missouri Department of Natural Resources
- Missouri State Historic Preservation Office
- Missouri Department of Conservation
- National Park Service, Midwest Region
- SEMA
- Shawnee Tribe
- Southwest Power Administration
- The Natural Conservancy
- The Osage Nation, Tribal Historic Preservation Office
- The Quapaw Tribe of Indians
- U.S. Department of Agriculture, Natural Resources Conservation Service
- U.S. Department of the Interior
- U.S. Department of the Interior, Office of Environmental Policy and Compliance
- U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 6
- U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
- U.S. Geological Survey, Southwest Region
- United Keetoowah Cherokee of Oklahoma

Organizations

Resorts

- Blue Lady Resort
- Blackburn's Resort.
- Crooked Hook Resort
- Crystal Cove Resort
- Fish and Fiddle Resort
- Hand Cove Resort & RV Park
- Holiday Hills Resort
- Hummingbird Hideaway Resort
- Keller's Kove Resort
- Mockingbird Bay Resort
- Rocking Chair Resort
- Sunrise Point Resort
- Four Winds at Norfork
- Teal Point Resort
- Lawellins Three Oaks Resort
- Treasure Cove Resort
- Driftwood Resort

Marinas

- Panther Bay, Inc.
- Brooke Development, LLC, d/b/a Cranfield Marina
- New Management, Inc., d/b/a Quarry Marina
- Fout Boat Dock, Inc
- J & K Marina LLC, d/b/a 101 Marina
- Jordan Marina
- Tracy Ferry Marina Inc.
- Buzzard Roost Boat Dock
- Lake Norfork Marina

Dock Builders

- Lakeland Industries, Inc.
- Ozark Boat Docks
- Wilson Dock Company
- Dry Docker Boat Lifts & Docks
- Power Source Solar
- Crawford Power Systems

Appendix B: Agency Notification

DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY LITTLE ROCK DISTRICT, CORPS OF ENGINEERS POST OFFICE BOX 867 LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS 72203-0867 www.swl.usace.army.mil/ September 10, 2021
Dear
The Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), Little Rock District, is revising the Norfork Lake Master Plan, which was last revised in 1988. 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 have also be prepared. Your agency is invited to review and comment on the draft Master Plan and draft EA. The draft documents may be found at: <u>https://go.usa.gov/x7b9S</u> . Comments are requested by October 29, 2021.
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. The final Master Plan is scheduled for completion in early 2022.
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 have included review of current management practices of the lake and utilizing 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 refinement of the draft master plan and environmental assessment as required by NEPA and the USACE Engineer Regulation ER 200-2-2 "Procedures for Implementing NEPA".
USACE will hold a set of public workshops September 30 th and October 1 st , in the Norfork Lake area. In addition to reviewing the documents available online, you and

-2your staff are invited to attend one of the workshops: September 30, 2021 3:30-8:00 pm Sheid Convention Center Arkansas State University 1600 S College St. Mountain Home, AR October 1, 2021 12:00-4:00 pm Sheid Convention Center Arkansas State University 1600 S College St. Mountain Home, AR Comments may be submitted via mail, email, or fax with attention to: Norfork Lake MP Planner, Natural Resources Management Section, USACE, Little Rock District, P.O. Box 867, Little Rock, AR 72203; Fax: (501) 324-6230; Email: CESWL-NorforkMPUpdate@usace.army.mil . Written comments must be postmarked, e-mailed, faxed. or otherwise submitted by October 29, 2021. 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 or via email at Sincerely, Planner, Operations Division USACE, Little Rock District

Appendix C: Public Notifications

- Postcard
- News Release
- Social Media Posts
- Facts Sheet
- Comment Card

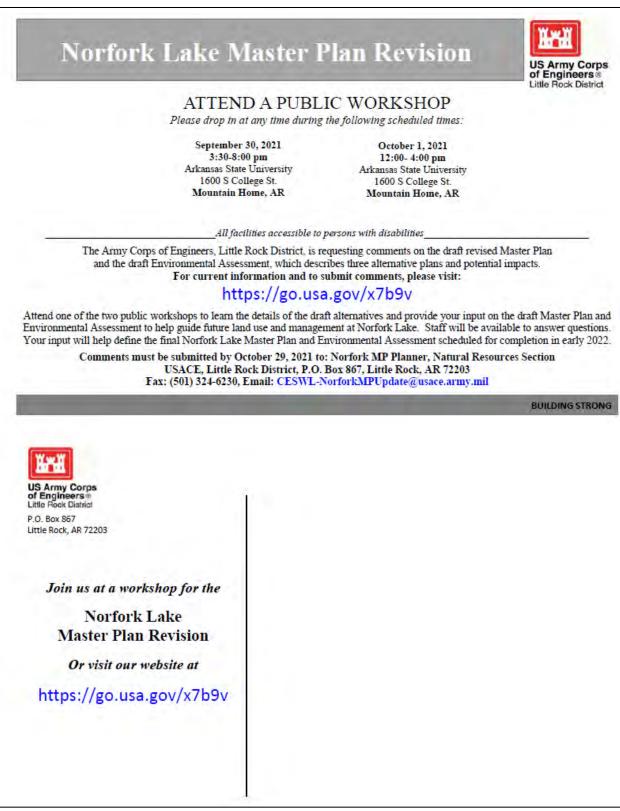


Figure 4-1 Norfork Master Plan Revision Draft Release Postcard

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NEWS RELEASE

U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS

Release No: 70-21 Release: Immediately Sept. 24, 2021 Contact: Public Affairs, 501-324-5551 <u>ceswl-pa@usace.army.mil</u> Media after hours: 501-563-6835

USACE announces workshops for Norfork Lake Master Plan revisions

MOUNTAIN HOME, Ark. -- The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Little Rock District will hold two public workshops Sept. 30 and Oct. 1 in Mountain Home to discuss the master plan update process and seek input from the public on the draft Norfork Lake Master Plan. All interested persons are invited.

A draft Environmental Assessment for the master plan, which evaluates the potential impacts of each alternative, will also be available for review.

The drop-in workshops will be held from 3:30 p.m. until 8 p.m. Sept.30 and 12 p.m. until 4 p.m. Oct. 1 at the Arkansas State University Sheid Convention Center, 1600 S. College Street, Mountain Home. Due to COVID protocols, the Sheid Convention Center requires mandatory masking and six- foot social distancing at their venue. Masks and hand sanitizer will be provided for attendees.

USACE's 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.

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Figure 4-2 Norfork Master Plan Revision Draft Release News Release Page 1

Representatives from USACE 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. Anyone with any interest in the future management of Norfork Lake is encouraged to attend and participate.

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.15 through Oct. 29. Comments can be mailed to the Norfork MP Planner, Natural Resources Management Section, USACE Little Rock District, P.O. Box 867, Little Rock, AR 72203, by fax: 501-324-6230 or e-mailed to <u>CESWL-NorforkMPUpdate@usace.army.mil</u> before Oct. 29. An on-line fillable comment card is available at https://go.usa.gov/x7bXZ.

The draft documents are online at: https://go.usa.gov/x7bXZ.

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Figure 4-3 Norfork Master Plan Revision Draft Release News Release Page 2

Little Rock District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Published by Erin Jimenez 0 · September 20 · S The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers is hosting Norfork Lake Master Plan update workshops Sept. 30 and Oct.1 to share the draft master plan and associated environmental compliance documents with the public. USACE will also collect public comments during the workshops. Draft Environmental Assessments for the master plan, which evaluate the potential impacts of each alternative, will also be available for review. The draft documents are online at: https://go.usa.gov/x7bXZ. The drop-in style workshops are scheduled from 3:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. Sept. 30 and 12 p.m. to 4 p.m. Oct. 1. Both workshops will be held at the Arkansas State University Sheid Convention Center, 1600 S. College Street, Mountain Home, Arkansas, Due to COVID protocols, the Sheid Convention Center requires mandatory masking and six- foot social distancing at their venue. Masks and hand sanitizer will be provided for attendees. Anvone interested in the future of Norfork Lake is invited to drop in anytime during the workshops which will be staffed by representatives from USACE who are available to answer questions from the public. This will be the final public outreach engagement for the Norfork Lake Master Plan revision process before the master plan revision is complete. 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.15 through Oct. 29. Comments can be mailed to the Norfork MP Planner, Natural Resources Management Section, USACE Little Rock District, P.O. Box 867, Little Rock, AR 72203, by fax: 501-324-6230 or e-mailed to CESWL-NorforkMPUpdate@usace.army.mil before Oct. 29. An on-line fillable comment card is available at https://go.usa.gov/x7bXZ. The master plan for Norfork Lake 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. #Ircorps

Figure 4-4 Norfork Master Plan Revision Draft Release, September 20th Facebook Post

Facebook Post, September 20, 2021

USACE announces workshops for Norfork Lake Master Plan revisions Post Impressions: 43202 Reach: 4017 Engagement: 27 Reactions: 9 Comments: 0 Link clicks: 9 Shares: 3 Other clicks: 5 <u>Negative Feedback</u> Hide Post: 5



Figure 4-5 Norfork Master Plan Revision Draft Release, September 24th Facebook Post

Facebook Post, September 24, 2021

USACE seeks comments on draft Norfork Lake Master Plan update

Post Impressions: 3384 Reach: 3216 Engagement: 36 Reactions: 11 Comments: 0 Link clicks: 8 Shares: 2 Other clicks: 12 <u>Negative Feedback</u> Hide Post: 4



Figure 4-6 Norfork Master Plan Revision Draft Release, September 24th twitter Post

Twitter, September 24, 2021

USACE seeks comments on draft Norfork Lake Master Plan update

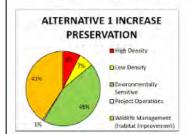
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Norfork Lake Master Plan Revision



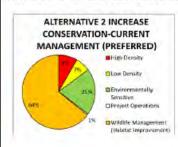
There are several alternatives under consideration for the Norfork Lake Master Plan Revision. Each of these alternatives and its potential impacts are summarized below. For more information, please visit: <u>https://go.usa.gov/x7bXW</u>

Alternative 1 - Increase Preservation



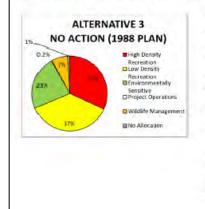
Alternative 1 reclassifies a large percentage of undeveloped High Density and Low Density to Environmentally Sensitive, with the exception of areas that are leased for Wildlife Management Areas that were reclassified to Wildlife Management. A concerted effort was made to include all glades and riparian corridor areas in the back of coves within the Environmentally Sensitive Area land classification under this alternative.

Alternative 2 - Increase Conservation (Preferred Alternative)



Alternative 2 land classifications were mapped to reflect current land and resource management practices and in response to agency and public comments received during the revision process. Changes include reclassifying undeveloped High Density land classifications (i.e., future/closed Corps parks) to other land classifications, reclassifying undeveloped Low Density land to Wildlife Management, Project Operations, or Environmentally Sensitive Area land classifications, and reclassifying some lands that contained active shoreline use permits or outgrants to Low Density.

Alternative 3 - No Action (1988 Master Plan)

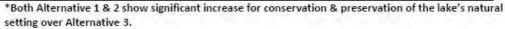


The No Action Alternative (1988 Master Plan) land use classifications will remain the same and none of the 32,533.5 acres of land around the lake will be reclassified. This alternative has the potential to allow for increased land and water-based impacts within the High Density and Low Density land classifications.

Alternative three (1988 master plan) land classifications do not accurately reflect the current land use activities and resource management of the lake. In addition, this alternative does not address resource management laws, policies, and regulations that were implemented after the 1988 Norfork Lake Master Plan. The 1972 Land Use Plan (land classification map) for Norfork Lake was not updated but was included as part of the 1988 Norfork Lake Master Plan.

Figure 4-7 Norfork Master Plan Revision Draft Release Facts Sheet Page 1

Land Classification	Alterna Incre Preser	ase	Alterna Incre Conser (Prefe	ease vation		ntive 3 – action
classification	Acres	Percent	Acres	Percent	Acres	Percent
High Density	2,451.8	8%	2,683.8	8%	10,367.3	32%
Low Density	2,116.3	7%	2,136.7	7%	11,965.8	37%
Environmentally Sensitive	14,552.8	45%	6,686.8	21%	7,528.9	23%
Project Operations	166.4	1%	166.4	1%	76.7	<1%
Wildlife Management	13,246.2	41%	20,859.7	64%	2,258.2	7%
Not Allocated	0	0%	0.0	0%	336.5	1%



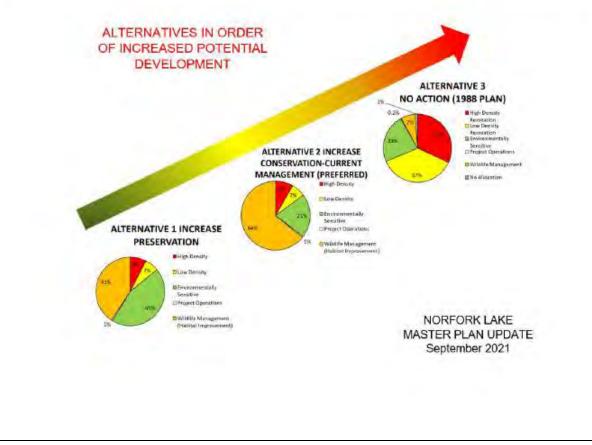


Figure 4-8 Norfork Master Plan Revision Draft Release Facts Sheet Page 2

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	Norfork Lake Master Plan Re	vision
	and Environmental Assessn	nent US Army Corps of Engineers® Little Bock District
	e your comments on the draft revised Norfork Lake Mas s of the three alternatives. The draft Master Plan and EA Feel free to take extra forms.	ter Plan, the draft Environmental Assessment
Comments must be submitted	by October 29, 2021 to USACE at the addresses below.	
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Name/Organization:		
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Figure 4-9 Norfork Master Plan Revision Draft Release Comment Card Form

Appendix D: Public Draft Release Comments

From: noreply@dma.r To: CESWL-Norfork Subject: Public Commer	
Date: Sunday, Octob	er 10, 2021 9:36:51 PM
Name / Organization:	
Address:	
E-Mail:	
Phone:	
What alternative best encompasses your vision for the future of Norfork Lake?	
What, if any, changes would you like to see to this alternative?	I would hope that the Ozark Highland Trail could be completed along be completed along the lakefront to the Missouri border. Should also be provisions for hikers to camp along the way. Thank you.
Additional Comments:	
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	Frankly, having been around these types of studies in the past. I suspect comments will have little impact to the final "preferred" plan.
	However, I think there could be some improvements made to be slightly more user friendly to adjoining land owners and visitors to the lake. It should be noted that Norfork is a destination and great location for vacationers and an attractive location for retirees to make home. Clearly, the main purpose of Norfork is flood control and water management. With that said, rules should be in place to conserve what we have, but also allow for some flexibility for better long term solutions.
What, if any, changes would you like to see to this alternative?	 The boat access at Pigeon Creek is closed during high water events. As far as I know, it's the only access to Norfork off Hwy 201 on the west side of the lake. When it's closed, it's a good 20- 30 minute drive to Cranfield (which is also heavily impacted by high water events) or even further to other boat access locations. In addition, access to the adjoining Pigeon Creek park is also impacted by high water. At a minimum, the boat ramp should be improved to allow access at high pool to this arm of the lake. While the plan mentions that current Corps staff manage the government land, it seems that with the vast acreage involved, there should be a much more robust forestry management plan included. We're fairly new to the lake, but we haven't seen much activity in tree harvesting or ways to clear out dead and dying trees along the shore. Seems very overgrown in most areas. The flip side is maintaining adequate coverage to minimize erosion. In addition, adjoining land owners should be given the opportunity to help the Corp manage the government strip thru the use of selective removals. This could help with forestry management, but also use private money for the removals. This should require Corp approval for any work performed. May be a
	long shot, but an idea to consider. Love the lake and appreciate the efforts to manage this very large

Additional Comments: asset and resource.

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Lake?	
Lake:	
	After looking for several years my wife and I recently purchased a
	home on Norfork Lake. It seems the Corps goal for the last 2 or three
What, if any, changes	years has been to hold the water from large spring rainfall until the
would you like to see to	lake is flooding over campgrounds and public boat ramps and then
this alternative?	hold it there until fall. There has to be a compromise in the current
	plan to consider the sportsmen and women that use the lake . Thank
	you for the opportunity to voice my opinion I hope it will lead to a
	change.
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	On the topic of electric lines going to docks. I understand there is a serious safety issue involving a lot of electric lines being to close to the water during times of "high-water". And with "high- water" being more of a regular thing as opposed to "once every 100 years", I understand it is the wish of the Army Corps of Engineers to have existing docks convert to solar power to power their docks.
	I would implore you to reconsider your stance on wanting to convert all docks to exclusively (i.e. Stand-alone) solar power. Instead, I would recommend the goal to be for the docks to have solar power that is utility-interactive (i.e. Grid-tie), which is, backed up by the grid.
	I know, the safety concerns must be addressed, it is the main reason we converted in the first place. The cost to build a system that can power my 20 stall dock was over \$20,000, and I did most of the work myself, so that number doesn't include any of my personal labor costs. I had been studying solar energy for years, and with the help of a friend who is a master electrician that also is familiar with Solar energy, I was able construct this system as cheap as I did. The biggest expense was the batteries, and they will only last for 5-7 years so long as I make sure they are properly taken care of and not "over-used". Battery technology in this industry has come a long way, however, it has a long way to go before it is affordable enough for the everyday consumer. My
Additional Comments:	point being, it is way to costly to reasonably expect these docks to be able to afford to build a stand-alone solar system to give them enough power to satisfy their loads during their highest energy usage times, and during extensive cloudy days. If those systems are not large enough to satisfy their loads, or during long periods

of cloud cover, then the system will have to rely on a gas/diesel powered generator to charge the batteries. I imagine that the Corps of Engineers does not find it ideal to have all these docks constantly pouring gas into generators after a week of sunless skies. As a general rule in stand-alone solar system installation, you want to have your system large enough to give you 3 days of power without use of the sun.

Now if these docks were able to tie their docks into the Grid, then there would be no need for the use of a generator. The use of batteries would be optional. Also, now any extra power produced by the panels can be sent back into the grid, helping the dock owner recoup the costs of the system. With the space and sun exposure that all the lake's docks provide, this lake could be a leader in providing clean energy to the public. Extra power produced by a stand-alone system is just wasted.

In conclusion, the safety concerns must be addressed, but it is my recommendation that we keep the electric lines of the Grid to the docks so that it can be more affordable to the dock owners, won't waste any unused solar power, and be more environmentally friendly by not having to use gas powered genarators.

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Additional (Comments:	The corps of Engineers should support and facilitate completion of the Ozark Highlands Trail along the shores of Norfolk Lake. This should particularly include the installation of trailhead gates and signs. Many use public trails as a way to enjoy and learn about the environmentincluding school groups. With urbanization spreading at a rapid rate and the pandemic discouraging personal group interactions, the trails offer a place for individuals to get outside , refresh and enjoy nature. They are public venues for individuals.
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What alternative best encompasses your vision for the future of Norfork Lake?	Please see our comments below.
What, if any, changes would you like to see to this alternative?	
	Revision Workshop at Arkansas State University Mountain Home a few weeks ago. Although are comments are not tied into the Master Plan revision, Kelley suggested we send them to you so that they can be considered in the future. We are avid boaters and when we lived in Illinois, we boated on Lake Shelbyville, in Shelbyville, II. for over 30 years. The suggestions we are making are features that we had available to us at Lake Shelbyville. Lake Shelbyville is 1/3 the size of Norfork Lake, but has 3 huge No Wave Coves that could hold 50-100 boats each. It would be nice if Norfork Lake could create some No Wake Coves. We know that Norfork Lake is deeper than Lake Shelbyville so the coves would have to be shallow enough so that boats could set anchor in them. The advantage of the No Wake Coves is that they provide protection from speeding boaters and provides a safe area for swimmers and families with children in the water.
Additional Comments:	After we started boating at Lake Shelbyville, the Corp. installed many high water ramps with additional parking for trucks/trailers to work around the high water conditions in the spring. We would like to see more high water ramps installed here. During high water levels, many of the marinas, except for Buzzard Roost Marina lost a majority of their parking spaces. Could other marinas be given additional space to compensate for the spots that are under water? Could you make the day navigational markers larger in size so

that they are more visible to boaters?

The Water Level Markers under the two bridges are faded away and need to be refreshed.

Lake Shelbyville had no private docks on the lake. We see a number of private docks here at Norfork Lake. We would like to see no new private docks on this lake.

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What alternative best encompasses your vision for the future of Norfork Lake?	Allow the taxpayers who paid for the lake and pay the salaries of all government workers to access the lake from any point around the lake.
What, if any, changes would you like to see to this alternative?	Access points close to my house have been blocked completely over the past 5 years. If someone damages lake property, law enforcement would find that person and they would be forced to pay the consequences, the same as if someone went to Bidwell Point Campground and damaged lake property.
Additional Comments:	Norfork Lake was built for the enjoyment of the people, not to kept behind glass by the Corps.
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	I support the Corps of Engineers and it's current proposed master ion plan update. That said, I provide the following ork comments/improvements to the language to be used in the master plan regarding the hiking trails along its shoreline.
What, if any, changes would you like to see this alternative?	- The fast sentence should read "The trait is thatked with

Keystone Trail section along Norfork Lake. - If locations need to be designated for dispersed primitive camping for through-hikers, those should be shown in Appendix C, and should be approximately every 10-miles between trails where a Corps campground isn't available. Through hikers typically hike in the mid-Fall to mid-Spring timeframe, so they shouldn't conflict with the peak Corps park usage during the late Spring-Summer season. - Appendix C, Robinson Point Park: the loop on the southwestern peninsula needs to be removed (not the one on the Robinson Point Overlook, the one to the west of that). We only built the shorter route shown going over the ridge. - Appendix C, Udall and Tecumseh: the trail in that section needs to be labeled Ozark Trail (not Ozark Highlands Trail). My prior comments: In the next 20 years: 1. Complete the Ozarks Keystone Trail (OKT) to connect the Ozark Highlands Trail (OHT) in AR and the Ozark Trail (OT) in MO to connect make the key connection in the envisioned 700+ mile Trans-Ozark-Trail (TOT). - Establish convenient parking for trail users, to include school buses, at numerous OKT access points between the Dam and Dawt - Corps install informational and educational signage to direct trail users, maintenance volunteers, students, community members, and visitors to all OKT access points from the Dam to Dawt - The OKT will be the contiguous trail from Lake Norfork Dam, AR to Dawt Mill, MO "Dam-to-Dawt" - The OHT will run concurrently with the OKT in AR and the OT will run concurrently with the OKT in MO, much like the BRT/OHT run concurrently along the Buffalo River in AR - The existing 17-mail "David's Trail" section will remain a segment of the OKT/OHT in AR as already designated in honor of David Floyd 2. Establish designated Primitive Dispersed Camp Sites while also allowing camping at non-designated dispersed backcountry sites (sometimes the sunlight runs out before people get to designated sites, especially when there are long distances between sites) for long-distance "Through-Hikers." - Backcountry camp sites should be free with year-round access since most through-hikers hike in late Fall - early Spring 3. Provide updated (digital and downloadable) trail maps on Corps and Recreation.gov and other partner sites with lake levels noting which sections of the OKT are underwater at various lake levels and impassable by bushwhacking around the water on Corps land (i.e. where there's no way through during high water without trespassing) - I can help with that -- I have a pretty good list. 4. Corps contract to fix bad erosion spots, install culverts and

drainage structures where needed, and crossings of steep ravines or high water points that are more than what typical trail construction partners typically purchase or install (to include potential land easements or purchases): - To include places where ArDOT, MoDOT, Baxter County, Ozark County, or Corps roadway water runoff and or other naturally occurring concentrations of water volume and velocity erode the forest into the lake and where culverts and drainage structures would address the erosion - To include the Corps pursuing an easement or land purchase for easier access through/around constraining terrain or private land choke points (from South to North on the trail route), as listed below: -- Drainage/cove Northwest of Quarry Park near Tedder property between Rolling Lane and Shoal Creek Road, need small easement to stay above high water line -- Point East of Shoal Creek Road and creek inlets near Bettenhausen property, need small easement to stay above high water line -- South Shoal Creek crossing near Schmidt property, need small easement to stay above high water line -- North Shoal Creek crossing near Shultz property, need small easement to stay above high water line -- Just South of the end of the Belle Cove Road cul-de-sac at the Radcliff property, need small easement to stay above high water line -- Adjacent to Sandstone Circle/Baxter County Road 384 near George/Linderman property and Jones property, need small easement to stay above high water line and steep bluff or use BCR384/Sandstone Circle with small easement to rejoin trail above 580' MSL -- 2 creek crossings at unnamed drainage to the South and Fall Creek to the North near the Chrenko property (elevated hunting stand super-structure) and the Scott property to the West and North, need small easement to stay above high water line -- Southeast corner of the Wolf/Jones property at the end of Slick Rock Road, need a very small easement across their corner to stay above high water line -- Multiple drainage crossings South of Buzzard Roost Park, AR near County Road 399/Brushy Knob, to include portions of the Finch property, the Kramm property, and the Lewis Property, need small easement to stay above high water line -- Ravine just North of Three Oaks Resort near County Road 806, Gamaliel, AR; enable routing around the rim/waterfall of the ravine rather than using the "loco ropes" to get up/down the ravine bluffs/cliffs -- Fix the trail erosion, drainages, grades, routing, and spurs in the Seward WMA, AR to "sustainable" designs -- Drainage just North of the Red Bank, AR trailhead that typically fills with driftwood, need small easement to stay above

Additional Comments:	high water line In Doc Hollow, MO, just north of the MO-AR state lines, need small easement on the South side of the cove to stay above the high water line In Cane Creek/Provo Hollow, MO, North of the MO-AR state lines and South of Possum Hollow, need small easement stay above the high water line and/or above the small buff/steep slope on the North-West sides of the cove for easier walking and trail building In Possum Hollow Hollow, MO, just north of the MO-AR state lines, need small easement stay above the high water line and/or above the small buff/steep slope on the East and North side of the creek inlet/cove for easier walking and trail building and at the mouth of the drainage to stay above the high water line Ravine to the Northeast of Udall Campground, MO, need small easement to stay above ravine for easier walking and trail building (probably NOT going to happen due to hostile neighboring land owner) Approval for a high-water bush-whack route on Corps land around Bridges Creek through Hasty Pudding Hollow when the water is over the bridge At the last major "North-South/East-West corner due South of Tecumsch at Corps boundary marker/monument 392A-2/2-1, south of Ozark County Road 551A, need short easement to stay above high water line for easier trail maintenance Between Corps Boundary markers/monuments 396-5A, 396-5A, and 396-6A, ensure the trail can cross on Corps land above the high water line without concern from the neighboring land owner, but where the adjacent land has what appears to be a maintained lawn on Corps land Ravine East of the "Forks" confluence of the Norfork River and Bryant Creek in the middle of the major bend of the Norfork River between the "Torks" and Dawt, MO, need short easement to stay above high water line and to enable easier trail construction and maintenance Near Corp Boundary markers/monuments 407-1 and 406-4, need small easement through creek bank and creek bed to stay above high water line and to enable
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6. OKT outdoor trail-based education and enrichment
opportunities for K-12. - Over 1000 students from local School Districts visit the trail
annuallywe need to expand this use for underserved School
Districts near the trail, such as Norfork, AR and Gainesville, MO.
 Trails near these major access points need to be designed and built such that students can walk/hike side-by-side without
encountering overhanging limbs, vines, weeds, and poison ivy
while enabling teachers and parent chaperones to supervise, teach
and ensure safety while the students walk in side-by-side lines
along the trail.
- The traditional single-track trail corridor is too thin for this trail
user group.
7. OKT outdoor recreation opportunities.
 The trail benefits the economy and revenues of local outdoor
recreation related industries such as lodging, dining, convenience
stores, guide services, transportation/shuttle services, and
facilitates small business growth and entrepreneurism to serve this
market niche.
- The through-hike trail also enhances sales of backpacking gear
at sporting goods stores and local outfitters, such as Aspire,
Norfork Adventure Supply, Gearhead, and Pack Rat. 8. OKT health and wellness opportunities:
- Spending time in nature, walking in the forest, wandering along
the shoreline, being active, outside, and on the trail are all
scientifically proven to improve physical health and mental
wellness.
9. Establish a parallel OKT Blue/Water Trail for safe activities
with educational and informational signs & buoys that allow boats
to peacefully co-exist with other non-motorized lake users.
 Popular Olympic sports, such as open water swimming, paddle boarding, and flat-water kayaking/canoeing are all low-impact,
environmentally-sound, and health-and-wellness options to
connect people with the lake.
10. Continue to support and expand events that draw large
numbers of people to the trail, lake and local area in the off-
season (Fall-Spring) that spur business opportunities for local
lodging, restaurants, convenience stores, grocery stores, sporting
goods, outfitters, guides, etc, to include:
 Corps-sponsored (and partnered with OKTE, NCAMN, OHTA,
etc. volunteers) School education visits, like the National Park
Service does with Rangers/Interpreters
- Corps-sponsored media events to include national and local
elected leaders (U.S. Senators, US Congressmen, AR & MO Governors, US Army Corps of Engineers Commander, Corps
local commanders/leaders, other local leaders, and local Partners,
especially OKTE, OTA, OHTA, and NCAMN), such as
groundbreaking ceremonies (to start each new segment), the AR-
MO "Golden Spike" construction start, and ribbon-cutting
ceremonies (to officially open each new segment).

 Establish the OKT (and its connection of the OT and OHT to make up the TOT) along Norfork Lake as one of the Corps recreation projects' national "Crown Jewels" and advertise it as such David's Trail Endurance Run A potential 100-mile endurance run/ultramarathon from the town of Norfork, MO to Dawt, MO Potential Iron-Man type triathlons and adventure races Potential open water swims
 What Matters Most: 1. Full, free, year-round access and dispersed camping to the OKT 2. Fix terrain choke points, such as severe erosion spots, high water, and steep ravines 3. Install convenient parking for public users and school buses at numerous OKT access points between the Lake Norfork Dam and Dawt Mill. 4. Install Directional, informational and educational signage to direct users, students, community members, and visitors to all OKT access points from the dam to Dawt Mill. 5. Friendly, enduring, and enriching community & school partnerships with the US Army Corps of Engineers and other partners that encourage community and K-12 students to be active, outside, and on the OKT. 6. Local, State, and Federal COE leadership that values and supports the OKT with funding, prioritization of other time & resources, trail maintenance and enhancements, media support, etc., etc.
Additional Comments: 1. Strategies to provide interest and enthusiasm for long-distance through-hikers, section-hikers, trail runners, bikers, etc to hike, bike, paddle & camp along the entire trail, Dam-to-Dawt. 2. Updated (digital and downloadable) trail maps with lake levels noting which sections of the OKT are underwater at what lake levels (when applicable).

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What alternative best encompasses your vision for the future of Norfork Lake?	There needs to be additional considerations for private boat docks in some of the coves. Current annual leases are getting too expensive at the marinas for boat stalls and the security at the marina boat stalls is almost totally absent. Current leases are over \$2000 annually.
What, if any, changes would you like to see to this alternative?	Multiple family 4-6 stall docks available for homeowners whose property joins the Corp white line.
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	The "Norfork MasterPlan 1988 pdf, has 336 pages.
	The 20210901 Draft Norfork Master Plan pdf has 111 pages.
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	The 20210315 Final Norfork Lake MP Scoping Report pdf has 234
	pages.
	Nowhere could I find a record that highlights "what is" and what the
	"proposed change" or "additions" would be.
	It would be helpful to have a record that highlights "what is" and what
	the "proposed change" or "additions" would be.
Additional Comments:	I believe this "Draft Norfork Master Plan" was not drawn up overnight
	and I also believe lawyers were involved. Yet I imagine this is sent out
	to all the people in Baxter County+. I view this as a "Present it to the
	public and we've done our job." or "Pass the Norfork MasterPlan and
	will let the public find out after we're done!"

Sorry, but what has happened and what is happening in our Government now, I have to ask these questions and question the information I do recieve.

I did read a statement where a person thought floating cabins in marinas would help marinas out financially. To me, it's another burden to be placed on the Corps, as they would have to enforce personal areas (a legal hell hole). And "help marinas out financially"... have you seen the prices they charge for a slip... outrageous!

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What alternative best encompasses your vision for the future of Norfork Lake?	Future/Inactive Recreation Areas: Lands intended for recreation, but which were never developed or have been closed. Is there a way the Woods Point access/ramp could be improved? The parking in this area is very sparse and difficult to use when the water level is high. If some of the surrounding land could be cleared it would greatly help the parking situation. Thank you
What, if any, changes would you like to see to this alternative?	Not sure what an alternative change could be, unless you could keep the water levels lower. Iol
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encompasses your vision for the future of Norfork Lake?	The one that continues to give as must public hunting access as c possible
What, if any, changes would you like to see to this alternative?	Red bank area maintained by the Corps.
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What alternative best encompasses your vision for the future of Norfork Lake?	Joining the OHTA & OTA at the AR/MO border. Connecting the 2 trails will bring more attention then anything else that can be done. Even if only a notification to the rest of the world outside the 2 trail groups from AR/MO. A projected date on the connection of the 2 trails excites anybody that is made aware of it
What, if any, changes would you like to see to this alternative?	Make the trail connection at the border. Build from the border, not to the border. Celebrate the event at the border. Tell the world the 700 mile trail is going to happen.
Additional Comments:	I am a member of both AR/MO associations. and have been involved with out reach programs, including Bass Pro Expo for the past 4 years. Many thousands of people have passed by our booths. The ones that want to talk about trails when they find out the trails are going to connect for a future 700 mile trail are just about always excited. And the end of our visits, just about always want to know when will the 2 states make the connection. I believe this many people know what they want. This also holds true for future supporters of the trail system, big business, etc. but they want to have a plan summited to them by both states. It is a business deal. Connects are made easier when they are made aware of the efforts along the lake with a hiking trail. I believe the stars are aligned to take advantage of the future of a 700 mile trail, with a lot running along the lake. I hope this helps. A lot of people from both states have been working real hard for a long time to come together to make the mid west have a long distance trail become a reality. A published date on when something is going to take place at the border will open doors of support that we don't have now. The date is the key to success.
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What alternative best encompasses your vision for the future of Norfork Lake?	I support the completion of the hiking trail along the length of Lake Norfork to the Missouri border, With this in mind there should be provisions made for dispersed, primitive camping that would accommodate those hiking the trail. I hope that the US Army Corps of Engineers will support this important aspect of the Lake Norfork.
What, if any, changes would you like to see to this alternative?	
Additional Comments:	I support the completion of the hiking trail along the length of Lake Norfork to the Missouri border, With this in mind there should be provisions made for dispersed, primitive camping that would accommodate those hiking the trail. I hope that the US Army Corps of Engineers will support this important aspect of the Lake Norfork.
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Additional Commen	ts: Be sure you ask each property owner who will be personally affected by any changes you discuss.
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What alternative best encompasses your vision for the future of Norfork Lake?	alternative 1
What, if any, changes would you like to see to this alternative?	eliminate the construction of the walking trail through pristine untouched wooded areas.
Additional Comments:	If I am understanding this correctly, the construction of the walking trail on the government strip will require an easement on my property. I am not in favor of any changes being made to property I own and have been paying taxes on for over 5 decades. I also do not appreciate the prospect of trespassers getting curious and the inevitable vandalism and break ins that are always associated with this kind of foot traffic. I have neighbors who have already been negatively affected by this project with the above-mentioned vandalism and break ins. Why must this area be reduced to the same low common denominator as every other area where these projects have been implemented? Trying the same thing repeatedly and expecting a different result is one of the definitions of insanity. I know these comments will go in one ear and out of the other as usual. Thank you for increasing the anxiety level of all of us who just want to live in peace.
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	I would have to agree that the preferred alternative #2 would best encompass my view for the future. I like the fact there is limited a development on the lake and this seems like a way to continue that. This should help preserve the lake shoreline for the future.
What, if any, changes would you like to see to this alternative?	In the plan the core has listed a handful of high water boat launches to build in the future if funding would ever become available. Also modifications to campgrounds with areas to be installed above current elevations were discussed with the representative at the comment meeting. This to me looks like they are admitting that the current high water situations we have seen in the last six years will be here to stay. Rather than admitting that and needlessly spending tax payer money, (which we don't have by the way), the core should be championing the effort to better control the lake level.
Additional Comments:	Part of the objectives of the master plan are to preserve the lake conditions for future generations. Without addressing water quality, this objective will never be met. This plan revision does not do that because it does not address water level. The root cause of our water not being as clean as it used to be has something to do with the current high water levels we've seen in the last six or so years. The first comments we heard at the review meeting were "this plan doesn't address water levels". (Although I believe the majority of the comments from the initial public comment period revolved around water level issues.) I know that and I also know that the lake was built for flood control. This water level issue is a political based problem with rules that were determined under other so called "plans" (ie. White river water control plan for one) by people with strong political lobbying abilities If the Core of Engineers truly wants meet its objectives to preserve the lake there needs to be a push from the Core to lead the battle over lake levels. You can't just throw up your hands and say "that's covered somewhere else". To me it is one government agency spending money (which they don't have by the way) to combat a problem created by another government agency. A little give by both sides could easily make this problem go away. Without spending money we don't have by the way. The core needs to be a leader in the effort to control the lake level,

not a follower. You guys are closer than anyone on knowing the condition of the lake and I believe that most of you know what the high water has done to the condition of the water. I believe you should be actively working with other government agencies to help change the laws/rules that govern our lake level, rather than blindly following orders that you know are detrimental to the quality of our beautiful lake. With the Core leading the effort, that could make a big difference in helping to keep the lake in the condition it is today, and maybe it might even bring back the water clarity that we had 15-20 years ago. This would help protect our lake well into the future for other generations to enjoy. (Which is what this master plan revision is trying to do I believe) That would also eliminate the need to spend needless dollars on high water issues year after year. Thanks for listening and if I can be any help please contact me.

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What alternative best encompasses your vision for the future of Norfork Lake?	development and implementation of the plan developed years ago and clearly intentional action to minimize any public involvement in the development of the proposed revision are not sufficient. The creation of Norfork Lake was initiated by both state, county and local governments and since augmented by the Feds and quasi government agencies ie. SWPA. The purpose was to stimulate the economy of the region by improving the quality of life for the hillbillies by creating the reservoir. The Corps was hired to work with those economic initiatives as their priority as directed by the citizen of the region. Somewhere within the last 20 years the SWL Operations within the region has forgotten who they are to serve. The COE within the area has grown to become a negative force within the region rather than a facilitator as originally intended. The current Master Plan and proposed revision lack adequate involvement by host governments, state and local resource agencies along with the communities surrounding the Project. I strongly suggest the development and implementation of the plan be a cooperative from a group comprised of ALL stakeholders within the region. Minimum flow were facilitated by a cooperative group comprised of public, private, local, state and federal agencies. To quote the a leader in SWL Planning "it was a slam dunk". Table Rock Lake has experienced many successes that benefit the Region with a similar effort. The lands, water and resources belong to ALL and they should be
What, if any, changes would you like to see to this alternative?	encouraged and allowed to participate in the development/management process. Norfork Lake belongs to the citizens of the United States and they should be more heavily involved in the Master Plan Development Process. I am positive many local leaders along with state officials and citizens that would welcome the opportunity to participate.

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	As a lifelong Norfork Lake vacationer and property owner, I must first say that I love the lake and the surrounding area. The lake and the surrounding businesses have played at major factor in raising my family. We have enjoyed the lake and tried to maintain the pristine lake we love so much. That being said, the last 4 out of 5 years have been a struggle. We own a stall in a private dock and have been unable to drive/walk to it because of the high water levels during the summer season. We have to take a fishing boat to the dock. I am not sure what has changed or why it changed but the lake water levels are not maintain as they were in the past. I have been coming to Norfork for 60 years and we have occasionally had high water issues but now, high water is the new normal. The last 4 out of 5 years has been terrible. Due to the high water and our age, going to the dock is harder and harder to do. We love the lake and purchased a stall so that in our retirement, the use of our boat would be easier. Needless to stay that has not come to be. During the majority of the summer we had to boat over 1/4 mile to have access to our dock. The distance has cause us to have to launch a fishing boat in order to access our pontoon. We therefore have to deal with two boat to enter the dock. As I stated above, I understand this happening occasionally but it happens far to often now.
What, if any, changes would you like to see to this alternative?	The Corps should lower the water level in the winter to compensate for spring rains and increase the generation to the highest level possible to lower the level quicker. If the Corp chooses to not lower the water levels, I feel the dock owners should either be able to move the docks to a year around access (compensating for high water) location or the docks should be allowed to move their access road to accommodate the Corp decision to maintain the high water level. Current corp policies do not provide the dock owners access to their dock. I do realize the Norfork was designed for water control, but prior to the last 5 years, we were able to access the lake and have water control.
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What alternative best encompasses your vision for the future of Norfork Lake?	Alternative 2 - Increase Conservation
What, if any, changes would you like to see to this alternative?	Continue and expand interaction with private land owners adjacent to the Lake allowing them to express their concerns and provide a means of input to the Corp, regarding any future changes and policies have a potential effect on them.
Additional Comments:	My wife and I appreciated the open forum the Corp provided at ASU Mountain Home to update us and allow us to input our ideas and concerns.
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What alternative best encompasses your vision for the future of Norfork Lake?	Please consider an alternative that maximizes trails for hiking, running, biking, pet exercise, hunting, fishing, bird & wildlife watching, swimming, paddling, and other outdoor recreation activities.
	Blocking the public from using the land does not inspire the public to protect the land.
	Reserving the land just for hunting and fishing does not inspire enough people to protect the land as fewer licenses are sold each year.
	Please consider supporting the Ozarks Keystone Trail from the Lake Norfork Dam all the way to Dawt Mill Missouri.
	The OKT dam-to-dawt will connect the Ozark Trail and David's Trail and the Ozark Highlands Trail to create the Trans Ozark Trail - a 700+ mile trail from St. Louis to Lake Fort Smith. The longest trail in the midwest.
What, if any, changes would you like to see to this alternative?	 Corps parks and campgrounds open year-round. Closing the parks during the best part of the year for outside activities (October - April) is short-sighted as the community and visitors are more active on trails when ticks, chiggers, and heat are less of a concern. Year-round access is a perfect balance to the water-based activities in summer. Allow free dispersed camping along the full dam-to-dawt OKT and provide free primitive camping sites for families, scouts, and other groups of outdoor enthusiasts. Encourage K-12 students to be outside & active with trail-side outdoor classrooms. Local and near-local youth need the health benefits of spending time outdoors in nature to combat diabetes, obesity, and other ills of sedentary lifestyles. Add Bus Parking to allow K-12 easier access and greater
	variety to trails. Panther Creek Bridge, Lagoon Road, Raccoon Ridge, Rocking Chair, Bidwell, CR806, CR815, Seward WMA are ideal spots to get kids off the bus and into the woods and thereby make them more likely to be passionate about protecting our natural beauty.

	5. Consider the confusion of names: Panther Park & Panther Campground and then consider renaming the Day Use Area to better identify it as the Trailhead for David's Trail, OKT, and eventually Trans Ozark Trail (TOT)
Additional Comments:	The mission of the OKT endowment is "to encourage an active outdoor lifestyle while supporting students and community strengths, well-being, and health & economic-wealth benefits of outdoor recreation"

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for the future of Norfork Lake?	In my area and home on Bryant Creek in Ozark County, Missouri: I would ask you to make a NO WAKE area where you have your flowage easement. This will protect our creek banks during flooding which has already done environmental damage as well as pasture and fence damage done from lake back ups during the past 4 years. If the future is the same as the past few years, we will continue to be "lake" here for 4 and 5 months a year, rather than creek. The damage from the bigger boats will probably increase each year. This part of Bryant Creek has been a spawning ground for walleye and bass in the past. We hope being "lake" for so many months doesn't interfere with our environment. Already the "old mill pond" has several feet of mud for a bottom, rather than sand. Also you have an area marked "Hi Density" up stream on Bryant from the Forks. This area is mostly woods containing deer and other animals and should not be used as an area to develop as you have indicated in your management plans. Respectfully summited
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What, if any, changes would you like to see to this alternative?	I've talked with a lot people, and most of them would like to see more hiking and bike trails, they say and I've seen this has been done at a lot of lakes around the country	
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What alternative best encompasses your vision for the future of Norfork Lake?	None
What, if any, changes would you like to see to this alternative?	None
Additional Comments:	Corps of Engineers shoud support and facilitate completion of the OHT along the shores of Lake Norfork, including installation of trailhead gates, and signs, and highway signage.

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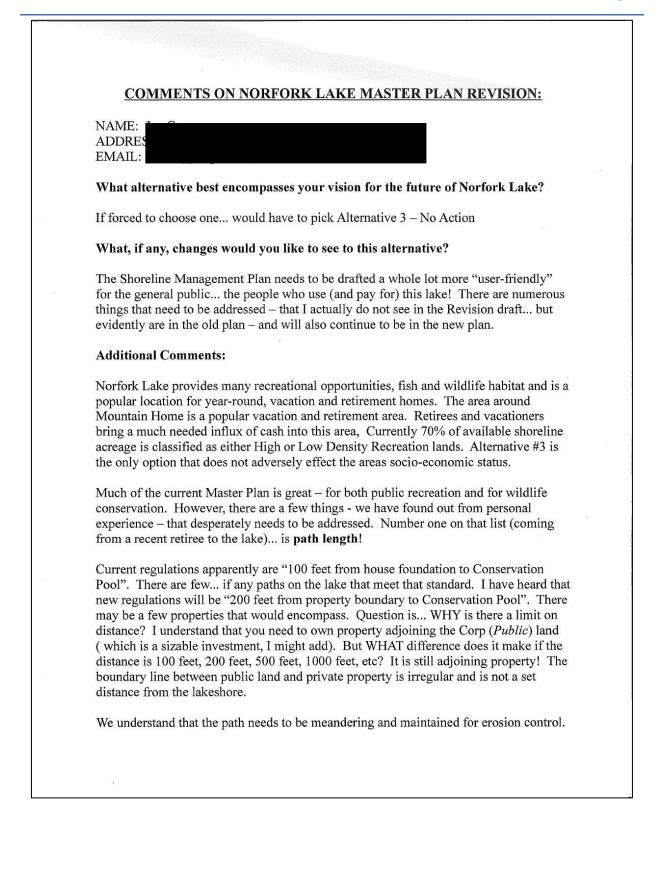
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Lake?	Keena Smith
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	Wildlife management areas are important. Watching the Bald Eagles
	swoop down and catch a fish in wilderness point cove is one of the
	highlights of life at Norfork Lake. I would not want to see the old
	wilderness point become a high density recreational area.
	i am not sure which alternative best supports my vision for the future.
	however there are issues that i feel need to addressed
What alternative best	
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Lake?	A problem for many dock owners is accessibility due to changing
Lanci	water levels.
	This is an issue with private docks and marinas.
	no wake zone enforcement near boat docks. with all the new wake
	surf boats making ocean size wakes in the coves, docks are taking a
	beating and it makes a dangerous for individuals on the docks.
What, if any, changes	Make wilderness point low density recreation
would you like to see to this alternative?	allow boat access and open the boat launch on wilderness point
this alternative?	maybe have walking trails on the point.
	i am currently the president of the Boat Dock. Once the lake
	gets to 563 our road is underwater preventing access by land to all
	the docks in the cove, we kayak, raft, swim, john boat and make the
	most of it. Would it, perhaps be a possibility to relocate our dock to the
	Would it, perhaps be a possibility to relocate our dock to the wilderness point side?
Additional Comments:	I spoke with earlier this Summer, she said
	these meetings would be the place to address this.
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Additional Comments: 0 ov to	y grants and volunteer labor, should be the highest priority. The zark Highlands Trail was approved by three federal agencies ver 40 years ago, and nothing is done by the Corps of Engineers of finish the Norfork Lake sections. In fact, the existing trailhead ates and signs are rotting and falling down.

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Additional Co	mments:	The represents the largest organized group of Norfork Lake stakeholders/taxpayers in the states of Arkansas and Missouri. Our membership consists of business owners, local organizations, and individuals that depend on Norfork Lake for lake access, economic activity, economic growth, and recreation. Please consider this comment made by 71 businesses/people.
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	s your vision re of Norfork	I would like to see option 3.
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Additional (Comments:	Do not limit lake access. Do not limit boat launching. Do not limit boat traffic. Do not make restrictions such that current businesses and lease- holders on the lake cannot expand in the future. Thank you.
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We agree wholeheartedly. But what about paths that have gone from homes to private docks on the lake... and crossed Corp (*Public*) land for many YEARS... and been well maintained the entire time? Shouldn't those at least be grandfathered in as a "permitted path"?

The other thing we have a MAJOR problem with is **disabled access** for that path. It is SO wrong when an able person can walk up and down that given path all they want (regardless of length) – but if that path is over the above distances... a disabled person can NOT get an Ambulatory Access permit so that they can have the aid they need (golf cart or UTV) to help them use that same path to cross Corp (*Public*) land – to get from their home to their boat dock! THAT'S JUST SO WRONG!

Also, we would like to suggest allowing more private docks. We have no problem with them only being allowed in designated areas. No problem with requiring them to be 100 feet apart. However, cold hard facts are that allowing private more docks translates into more people that want to own a private dock locating to this area. That's a good thing. Don't change the public marinas or the community docks. Don't change the wildlife management. There is plenty of room and resources to allow the Norfork Lake area to have it all. We see no reason for backward regulations that accomplish nothing other than discouraging people from locating to this area!

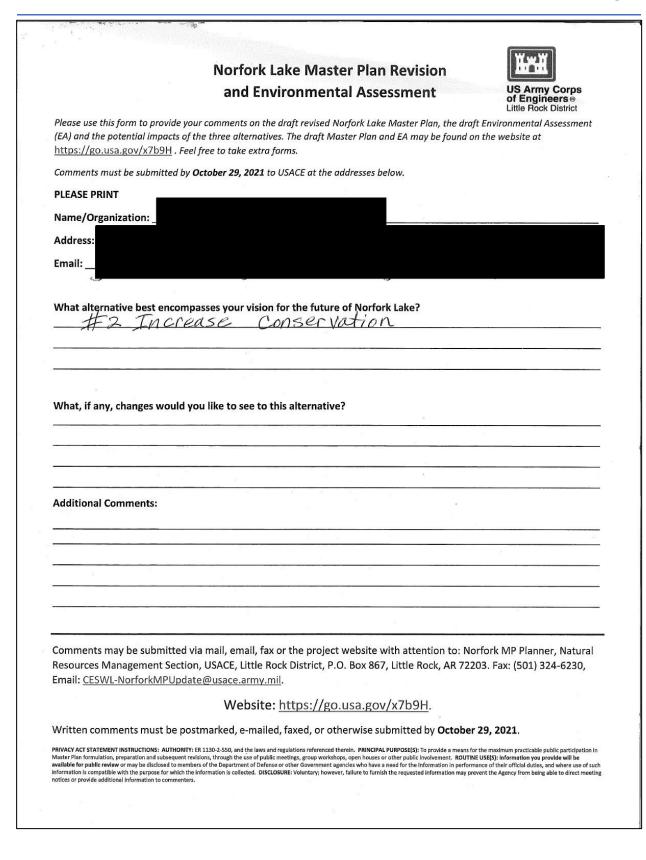
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Master Plan f avaliable for information is	ormulation, preparation and subsequent revisions, through the use of public meetings, group workshops, open houses or other public involvement. ROUTINE USE(5): information you provide will be public review 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 scompatible 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 wide additional information to commenters.

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Norfork MP Planner Natural Resources Management Section Little Rock District U.S. Army Corps of Engineers; P.O. Box 867 Little Rock, AR 72203
Date
Dear Norfork MP Planner,
Helio, my name is a standard I am and I am writing to you to suggest some changes to David's Trail. I would like to introduce the idea of adding Wifi and an outdoor classroom to the trail. The Wifi will be necessary for the outdoor classroom. The outdoor classroom would be good for the spring and summer time.
An outdoor classroom that includes Wifi would be amazing for students that need a break from being inside the entire day. According to Erica Price, "Being outdoors in nature can be healing and beneficial for the body and mind." Having an outdoor classroom will be amazing for days when the students need fresh breezy air instead of being cooped up in a classroom all day. If the outdoor classroom has Wifi, then the students would be able to use devices to do there school online. Having Wifi in an outdoor classroom will be great for students who do all online classes. I think an outdoor classroom would be very beneficial for students.
The classroom would most likely be used a lot more and it would make learning a bit more fun for the students. I think that children throughout every grade will enjoy this outdoor classroom. There could even be
multiple different outdoor classrooms for different subjects. I hope you consider my idea.
Sincerely,

	Norfork MP Planner Natural Resources Management Section Little Rock District U.S. Army Corps of Engineers; PO. Box 867 Little Rock, AR 72203
	Date: October 19, 2021
	Dear Norfork MP Planner,
	My name is the second student student is a proposing three requests about the expansion of David's Trail. I want to petition inserting more bus access including a new bus parking/turn around zone, construction of outdoor classrooms with digital ability, as well adding more trial head markers along Davids Trail.
	Therefore, attaching further bus parking and access will benefit schools to bring more students in busses to David's trail. Including many other schools will be able to attend at the same time. Building onto the trailhead markers already provided, adding the number of miles before the end of the trail and arrows to stray people to stay on the trail would assist mankind. An outdoor classroom with digital capabilities can help students and teachers do their work while at David's Trail.
	I hope this letter encourages the Corp of Engineers to include these 3 requests. If you have any questions please feel free to contact me at Security 1 I am looking forward to hopefully witnessing these expansions of David's Trail.
,	Sincerely,

October 18, 2021

Dear Norfork MP Planner, I am writing this letter do to the community because we feel that we need more space in the trails.

The beginning of the trail is not big enough for busses to turn around or more than one to park there, And there needs to be more trail markers so people can get out faster if needed. I also think that there should be some rest areas like tables, benches and maybe a bathroom so if you get tired you can rest then continue.

If this is possible we would really appreciate it. Thank you for considering.

Date: Tuesday, October 20th, 2021

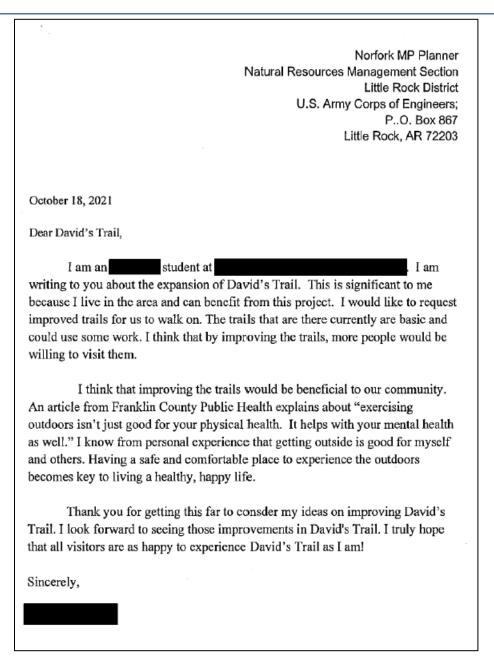
Dear Norfork MP Planner,

I am a student and I am writing to you about the editions of David's Trail. I am writing this letter to you because I hope you would consider my request to add an outdoor learning space to David's Trail.

If there was an outdoor learning center/space then there would be more sitting space. It is scientifically shown that kids who learn outdoors and get fresh air develop confidence, independence, and creativity. Teachers would most likely love coming out to the David's Trail, field trip, and teaching their kids about the history and the nature there. Willam Wordsworth once said, "Let nature be your teacher." This quote goes along well with what I'm writing to you about because nature can teach you a lot, teachers, parents, and students would agree. Another suggestion to the outdoor learning center is adding wifi. If you had learning centers there could be different hotspots or wifi boxes. Teachers could have their students watch educational videos, or even do some of their school work there. Next, Whenever you go on field trips they always have a guest speaker come talk to you. When students are standing up and trying to listen it does not always work out. They can be messing around with their friends or just moving around and not paying any attention to what's going on. Students could be seated in their outdoor learning center and they would get a better understanding of what the speaker is saying.

In conclusion, Students would love to have nature as their teacher. Another quote once said, "Earth and sky, woods and fields, lakes and rivers, the mountain

and the sea, are excellent schoolmasters, and teach us more than we can ever learn from books." ~John Luback~ This means that nature can teach us more than hundreds of pages of textbooks. More students and teachers would enjoy or let alone just come to the field trip. These accommodations would attract more schools and students. Thank you for reading this letter and I hope you will consider my ideas.



Norfork MP Planner Natural Resources Management Section Little Rock District U.S. Army Corps of Engineers; P..O. Box 867 Little Rock, AR 72203 October 19, 2021 Dear Norfork MP Planner, My name is student at the I am contacting you about revisions to David's trail. I would like to recommend bus access, trailhead markers, and primitive camping areas to make great changes to the site. To begin, I would like to say there is limited space for bus parking. Groups of people traveling by bus to David's trail, will bring more people to the site. This will grant students an enjoyable, learning experience to the outside world. In addition, trailhead markers would let travelers guide themselves around the trail. To follow, it would allow them to choose the distance in which they want to follow. Furthermore, the addition of primitive camping areas, will encourage visitors to go for an early morning run or walk. This creates opportunities to explore wildlife with an all day camping trip. I would like to thank you for taking the time to hear my perspective on David's trail. I believe that these changes will open up more opportunities for travelers looking to visit. Sincerely,

Norfork MP Planner Natural Resources Management Section Little Rock District U.S. Army Corps of Engineers; PO. Box 867 Little Rock, AR 72203	
Date October 19, 2021	
Dear Norfork MP Planner,	
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Oct 22, 2021

Dear Norfork MP Planner,

I am writing to help my community grow. We would like the help of the Corps of Engineers with the David's Trail Campaign.

I would like to express some of my ideas to help the campaign. In my opinion, I think we should open up more trail access points. Also, I would ask that there be additional bus access and parking. This would allow my school to take field trips there. With additional bus access, we could also use an outdoor classroom area.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter. I look forward to seeing great improvements in my future.

October 19, 2021

Dear Norfork MP Planner, I am writing this letter to help improve my community. We would like some help in changing David's trail.

One improvement that I would like to suggest is a pavilion. It would help if people just wanted to rest or if schools have a field trip and they eat lunch there. Then I would like to suggest picnic tables so people can eat there. They could have birthday parties there.

If people do eat lunch there or have a party there then we would have to have a recycling and trash center for all the trash. More of the environment would be saved and it would be cleaner. You could even add some pit stops and put in some recycling bins.

Sincerely, yours

October 19, 2021

Dear Norfork MP Planner,

Hello, my name is **Example 1** am an **Example 3** student at add to David's Trail. My idea is to add an outdoor classroom. I think this can help a lot of people and lots of people will enjoy it.

To me, the outdoor classroom will be an awesome thing to add. It helps children get outside more and learn about nature. The children would love to have class outside because I think that the children would like to be outside more than being in a classroom. As Dr. Maria Montessori said, "Education is a natural process carried out by the child and is not acquired by listening to words but by experiences in the environment." This will be great because I know that all children do not want to just sit in a classroom for over 7 hours. This can also make children want to go to school and learn more. That is why I think it will be good to add an outdoor classroom.

Adding outside classrooms would be beneficial to both students and the community. This will change the way kids learn better. Outdoor experiences help students increase their understanding of their natural

and human communities which leads to a sense of place. This helps the students connect to the place. This can help students develop stronger environmental attitudes and civic behaviors. I hope you consider my request to add an outdoor classroom.		
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Norfork MP Planner
Natural Resources Management Section
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PO. Box 867
Little Rock, AR 72203
Date
Dear Norfork MP Planner,
I am here to talk about some future improvements to David's Trail. As
David's Trail has come to a new area of possible improvements for it. As
David's trail has usually been used as a Trail that is used for hiking,
walking, Nature trips, and mountain biking. So the improvements that I will
be suggesting today will be focused on those things.
The first suggestion I have made is to simply expand the walking and
hiking trail. So then there is more trail for hikers which should attract more
hikers. If that does not work more people will still come over to the newer
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Sincerely,

October 19, 2021

Dear Norfork MP Planner,

I am writing to describe to you the many things Mountian Home Junior High wants to modify about the Davids Trail Campain.

One aspect of the trail is tourism. Citizens from various states will enjoy Davids Trail, thus needing to open for tourist travel. To carry all these tourists, we need to sustain enough parking spaces and bus usage. Allowing bus usage brings an increased number of visitors in one vehicle. In addition, trail markers would be an important extension to include. These trail markers tell the tourist how far they are to the trail end or beginning, this also serves as an alternate starting or an ending of the trial.

Thank you for reading this letter, I would like to thank you for your consideration of these extensions. I am hoping this impacted the trial on good terms.

Oct 19, 2021

Dear Norfork MP Planner,

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an student attending

I have been riddling ideas in my head, but only three stood out amongst the rest. While studying the topic of David's Trail it quickly came to my attention that it is very inaccessible for large busses, there is little to no area for outdoor teaching, and absolutely no digital access.

After careful consideration, I think that by adding an outdoor learning area for teachers and students there will be an increase in students' attention towards teaching and Mountain Home Citizens will be better educated for life and it's many mysteries waiting for the undereducated individuals of this city. However, by adding a parking lot that is accessible for large vehicles such as busses, students and other large groups will easily be able to access David's Trail and will therefore bring more popularity to this amazing feature that we are able to have in our small town. Also, If we add digital access, remote learning opportunities can be used on David's Trail, common mobile phones can be used for a GPS for the trails to ensure individuals are going the correct way while exploring the trails a little.

I would like to thank you for taking the time out of your busy schedule to read my proposal. I look forward to hearing feedback from you.

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October 19,2021

Dear Norfork MP Planner,

I watched a video of what all Corps of Engineers do and I have some ideas for what you can do to David's trail, a trail on Norfork lake. We need your help for this project.

One of the projects is having additional trail markers. It could help the trail with stopping for restrooms and if someone got hurt they can go there and call for help or rest there. Another useful project for the trail is the tourism money. Maybe if it is a good trial that people will come and buy gas, buy hotel rooms, and food. These changes would help the trail and the community.

Thank you for reading this and giving it a thought. I look forward to seeing the good improvements of Mountain home's trails and community.

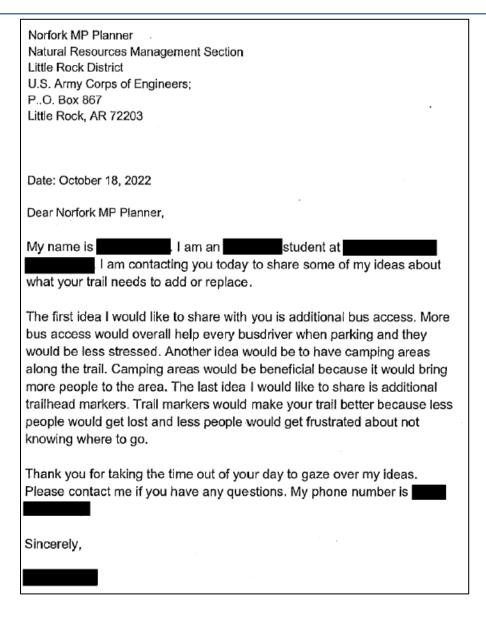
October 21, 2021

Dear Norfork MP Planner,

My name is **a second of the second se**

I am requesting more trailhead markers in order to further prevent visitors from getting lost on the trails. Without internet access, it can be difficult to navigate the trails without directions. However, I am not asking to add more internet access. I understand that the trail is intended to maintain its natural status, and adding things such as more internet access might disrupt that naturalness. Additionally, to continue to preserve the trail, I implore you to add more primitive camping locations. This way, visitors will be able to truly enjoy David's Trail's natural beauty. I ask that you add improved bus access to the trail so that large groups of students can experience the merit of David's Trail on field trips, and learn more about nature through an experience rather than a lesson in a classroom.

I humbly thank you for taking the time to read my suggestions. I hope you take my ideas into consideration, and perhaps even add them to the trail.



October 19, 2021

Dear Norfork MP Planner,

I am writing you to express my interest on David's Trail Camping. We should talk about making it better for the community.

I would like to ask you if you would like to help us with the campaign. I have the ideas and you can make it happen. Here are some of my thots on what could help. For us students it would be lovely if we could have some place were we could park there big busies that would get us there they need a lot of room. And or some places for outdoor classrooms were we could learn benches to sit at and a povilonis to sit under or maybe some additional trailheads so we could have a places to stop.

If these additions were made it would be a good change for us. Even better for us kids who would like to step out of the cupped up class we have all day. And outside in the fresh air. This would benefit us very well. I thank you for reading my letter that I have wrote you and for hearing my thoughts.

October 20, 2021

Dear Norfork MP Planner,

I am writing to you about the David's Trail Campaign because we need the help of the Corps of Engineers to better David's trail for our community.

One thing we could do to help better our community with David's Trail is put a pavilion so we can take school field trips and have outdoor classes or someone could have a picnic. Another thing we could do is make more bus access to the main trail head so that we could take field trips and travelers could come and drive through. We could also make more trail entrances so if someone gets injured they can get out faster instead of walking the full 17 mountain miles.

Thank you for your overall consideration. I hope to see positive changes with this matter.

October 19, 2021

Dear Norfork MP Planner,

I am writing this letter to help our community with David's trail. My topic is on outside classrooms and healthy lifestyle.

First, we need outside classrooms for when schools take an adventure to this trail. For example we could get tables and benches, trashcans, restrooms, and last but not least internet and electricity. Internet and electricity is important because they could show a video about the trail and interesting facts. Lastly, healthy lifestyle, this trail and more trails include your healthy lifestyle for schools and communities.

Thank you for considering my ideas. I am really looking forward to seeing some improvement in David's trail.

October 19, 2021

Dear Norfork MP Planner,

I am writing this letter to help my community grow. We need the help of the Corps of Engineers with the David's Trail Campaign.

One improvement that I would propose is that there will be additional trail markers. This would make it easier to get out of the trail incase of an emergency. Additionally, it would be useful to have restrooms along the trail. These improvements could have a healthy impact on our schools and community.

Thank you for your consideration in heiping our community better. I look forward to seeing positive improvements with this campaign.

Sincerely.

10-21-2021

Dear Norfork MP Planner,

Hello, my name is , I am a s

have been informed about renovating David's trail and I think that would be magnificent. I think they should renovate this trail and make more bus access, creation of outdoor classrooms with digital capabilities, and more trailhead markers along the trail. I have personally never been to David's frail but I have heard a lot about it and I know these improvements could make great opportunities for me and lots of others!

Some things including what I mentioned before that I think would be great to improve are more bus access, more bus access would be an amazing way for schools including ours to take field trips there and for anybody that drives a large bus or vehicle to get in and out easily. It would allow our amazing bus drivers to easily get around and park. Another thing I think could be an amazing improvement is the creation of outdoor classrooms with digital capabilities, this would help us so much with taking buses over there and having small field trips, and getting fresh air. Every person needs fresh air and would love to work outside and get to enjoy it. I know our students would love to be able to work outside. The last thing I think you should improve is more trailhead markers along the trail. I think this is a great improvement because it will help people walk and enjoy the trail. If this is there and helps them then they will want to come back more.

In conclusion, I think all these improvements would help fantastically. I think more bus access, the creation of outdoor classrooms with digital capabilities, and more trailhead markers along the trail would make David's trial much more suitable for students and just people in general. I know me, my classmates, and lots more people out there would enjoy and use this a lot. We thank you for your time and work and would love it if you took our thoughts into consideration!

Dear Norfork MP Planner,

Myself, along with many of my classmates, are writing to you in support of David's trail on Norfork Lake. I am wanting to inspire change for 3 major problems in the Norfork Lake area: Bus accessibility, camping areas, and outdoor classrooms.

To begin, I will address bus access points along David's Trail. At some points along David's trail, there are no Bus access points for more than five miles at a time. This factor severely hinders students on school trips from traveling along these stretches of the trail. This also stops families with young children from exploring these areas. Next, the problem of camping areas along the trail. With the hopeful future expansion of David's Trail, there will be an influx of long-distance hikers traveling along the trail. This means that the number of people camping will increase. The addition of primitive campgrounds placed strategically along the trail could fix problems before it begins, and would also attract more distance hikers to the area. Finally, Outdoor classrooms have gained popularity in the past years. The inclusion of Outdoor classrooms to David's trail would give students a completely original experience, allowing them to examine and study nature in a first hand perspective. Also, bringing schools into the area would undoubtedly be an advertisement of David's Trail to all surrounding areas.

In conclusion, the improvement of David's Trail would benefit our community, our economy, and the students being taught in this area. Creating a better environment around the lake will be a great attraction for citizens all over the state, and could potentially bring more people into the area. Constructing a better David's Trail leads to a better Twin Lakes area.

better at work.

Norfork MP Planner Natural Resources Management Section Little Rock District U.S. Army Corps of Engineers; P..O. Box 867 Little Rock, AR 72203 10-18-21 Dear Norfork MP Planner, My name is , I've lived in all my life. While I was in school, we would have field trips to David's Trail, we would do all kinds of stuff while walking on the trail. We were surrounded by nature, learning about nature in various fun activities. I feel like being outside is better for you than being cooped inside. Being outside is very healthy for us and the trail system by Lake Norfork provides us with being helpful. We can go hiking, jogging, biking, running, and walking. Having fresh air is good as well, it helps you to be more calm and it is said that fresh air is shown to help you digest better, it helps improve blood pressure and heart rate, strengthen the immune system, and reduce obesity rates. So I think that having outdoor classrooms would be an amazing idea for younger kids. The outdoor classrooms would be helpful for little kids because the fresh air would be great to help them to get a stronger immune system. I think that they would also help them with work they do, listening to nature while working is very relaxing, at least for most people. Especially if it's a nice day, it would be great to go outside, not too cold, not too hot, not raining, not snowing, and all sunny. It would be a nice place to do work at,

on a nice trail, just surrounded by nature, it could help a lot of people do

Date: 10-18-21

Dear Norfork MP Planner,

Hi, my name is **Example** I am a **Example 1** have heard many things about David's trail and I think that there could be many improvements. It would be a great opportunity to revive David's trail. If the trail was revived that more people would visit it and have a better experience. It is important to have many opportunities added to David's trail. Many more would come around if there was a variety of things to do.

Something that Would be great to add to David's trail would be outdoor classrooms. This is great for teachers to teach in a new environment and get a chance to teach differently. This would be great for kids to get fresh air and get out of the classroom. Another thing is you should make it easier for busses to get around the Pather bay recreation area. This would be a good change because it would make it easier for field trips and outdoor teaching.

Improving David's trail would be such an improvement and a great way to get more publicity. David's trail is a popular place and adding all of these improvements would change the trail and make it better. In conclusion, adding all of these improvements to the panther bay recreation area would greatly benefit the trail.

Norfork MP Planner Natural Resources Management Section Little Rock District U.S. Army Corps of Engineers; PO. Box 867 Little Rock, AR 72203
October 21, 2021
Dear Norfork MP Planner; Hello, I am We are currently aware of your plan to revise the Lake Norfork MP and I would love to give you so input. As a part of standard would love to give you so input. As a part of standard provide the second the
Sincerely,

10-22-21

Dear Norfork MP Planner,

I have heard about David's Trail expansion and would like to suggest possible additions to maybe further improve the current trail.

I would like to see an area dedicated to outdoor classrooms, I think that this addition would improve student learning. Studies have shown that outdoor learning has improved student productivity and performance. According to the International Arts+Mind organization, students perform better when they're surrounded by trees and sunlight. The outdoor classrooms should include access to the Internet and technology but still, feel like you're outdoors.

I thank you for spending time reading this letter and hope you take this suggestion into consideration and help improve the trail. Sincerely,

Norfork MP Planner

Natural Resources Management Section Little Rock District U.S. Army Corps of Engineers P.O. Box 867 Little Rock, AR 72203

Dear Corps of Engineers,

I am writing to you to request that our own David's Trail be upgraded for the good of the whole community. David's Trail and the surrounding of Panther Bay is a great place to go with your family or on a school trip. This is why I am asking to upgrade it, it is a great place for a school field trip or gathering. But there is one problem, there just isn't a lot of things to do besides hike, which is a bit of a waste of possible education. What we are asking for is more bus access, creation of outdoor classrooms with digital capabilities, more trailhead markers along the trail as well as at the new bus parking/turn around areas as well as the addition of some primitive camping areas along the trail. If we can get more people to go to David's Trail, we can help instill a healthier lifestyle into people, which is good for everyone.

Our school district has hundreds of children per grade, which takes a lot of buses, and a lot of buses take up a lot of space. At the trailhead, there isn't a lot of parking space, especially for buses. So we are requesting that more bus access be added so we can fit all the kids there easier. The second request we have is the creation of outdoor classrooms. If there is a field trip to David's Trail, instead of just hiking it, teachers or park rangers could teach us about the nature in that trail and the history of it. The third request is that more trailhead markers and a possible name change. Panther Bay Recreational area where the main Trailhead is located, but it can be quite hard to locate because there are many things named Panther Bay. For example,

Panther Bay Marina, Panther Bay Campground, Panther Bay Day use area, and Panther Bay Park. If the name could be changed from Panther Bay Day Use, that would be good. And if we add primitive camping sites, it could encourage more people to go out in nature and camp. This could also help make people live a more healthy lifestyle, which is good.

I think investing in David's Trail would be a great use of your time and money, and would benefit the everyone in the Norfork Lake area. If we can add bus access, create outdoor classrooms, add trailheads and change the name, along with camping sites, we could improve this trail greatly

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Dear Norfork MP Planner,

I have always loved to visit David's Trail as a kid. In elementary school, we've taken numerous field trips to David's trail and for the most part it has been really fun. However, there are a few changes that I would like to address in order to make David's Trail a state-wide sensation. I believe that the Corps of Engineers need to make David's Trail easier to navigate. You guys need to make more clear trailhead makers, you guys need to make it more bus accessible, and even create an outdoor classroom.

I know David's Trail pretty well even though I haven't been there in a few years, and I think that one of the problems throughout the trail is the makers, and suggestions throughout the trail. I believe that every so often, there should be a sign that has where you are, possible trails to go around you, and how long you are on the trail. I think that if you were to add this, it would make the trail easier to navigate, and it would prevent people from getting lost.

Not only do you need to update the signs, but I believe that you should make it more bus accessible. That means more parking for buses. I feel like if you were to add that, it would make it more popular for field trips. The last thing that I would add to the trail is an outdoor classroom. An outdoor classroom would be perfect for kids to sit down after the hike, fill out a paper on what they learned throughout the trail, and it would be a nice picnic area. Overall, I think that these suggestions would help David's Trail be one of the most popular outdoor places in the state of Arkansas.

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Dear Norfork MP Planner;

Hello I am and I am a student at We are currently aware of your plan to revise the Lake Norfork MP and I would like to give some input.

I would appreciate it if you would detail the markings of the trail that are easily read at least every quarter mile. I think this would be a great addition for people who drive and walk on the trail, and in our case the cross country team. Also I would like to have light on the trail for those who run or walk the trail at night.

I am grateful for you allowing me to address the issues that me and others are seeing with the trails.

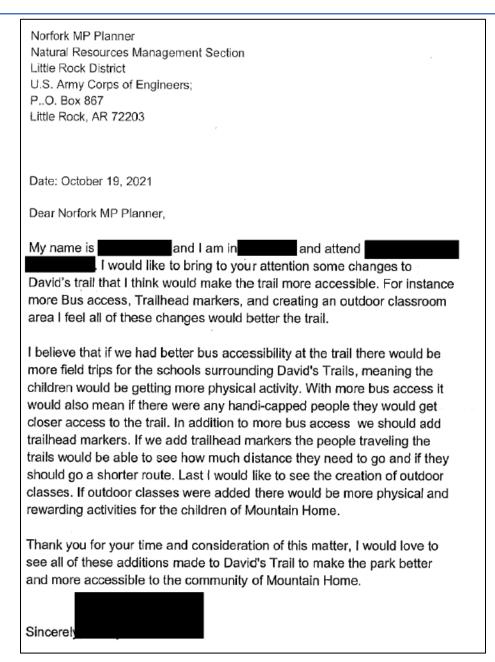
October 19, 2021

Dear Norfork MP Planner,

I am writing this letter to help my community expand. We all wish that the Corps of Engineers could help with the improvements of the, soon to be, Ozark Keystone Trail.

One of the improvements that I propose would be additional bus access for the main trailhead. The more field trips could bring attention to the expanding tourist industry. The outside area, and outside classroom, could have a pavilion with picnic tables, restrooms, benches, and trash cans. This could help our community's health by getting the stress out of our brain and getting our hearts going, while exploring the beautiful nature.

Thank you for considering our requests about the additional bus access, outside area, and how these proposals could be healthy for our community.



Date 10/21/21

Dear Norfork MP Plannere,

Hello, my name is

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and I have some suggestions how to make David's Trail better and how to make it better for the school and people that walk on the trails.

The first suggestions that would make David's trail better would be nice to make all the trails that are a part of David's trail and make them connected together. It would make it a lot easier to walk them.

The second suggestions is to put resting stops, camping places, bathrooms, points to see where you are at, and eating spot because it would make it easier for people to walk and stop if they are super tired and for them to have a good time and not get stuck and lost it would help lots of people and to put trash can and water spot to fill up you water at.

The last suggestion is to make a house that is for the school about the history about how it was made because it would be nice to learn the past and how long it has been there and how long it has stood for and how we can help it and the plants and animals that live in the woods.

Date 10-22-21

Dear Norfork MP Planner, Hello my name is

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a suggestion for it. I think that it would be beneficial if you add an outdoor classroom.

I feel that some other additions to David's Trail could be some picnic tables, wifi, a pavilion, benches, and water fountains. This could be beneficial because schools could go and have classes to learn more about the things they do, the outside and what all they manage.

Thank you for taking the time to read my letter. I hope that adding an outdoor classroom is something that you will take into consideration for an addition to Davids Trail, so that schools can have a class there in the future.

October 19, 2021

Dear Norfork MP Planner,

I am writing a letter to help my community. I think that we need the Corps of Engineers with the David's Trail Campaign.

One of the important things is an outside classroom. The things that might help if decided for an outside classroom are restrooms, a pavilion, picnic tables, electricity, and internet access. Also, school field trips would be a good idea.

Thank you for your consideration and for reading this letter. I hope you have a great day.

October 20, 2021

Dear Norfork MP Planner,

I am writing this letter to inform you about some ideas me and my school have come up with. We will need help from the Corps of Engineers with the David's Trail Campaign.

As a school we would like to see more bus access for busses so the schools could take field trips and the tourists would be able to see where to pull in easier. If we were able to take field trips to the trail, it would benefit us to have an outdoor classroom area with picnic tables and benches. Ti would allow the community and schools have a healthier lifestyle

So thank you for your time and consideration. I look forward to seeing positive outcomes from the campaign.

Date: October 18, 2021

Dear Norfork MP Planner,

Introduction Paragraph #1

Hello, my name is

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Campaign. I think I have found something that would make David's Trail Campaign. I think I have found something that would make David's Trail a bigger success! One thing I think would be beneficial to David's Trail is adding more parking spots as well as bus and train spots. This would give the community a big opportunity to enjoy the outdoors and get fresh air! Joni Mitchell says "They paved paradise and put up a parking lot".

Main Paragraph #2

Adding more parking spots as well as bus and train spots could serve the community in many ways. This gives schools and organizations the chance to take trips to enjoy this park. Adding a bus stop onto the parking lot would allow students and others to enjoy the outdoors and the park while waiting for their ride. By doing this you are allowing bigger gatherings to come and enjoy something you claimed, without having to make reservations for field trips or special events. Lastly, by adding this, you are giving more people a chance to enjoy what they love the most without having to come the next day because of not enough parking spots.

Closing Paragraph #3

Adding more parking spots as well as bus and train spots will make David's Trail a bigger success in a variety of ways. David's Trail is an amazing park that is located locally. However, I do think that there are many people in the community that love the outdoors and would enjoy your park whenever they want but, adding more bus and train parking would allow the community to come on whatever day works for them. If someone in the community can come only on a certain day and they find there are not enough parking spots they would have to make a new arrangement. Adding more parking spots as well as bus and train spots would allow people in the community to not have to rearrange their schedule.

October 21, 2021

Dear Norfork MP Planner:

My name is **Example 1** and I am a student at Mountain Home Junior High school. We are currently aware of your plan to revise the Lake Norfork MP and I would like to give you my input.

I would like to inform you of the things that I would like to see in the Lake Norfork revision. The first thing I would like to see is more benches for people who want to sit. The reason for benches is most people live with their grandparents and they can't walk very far most of the time. The second thing I would like to include is a pavilion for an outdoor classroom. The reason for the pavilion is that some people or teachers would like to have a meeting or a class. The third thing I would like to include is a bathroom area. The reason is that some people have little kids and they would probably need to use the bathroom.

Thanks for reading my letter and I hope that you will include some of these ideas in your revision project. Thank you

Norfork MP Planner Natural Resources Management Section Little Rock District U.S. Army Corps of Engineers; P..O. Box 867 Little Rock, AR 72203 Date Oct.21,2021 Dear Norfork MP Planner, Hello, my names is and im a student writing about David's Trail regarding what will make it more better and I think that you should add internet access and should put more picnic tables so people can and study and learn. The reason why I think this is so that people can study in peace and quiet and not be disturbed. They can listen to nature and enjoy the outdoors. If you put internet access down there than students and teachers can go down there and teach and learn. They can also get a break from a building and being cooped up. I think if we have more picnic tables then people can learn and they can also have more places to eat and can have more room. This concludes on why I think that we should have more picnic tables and have internet access. Sincerely,

October 22, 2021

Dear Norfork MP Planner,

Hello, my name is

I am writing this letter to inform you about a good idea I had to make David's Trail better. I believe adding outside classrooms would be more healthy for children to get fresh air.

This would be a wonderful idea because everybody needs fresh air in their lives. A breath of fresh air is a great thing to take, and even better thing to be! With this being said, I think we need to add outside classrooms. It will be healthier than being inside for 7 hours. You can be learning outside with the nature of our world and breathing fresh air.

I would like to thank you for taking the time to read my letter. I hope you consider adding outside classrooms. I believe it's a good idea, it will help you get more fresh air then you already get . Thank you and have a great day!

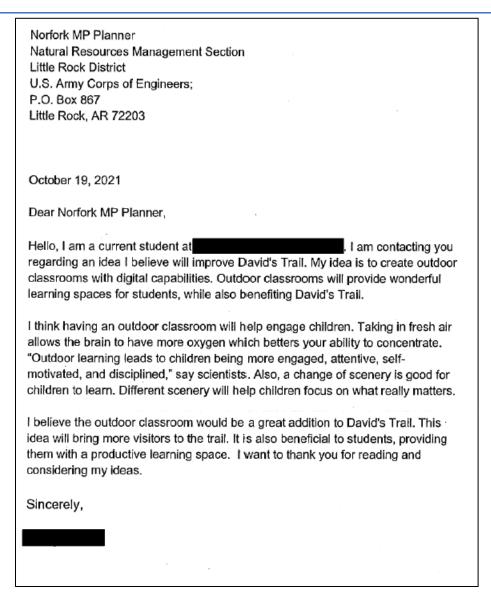
Date: October 18th, 2021

Dear Norfork MP Planner,

I'm writing to inquire about implementing the possibility of David's Trail projects here in our community of Mountain Home. The key objectives I would like to request are the following: healthy lifestyles of the digital classrooms, the addition of camping sites, and increasing accessibility to make room for buses to enter and exit the trail.

The healthy lifestyles that the trail can produce would be really great for the students The outdoors and fresh air can really improve the success and creativity of students, as well as focus. The primitive camping sites that could be added to the trail would help with tourism and involvement in students and the community. Increasing accessibility for school buses on field trips would be effective for the entry and exit situations provided.

Thank you for the opportunity to express some new ideas for David's Trail! Please feel free to contact me at the second s



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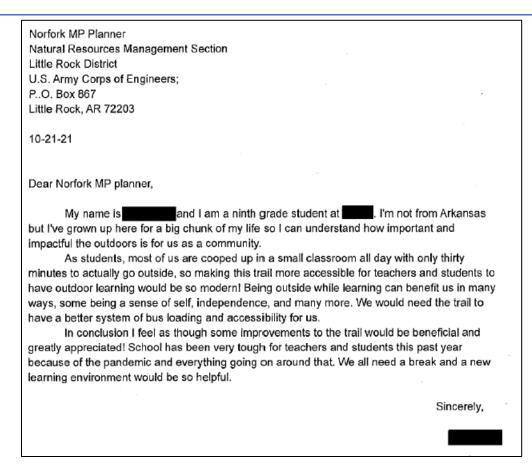
Dear Norfork MP Planner,

I am writing this to inform you about a few issues in David's Trail soon to be known as Ozark Keystone Trail. We need the help of the Corps of Engineers with the David's Trail Campaign.

One improvement I would like to address is the parking lot issue, parking is quite hard to find when we are participating in a school field trip at David's Trail. So I think that a bigger parking lot or a bus access to the main trail head would need to be in order. It would be very beneficial to you because more schools and people would come to the trail knowing there is more and better parking. Speaking of school, I think that you should create an outside classroom that includes benches for seating, pavilitions for shade or if it is raining. Also with picnic tables to sit and eat food and possibly a few more bathrooms near the trails.

Thank you for your consideration about more bus loading and access near the head trails, and an outside classroom for schools to use. I hope you take my letter into consideration with my ideas.

Norfork MP Planner Natural Resources Management Section Little Rock District U.S. Army Corps of Engineers; P..O. Box 867 Little Rock, AR 72203 October 12, 2021 Dear Norfork MP Planner, . I am contacting you from Mountain Home Hello, my name is Junior High School. I am writing to you in regards to some ideas to improve David's Trail. I have some ideas to improve David's Trail. Some of my ideas are to add some more picnic tables that will be better for classes that are going on a field trip or just a large family gathering. Lots of kids also have birthday parties at parks and nature sights so these extra tables will be a good thing. Another improvement that you could add is some more parking spaces for buses so they can have more visitors from schools. I remember going to David's Trail when I was younger and having a really good time. Overall I think David's Trail is an awesome place for young kids to go to learn more about the environment. It's also good for getting exercise while walking the trail all while still having fun with it. Sincerely,



10/20/21

Dear Norfork MP Planner,

My name is and the students and I here at have heard about the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers doing upgrades on the Davids Trail. I am going to give some suggestions that the community and schools would like to have added. Those suggestions include bus routes on trail, bus parking areas, bus turn around areas, restrooms, designated wifi and a camping area for families.

We would like all these upgrades for educational purposes, helping younger generations with outdoor activities or a school field trip to observe the natural state we live in. We need bus routes for the classes that would have many children or disabled people not able to walk. We need bus parking areas for citizens or busses that need to stop, we wouldn want to stop in the middle of the road. When leaving a place a large vehicle should not back up because there are blind spots and there could be other people on the trail. We would need turn around areas, it would stop the hazard of hitting an animal or person. Restrooms should be an option to any citizen, there are other people that walk these trails and it is unsanitary to not have a restroom. We would like to have restrooms with lighting and air conditioning. Outhouses should not be an option because this trail is popular and they are not dumped. Designated Wifi under an awning or in a building would be helpful to the people that need service and classes that are being held in that area. If a person was to get lost and does not know where they are, they would need to access the internet. I say this because most people rely on the internet and devices more now than ever. Last, we would all like a camping area for friends and family to hike

and camp overnight. It would be good for children to get out of houses and have fun in nature.

Thank you for taking your time to read this letter and considering my suggestions. I am also thankful that the U.S Army Corps of Engineers is upgrade our trail to something the community and visitors can enjoy

Norfork MP Planner Natural Resources Management Section Little Rock District U.S. Army Corps of Engineers; PO. Box 867
Little Rock, AR 72203
October 19, 2021
Dear Norfork MP Planner,
My name is and I am and I am student at student at more than a student and a coessibility of David's Trail. Improving the quality and accessibility of David's Trail will benefit students and tourists interested in the Ozarks well-known Norfork Lake. The changes I am advocating for include bus parking iot expansion, camping areas, and Trailhead markers.
David's Trail is an environmental and educational opportunity for students to explore with no additional charge. By expanding the parking lots currently available at the trail, there may be an increase in the number of students and tourists visiting. Adding camping areas to the grounds, also has the potential of welcoming foreign visitors, and those of the close community who may have not recognized the convenience of the trail originally. The only other addition that may further the convenience of the tranquil trail, is Trailhead markers. The markers would indicate the direction, and location of travel, to campers, hikers, and overall visitors.
Although David's trail is currently a significant part of the Ozarks, by adding a few additions, the safety, functionality, and memorability of the trail will be exaggerated with great lengths. I am Example 1 and I am writing this sincerely, and with the hopes of growth in our community.
Sincerely,

10-24-2021

Dear Norfork MP Planner,

As a lover of hiking and nature, I would enjoy having the opportunity to go to David's trail. Although I do believe some changes could be made. When being asked about how we can improve David's trail, a couple things sparked my interest.

One Idea that caught my attention was bus parking. Granted, there is parking but not a very big variety of parking, especially for buses. Today, kids are always on their phones and not getting as much fresh air as they should. By installing more parking, more kids will be able to enjoy their time at the park and be able to get the fresh air they need. After some research and opinions from others, I have come to the conclusion that campsites could be very beneficial towards the growth of the trail as well. Not only do campsites offer a more warm and welcoming environment, but also, if you were to charge five dollars a night, and put the money towards helping clean up the trail and/or other parks and trails, it would drastically increase the amount of visitors and help the trail and/or others.

I would like to thank you for your time and consideration. I look forward to seeing these changes in the future and hope it helps the growth of that trail.

October 19, 2021

Dear Norfork MP Planner,

I am writing this letter to inform you that I would like to help our community. We would like your help with the David's Trail Campaign, we would love to grow the area.

One improvement I would purpose is that having good signs, big enough signs that way people will not get lost as easily. Another area of growth could be having more benches along the trail. Some people might get a little tired and would need somewhere to rest. Not having a place to sit and rest when you need it most could make some people not want to walk the trail again.

Thank You for your consideration of my ideas and opinions. I am really confident to see the positive improvements with this campaign.

October 19, 2021

Dear Norfork MP Planner,

I am writing this letter to develop my community. In order to do so, we would greatly appreciate the help from the Corps of Engineers with the David's Trail Campaign.

One improvement that I would encourage is that there be adequate outdoor classrooms. This would help the students get more of an educational and hands-on experience in learning. Furthermore, it would be convenient to have additional bus access for the main trailhead. This improvement would help attract more tourists and students. In closing, these improvements could truly help David's Trail become more Educational and attract more individuals.

Thank you for your time and consideration. I truly look forward to seeing positive and productive improvements with this campaign.

Sincerely yours,

October 18, 2021

Dear Norfork MP Planner,

I am writing this letter to assist my community and to bring your attention to my proposal, which is to extend bus access, outdoor school classes, additional trail access and year round access to parks and campgrounds. We need to provide guidance to the Core of Engineers.

Bus access should be something needed for the schools advantage, which should lead to an outdoor classroom provided with internet access and educational resources. Not only for the student, but for the community to learn new things about nature and David's trail. David's trail could attract tourists, additional trail access points in the trails are necessary for the aid of individuals new to the trail. The community will also benefit from your round access to parks and campgrounds.

I wrote to you to bring attention to what I believe to see in the future. I hope to see your changes and success in the future.

Natural Resources Management Section Little Rock District U.S. Army Corps of Engineers; P.O. Box 867 Little Rock, AR 72203 October,18,2021 Dear Norfork MP Planner, and I'm a student My name is school. I would like to talk to you about David's Trail. I think they should add a boating dock. The only people that can use the trail are people that drive their car to the trail. It would be nice if people could drive their boats and use the trail. The dock would be for family and friends or like lone wolves to use their boats on the water at the trail for relaxing or having fun or fishing at the trail. Adding the dock's would be fun for a lot of people. Brooks Atkinson once said, "Land was created to provide a place for boats to visit." People come to this town for vacations and it would be good to have a dock for them to use their boats on the trail. Sincerely,

Date October 21, 2021

Dear Norfork MP Planner,



Hello, my name is **series and i** I am a

I am writing to you about how you can make David's Trail better. There are lots of things you can do to make David's Trail better. The first one is to see enhanced public access to trails specifically David's Trail. For instance, better-marked access points and trail marking, and a trail map. You can also clear out the trail so people can see the trail. Have a ramp or a border so you can not fall if you get too close to the edge. You can also have signs pointing to where the trail is located. Another reason how you can make the trail better is having internet wifi. Even if you have paper maps people would do them very quickly than having the map on their phones. So having wifi you would be able to have access to the map of the trial.

Even though I have not been to David's Trail, I have heard lots of things. I think to make the trail better, more people would be going to the trail since it is marked.

October 20,2021

Norfork MP Planner Natural Resources Management Section Little Rock District U.S. Army Corps of Engineers P.O. Box 867 Little Rock, AR 72203

Dear Norfork MP Planner:

I am writing to you because I heard that you are going to update the David's Lake trail and I would like to give you ideas on some of the things you could do. As a student who likes to go on hikes and see the beautiful view, I thought that a student's point of view might help. To start off I thought that maybe there should be a stop around the middle of the trail so people can have a rest stop like bathrooms, tables, trash cans and maybe a small room if it was a little too hot. There should be gravel or rubber trails so people with wheelchairs can go on the trail or railings, so no one falls in the water or down a steep hill. There should also be a turnaround for buses so kids can go to the trail for a field trip.

These are really good ideas that I think would make this place a fun and nice place. I think lots more people would use that trail if some of these things were done.

Thank you for taking the time to acknowledge this letter.

10/20/21

Norfork MP Planner Natural Resources Management Section Little Rock District U.S. Army Corps of Engineers P.O Box 867 Little Rock, AR 72703

Dear Norfork MP Planner:

, I would like you to

Having seen your advertisement in my school, know we have been talking about the David trail and we would like to make it our out-door classroom and have more outdoor activities to get healthy. We planned on having a vending machine for hungry students, a hammock to sit on while we do our work and much more.

I appreciate your attention and time reading this letter. We hope you will consider this request and help us get an outdoor classroom.

October 20, 2021

Norfork MP Planner Natural Resources Little Rock District U.S. Army Corps of Engineers P.O. Box 867 Little Rock, AR 72203

Dear Norfork MP Planner:

I have heard about your Norfork Lake MP revision plan. I am a student

and I have a suggestion for what you should do for David's trail. I would appreciate being able to go along the trail without any dangerous interference. Examples of this are big rocks in the middle of the path and there not being any signs to know where to go so you don't get lost.

If you could do this, I'm sure that people would appreciate you even more for the hard work you have been doing. Thank you for your time and have a great day.

Norfork MP Planner Natural Resources Management Section Little Rock District U.S.Army Corps of Engineers P.O. Box 867 Little Rock, AR 72203

Dear Norfork MP Planner:

I'm contacting you about the current concerns I have relating to the Norfork Lake master plan and revising David's Trail. As a student, I would enjoy the opportunity to have an outside classroom around Panther Bay Marina. In order to have an outdoor classroom, the trial needs to be accessible to all teachers and students with clearly marked directions to insure safe wellbeing to everyone. Bus parking and turnaround spots would be added also. Things like running water, working bathrooms, and power are all a necessity when making a classroom outside. In my opinion, seating is a huge deal. I think there should be hammock stands, benches, and low-grass places for a picnic blanket.

Thank you for taking the time out of your day to read my requests and concerns.

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Norfork MP Planner Natural Resources Management Section Little Rock District U.S. Army Corps of Engineers; PO. Box 867 Little Rock, AR 72203
10/21/21
Dear Norfork MP Planner,
I am a freshman at a second seco
I think it would be a good idea to add better trail markers and maps on said trail. At the moment it is very hard to use because you can't tell where the trail leads. In addition if you add maps it would make the trails more accessible for families and schools to plan trips out. This would also promote a healthy lifestyle for people in the surrounding area.
I appreciate your time and consideration and I hope you would consider my ideas.
Sincerely,

Norfork MP Planner Natural Resources Management Section Little Rock District U.S. Army Corps of Engineers; P.O. Box 867 Little Rock, AR 72203

Dear Norfork MP Planner,

I have recently heard about the Norfork Lake Master Plan Revision and I would like to suggest some ideas for David's trail around Panther Bay Marina. To start off I am a student of Mountain Home Junior High and I live near Lake Norfork, and I sometimes go to David's trail over by Panther Bay. I am interested to see some different things at the Park and trail that could be accessible to students and handi-capped students from my school. One of those things could be a bus parking spot or a spot to turn around at. Benches along the trail to stop and take a break from walking or running the trail. Marked trails which will tell where the path is and where it goes.

I would also appreciate it if there would be some small camping grounds near the trail with running water and working toilets. Also, I would be happy to see the trail kept in its natural beauty as it makes the trail more pleasing to view. In conclusion, I have written to you to express my interest in the Norfork Lake Master Plan Revision.

Norfork MP Planner Natural Resources Management Section Little Rock District U.S. Army Corps of Engineers; P..O. Box 867 Little Rock, AR 72203

Dear Norfork MP Planner, I just wanted to say thank you for taking the time to work on David's trail and trying to make it a better environment for the public and students from schools for field trips or just to come out and just for classes to come out and work . I just wanted to say thank you for deciding to put bathrooms out there because that is very important to me and my classmates .

I would ask to put like a water fountain but I don't want yall to work too hard. Also maybe putting more benches out there could help use be able to have more kids or teachers out there to watch the kids do whatever there teacher wanted them to. Another way to encourage the use of the trail by the public is to make it more accessible to the local teachers, one way to accomplish this is to create outdoor classrooms or make a pavilion. But we also need wifi which would be good so if we used chromebooks we could do work. We would also like some vending machines.

Norfork MP Planner Natural Resource Management Section Little Rock District U.S. Army Corps of Engineers P.O. Box 867 Little Rock, AR 72203

Dear Norfork MP Planner:

I recently heard about the Norfork Lake MP and would like to know if you want my input? I think we should keep it original but make a handicap accessible trail for those who can't walk. Another idea is having a bus area for school buses so they can drop students off safely. My other recommendation is having a marked and cleared path to follow. My final recommendation is having an outdoor classroom for teachers to bring their students to and be outside.

I'm quite willing to help you in any way possible.

Cordially.



October 19, 2021

Dear Norfork MP Planner,

I am writing this letter to inform the Corps of Engineers that our community needs help with the David's Trail Campaign.

One area that our community needs help with is having bus access. So that schools and other people of the community feel more comfortable driving and dropping off and picking up their kids or other adults safely. Meanwhile, having bus access will also help with outside classrooms. With the access we are trying to reach students and other people of our community will have a better chance with a healthy lifestyle and feeling more stress relieved.

Thank you for your consideration in these ideas and safety considerations. I look forward to seeing positive improvements in this area.

October 19, 2021

Dear Norfork MP Planner,

I'm writing you this letter so my community can have a great time there. Since we can not do it on our own we need help from the Corps of Engineers for the David's Trail Community.

One improvement is that we need additional trail marks and bus access. It would help people find their way back to the trail and if we also had bus access we could take more field trips. Benches would also help because we would need a place to sit down at instead of the ground. If we have benches we will not get our clothes dirty by sitting on the ground if it is wet.

That is all I want at David's Trail so we can make it better. It would make it better and more comfortable and easier to find your way around everything Thank You.

October 18, 2021

Dear Norfork MP Planner,

I am writing this letter to help our community and schools be able to enter and park at David's trail more conveniently. We need the help of the corps of engineers to make this possible with the David's trail campaign.

Our community could benefit from having more trail markers. If more trail markers are added, then if someone gets hurt and needs to get help they do not have to go to the very start of the trail to find someone and instead go to one of the conveniently placed trail markers and find someone that can help. Another thing that our community could benefit from is having more bus accesses, if we get more bus accesses then schools would not have as much trouble getting into the trail entrance. More bus accesses would also encourage more field trips and therefore lead to better health in kids because they would be getting outdoors more.

I am hopeful that your organization will take the suggestions into consideration and put them into action.

October 18, 2021

Dear Norfork MP Planner,

I am writing this letter to help my community about what you guys do. We need the help of the Corps of Engineers to put internet and classrooms in the David's Trail campaign.

If the Corps of Engineering could help with some upgrades then the davis would be so much better. They should put outside class rooms, and internet inside the trials so maybe we get lost then we could communicate, and get help for if we get lost.

I am hopeful that your organization will help the community more byt changing the Davids Trail to help us.

10/20/21

Dear Norfork MP Planner,

As you already know, David's Trail is something that has been around for quite some time but have you considered that a lot of people actually want David's Trail to be more accessible for the public. Here are some things that would help us greatly when being at the trail.

A lot of people know where the trail is but over time nature takes over and the trail is no longer as easy to follow as it probably once was. Marking the trail and putting up wooden fences around the track would help tremendously with following it. The trail itself is beautiful and it would be amazing if there could be places in a clearing that small pavilions could be put up for teachers and students could sit and learn more about not only the trail but the nature around it. Having easy access for busses would also be a good addition to the mouth of the trail. Having things like buss parking and turn around spots would help for easy in and out of the clearing where the classes would be.

Although much of this are just ideas it would help immensely and it would make things so much easier. I hope you consider these suggestions and include them in the improvement of the trail.

U.S. Army Corps Engineering P.O. Box 867 Little Rock, AR 72203 Dear, Army Corp Engineering This is from I go to I want to suggest one thing that I think you should consider putting in your trail. Hopefully you end up considering my suggestion after I give my evidence. The thing I want to suggest in your trail is to be safe or maybe a primitive fishing site, because there are a lot of kids in this area and other areas that like to fish. There are not a lot of safe fishing places for smaller children. If we were to put in safe spots for kids to fish there would probably be more kids fishing. We could also have someone on the fishing spots to teach small kids to fish if they don't know how to fish. I chose safe fishing spots because we don't have a lot of safe fishing spots. Especially nowadays the way people drive, and how the lake rises with the undercurrent. So safe fishing spots I think would be a really good idea. That's why I think you should consider my suggestion. Sincerely,

Dear Norfork Planers, I am writing this letter to say that my school and I would like a say in the changes to the trail. I feel that more trail heads would give us an advantage for emergencies that may happen on the trail. The trail is so long that if someone would get hurt or lost we may never find them again.

I think that there should also be trash cans on the trail. They should be every 100 yards. If people walk down the trail with food or drinks there needs to be trash cans so that we can limit the amount of trash. There should be locks on the trash cans and they should be made to stand up to bears and anything that will try to get in the trash cans. This will take time to manage, but it will help the economy.

These new additions to the trail will help the economy and the people maintaining the trail. The trail heads will be used for shorter hikes and help with emergencies. Trash cans will help limit the amount of trash on the trail. If they are closed the correct way then nothing should get in them. If we attach them to a tree then they can't move. We should rotate witch tree they are tied to, so that the tree doesn't die.

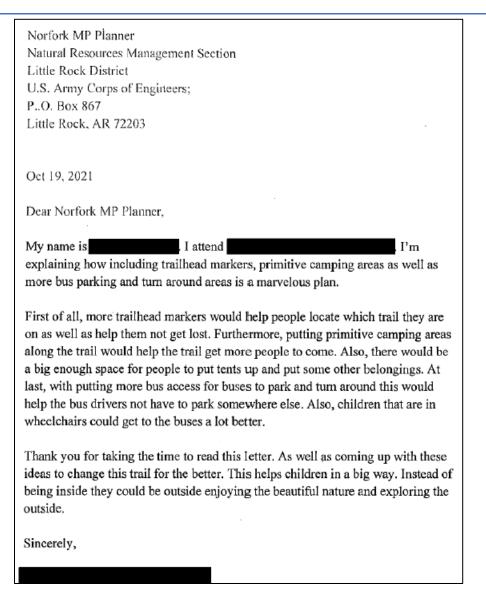
Norfork MP Planner Natural Resources Management Section Little Rock District U.S. Army Corps of Engineers; PO. Box 867 Little Rock, AR 72203
10/21/21
Dear Norfork MP Planner, Hello, my name is a student student in the student student and student and student s
First, I think it would be nicer if there was pavilions with picnic tables underneath. It would be a nice place to sit and eat lunch with your family. Again, I think you should add benches to the trials, so when people are hiking and they need a water break they can sit down and enjoy the scenery.
To conclude, it would be very kind of you to think about my suggestions. Like I said, it is an amazing place to go, but adding the pavilion and benches to it would make it even better. Well, thank you for your time to read this letter!
Sincerely,

10/22/21

Dear Norfork MP Planner,

I believe that if we added different technology points throughout the area then having an outdoor classroom would be much easier to accomplish. Running network out to those places would probably be expensive, however making a place for students and some adults to come and work in peace. Making a clearing would be cheap due to the fact you can sell lumber and turn some of it into picnic tables.

Norfork MP Planner Natural Resources Management Section Little Rock District U.S. Army Corps of Engineers; P.O. Box 867 Little Rock, AR 72203	
October 18, 2021	
Dear Norfork MP Planner,	
Hello, I am Sector I attend I am writing to you about an idea I have to improve upon David's Trail. I would like to request that your staff construct more space for people that want to come to your business and camp. An important addition, that could bring more people to the trail, would be a visitors center with air conditioning and a bathroom.	
The more resources you provide, the more likely people will come. This makes your trail more popular and brings more tourists to your destination. People will enjoy spending time with friends and family as if they could camp and visit the visiting center. This addition will bring people more joy and peace. Family and friends will enjoy their time together with camping sites, family and friends will also enjoy the visiting center.	
Sincerely,	



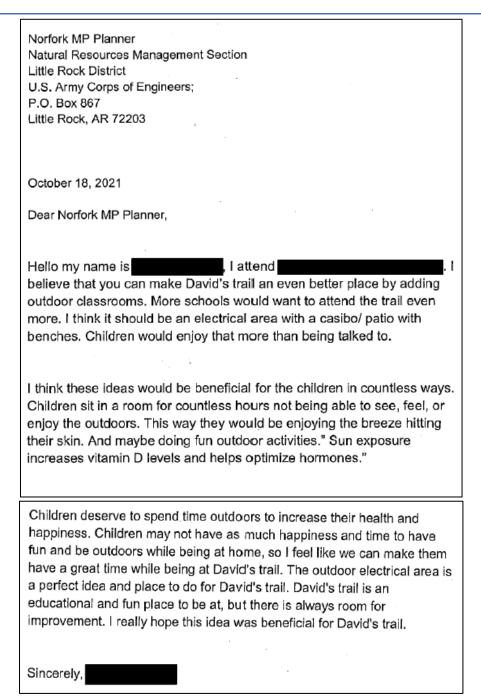
October 18, 2021

Dear Norfork MP Planner,

I am writing this letter because I want to help my community with access to the trail. We need help from the Corps of Engineers so we can make this change quicker and better.

If we had larger parking lots at the main trailhead, our buses would be able to park there without any problems. We would also like outside classrooms, to do this we have to have electricity, cell service, and internet. We would also need tables and chairs. Another change we can make is bathrooms, we could put bathrooms near the classrooms or near the start of the trail so people could go to the bathroom.

I look forward to your consideration. It going to take work, time and resources, but i strongly believe that it will be worth it



October 19, 2021

Dear Norfork MP Planner,

I am writing this letter to ask for help. We need your help to accomplish the missions of the Davids Trail Campaign.

The mission that we are looking to accomplish is making Davids Trail an outdoor classroom. Making this improvement would make school and work for teachers so much smoother. In order to do this we need to make some alterations. Alterations such as adding benches, picnic tables, bathrooms, and internet and electricity. We could also place additional trail markers along the trail at different mile marks. This is so tourists and civilians can walk the trail without having to go all the way.

Thank you for taking the time out of your day to read this letter. I hope you have a magnificent day.

Sincerely.

October 18, 2021

Dear Norfork MP Planner,

Hello I am **Annual I** am a **Annual** student, I am writing the letter regarding more parking for busses so more students can come to the trail for reward days or for a school lesson or just for fun to get away with family for a vacation and you could get more business if you had a bigger place to park.

You should add more parking spaces for busses it needs to be big enough for the busses to turn around because that way more schools and students can participate in the trail and it can give you more business, especially if the students tell their parents about it. The student and the parents can go and sometimes the whole family will go and the business can grow bigger and bigger each day

Many students would greatly appreciate more bus space so more students can go at the same time and see their friends instead of being separated into different days they can get their grade up by doing homework they need to do and that is important so they can pass the grade and it would be great and the students and parents would be happy. Helio I am Timothee Statler I am a junior high student, I am writing the letter regarding more parking for busses so more students can come to the

trail for reward days or for a school lesson or just for fun to get away with

family for a vacation and you could get more business if you had a bigger place to park.

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can participate in the trail and it can give you more business, especially if the students tell their parents about it. The student and the parents can go and sometimes the whole family will go and the business can grow bigger and bigger each day

Many students would greatly appreciate more bus space so more students can go at the same time and see their friends instead of being separated into different days. They can get their grade up by doing homework they need to do and that is important so they can pass the grade. It would be great and the students and parents would be happy. "There are no shortcuts to any place worth going." Beverly Sills

10/21/21

Dear Norfork MP Planners,

My name is and I am a freshman in high school. As an eagle scout, who is hiking and camping all the time, I have a few suggestions that might help your decision.

I only have one suggestion, keep the nature. I love being outdoors and I have been to many national parks around the U.S. All of these parks had one thing in common, they barely changed the environment around them. Of course, add the bus turn around spots, the trail markers, and the outdoor classroom but keep the nature. Arkansas is known for its natural beauty so let's keep it that way.

Hopefully this helped you make your decision. Thank you for taking your time to read this letter.

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers P.O. Box 867 Little Rock, AR 72203

Dear Norfork MP Planner:

I am writing to you because I would like for you to improve David's Trail. It lack basic trail needs. I would love for you to be more specific on your David's Trail website. It says Turn right at Panter Bay sign, There are many Panter Bay signs. Please, could it be more specific? I would also like to point out that there are no campsites on the trail. The last thing I would like to point out is that the parking lot doesn't have a bus parking spot, or a turn around point.

These suggestions would be greatly appreciated if done. Improving the trails is important to me, thank you for taking your time to read this letter.

10-20-21

Dear Norfork MP Planner,

My name is and I am a

. I have learned about your efforts to improve the Norfork Lake area and I have a few suggestions on what should be focused on throughout the project.

First, David's trail is a great part of our community, but it's hard for all kinds of people to be able to use it to its full potential. If the trail was more accessible for teachers and students, it would bring more attention to the area itself. Providing better bus access throughout the trail would make it a lot easier for schools to utilize the area. When locals see that schools are using the area, they will see it's a nice and safe area for them to use as well.

Next, The trailheads at David's Trail are a bit confusing. Panther Bay Day Use is the main trailhead, but it is hard to locate because of the numerous locations with the name Panther bay: Panther Bay Marina, Panther Bay Campground, Panther Bay Day use area and Panther Bay Park. If the name was changed to something with "trailhead" in it, it may be easier to find. With trailhead in the name, people who didn't know we had a trail would now know and hopefully come visit it sometime.

Thank you for what you are doing with our area and I hope you take into consideration some of the points I have covered.

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers P.O. Box 867 Little Rock, AR 72203

Dear United States Army Corps of Engineers:

I am contacting you in regards to your master revision plan on David's Trail. I would like to contribute to the revision of David's Trail. Some improvements I would like you all to consider is more access for buses, more creation of outdoor classrooms with digital capabilities, more trailhead markers along the trail as well as at the new bus parking/turn around areas as well as the addition of some primitive camping areas along the trail. I would like to contact you about these problems because we as Arkansans need to get outside more and explore instead of being on our devices and stuck in a building all day. The importance of these is we as children need mental health breaks and get outdoors instead of feeling like we are stuck in a prison.

The reason we need bus parking and turnarounds is that if we take field trips to get out of the classroom and the original parking does not have enough space to turn around safely or just any room in general. The busses need room to turn around and or park because we need to watch for the safety of the children. The next point is outdoor classrooms with digital accessibilities, I think that if David's trail wants more visitors you guys should make it more accessible to students by adding wifi spots, charging stations, benches, and/or pavilions along the trail for field trips, breaks, etc. Something that is almost a need is more markers along the trails. There are trails and pathways along Davids Trail that will cause you to get lost, adding markers would make it more accessible to families and schools. The last point in my letter is that I believe that more accessible camping sites are more open and safe. More campsites reserved for schools would be more safe and accessible, as well as open for campfires. Adding accessibility for charging stations and benches would improve accessibility for schools and homeschooling families.

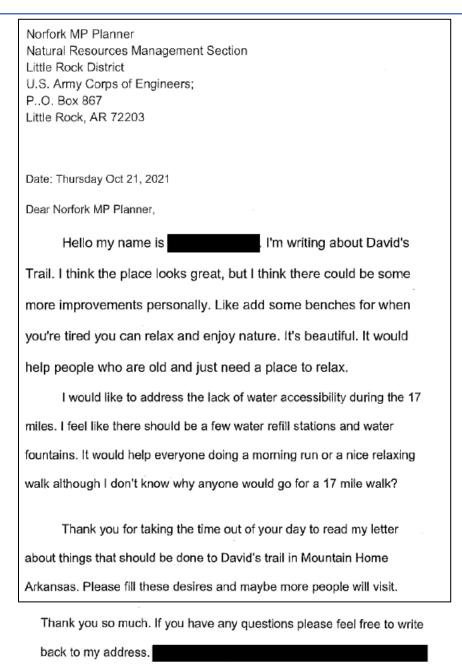
Thank you for your time and consideration for taking the time to read my letter.

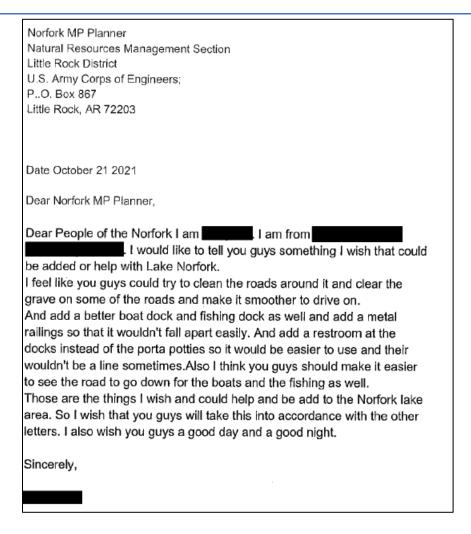
Norfork MP Planner Natural Resources Management Section Little Rock District U.S. Army Corps of Engineers P.O. Box 867 Little Rock, AR 72203

Dear U.S. Army Corps of Engineers :

I am contacting you for the revising of Davis's Trail around Lake Norfork. I think that these trails need to be better marked . The trails have started to erode and they have started to become less accessible . I also would like to see mile markers on the trail so when people are running or walking they know how far they have gone. I would also like to see more parking for busses so students can have field trips and they can be out in nature more. I have been to David's Trail many times and there is not good parking so it makes it very limited for people to park.

In this letter I have put out my ideas on what should be done to David's Trail around Lake Norfork . I on behalf of all the students at Mountain Home would like you to consider some of these changes I have brought to your attention. In all David's Trail and the people in the area could really benefit from the improvements.





Norfork MP Planner Natural Resources Management Section Little Rock District U.S. Army Corps of Engineers; P.O. Box 867 Little Rock, AR 72203
Tue, Oct 19
Dear Norfork MP Planner,
My name is Sector I am a student attending Sector I have looked through several of the Documents provided by my administrators. A few suggestions that I found could improve Davids Trail are, furthering the bus parking turn around, along the additions of trail head markers, and classrooms with digital accessibility.
The bus parking area at Davids Trail is a large inconvenience, if we changed this area it could allow the busses to be loaded and unload much more easily, the students would also have more time to learn about this trail. The addition of trail markers could also improve the experience of this trail. They could help prevent students from getting lost, along with leading them to some of the beautiful natural wonders located on the trail. One of the largest problems I found with Davids trail was the lack of digital classrooms outside, If this addition was made it would allow students to be able to learn more while enjoying the environment.
These additions would overall help Davids trail in being a more effective in education and more enjoyable. Thank you for considering my improvement suggestions for Davids Trail, if you have any questions please feel free to contact me at
Sincerely,

10/22/21

Dear Norfork MP Planner,

I have a suggestion for the David's Trail. I think that you will agree with what I have to say.

I think that you could put cabins on the way there. The reason is for the people that have to come from a long way away. This is so that they can have a place to rest. This would make it more convenient.

So in conclusion this is what I think you should do.

Norfork MP Planner Natural Resources Management Section Little Rock District U.S. Army Corps of Engineers P.O. Box 867 Little Rock, AR 72203

Dear Norfork MP Planner:

I am contacting you for the following reason, Norfork Master Plan Revision. I would like to sincerely focus on the trails around Norfork Lake. One improvement I would like to see is better markings. Being able to see the trail and having markers will decrease risk of getting off the trail and becoming lost. Also making the trail more accessible for cross country runners, there are many big rocks and unlevel parts of the trail that can be dangerous to runners. Last is more primitive camping areas along the trails.

These changes are important to me because I would like to see overall better trails, that are safe and enjoyable. I appreciate you listening to me about the importance of maintaining safe trails. I thank you for giving people the window of opportunity to share our ideas about the Norfork MP Revision.

Norfork MP Planner Natural Resources Management Section Little Rock District U.S. Army Corps of Engineers; P..O. Box 867 Little Rock, AR 72203 Date October 21, 2021 Dear core, my name is and I am a student at I have been informed about the project you guys have started and here are some ideas. First I think that David's Trail needs more bus access so more people will want to come. If more buses were able to drive there, it could have more people visiting. Another thing is that it should have some contained camping areas along the trail so people could camp if they want. If there were camping spots more people would come and it would make it more fun for kids there. Last thing is that if David's Trall has more bus parking and turn around areas, it would be easier for people that drive buses to be able to pull in and out of there. David's Trail is a great place for families and friends to go to and if these things could happen, it would make it an even better experience. Sincerely,

	Norfork MP Planner es Management Section Little Rock District rmy Corps of Engineers; PO. Box 867 Little Rock, AR 72203			
Dear Norfork MP Planner,				
My name is a and I am currently a My name is a support of the second sec				
The areas of Panther Bay are all marked as such, making it more difficult for potential trail users to access the trail. My suggestion would be to either specify which Panther Bay access has the trail's entrance or to have signs leading to the trail. My family and I have had a hard time figuring out where the trail began when your organization had the Easter geo-egg hunt. We enjoy the outdoors and finding areas to search for nature's treasures and would enjoy going to David's Trail many more times in the years to come.				
I believe that if this suggestion were to be taken in would be more visits to David's Trail from locals, as well a over.				
Sincerely,				

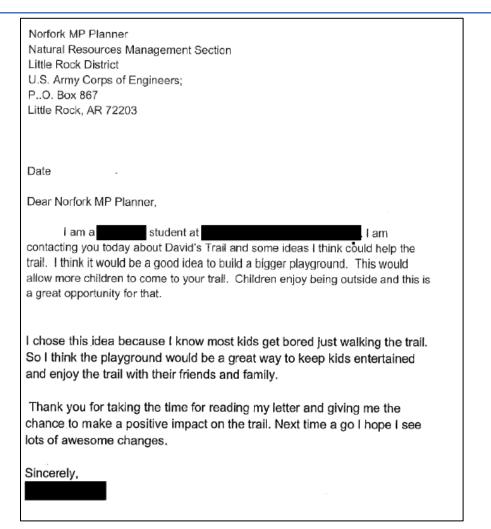
Norfork MP Planner Natural Resources Management Section Little Rock District U.S. Army Corps of Engineers P.O. Box, AR 72203

Dear Norfork MP planner:

I am a student from Arkansas middle school and I heard about the Norfork Lake master plan revision. I am writing to you to request making it so the schools can have outdoor learning days at Bally trail. This would require making it accessible for school buses and hopefully handicap.

We would love to see more clearly marked paths to avoid getting lost, lookout areas to be added to see and enjoy an overlook of the natural landscape. We would also like to have some rest spots on the path with benches or logs to sit on and enjoy the fresh air while we eat our lunch or listen to a lesson. Above all I think the most important thing is to stay true to the environment and consider the animals that were there first with your design and with our behavior if you give us this privilege.





10/21/2021

Dear Norfork MP Planner,

My name is and I'd like to suggest some ideas for the David's Trail renovation project. Nature is very important to me and many others, and as someone who loves trailwalking I highly recommend you at least take the following into consideration.

The outdoors are so important to little kids and their health. By making David's Trail more accessible to buses, you would give schools the opportunity to take young students on field trips and let them explore nature, a chance they might not have out of school. The outdoors lets kids make childhood memories that they'll pass on for generations. If students have fun on the trail, they're likely to go home and spread the word to their parents. According to a study done about Childhood Development and Access to Nature, children who have been exposed to nature experienced increased concentration, higher academic performance, improved social skills, and reduced stress levels. Nature promotes creativity and imagination, and without it children's health, both mental and emotional, worsens.

The outdoors aren't just for kids, though. Adults can also benefit from nature, in some of the same ways kids can. They can also experience lower stress levels, a better mood, and increased health.

Adding an outdoor classroom would benefit both students and teachers and increase the usages of the trail.

As you can see, adding these to David's Trail would make the trail's popularity grow, and would put taxpayer's money to good use by providing something that the whole community could benefit from.Thank you for reading my letter, and hopefully considering these suggestions.

October 21st 2021

To whom it may concern,

My name is a student at

Once we were informed about the revisions being made in the Norfork area, I knew I wanted my voice to be heard. David's Trail specifically holds so many memories of classmates and friends we had on those field trips and the teachers we share those memories with. I want the trail to be updated so many children after us can have the same opportunities we did. That being said, here are some of the requests I would like to make. I wish to see more accessible points for outdoor classrooms, revised and better trail markings, and lastly public restrooms.

I know that I speak for most of the kids at the Junior High when I say that outdoor classes are always the best, the smell and feeling of fresh air and the energy the sun gives all of us. I think that David's Trail has the potential to be an amazing area for outdoor classes, of course that would mean we would have to actually have areas for them along the trail. Items like picnic tables, outdoor internet access points for chromebooks considering that is what we mainly do use for work, and maybe pavilions for the off chance that it rains when we are outside. I remember that one of our trips got cancelled due to the weather because there was nowhere on the trail to go if it did rain. Revised or new trail markings would also be a wise decision so that no one would get lost on the trail, specifically those who have never been on it before. Having these markings would allow certainty for when devices for direction won't work on the trail. It could also provide device breaks and allow people to actually enjoy the outdoors without relying on their phones to lead them where they need to go. They may also end up teaching children how to use their other resources and how to read maps when what they rely on is what they can see. Finally public restrooms with running water, I personally have never seen any restrooms on this trail, if they are there, they are few and far between. It would be a lot more sanitary and definitely a cleaner option to provide this. No one would have to worry about where they are going to go and if they will make it home or to their car in time to use the restroom. It would quite literally be a breath of fresh air.

Hopefully you will take all of the requests made into consideration when you are working on the place we all think of as home. I feel that with all of these changes there will be a lot more outdoor activity and time being spent with those we love. This will lead to an all out healthier lifestyle for each one of us. I hope that these revisions will also allow many other trips for schools and allow each student to be impacted even more than we were when we first went on the trail ourselves. Thank you for the opportunity you have given us and the time and consideration you put into reading this letter. It means the world to all of us.

October, 21st 2021

Dear Norfork MP Planner,

My name is **My**, and I have heard that you guys are wanting some ideas from the Mountain Home school District to add to David's Trail. I went there once in the 4th grade and I loved it! I had a blast! But since you guys want ideas, I have some.

My opinion is that we don't just need picnic tables and other things to sit on, I feel like we need to have some things to do. As in maybe a volleyball net with some sand. I say this because we are in the 9th grade and we have a ton of volleyball players in our school. And there are people that are not on the team and they all get together in the mornings and play. Honestly, I would also love the campsite to happen. I love to camp with friends and family when I get the chance to. If you added that, there would most likely be a ton more people coming to David's Trail. And the last time that I was there, we had to park the bus in the little parking slot in the grass. It would be nice to have a spot to put the busses as well. And if we added that cool classroom outside, that would give us students the option to learn outside first of all and do lessons over the things we might have done at David's Trail.

If you add these things I could see people coming to Mountain Home just to see this place. I feel like you can turn this trail around and make it a good upgrade. I have said this already, but I have only been there once and maybe with all of this stuff being added, I could come way more. I could ask my parents and friends and more family to come with me. We could camp and play volleyball, maybe even swim in the lake. I am really looking forward to seeing how this turns out and I am really hoping that my school could take us on a trip to see it once it is one.

10/20/2021

Dear Norfork MP Planner,

The Junior Highschool greatly appreciates the trail systems around the Norfork Lake. The trails provide a fun experience that is outdoors for the community. Being outdoors improves many things such as quality time with family, disconnecting from social media, and encouraging outdoor lifestyles. Here at Junior High, we prioritize having healthy lifestyles and creating bonds with family and friends. The trail we would like to add modifications to is David's Trail. Having a few changes made, it would create many opportunities to create healthy lifestyles in our community and encourage many more people to use the trail.

One thing that needs to be modified is the Panther Bay Recreational area where the main Trailhead for David's Trail is located. As there are several locations in the area with similar names, it can be difficult for some people to locate. It would be easier for the community to identify and use the Trailhead spot known as Panther Bay Day Use if we could change the name. Another thing that we would like to be added to encourage the use of the trail is to make it more accessible to the local teachers. As an example, creating outdoor classrooms is one approach to achieve this. If we could create an open space with benches and tables, or perhaps a pavilion with tables. Introducing the trails to students early and often is one strategy to improve trail utilization and foster healthy outdoor lives. We'd need spots along the path that could accommodate bus parking and bus turnarounds for this to happen. We would like to see these along with

additional trailheads added along the trail at locations such as Panther Creek Bridge, Lagoon Road, Bidwell, County Road 815, Seward, and Red Bank. Camping spots are the last thing we'd like to add to the trail. Students would return to camping locations with their families, spreading the use of camping and a healthy outdoor lifestyle throughout the community.

I appreciate you reading this and taking the time out of your day to do so. I hope you will take these requests into consideration.

Dear Norfork MP Planner,

I am writing to you to request supplementary changes regarding David's Trail Mountain Home, Arkansas. Please consider the following ideas: Camping grounds, Trail marks, and Bus Transportation.

To begin my reasoning, due to Covid many businesses have shut down and many people no longer travel. For those living here, looking for things to do, it can be challenging. If we provide camping grounds to the trail, I believe that people would stay there. Many people do not have campers to take and Pitching tents, not on camp grounds can be problematic. Secondly, I also believe that we would need Trail marks. If we have tourists or even locals arrive, many are unaware of correct directions of the trail and could become lost. This can lead to several complications and safety issues. Lastly, David's Trail would benefit bus transportations, If students or people with disabilities wanted to get out there but had no way to get there they could simply take a bus.

I personally thank you for taking the time and consideration to read this letter. I hope this letter has persuaded you to help our community with the listed issues. I believe that all of these will be greatly beneficial to my community.

9/21/2021

Dear Norfork MP Planner, since you are adding different things to the Norfork trail I would like to propose some ideas of mine that I think would benefit others. Of course we can not please everyone, and everyone can't get their way, but why not try. I think you guys can add more exit spots on the trail, and camping areas along the trail. These things can benefit us in many different ways.

First off adding more spots to exit the trails. I think adding more exit spots will increase the amount of families that go on the trails. With more exit spots families will be able to exit the trail sooner than later. If you have a little kid that gets really tired and just starts complaining and you want to leave, why have to walk 3 more miles to exit. The feeling of being able to exit easily is a lot less stressful for families, and even adults alone.

Secondly, adding camping areas along parts of the trail. Adding camp areas will make the trail more fun and beneficial. People like to experience the wilderness and beauty of trails but also be able to camp in a beautiful area. Camp sites are not very secluded because they are all right next to each other, but adding campsites along the way will give you a sense of being out in the wild. Those are some propositions I think will go nicely along the trails.

October 20, 2021

Norfork MP Planner Natural Resources Management Section Little Rock District U.S. Army Corps of Engineers P.O. Box 867 Little Rock, AR 72203

Dear Norfork MP Planner:

I'm writing to you to suggest improvements for David's Trail. I would enjoy it if you could implement some campgrounds on David's Trail for people like me who enjoy participating in overnight hiking and camping trips. In addition to campgrounds, it would also be greatly appreciated if you updated your map or added some landmarks to the trail so that it is easier to understand and navigate the trails in order to make it easier for more people to enjoy Davids trail without the worry of becoming lost. Another suggestion I have for improving Davids Trail would be adding benches because benches would provide much needed rest stops for people that enjoy jogging or like to sit down and enjoy nature. Thank you for taking the time out of your day day to listen to my suggestions for the improvement of David's trail,

20 October 2021

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I think with David trail fixed up it could help people realise the extra fun, exercise, and the beautiful sights on David trail. So I hope you take some public input and fix David trail. It would in my opinion benefit the overall good of the community.

Dear, Corps of Engineers I would like to propose an addition of more bus access, creation of outdoor classrooms with digital capabilities, more trailhead markers along th trail as well as at the new bus parking/turn around areas. This will help create a healthy lifestyle and how being outside improves that. If there is bus parking and access that is going to bring in more people to see the trail. What they see from the trail may encourage them to use it more and ultimately, add popularity to the trail.

As for the classrooms they could create them in different ways. It doesn't have to be a legit classroom but like an open area maintained with benches, to a pavilion with tables, electric, and possibly internet capability. It encourages the use of the trail and makes it more accessible for local teachers.

I would be deeply appreciative if you were able to do this. In the end, the work will be worth it but you must start something to end it.

20 October 2021

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Dear Norfork MP Planner:

I am to affirm you of the district of David's trail, I would appreciate if you would make it easier to show the way, it would be nice to have a specific place for a bus and students, it would be helpful if you could put signs up to see how much longer the trail goes on for, it would be a pleasant experience if there was a water source, bathroom, clear path, and a map. It would make people happy If there were wheelchair accessibilities.

I have looked at a few websites and the land looks fine and pretty, there seems to be many trials to go on, but not any signs to help guide, it would be more helpful for runners or field trips if there were signs to help guide the way where you are then people wouldn't have to struggle so much.

October 18, 2021

Dear Norfork MP Planner,

I am writing a request to improve the Davids Trail near Henderson, Arkansas. David's Trail was built to encourage an active lifestyle for all ages and abilities. In this letter I will highlight three areas in need of improvement in David's Trail.

To begin, there are three areas in need of improvement on David's Trail: bus accessibility, creation of outdoor classrooms with digital capabilities and more trailhead markers. Upgraded bus accessibility would give schools more opportunities to teach students and grant more visitors to the trail. Another improvement to David's trail would be the addition of outdoor classrooms with digital capabilities that would allow any class to visit the trail. It would also keep students and teachers healthy. Lastly, more trail markers would make David's Trail more accessible. It would also give inexperienced hikers a better opportunity to hike the trail.

In conclusion, three improvements to David's trail are better bus accessibility, creation of outdoor classrooms with digital capabilities, and more trailhead markers. Thank you for taking time to read my request, my contact information is

Dear Northfork MP Planner:

I am contacting you for the following reason: I heard that you are revising the master plan around Lake North fork. I would like David's trail to be better. I would like to be able to run on the trail in cross country, but I can't. It is too narrow and small. It has no benches there for people to sit on. I'd prefer a bench by a cliff so people can sit there and look at the sunset. We also need someone to clean up the trail, there is so much trash and junk around the trail. I think that it could be a great tourist attraction.

I am a student at a and a cross country and it would be heavenly to have a trail to run on. I really would like to train on a new course. See new things, get my exercise. But we can't do that with a trashy trail. When I went there it looked like it had so much potential but it just looks terrible right now. That is all I have to say about David's trail.

With regards,



Date

Dear Norfork MP Planner,

I am contacting you Regarding the Norfork lake MP revision. I like to see David's Trail around Norfork enhanced. The first thing I would like to see is the trail cleared up. I would also like to see the trail marked. The trail is not clearly marked and it's really easy to get off the trail. The last thing I would like to see is parking for busses. If there was parking for busses we could have really fun school field trips.

I appreciate your time and I'm looking forward to seeing changes around Norfork.

Little Rock District U.S Army Corps of Engineers P.O Box 867 Little Rock, A.R 72203

Dear Natural Resources Management Section,

To connect with the recent decision to revamp the David's Trail system, there are a few things that I would like to highlight the importance of. These include, the importance of clear markings, rest and/or camping areas with space for students, and functional restrooms.

To start, I am someone who has been a part of the David's Trail race, and has been on the trail many times with family. The times I have been on the trail, it would've been helpful to see a more clear path and obvious trail markings. If the goal is to make this trial more accessible for hiking groups and possibly school hiking clubs, there must be clear markings. This will ensure that many visitors come back because it is not a worry that they will lose the trail.

Another important thing to note is rest and/or camping areas. This will not only bring in students and groups, but will also bring in people from out of town. Having a clean and clear place to be able to gather is something that will set David's Trail apart from others in a way that there are many accessible points for people to stay together. This will not only benefit student groups and hiking groups, but will also help with maintenance and race organizations.

Lastly, a feature that would bring a lot to David's Trail is functional, clean restrooms. This will help keep the trail clean and will make visitors more comfortable. Working restrooms also provide a place for people to wash their hands and clean off a little if needed.

In conclusion, all of these updates and features will bring in more people from all over and will make this trial more accessible for races. Bringing in students and races will make this a known trail and make Norfork look like a really strong community. Showing that improvements to the trail system have added clear markings, rest areas, and restrooms will give large and small groups good opportunities to visit the trail and bring more publicity to the natural beauty of Norfork.

Best Regards,

October 20th, 2021

Dear Norfork MP Planner,

Hi my name is

the improvements I would like to see with this is being able to have outdoor classes but have digital access with it so we can connect to the things we need. Along with this I would love to have camping areas along the trail. So if we wanted to have a camping field trip or families would like to camp on the trail then we could.

First off, I think that these improvements would help with things, but it would also have more attraction with people. So such as the outdoor classes the trail would have schools show up for a field trip and be able to work and learn about the trail. That would have a bit of population for having schools come by and learn, but this could only happen if outdoor classrooms with digital access would happen. Another thing that could have the population of this increase and to help it improve is having camping areas along the trail. This would be beneficial because if families want to hike the trail but they also want to camp on the trail then they could. It could get families closer together and myself personally would love there to be camping areas because me and my family love to hike and camp.

So lastly, these are the improvements I think that should be made to the trail. They can be very beneficial and helpful for it. I hope that this letter reaches out to the Corp of Engineers and encourages them to add these recommendations to the trail. Thank you for taking the time to read my letter.

Norfork MP Planner Natural Resources Management Section Little Rock District U.S. Army Corps of Engineers; P..O. Box 867 Little Rock, AR 72203 October 18, 2021 Dear Norfork MP Planner, I am a formal student at the My name is . I am writing to request ways to make your area more accessible. This organization could be improved by having more bus access, creation of outdoor classrooms with digital capabilities, and more trailhead markers along the trail. By allowing more sufficient forms of transportation this will expand the portion of tourists. This can be made possible by creating safe and easy bus routes along the trail. Secondly, more trailhead markers along the trail would prevent casualties involving time management and assurance. If given a secure and sufficient access to your environment I will be more persuaded to visit David Trail. Another suggestion to improve your trail is the creation of an outdoor classroom with technical proficiencies. This will encourage the use of the trail by making it more accessible to teachers within the area. These students will benefit from being outdoors. A wise man named Shikoba once said " Sometimes nature is all you need." This could be made possible in many different ways. Some of these ways could include opening an area that is accompanied with benches, a pavilion with tables, electric and perhaps internet capability as well. These are all the elements to provide an appropriate classroom environment within the pathways of David Trails. I would just like to remind you of the importance of tourism to our community's economy, and the roles that Lakes and recreational areas play in this. Creating these recommendations makes this experience more accessible and sufficient. This will increase profits while also giving opportunities to those who now could experience nature and creation within your area. Therefore the improvement that I previously recommended will further persuade tourists such as myself to attend David Trails. I look forward to seeing these Ideas in action. Sincerely

Date 10/18/21

Dear Norfork MP Planner,

I am writing this letter to help my community and David's trail. We need the help of the corps of engineers to put more trailheads, bus access and internet to do work, take notes and watch videos with the davids trail campaign.

Some examples could help the schools with work and take notes on a video and they could make up work. It could help the community as an internet spot and other people with no internet could go there for internet. It could be a big tourism destination. A lot of people like to bike and hike and they could use more trail heads.

Thank you for your time you took to read this letter.

Norfork MP Planner Natural Resources Management Section Little Rock District U.S. Army Corps of Engineers; PO. Box 867 Little Rock, AR 72203
Date October 21, 2021
Dear Norfork MP Planner,
Greetings, my name is Example . I am a student at Example is an writing to you concerning David's Trail. I feel like you should create outside Showers.
I feel like it would be really good for people that do not have showers or running water. It's a really good idea for people that had to go on a run then need a shower because they are going somewhere afterwards. This could really help kids that cannot shower.
If you take me up on my offer it would make your trail more popular. It can possibly give your trail more money. People will talk about your trail and give you a lot more popularity.
Sincerely,

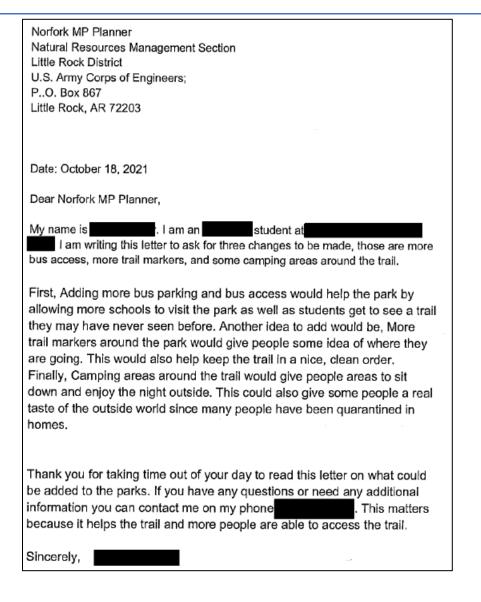
Dear Norfork MP Planner,

I am writing this letter because I want to clean up the Davids Trail. My name is **Example**. I have lived in Mountain Home Arkansas. I have lived here for 8 years. I feel like we should clean up the Davids Trail area. Not that it doesn't look good, it just looks outdated and could use a little help. Here are some of the things that we can do to help the trail look a little more updated.

I think that a lot of people would like us to help clean up the trail. My first reason why we should clean up the trail is because it will attract a lot more people. My second reason is it will look nicer and more people will wanna get out and walk the trail. We should also clean up the bathrooms and put bathrooms out on the trail so that people do not have to walk all the way back to where they started. When the trail gets cleaned up people will wanna camp there so they should add running water.

When the trail gets fixed up we can take classes out there and do school work. Or we can hike the trail with our class or even just sit outside and learn about nature. It seems like a lot of fixing up to do but I don't think that it's that much. We just have to tell people to respect the land and respect what we are doing for them. Having a place where the students can go to get out of school and learn about the wilderness is cool I think because you get to learn about all the different wildlife there is and all different plants.

That is all that I think that we should do on that trail. There are a lot of people who go out on the trail and hike it. When I was in Choir 2 years ago we would go out on the trail with the kindergartners and sing to them. It is really nice scenery. The lake is lovely and so is everything around it.



Norfork MP Planner Natural Resources Management Section Little Rock District U.S. Army Corps of Engineers; PO. Box 867 Little Rock, AR 72203
Date
Dear Norfork MP Planner,
I am writing this letter to improve our community. We would love for the Corps of Engineers to help improve David's Trail.
One major improvement we can make to David's trail is adding more access points to the trail. We should also add additional bus access for field trips and tours. One more thing we should do is add water access points.
I hope you get this.
Sincerely,

October 21, 2021 Dear Norfork MP Planner: My name is for the planner: My name is for the planner, and I go to School. We are currently aware of your plan to revise the Lake Norfork MP and would like to give some input. I am writing to inform you of the things that I would like to include. The first thing I think the trail needs to have is a wheelchair accessible trail because I have a baby brother who is in a wheelchair, and he loves being outside so this would be a great opportunity for him to get outside. The second thing I think we should include is a water station. People don't always bring water so they might get thirsty. The last thing we need to have is bus parking and turn around parking so that it is easier to get in and out of the parking spots. For when buses bring kids for field trips. Hope to see what you will do with the trail, and thanks for reading my letter. I hope my ideas will influence you like it has me when writing this letter. Sincerely.	Natural Resources Management Section Little Rock District U.S. Army Corps of Engineers; PO. Box 867 Little Rock, AR 72203
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Date Oct 21, 2021
Dear Norfork MP Planner,
Hello, my name is a second and I am an second student at I am writing to you because there needs to be more parking for the busses. This would create more schools to come and visit the trail.
If there was a bigger or a designated area for the busses. There would be more schools coming over from many places and visiting the trail. If you did not want to make the parking lot bigger, you could make a special area for the busses.
Thank you for taking the time to read my letter. I also want you to take the consideration of making the busses their own parking lot. I hope you will consider my recommendation for the trail.
Sincerely,

20 October 2021

Norfork MP Planner Natural Resources Management Section Little Rock District U.S. Army Corps of Engineers P.O. Box 867 Little Rock, AR 72203

Dear Norfork MP Planner:

I am contacting you about the Norfork Lake Master plan revision plan on the Davids trail. I request an outdoor pavilion for classes with charging stations for Chromebooks, benches for seating, bus parking and bus turnarounds. In addition to that request could you add a clearing for camping with no trees above for fire pits. I would like to fix the problem of directions (maps, trail markers, ... etc).

I would like to thank you for your services to our community

Date: October 21, 2021

Dear Norfork MP Planner,

I am writing to you concerning the low accessibility for busses regarding the usage of David's Trail. Busses take up a lot of room to turn around and park. If there were more room for busses such as a larger area to turn around and/or larger parking areas, there would be more field trips. It is very healthy for kids to get outdoors and participate in activities like hiking, walking, and doing outdoor things instead of being in a classroom all day.

To fix this problem you could add more areas for busses and places for them to park and pick up or drop off kids for field trips. If you had more places for busses as well as other large vehicles to park, it would bring more people to the trail.

If students go on a field trip and they discover that they really like the trail they would tell their parents that they want to go back to the trail. They may also tell their neighbors or bring the whole family on a trip to the trail. This would bring even more people to enjoy a good outdoor experience. That is why you should add more bus and other vehicle accessibility to the trail.

20 October 2021

U.S. Army Corps of Engineer P.O.Box 867 Little Rock, AR 72203

Dear Norfork MP Planer:

I am contacting you for the following reason for the Lake Norfork/ David's Trail MP revision. I would like to give you some requests about things you could do to make the Norfork Lake and Davids Trail better for the community as a whole. The first request I would like to make is that they put in outdoor classrooms so the schools could take the students outside to teach. The second request I would like to make is for them to put in bus parking spaces and a turnaround for the buses so we could go and learn outside. I would also like to see the trails cleared up and markings for the trail. Cleaning up the trails would give students in sports the opportunity to run the trail without having the fear of hurting their ankle or having other injury.

Another request I would like to make is clearing out spots throughout the trail so people who are hiking down the trail can camp. Putting camping spots would help a lot of people who like to hike miles at a time. Puting bathrooms throughout the trail would help those campers and hikers. Going back to the outdoor classrooms and bus parking. I as a student would like to have an outdoor classroom, I feel as if it will help me learn better. I feel that some of my classmates feel the same way. Thank you for listening to me as a student giving requests. I look forward to hopefully seeing the improvements you will make to the Davids Trail/ Norfork Lake MP revision.

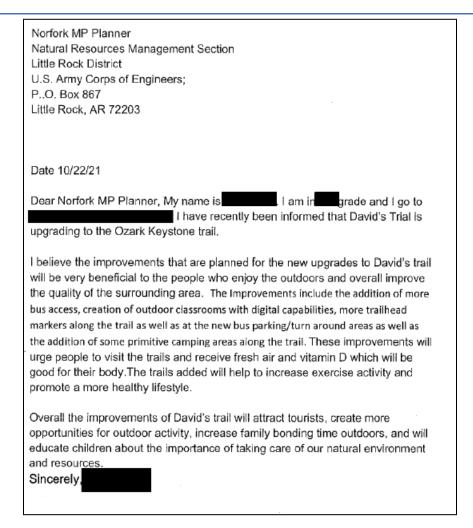
Norfork MP Planner Natural Resources Management Section Little Rock District U.S. Army Corps of Engineers; P..O. Box 867 Little Rock, AR 72203 October 18th, 2021 Dear Norfork MP Planner, My name is and I am from the I and I am going to request a few changes for Davids Trail; it could encourage healthier lifestyles; create outdoor classrooms; and year round access to the parks and campgrounds. To begin, the first change that would benefit Davids Trail is encouraging healthier life styles. Encouraging healthy life style by using the trail could make more people want to go to the trail and younger children would learn how to handle the out doors sooner. Another request I would like to add is that you add outdoor classroom. Creating outdoor classrooms would attract more people to go to the trail, and would benefit the schools to be able to learn in different environments.Lastly, I believe that year round access to the trail would also attract more visitors and it would give more variety for people who prefer to go in cooler seasons. Thank you for listening and I strongly recommend putting these ideas into consideration. Sincerely,

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Little Rock District P.O. Box 867 Little Rock, AR 72203

Dear U.S. Army Corps of Engineers:

I am writing because I have been informed about the trail, and its extreme potential. It has really been bugging me that before this, I have never heard of the trail. I feel the trail should be talked about more, and it could highly promote healthier lifestyles. The trail system is around lake Norfork with breathtaking views. Something most people enjoy is the beauty of nature. More people need to use the trail, being in nature helps provide exercise and it can also relieve stress. It overall makes you healthier and improves your psyche. With benefits like that it could potentially attract mounds of tourists. One issue is the main trail head can be extremely tricky to locate. I personally think it would pay off to add more parking and bus access. If those revisions were made, it could become more popular and could attract more tourists. The more tourists we receive the more our town's benefit. With more money from tourism we could add more restaurants, and make our towns nicer. Changes such as those could improve everyone's daily life. It could also attract more residents.

I would truly appreciate it if you took some of these suggestions in mind. There is so much potential with David's Trail. Simple changes can make a huge impact, and I look forward to seeing the work that is to be done.





10/20/21

Dear Norfork MP Planner,

As public Schools, we would like to thank you guys for the work y'all will be doing around the Norfork area. Since you guys will already be working in that area and around David's trail we would like to put in some ideas on how to make the trail even better. It could be by doing things like making bus turnarounds, a primitive campsite, or an outdoor classroom area with internet access. One of my favorite options out of those would be the outdoor classroom. Being able to use that would make school much less boring and provide another option from the everyday classroom.

An outdoor classroom would be appreciated by not just every kid but I'm sure teachers would appreciate a nice day outside too. Also, with the provided internet access we would be able to be productive and get our work done. I know from personal experience that school can get boring doing the same thing every day. Sometimes all you need to do is take a day and be outside, it doesn't matter if you are still doing work.

So, as I said, there are still many options on how to make the trail even better. I think the most useful one would be an outdoor classroom area. Building that would help out all the students and even teachers in the **School District**. Not to mention, we could still be productive and make sure to never leave a mess. Again, thank you all for the work you guys have done already, I hope this letter inspires you to make the area even better.

Norfork MP Planner Natural Resources Management Section Little Rock District U.S. Army Corps of Engineers; PO. Box 867 Little Rock, AR 72203
8/20/2021 Dear Norfork MP Planner,
My name is a second student at a second student at a second student . Having just moved down to Arkansas, it's been amazing the past few months. The dams are amazing, the lakes are beautiful, and the trails are very fun. I fully support David's Trail, and I have a few ideas
First, I think it would be great to have a bit of a rest stop along the trail. You could put a snack shack about halfway through. That way, people can buy food, supplies, anything they might need to complete the trek. Second, a couple clearings would be great for all those campers out there. They can get to a clearing, lay down for the night, then leave the next morning. The spots could be big enough to hold 3 families maybe.
In conclusion, I think a new trailhead is a great idea. Please look into what it would take to get it made and get people using it.
Sincerely,

October, 20 2021

Dear Norfork MP Planner,

I am writing to you about the David's Trail Campaign soon. I would like you to please add a larger area for busses, work with the city for a trash pickup and, some modern day comforts like electricity and cell service

I think that by adding better bus access you could allow schools to have more nature classes and field trips while allowing more tourism. If you add a Trash pick up, the trail won't get so polluted and will be better for the environment, and if the environment is cleaner more tourists and school students will come to the trail and learn about nature. If you put electricity and cell service up the trail will be more enjoyable for students tourists and teachers the teachers who could now pull up tools for teaching students that are only on the internet people who want to have cell service for watching movies while camping and other activities or so you can run a heater to heat yourself up.

Thank you for reading the ideas I had on the David's Trail Campaign about adding cell service, and electricity and about building a larger area for busses, and tourists and my idea for a cleaner trail from the trash pickup. Thank you for giving these ideas some thought, corps of engineers

Oct 19, 2021

Dear Norfork MP Planner,

I am here to give my suggestions about David's Trail Campaign. We need the help of the Corps of Engineers with the David's Trail Campaign.

One of my suggestions is that there be more school bus access to the trailhead. Because this will give the school buses more access to the trailhead. Another suggestion is outside classrooms that include a pavilion or picnic tables, restrooms, electricity, internet access. This will help for people of all ages like a field trip for family and friends and even schools.

Thank you for listening to my suggestions about David's Trail Campaign. I look forward to seeing positive results with this campaign.

Norfork MP Planner Natural Resources Management Section Little Rock District U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
P.O. Box 867 Little Rock, AR 72203
October 19, 2021
Dear norfork mp planner.
I am writing this letter to help my community improve. We need the help of the Corps Of Engineers with the David's Trail Campaign.
One of the improvements is that we should attempt to make a better parking lot for buses to use. It would be good to have something you can sit under or eat at, and this could also be used as an outdoor classroom area for field trips. Additionally, I would ask if you could add a couple more entrances to the trail in case of emergencies.
Thank you for your consideration ` in the David's Trail Campaign. I look forward to seeing positive improvements in the park campaign.
Sincerely

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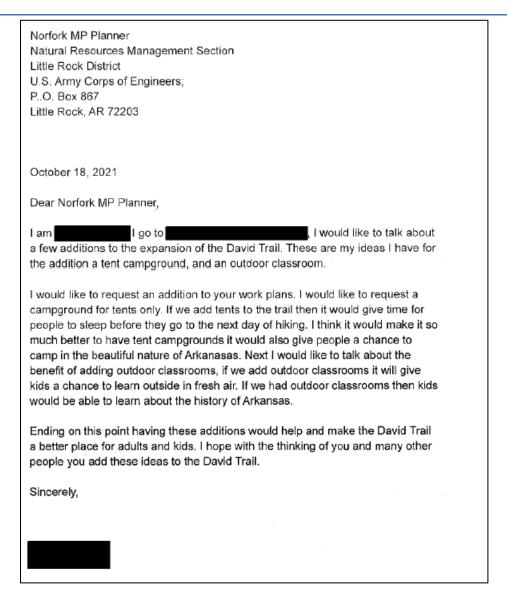
Dear Norfork MP Planner,

Hello, My name is and I am a

I have heard about all of the efforts you are putting into making David's Trail include more educational services. I think that there are many opportunities to include more and I would like to suggest them.

It is very important to live a healthy lifestyle, having a healthy lifestyle can improve your mood and make you happier, it can also keep you in shape and bump up your confidence. Being outside is a big part of a healthy lifestyle. The trails around Lake Norfork provide many opportunities to spend time outside and live healthier. One opportunity could be outside classrooms. Spending time outdoors and learning with digital capabilities is a great way to live a healthier lifestyle and still be able to learn. To increase the usage of the trail systems and encourage a healthy lifestyle, it is important to introduce students to the trail system often. This requires areas along the trail that are capable of allowing bus parking and bus turnarounds. I think it's a good idea to have these added to the trail at many locations such as Panther Creek Bridge, Lagoon Road, Bidwell, County Road 815, Seward, and Red Bank. Another way to encourage the use of the trail is to make it more accessible to local teachers. A way to accomplish this is to create outdoor classrooms. The outdoor classrooms could be in areas with benches or a pavilion with tables with possible internet capability.

I hope these ideas will help improve and encourage outdoor activities and a healthy lifestyle. I want to thank you all for listening to us in the past and we hope you'll listen again. You guys are awesome and thanks again for giving me something to do.



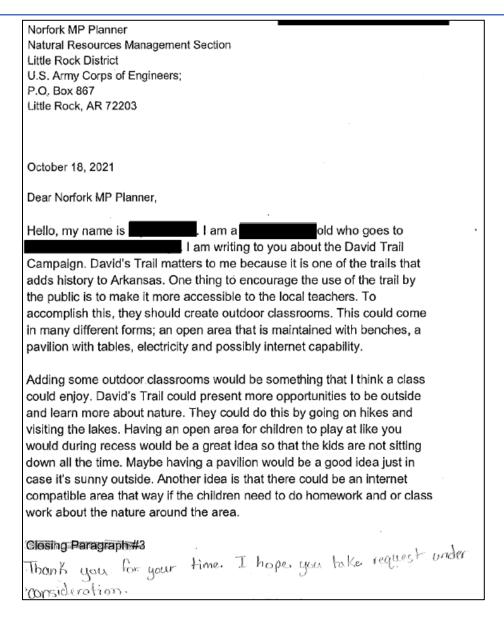
October 18, 2021

Dear Norfork MP Planner,

I am writing this letter to help my community's education environments. We need the help of the Corps of Engineers to create outside classrooms at David's Trail Campaign.

If we had parking lots at the main trailhead, our schools could bring students there for field trips. If students could come for field trips, it would be beneficial for there to be outside classrooms. The outside classrooms should include internet, cell service, benches, and finally, pavilions. Outside classrooms would be substantial to students because the outdoors is, scientifically, a relief of stress. Also, outside classrooms would be a great tourist attraction.

Thank you for your time and consideration in this matter. I look forward to seeing progress and growth in this project.



4esz Norfork MP Planner Natural Resources Management Section Little Rock District U.S. Army Corps of Engineers; PO. Box 867 Little Rock, AR 72203
October 19, 2021
Dear Norfork MP Planner,
I am writing this letter to ask for your help about David's trail, and some changes. That could be made to make David's trail better.
One improvement that I would propose is that they add outside classrooms. This would make it easier for our schools to visit David's Trail
Thank you for your consideration. I look forward to seeing positive improvements with this campaign.
Sincerely,

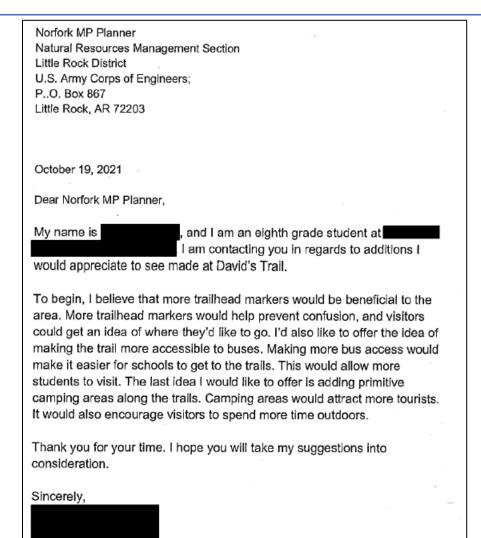
October 19, 2021

Dear Norfork MP Planner,

I am writing this letter to help my community with David's Trail. We need the help of the Corps of Engineers to make a difference with the David's Trail Campaign.

One Improvement that I would propose is a Outside Classroom added to the main trailhead. So then the students can sit down and learn how the David's Trail was made in, how it was made, and so then the students can learn about the David's Trail. Another Improvement for the Outside Classroom is internet access, so then the students can type/write on the Computer while they are watching a video about the David's Trail. These improvements could help the schools and the Society

Thank you for your consideration in taking your time to read this letter. I look forward to seeing positive improvements with this campaign. I also wanted to say thank you for understanding that we should have a Outside Classroom.



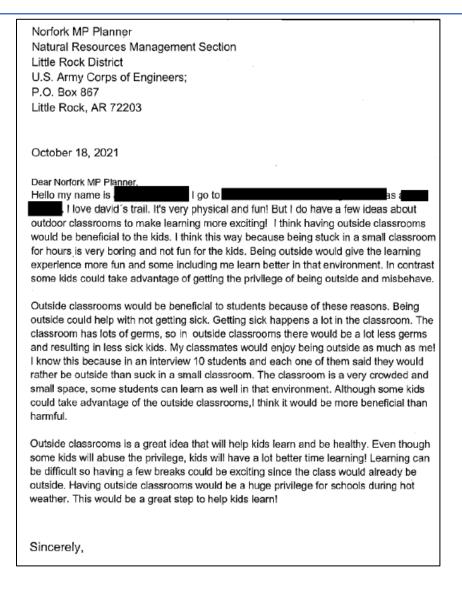
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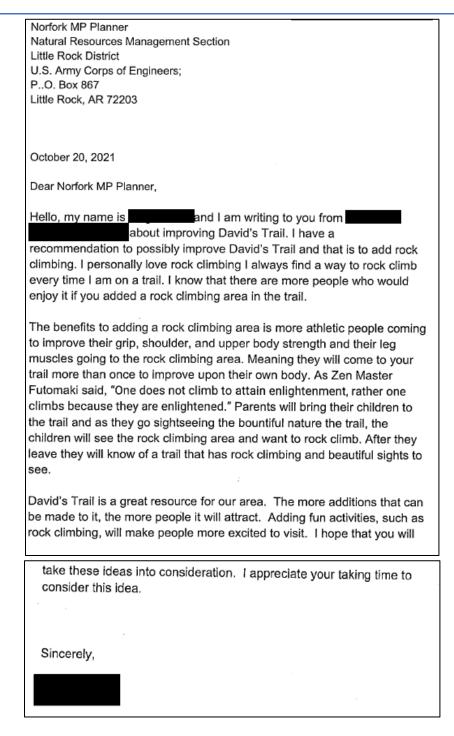
Dear Norfork MP Planner,

Hello, I am writing this letter to bring forward the David's Trail Campaign to your attention. I would like to provide to my community with the help of the Corps of Engineers.

To improve our community we could possibly add bus access for future school field trips. Also, outdoor classrooms with digital access as well to benefit education. Along with the addition of trail markers to make the trails more accessible for tourists, in case of emergencies or if someone doesn't want to hike the full trail, and mostly because they are just convenient.

Thank you for taking the time to read this letter, I am looking forward to the future possible changes your organization could consider to help the community.





Norfork MP Planner Natural Resources Management Section Little Rock District U.S. Army Corps of Engineers; PO. Box 867 Little Rock, AR 72203
October 19, 2021
Dear Norfork MP Planner,
My name is a second second and I would like to request a few features to make David's Trail more superior and for more schools to be engaged with the trail.
To start off, David's Trail could add more bus access for school guests such as a larger parking area for the buses and some space for buses to back up easier. The trail could also add some more trailhead markers so that guests can go through the trail without getting departed from the trail. The last thing I would like to request to be added to David's Trail is some outdoor classrooms for classes to do work or an activity about the trail.
Overall, I think that this requisition could provide more attention to the trail and for more people to notice but if you have any questions about the requests please feel free to email me
Sincerely,

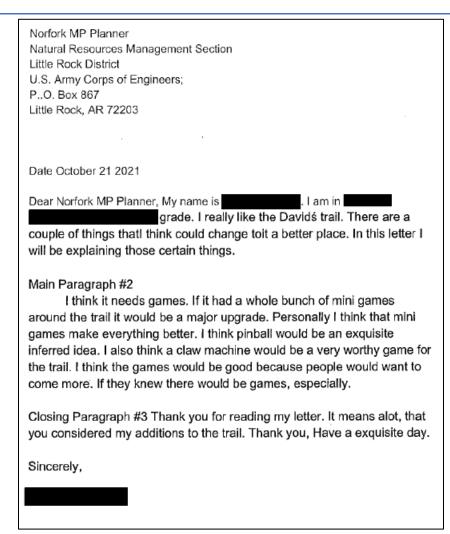
Dear Norfolk MP Planners,

Date 10-20-21

David's Trail is a fascinating place to go camping and enjoy the outdoors. There are a bunch of people that would like to go camping, but can't, worrying that they are not fit enough as such. The importance of having exercise is important, for example, being outside helps reduce the lack of exercise, trails around the lake of Norfork can put in place more exercise and a healthier lifestyle for people choosing to.

In David's Trail, more bus stops would be helpful for quite a bit of people, why is that? More bus access would allow more people to take part in this trail, as well as helping people who don't have enough energy get to certain places. It is also important to help advertise the natural beauties of the trail, making it easier for tourists to explore the area. Creating outdoor classrooms for students is a good idea to create a facility with natural elements for educational purposes with digital interfaces. This idea would help the students be more focused and less stressed during the time spent here, making it more enjoyable and further creating better learning responses. More trailhead markers would be helpful for tourists who lack a sense of direction. The reasoning behind the fact is that trailhead markers are very useful, but rarely, some people fail to navigate correctly, thus, it would help produce more trailhead markers that are named not similarly. This would benefit most of the people traveling throughout David's Trail. Primitive camping areas would provide more economic benefits than disadvantages. It would provide people a place to vent stress throughout the day and enjoy a primitive lifestyle. This would be beneficial to most people, especially if it's their vacation time.

Many things are amazing about this trail, David's Trail. Many things could be changed, but in the end, it's a very good area to relax and such. These things would help improve the Trail, make it more accessible, easier to navigate, and help vent stress more effectively. All things considered, this has been my suggestive add-ons to the trail, known as David's Trail.



Norfork MP Planner Natural Resources Management Section Little Rock District U.S. Army Corps of Engineers; PO. Box 867 Little Rock, AR 72203
Date
Dear Norfork MP Planner,
Hello my name is a few ideas as to what you should improve with David's trail.
So I have a few ideas as to what should be improved on the trail. Number one: Make water more accessible to people who didn't bring water to the trail. Number two food is a need when it comes to the trail for people who didn't bring any to the trail. Number three if possible give everybody a map of the surrounding area so they don't get lost.
Well thank you for taking your time to read one of the hundreds of letters you may have received so i hope you think about it!
Sincerely,

October 18, 2021

Dear Norfork MP Planner,

I am writing this letter to help my community have a healthier lifestyle, and to help with the schools. We need the help of the Corps of Engineers to have easier bus access, outdoor classrooms, and good access with the David's Trail Campaign.

I believe our community could benefit from adding additional trail markers for the safety of citizens and to add easier access points. Additionally, adding more parking spaces would benefit the community and the tourism levels would increase. Adding a place specifically for turning around would give the schools a greater chance of visiting because of the bus access. With the school busses being there, there is also a chance of adding outdoor classrooms. This would benefit a healthier lifestyle for the children and their learning skills would increase. To do this there would need to be more picnic tables, benches, pavilions, and electricity.

I look forward to seeing the progress that has been made. I am hopeful that this letter will be taken into consideration. Thank you for taking the time to read this letter.

Norfork MP Planner Natural Resources Management Section Little Rock District U.S. Army Corps of Engineers P.O. Box 867 Little Rock, AR 72203
October 19, 2021
Dear Norfork MP Planner,
I am writing this letter to add on to our community. But we need the Corps of Engineers' help with the David's Trail Campaign.
One thing we could add to David's Trail is a bus access at the main trailhead. We could use a bus access so the schools could take the students. If we get the bus access we would want an outside classroom. We could have benches so we could sit down and work. We could have pavilions, so we could eat under it. Also so that we will not get sunburnt. Also we would want picnic tables so we would not have to eat on the ground. Everyone would need to go to the restroom, so restrooms would be a nice addition. We need internet capability so we could show videos and to be able to work on our chromebooks.
Thank you for taking the time to read this letter. I hope you take it into consideration to helping with the David's Trail Campaign.
Sincerely,

10/21/2021

Dear Norfork MP Planner,

David's Trail could be used for a lot of things school related. For example, if a lesson is about plants or wildlife the whole class could go on a field trip to David's Trail.

One way to get started could be to add some outdoor classrooms along the trail. This could come in many different forms. You could add a pavilion with tables, electricity and possibly internet capability. There could also be small activities such as a scavenger hunt to find certain leaves that go to certain trees or match the name of the tree to that particular tree. This could really help with students who like to be hands-on. We also can't forget that students like a field trip from time to time.

Thank you for taking the time to read this. I hope you take this into consideration.

October 18, 2021

Dear Norfork MP Planner,

I am writing this letter to help my community reach David's trail. We need the help of the Corps of Engineers to develop with the davids trail campaign.

If we had larger parking lots at the main trailhead, our schools could take buses for our schools to go on more field trips.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter I look forward to seeing progress in this campaign.

Norfork MP Planner Natural Resources Management Section Little Rock District U.S. Army Corps of Engineers; P..O. Box 867 Little Rock, AR 72203 10/21/2021 Dear Norfork MP Planner, Hello, my name is lam a I am contacting you about updates to David's Trail. believe that more bus parking could be beneficial to this trail, as well as learning areas for children like me. The reason I think this is because giving these things will give kids a better chance to experience the magic of this trail. Giving more bus parking would allow more children to be at the trail at a certain time. This plus the learning area will give kids a chance to learn while experiencing the magic of the outdoors. While learning outdoors kids actually absorb what they are learning more than when sitting in a classroom. This would help kids get better grades along with experiencing the sights and sounds of the beautiful trail. That is why I believe that adding these things would be beneficial. This is because it gives kids a better understanding of the outdoors while also helping them to understand the topic more. I thank you for taking the time to read this letter and thinking about these additions to your trail. Sincerely,

Norfork MP Planner
Natural Resources Management Section Little Rock District
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers;
P.O. Box 867
Little Rock, AR 72203
Date:October 18, 2021
Deer Nation MP Diaman
Dear Norfork MP Planner,
Introduction Paragraph #1
Hello, I'm I
I am contacting you to offer a suggestion on the parks
improvements.
Main Paragraph #2
I feel like having the trails and campgrounds open year round would not
only benefit the park but also the people that visit or want to visit. It is also
good for everyone's mental health.When you feel anxious it can be very stress relieving. When you get stressed with school work or you need to
work on something that is stressing you out you can work outside.
Stephen Kellert states that "connecting with nature
Closing Paragraph #3
Sincerely,

Norfork MP Planner Natural Resources Management Section Little Rock District U.S. Army Corps of Engineers; PO. Box 867 Little Rock, AR 72203
October 19, 2021
Dear Norfork MP Planner,
This letter is being written with the intention of seeing our community thrive. We would greatly appreciate it if you could assist us with the David's Trail Campaign.
One advancement I would suggest is to have more school bus access applied to the main trailhead. Not only would this improve the overall flow by letting buses in easily and efficiently, but it would also lessen the time it takes by not having to figure out where to park. Also, I would ask that you include an outdoor classroom. It is a massive improvement because we will be able to learn while on field trips.
Thank you for your time and consideration in this matter.
Sincerely,

Norfork MP Planner Natural Resources Management Section Little Rock District U.S. Army Corps of Engineers; PO. Box 867 Little Rock, AR 72203
October 19, 2021
Dear Norfork MP Planner,
My name is and I am an Device a second and I am an David's Trail.
To begin, I would like to request more bus access. It helps the buses move around easier, and there would be more space to drop off and pick up students. Additionally, I would like to request outdoor classrooms. Outdoor classrooms help encourage outside time for students, and to also help students learn more about the outdoors. Finally, I would like to request primitive camping areas. It encourages families to stay at David's Park, and helps understand healthy lifestyles.
I think these ideas can significantly help David's trail, because it makes the outdoors more fun, and encourages others to learn more about the environment. Thank you for taking time out of your day to read and consider these ideas.
Sincerely,

October 19, 2021

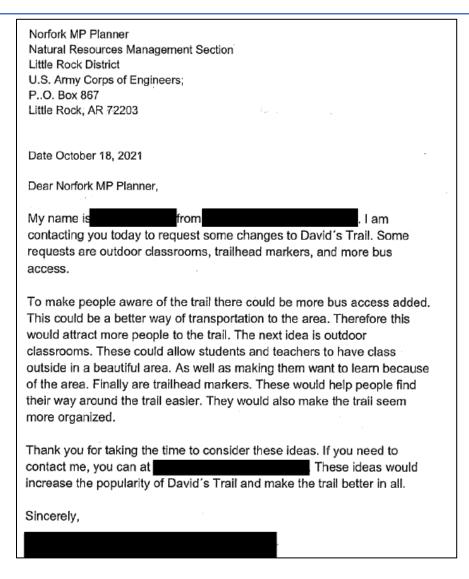
Dear Norfork MP Planner,

I am writing this letter to help my community's life and natural resources. We need the help of the Corps of Engineers for the David's Trail Campaign.

One improvement out of the many that I would like to consider is to have more shelter. With loads of people visiting from different places visiting the David's Trail, it's best for everyone to have a place to rest. Schools would like to have their students go on a field trip to enough and learn some history about David's Trail. With that being said, schools have a countless amount of students, so I would like to consider having more shelter for the David's Trail Campaign.

In conclusion, thank you for your consideration. I hope that with this letter I am writing to you helps a lot with this campaign. I am thriving to see positive improvement with this, campaign.

Sincerely;



October 20, 2021

Dear Norfork MP Planner,

I am contacting you about the ideas and requests I have to make David's Trail a better place. These requests consist of bus parking/ area for busses to get through, outdoor classrooms with digital capabilities, and trailhead markers.

To begin, adding trail markers would allow David's Trail to be easier to walk/run on. These trail markers are created to stand out to whoever is in need of direction along the curves and corners of this specific trail. Next, I would suggest having more bus access and a larger amount of bus parking at the beginning of the trail. While allowing busses to travel there safely, it attracts larger groups of people to David's Trail. Finally, outdoor classrooms with digital capabilities would make the area capable of being used by students and teachers. This allows easier access for the locals.

Thank you for taking the time to consider these ideas. You can contact me at the second to work on making David's trail a better,

more friendly place.

Norfork MP Planner Natural Resources Management Section Little Rock District U.S. Army Corps of Engineers; PO. Box 867 Little Rock, AR 72203	
October 19, 2021	
Dear Norfork MP Planner	
My name is the second student at the second	
I am writing to you today to request some changes I believe will make David's trail a more educational experience. These changes would include bus access , digital capable outdoor classrooms, and trail markers.	
My Goal is to make David's trail a more student friendly environment. The first step needed to reach this goal would be to make the trail a more navigational place by adding trail markers at path entrances. This would make the Ozark Keystone trail more efficient and enjoyable for both class trips and tourists. Adding bus accessible entrances and parking would also make class trips more efficient. Bus parking and entrances would also allow large groups of students on the trail at once. My final recommendation to make The Ozark Keystone more educational friendly would be to add digital capable classrooms throughout the trail. This would make teaching and learning easier for both students and teachers.	
These are the few things you can do to make the Ozark Keystone trail the most educational friendly it can be. Thank you for your time.	
Sincerely,	

Norfork MP Planner

Natural Resources Management Section Little Rock District U.S. Army Corps of Engineers; P..O. Box 867 Little Rock, AR 72203

October 19,2021

Dear Norfork MP Planner,

I'm writing to help my community improve a healthy lifestyle. We need the help of the Corps of Engineers with the David's trail campaign.

One improvement that I would propose is that there be more school bus access added to the main trailhead. This would make it easier for our schools and community to take advantage of the trail. And to make an outdoor classroom bathroom, picnic tables, pavilion, electricity, internet access, restrooms. And also to make more people show up, make a healthy lifestyle so there is food and healthy things for outdoor fun. At the David trail soon to be the ozark keystone trail. That you guys are remodeling it so, to maybe add some stuff to make or remodel as well. I think to make more people come you should make a bigger driveway and parking spaces so more buses and cars can visit the David's trail/ozark keystone trail.

Thank you for your consideration in my passage. I look forward to seeing positive improvements with this campaign.

Norfork MP Planner Natural Resources Management Section Little Rock District U.S. Army Corps of Engineers; P..O. Box 867 Little Rock, AR 72203 Date: 9/21/21 Dear Norfork MP Planner, Hello, my name is and I am an student from I am writing this letter to recommend an idea to make the trail's popularity increase. My idea is an individual site for camping. If a camping or a RV area was positioned near the trails, income would increase from tourists. As more tourists come though, the site of David's Trail will increase. According to research, over 40 million people participate in camping in the US every year. If a few acres could be used as camping grounds, it would attract tourists from all over. Some people like to disconnect with technology and become closer with nature, camping achieves that. Camping in a natural environment can bring out the beauty in the area, causing popularity to grow as well as income. Camping and connecting with nature is getting more popular every day and some people even do it for a living. Depending on how much land will be available, settings can vary. Some people like it more wooded while others prefer an open area. In conclusion, the installation of a camping site would bring more popularity to David's Trail as well as an increase in income. Sincerely,

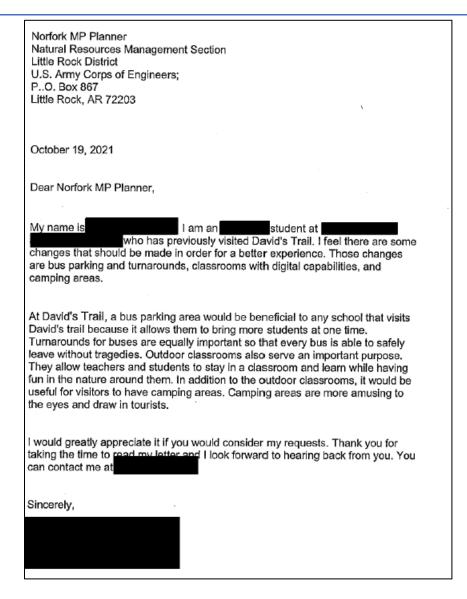
October 19, 2021

Dear Norfork MP Planner,

I am writing this letter to help my community extend. We need the help of the Corps of Engineers with the David's Trail Campaign.

One of the issues I want to discuss is that we need more bus access and more space to park the busses. The second issue is that we could use an outside classroom so we can feel relieved and calmed whenever we choose to visit and stay to do work and we could possibly add benches and a cell tower for wifi students would really enjoy getting out of the classroom for a while and enjoy being on the trail or even at the benches it gives them a breath of fresh air we can also social distance we can not really do that in the classroom. Also bathrooms would be nice

Thank you for taking the time to read this letter and I hope that I have convinced you that we need to ameliorate the park and the trail. I look forward to seeing positive results with this campaign.



October 18, 2021

Dear Norfork MP Planner,

Hello, my name is **Example 1** am a student at the **Example 1** am writing to you about the expansion of the Ozark Keystone Trail. David's trail is an important trail to me because my family

and I love walking the trails and doing the scavenger hunts that they have every year. To improve this trail I would like there to be outdoor classrooms for teachers and students.

For the expansion of the Ozark Keystone Trail, I think it would be a great idea to add areas for outdoor classrooms. Giving students the chance to learn outside of the classroom may help the students be more attentive and focused while the teacher is teaching. Also, some science teachers may be on a topic where they can teach the students outside and physically see what they are learning about. To make this possible you would need to make a large pavilion with plenty of benches for the students to sit. For them to use their computer, you would need to add electric and internet capabilities.

John Lubbock once said, "Earth and sky, woods and fields, lakes and rivers, the mountain and the sea, are excellent schoolmasters, and teach us more than we can ever learn from books." For the expansion of the Ozark Keystone Trail I think it would be a great idea to create outdoor classrooms. Thank you for reading this letter and I hope you take this idea into consideration.

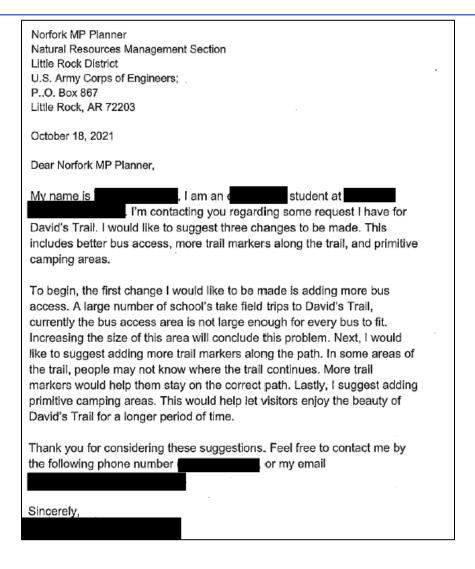
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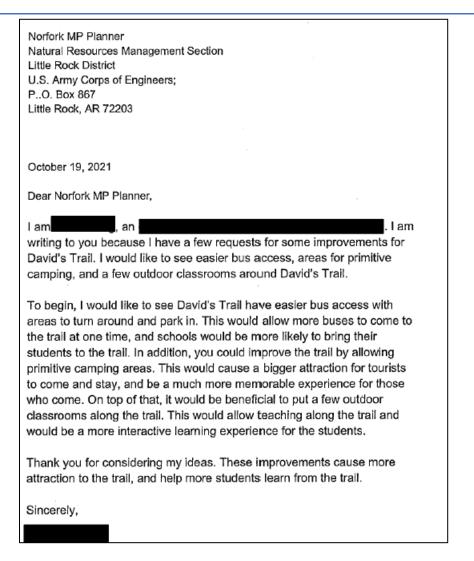
Dear Norfork MP Planner,

I am writing this letter to help my community grow. We need the help of the Corps of Engineers to help develop the David's Trail Campaign.

Our community could benefit from making additional improvements to David's Trail, such as, adding additional trail markers to the trails. Doing this can increase safety and can add more exit ways in case of emergencies. This can also make it easier for people who don't want to hike as far. Another improvement would be to have additional bus access at the main trailhead. Additional bus access will create more of an opportunity for students to be able to have a field trip to David's Trail. This will also give more room for citizens to park overall. The third additional benefit that would be good for schools is to create outdoor classes with accessible internet. Having an accessible internet will give students the opportunity to be able to watch videos about David's Trail to learn more about the environment and trails themselves.

Thank you for your time and consideration. I am hopeful that your organization will take these additions into consideration and look forward to the improvements of David's Trail.





October 18, 2021

Dear Norfork MP Planner,

I am writing this letter to help my community strengthen its education. We need the help of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to make pavilions and add internet, electricity, and cell service for outdoor classrooms for the Davids Trail Campaign.

Pavilions, along with benches, make a great resting place for tourists, school trips, or people visiting the trail. It also gives a place to eat lunch without making a mess on the trail. Another use for pavilions are outdoor classrooms. They make great use for lectures, or giving rules or information. For outdoor classrooms along the trail, benches sorted into groups would work. Now if a teacher needs to show a video or take an important call, cell service and internet will be needed. Educational videos may be found online if not already downloaded to the device. With all the electronics, of course we will need electricity. In the case a teacher or tourist needs an emergency charger, a few charging ports around the pavilion would be beneficial.

Thank you for your consideration in the area of educational learning outdoors.

October 18, 2021

Dear Norfork MP Planner,

Hello, my name is from from from the first state of the first state of

Adding parks to the trail has proven to help citizens. A recent study from Jamie Ducharme, a writer and a researcher for <u>www.time.com</u>, states, "Spending just 20 minutes in a park — even if you don't exercise while you're there — is enough to improve well-being, according to the research." Parks for the trail would be a good, natural treatment for others. The parks can also be used for bonding and for getting together.

To conclude, these parks will be an improvement for David's trail. With more parks being added, the people who visit will increase significantly. More visits can make more income, the trail will experience more exposure, and a good rating. Thank you for taking time to read my letter. I hope you will consider my ideas for the trail.

October 19, 2021

Dear Norfork MP Planner,

I am writing to request modifications to the David's Trail Campaign for the better of our community, including the assistance from the Corps of Engineers.

I propose that a desirable change would be additional bus access and trail markers. This will benefit both tourists to explore and schools to come for field trips.

With the possibility of schools visiting for field trips, the Corps of Engineers should add outside classrooms including benches, internet and electricity, along with trash cans and restrooms.

I appreciate your consideration regarding my requests. I hope that this letter will encourage you and others to help the Campaign to improve.

from

Norfork MP Planner Natural Resources Management Section Little Rock District U.S. Army Corps of Engineers; P.O. Box 867 Little Rock, AR 72203

October 18th, 2021

Dear Norfork MP Planner,

Hello, I hope this letter finds you well. I am

I am contacting you about the David's Trail Campaign project. The Ozark Keystone Trail would like help to make the trail more accessible to schools, families, and other citizens. I think adding some campsites to David's Trail would help. Adding some camping sites is a way for families to bond, learn, or intake more information about nature and help those with depression to get better treatment.

Campsites on David's Trail are a way to help others. It can be for families, school trips, citizens, and tourists. A quote from James Black, a hiker, and an outdoorsman, states, "Research from the University of Essex has indicated that immersion in natural settings is not only beneficial as a treatment for depression but as a preventative measure as well." Adding campsites to the trail is a typical way for others to get out of their house, get fresh air, and have natural treatment.

To summarize, adding these campsites will be an improvement to the trails. As more campsites are added, the trail will be growing more day by day. Income will increase, and so will the mental state of others. Achieving these goals will take patience; however, these goals will be reached. Thank you for taking the time to read my letter. I hope that you will consider my ideas.

Norfork MP Planner
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Little Rock District
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers;
PO. Box 867
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October 18, 2021

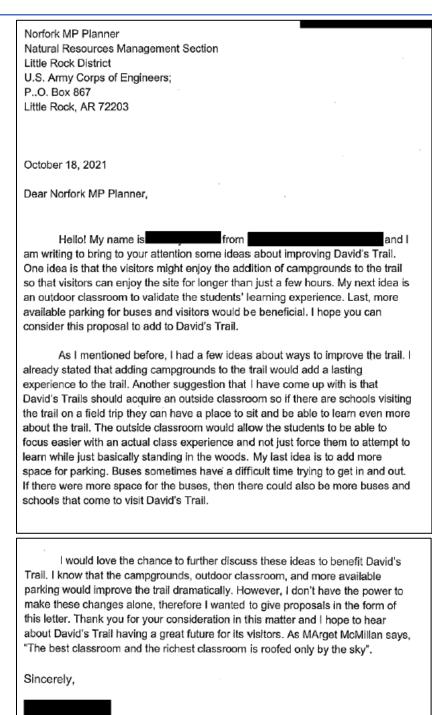
Dear Norfork MP Planner,

I am writing to help my community grow. We need your help from the Corps of Engineers to help make the parking lot for buses better, and to make outdoor classrooms, to make more trail access points and trail markers, and pavilions for shade and to rest at.

The bus access at David's Trail is not the best. If we could get your help to make bigger parking lots for the buses to have better access. If David's Trail had outdoor classrooms they would be able to teach the community and tourists about the area of the trail. The trail could have a healthy lifestyle for the community and schools.

Thank you for your consideration in this area of growth for David's Trail. I can't wait to see the progress for David's Trail. David's is going to be a better place if we could get your help.

Norfork MP Planner Natural Resources Management Section Little Rock District U.S. Army Corps of Engineers; P.O. Box 867 Little Rock, AR 72203
October 18, 2021
Dear Norfork MP Planner,
Hello, my name is an an a
The reason I want there to be camping areas is that people can enjoy the trail as long as they like even though it is night. The reason I would like to add water pumps is that I think it would be beneficial to people if they are camping or running on the trail they could get thirsty and they have no more water if they add water pumps they would not have to leave the trail and go to the store and get more. The reason I think you should add more picnic tables is that more people would come to the trail and have a picnic and enjoy nature. I believe these improvements will make people more at peace and clear-minded. As someone once said, "Look deep into nature, and then you will understand everything better."
I thank you for reading my letter. I think these additions will make the trail better than it already is. I hope you will consider my additions to David's Trail. I also hope that you understand why I think these additions will help David's Trial. David's Trial has been a calming experience for me for a long time and I want others to enjoy it as much as I have. As I mentioned before the trail will make you "Look deep into nature, and then you will understand everything better."
Sincerely,



Norfork MP Planner Natural Resources Management Section Little Rock District U.S. Army Corps of Engineers; P.O. Box 867 Little Rock, AR 72203
October 18, 2021
Dear Norfork MP Planner,
Hello I'm The Davids Trial is a really nice place to get away from people or to have a good time with family and friend's outside
Main Paragraph #2
Closing Paragraph #3
Sincerely,
Type Your Name Here

Norfork MP Planner Natural Resources Management Section Little Rock District U.S. Army Corps of Engineers; P..O. Box 867 Little Rock, AR 72203 October 18, 2021 Dear Norfork MP Planner, I am writing this letter to help my community grow. We need the help of the Corps of Engineers to gain access to David's trail. If we had larger parking lots at the main trailhead, the school district could take buses and drop students off to have a peaceful study hall. Also the community could have access to this too. Thank you for your consideration in this matter. I look forward to seeing progress in this campaign. Sincerely,

Norfork MP Planner Natural Resources Management Section Little Rock District U.S. Army Corps of Engineers; P.O. Box 867 Little Rock, AR 72203 October 18, 2021 Dear Norfork MP Planner, I am an student at Hello my name is I am writing to you because I think additional bus parking should be added. The reason why I think you should add more parking is so the trail can have more people on it at the same time. Doing this could also have bigger schools wanting to bring their students to visit the trail. This will also have kids get more involved with the outdoors. Adding more parking can increase the value of schools and people that want to visit the trail. More school districts will be able to bring a bigger group of students to the trail and enjoy the outdoors. This will help the trail grow bigger. Increasing the amount of parking will allow more children to be on the trail to help them get more involved with outdoor activities. Outdoor activities increase exercise and as Gene Tunney stated, "to enjoy the glow of good health, you must exercise." In conclusion, increasing the amount of bus parking will help David's Trail tremendously. Doing this will add to the amount of people that visit the trail. This will also draw attention from other school districts. Doing this might even help students enjoy the outdoors. This will also

solve more problems than I have included. Thank you for reading this

letter and I hope all is well.

Norfork MP Planner

Natural Resources Management Section Little Rock District U.S. Army Corps of Engineers; P..O. Box 867 Little Rock, AR 72203

October 19,2021

Dear Norfork MP Planner,

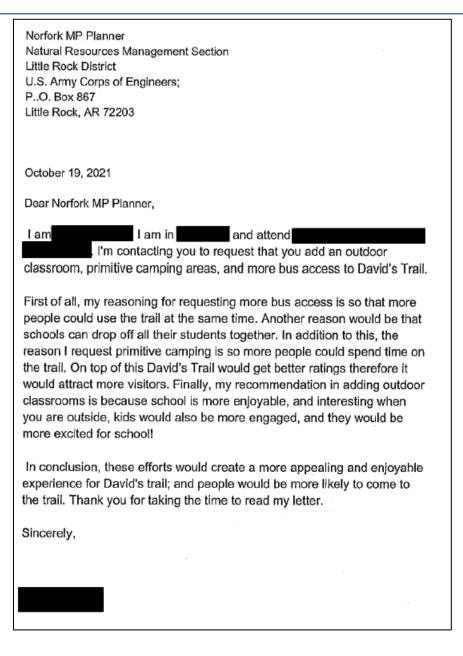
I'm writing to help my community improve a healthy lifestyle. We need the help of the Corps of Engineers with the David's trail campaign.

One improvement that I would propose is that there be more school bus access added to the main trailhead. This would make it easier for our schools and community to take advantage of the trail. And to make an outdoor classroom bathroom,picnic tables,pavilion,electricity,internet access,restrooms. And also to make more people show up, make a healthy lifestyle so there is food and healthy things for outdoor fun. At the David trail soon to be the ozark keystone trail. That you guys are remodeling it so, to maybe add some stuff to make or remodel as well. I think to make more people come you should make a bigger driveway and parking spaces so more buses and cars can visit the David's trail/ozark keystone trail.

Thank you for your consideration in my passage. I look forward to seeing positive improvements with this campaign.

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Norfork MP Planner Natural Resources Management Section Little Rock District U.S. Army Corps of Engineers; PO. Box 867 Little Rock, AR 72203	
Date: 9/21/21	
Dear Norfork MP Planner,	
Hello, my name is school. I am an school student from School. I am writing this letter to recommend an idea to make the trail's popularity increase. My idea is an individual site for camping. If a camping or a RV area was positioned near the trails, income would increase from tourists. As more tourists come though, the site of David's Trail will increase.	
According to research, over 40 million people participate in camping in the US every year. If a few acres could be used as camping grounds, it would attract tourists from all over. Some people like to disconnect with technology and become closer with nature, camping achieves that. Camping in a natural environment can bring out the beauty in the area, causing popularity to grow as well as income.	
Camping and connecting with nature is getting more popular every day and some people even do it for a living. Depending on how much land will be available, settings can vary. Some people like it more wooded while others prefer an open area. In conclusion, the installation of a camping site would bring more popularity to David's Trail as well as an increase in income.	
Sincerely,	

Norfork MP Planner Natural Resources Management Section Little Rock District U.S. Army Corps of Engineers; PO. Box 867 Little Rock, AR 72203
October 19, 2021
Dear Norfork MP Planner,
My name is a student at student at I am an a student at I am an a student at I am an a student at I am arequesting that you add additional trailhead markers, primitive camping areas, and outdoor classrooms to David's trail.
To begin, you should include additional trail markers. With more trail markers it is less likely someone will get lost on the trail. More trail markers will also allow more time to be spent observing nature and less time worrying about where you are. In addition, you should have primitive camping areas along the trail. This will make it convenient for people camping on the trail. This will cause more people to go to the trail. Finally, you should add outdoor classrooms on the trail. With outdoor classrooms, teachers are able to teach students more easily while on the trail. Outdoor classrooms also allow engaging learning for students.
I would like to thank you for reading my suggestions. Adding these features to the trail will positively affect the experience of any one who walks the trail.
Sincerely,



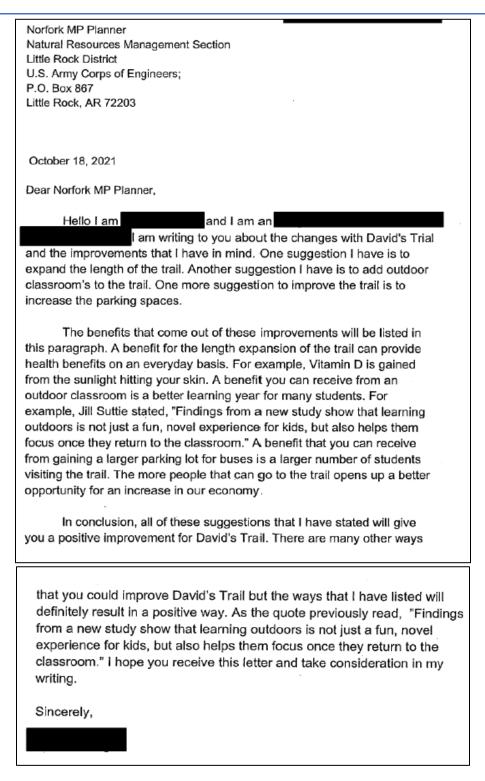
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Dear Norfork MP Planner,

Hello, my name is **a second and I** am writing to you regarding possible additions to David's Trail. David's Trail is a local staple in the community. The more that we can add to this, the more people will want to come. I believe adding bathrooms to the trail would be beneficial. If you could possibly help the needs for this I would be very grateful.

When people visit the trail, they will need to use a bathroom along the way. Some people will not visit a recreational area if they know there are no bathrooms along the way. Adding this would encourage more people to come as they would know they could be comfortable. Not only will they feel more comfortable but they will also feel more relaxed knowing they will not have to wait until they walk the trail to use the restroom. The restrooms should also be a portable restroom because it would be easier to have portable restrooms than to have to dig holes for the pipelines.

I know the cost might be a lot but the needs for portable restrooms are off the chart. The amount of visitors that the David's Trail could get if there are portable restrooms could rise if we keep them clean. We should also put three on the trail so different people do not have to wait so long to use the portable restrooms. We need the portable restrooms as soon as possible. I would greatly appreciate you considering this idea.



Norfork MP Planner Natural Resources Management Section Little Rock District U.S. Army Corps of Engineers P.O. Box 867 Little Rock, AR 72203
Date 18, 2021
Dear Norfork MP Planner,
I am writing this letter about David's Trail. We need the help of the Corps of Engineers to help the next generation of students.
Local Schools can use outdoor classrooms for a better learning experience. If David's Trail had an outdoor classroom then the students would have an outdoor experience. If the us Corps of Engineers made a spot where students could use internet for their Chromebooks they could use it frequently. David's Trail only has one trail head if there were three trail markers or access points it would have better access. If the U.S. Army Corps Engineers made an area large enough where buses could access David's Trail then there would be more tourists going to David's Trail including students.
I am hopeful that your organization will see these recommendations and put them to good use.
Sincerely,

October 18, 2021

Dear Norfork MP Planner,

I am contacting you today to suggest some ideas on how to increase the David's Trail overall success. My first idea is to allow more bus access on the trail, My second idea is to create outdoor classrooms with more digital access. My final suggestion is to create more primitive camping areas along the trail.

I believe that more bus access on the trail would allow transportation for people without their own vehicles, whether it be people who can't afford a car or for schools, as well as many other things. My second idea is that we should create outdoor classrooms with more digital access because it allows schools to have another learning environment for their students. Statistics show that when students learn outside, or in a fun environment, they tend to learn better, this also promotes the park's status overall. Finally I believe that we should create more primitive camping areas on the trail. This allows tourists to stay longer. And when the tourists need supplies, then they buy supplies, and that supports our local economy.

Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns, I can be reached at **the second second second** I hope to hear from you soon.

Norfork MP Planner Natural Resources Management Section Little Rock District U.S. Army Corps of Engineers; PO. Box 867 Little Rock, AR 72203
October 19, 2021
Dear Norfork MP Planner,
I am writing this letter to help my community improve. We need the help of the Corps of Engineers with the David's Trail Campaign.
One improvement that I would propose is that you add more trail heads to David's Trail. This would make it easier for more people to get into the trail and it would also help lower the risk of energy.
Thank you for your consideration in this matter. I look forward to hearing positive feedback from you.
Sincerely,

October 18, 2021

Dear Norfork MP Planner,

I am writing this letter to help my community gain better access to David's trail. I am asking the Corps of Engineers to help us do this project

If we had larger parking lots at the main trailhead, our schools could have more access to the buses around. Drop kids off and take schools on field trips. Possible outdoor classrooms, service, and internet. We could also have pavilions and make sure we have better care of the area.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter and look forward to seeing progress in this area.

Dear Norfork MP planner,

I am here to ask for your approval of a few improvements to the Panther Bay Recreational area on Norfork Lake. These improvements Consist of more school bus accessibility, trailhead markers, and some scattered primitive camping sites along the trail.

To begin with, one of the most important things to our school is more school bus accessibility. This is important to us because without this it makes it harder for us to access the recreation area for field trips. With this amount of accessibility, we would be able to take more trips out to the recreation area and to get kids outside to learn. Another point that would be beneficial to this area is an outdoor classroom which would give us another opportunity to use this place and to get outdoors but also learn at the same time. Our last point that would make this a better area to encourage people outdoors is some scattered tent campsites out along the trail that could let people get outdoors to camp at little to no nightly cost for a site just for tents.

Lastly thank you for time and consideration for this letter and our opportunity to be able to use the Panther Bay Recreational area.

October 18, 2021

Dear Norfork MP Planner,

I am writing this letter to help my community learn what you do. We need the help of the Corps of Engineers to put better bus access with the David's Trail Campaign.

Our community could benefit from additions that could be made. If the Corps of Engineering could help us, they could add trailmarkers to our trails and more tourists would want to visit and hike the trails. If the school had better bus access then we would be able to get on the buses faster and we would be able to get home faster. They could make the parking lot for buses bigger so then more buses could fit in at once and more people could leave faster.

I look forward to the progress that will be made. I am hopeful that your organization will take some of these into consideration.

Date october 22 2021

Dear Norfork MP Planner,

Hi my name is and these are my opinions on the David trail to make it more popular. I think that if you added these then they would the trail better. I think these could really help the trail a lot.

I think that you should add benches to the trail that way people could sit and take a break. I also think that you should add water fountains to the trail so people could get water. Last i think you should add bird baths to watch the birds bath.

That is all i have to say on what i think you should add to the trail. I do think you should add all of those to the trail. That is it all thanks for listening

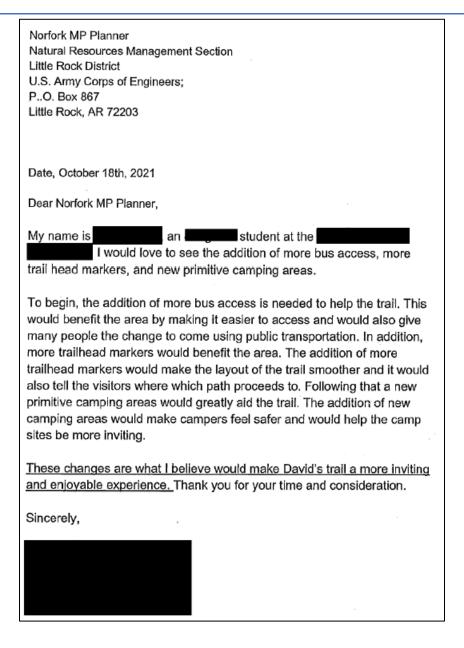
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Dear Norfork MP Planner,

I am writing this letter to help my community grow. We need the help of a core of engineers to expand the parking for buses to park. With the davids trail campaign.

I believe if the core of engineers helps our community with more space for busses to park. Helping people with their health by running in the trails, they can add trail markers so the people know what trail there is and how far the trail is. This could also help with terrisom because if they see that David's trail helps with parking of the buses they would know that David's trail cares about the education of students.

I'm looking forward to seeing the progress that you guys will make after reading this. Thank you for your time!



October 19, 2021

Dear Norfork MP Planner,

I am writing this letter to help my community grow. I would ask the Corps of Engineers to consider helping us with the David's Trail Campaign.

An Improvement that could be made would be to add additional bus access for the main trailhead. Making this improvement would be beneficial in multiple ways. Having additional bus access would allow our schools and community to have easier access to the trail. Additionally, having an outside classroom would also be extremely useful. These improvements would make more people aware of David's Trail and add to a healthy lifestyle.

Thank you for taking the time to read this letter and taking the ideas into consideration. I look forward to seeing the changes that happen with this campaign.

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Norfork MP Planner Natural Resources Management Section Little Rock District U.S. Army Corps of Engineers; P.O. Box 867 Little Rock, AR 72203

Tuesday, Oct 19, 2021

Dear Norfork MP Planner,

My name is and I am an student at I . I am reaching out to you to request more bus-accessible trailheads, additional trailhead markers, and the creation of outdoor classrooms on David's Trail.

Subsequently, the idea of more bus-accessible trailheads would allow the trails to be used more often. The new trails would allow students to come as groups and learn more about the trail and other things while still maintaining a pristine environment. In addition to the idea of adding more bus-accessible trailheads, adding additional trailhead markers along the trail would be a very ample opportunity for the enjoyers of the trails. People would have an easier time knowing where they are and not getting lost. The installation of more trailhead markers would help large groups be able to meet up and not become separated from one another. Adding to these ideas, I believe it would be an advantage to add outdoor classrooms to some of the trails. The creation of outdoor classrooms would allow visiting students to learn more about the environment in the area and the winsome trail itself. With outdoor classrooms, groups can teach more about certain subjects while enjoying the much-needed natural breakaway.

To conclude, I would like to thank you for taking the time to acknowledge and hear my thoughts on the changing of David's Trail. Please take into consideration my ideas on the <u>subject and think about</u> the possibilities. Please feel free to contact me at

Date, Oct, 21 2021

Dear Norfork MP Planner,

Hi, my name is **a second second** and I am writing to you today to speak about the David's Trail Project. I would like to encourage the Corp of Engineers to include the creation of outdoor classrooms with digital capabilities for students. As well as some primitive camping areas and benches along the new Ozark Keystone trail. And if there are the adding of landmarks along the trail you may be able to have poke stops for pokemon go to have more people to walk the trail.

Schools will be able to use outdoor classrooms for learning about nature and forest critters. Then after the students learn about the plants and animals they can walk the trail to have a scavenger hunt to find them that they just learned about. As the trail gets longer more rest areas and camping spots will be used for fun school activities. If camp sites get added students can do a night time trail walk to learn more about night animals and bugs.

I wrote this letter to help convince you to add more learning experiences to the trail when it gets expanded. If classrooms and new spots to relax are added I am certain that it will bring more foot traffic to the new trail.

October 18, 2021

Dear Norfork MP Planner,

I am writing to you in regards to David's trial. I think the community could really benefit from some upgrades to David's trail.

I believe that with your help we could help make the community and my school healthier. I believe that it would be helpful to add additional access points. I also think that we would benefit from adding outside learning areas on the trailhead, a bigger parking lot at the trailhead, and a bus turnaround area to the trail head. These upgrades could be a good tourism stop too.

Thank you for taking the time to read my letter about David's trail. I hope to see that the additions will help the community. I hope to see the improvement on David's trail. I hope to hear positive things about David's trail.

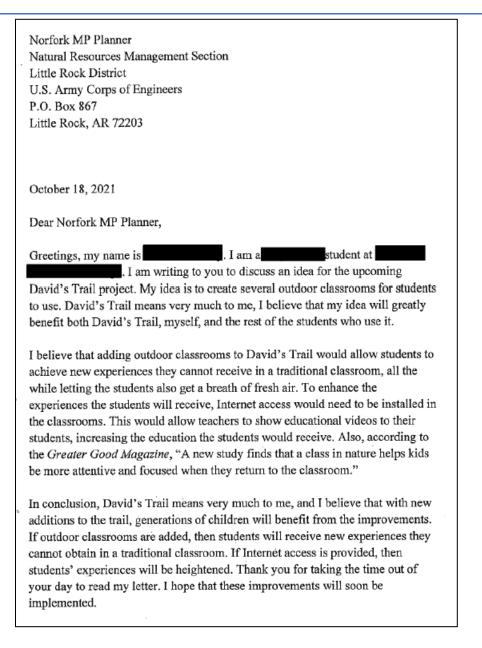
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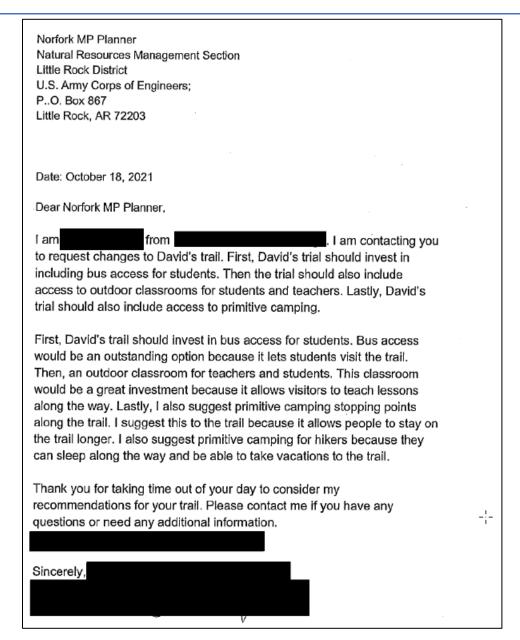
Dear Norfork MP Planner,

I am writing this letter to help improve David's trial Campaign. We need the help of the Corp of Engineers with campaign.

One improvement that I would propose is more bus access, so the buses can park and let the kids off then leave. That would make it easy for the buses to get there too. Additionally, it would be useful to be outside the classroom. These improvements could be added to the healthy lifestyle of our school.

Thank you for your consideration of my letter. I look forward to seeing positive improvement with this campaign.





October 19th, 2021

Dear Norfork MP Planner,

My name is **Equivalent** I am writing to you from **Equivalent** expressing my interest in some new additions to David's Trail. A few features I would like to request are more trailhead markers along the trail, creations of outdoor classrooms with digital capabilities, and an extension on the

parking areas for bus parking, loading and unloading.

To start off, I believe that the new add-ons I'm requesting would be beneficial to all visitors, tourists, and everyone who interacts with the trails. First of all, these trails include a big learning ability for students of any age. Adding outdoor classrooms with digital capabilities would not only improve the learning experience, but attract more visitors for the park. Second of all, adding more trailheads along the trails is very beneficial for many reasons. Adding more trailheads along the trail would allow hikers to be aware of any changes in paths, intersections, and shortcuts. It would also improve the experience of hiking by pointing out landmarks, features, etc etc. Last but not least adding more parking for busses would be a safe add on to the park to allow the busses to have areas to park and turn around without having to worry about harming other vehicles.

To wrap up, These 3 requests will make the trails more enjoyable, add more safety precautions, and attract more visitors. I feel like they would benefit the area, the trails, and the visitors greatly.

Sincerely.

Karsyn Willie 794 County road 1175 Mountain Home AR,72653
Norfork MP Planner Natural Resources Management Section Little Rock District U.S. Army Corps of Engineers; PO. Box 867 Little Rock, AR 72203
October 21,2021
Dear Norfork MP Planner:
Hello I am a student/resident at a student at a
I would appreciate our immediate attention to this situation, I think that the trails need primitive campgrounds with running water and toilets. Another one of my thoughts is to install a couple outdoor classrooms and a bus stop and turn around spot.
I appreciate your time and concern. Sincerely,

October 20, 2021

Norfork MP Planner Natural Resources Management Section Little Rock District U.S. Army Corps of Engineers P.O. Box 867 Little Rock, AR 72203

Dear Norfork MP Planner:

I am contacting you for the following reason. I have heard that some people want to have changes done to David's Trail. At my school, we are discussing what we could and should change. I would like to discuss the need for wheelchair accessibility, such as a rubber trail next to the regular trail. We also need a place for students to do outside learning such as benches to sit at and with schoolwork we need WIFI also since we are going to have schools there we need a place for buses to park and turn around. My school is also talking about campsites and bathrooms. With these additions, students are willing to clean up the trail and do fundraisers to pay for these things.

I appreciate the time and thoughts you have on this letter. As a student of AR I am willing to do anything to help out the community

October 20th, 2021

Norfork MP Planner Natural Resource Management Section Little Rock District U.S. Army Corps of Engineers P.O. Box 867 Little Rock, AR 72203

Dear Norfork MP Planner:

The provide the presence of things such as outdoor classrooms, better access to the trail for buses and hikers alike, and I would also like to see primitive camping sights. Additions like these to the trail would make for a better use of our resources and would give us as students more opportunities. The Trail could be put to good use for things such as cross country track practice, field trips, and outdoor learning. As someone who has lived around the Norfork lake area for a while now, I know that I and many others would also appreciate having more areas for camping, as well. Places with running water, perhaps just a spigot in the area, and public bathrooms.

In closing, I would like to thank you for taking the time to read this letter and for considering my requests. It would be very beneficial to both the students and residents of our area to make these changes.

Norfork MP Planner Natural Resources Management Section Little Rock District U.S. Army Corps of Engineers; P.O. Box 867 Little Rock, AR 72203 October 18, 2021 Dear Norfork MP Planner. Hello, my name is I am an from School. I am writing to you to discuss the David's Trail project. David's trail matters to me because of what it can provide for my community. My idea is to put some water fountains on the trail. This might seem like kind of a silly idea but when you hear what I have to say you will hopefully be on board. So the reason I say to put water fountains all over the trail is to motivate people. Let's say you are running on the trail to get healthy but you are getting tired. There is nothing to stop you from going back to your car and leaving. Then you remember that the Army Corps of Engineers just installed water fountains. MedExpress says "People who drink plenty of water every day will feel physically stronger." Thirst creeps over you. This motivates you to keep going so you can get to the fountains to get a drink. Once you realize that you completed the trail, it makes you feel amazing and full of pride. These individuals oten want to share experiences like this. This would repeat like a life cycle and bring in alot of tourists. I appreciate that you took the time to read this letter. I hope that this idea benefits the use and enjoyment of David's Trail. Even though fountains are a small addition, as you can see they can make a huge difference in a matter of minutes.Thank you again and have a great day

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Dear Norfork MP Planner,

Hi, I'm

and I truly

believe that nature is really important for kids to appreciate. Our schools recognize this and so they take students on trips to David's trial to get out and learn new things. The few times I have been out to David's Trail with my classmates have been fun but somewhat unorganized. In order to help our teachers, I think it would be very helpful to create outdoor classrooms either along the trail or by the entrance and exit. These classrooms could be made in a few different ways, whether it be some benches and tables, or a pavilion. It would also be really helpful if these types of areas have electric and internet capabilities.

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Another issue we tend to have is when we make it out to the trail it can be pretty difficult to maneuver the bus around the trail. There have been times when the bus needed to make a U-turn and it took up a large portion of the day that we could have spent on hiking. In order to fix this I would really appreciate the addition of locations along the trail that can accommodate bus parking and Uturns.

Lastly, is the Panther Bay Recreational area's name. It is confusing since the recreational area is located around several other buildings referred to as Panther Bay, ie; Panther Bay Marina, Panther Bay Campground, Panther Bay Day use area, Panther Bay Park. Because the recreational area is where the main Trailhead for David's Trail is located, it could possibly be renamed with the inclusion of the Trailhead so people can easily locate it. Thank you very much for your time and consideration to help the trail and possibly make some if not all of these improvements.

Norfork MP Planner Natural Resources Management Section Little Rock District U.S. Army Corps of Engineers; P..O. Box 867 Little Rock, AR 72203 October 18, 2021 Dear Norfork MP Planner, Hello, my name is , and I am an student at I am writing to you because I had some suggestions on how and you, and your coworkers could work together to make David's Trail a greater working environment. My first suggestion was to make an outdoor classroom, or multiple outdoor classrooms. The reason why I want this new environment is because I believe that students would benefit from going outdoors and getting fresh air. Going outdoors doesn't just help you physically, but going outdoors also benefits your mental health. My reasoning is, going outside can increase your vitamin D, and give you a healthy start of the day. Going outdoors can help battle depression, which teens deal with everyday. The outdoors may even decrease anxiety in some teens. Most mornings, teens don't want to go to school, they may feel extra tired that day, or don't feel any motivation to do school work that day, going outside would most likely change that problem. According to Wilderness therapy programs, such as those run by Dr. Reedy, use nature to teach skills that can also help you manage symptoms of major depression. "By meeting challenges and problem-solving in a natural setting, self-esteem and a sense of self-efficiency are improved," he says. Hopefully, after this message I highly suggest that you should create outdoor classrooms, and most likely have outdoor activities. I am moved to hear back from you soon. Have a delightful day.

10/20/21

Dear Norfork MP Planner,

I am writing a letter to motivate the Corp of Engineers to include these things in the Davids trail area. An addition of more bus access, creation of outdoor classrooms with digital capabilities, more trailhead markers along the trail as new bus/ turn around areas.

With the new additions it would allow students to engage in the outdoors while also learning about the trail. Including these ideas would also attract more people to the area and help grow the trails. For example, students could walk the trial and stop in the outdoor classrooms and take notes about what they see on the trail. With more trailhead markers it would allow people not to get lost as much and know and engage more in the trial.

In conclusion, adding these improvements to the Ozark Keystone Trail will encourage students to engage in the outdoors. It will also get people too come to the trial and appreciate the beauty of nature

Norfork MP Planner Natural Resources Management Section Little Rock District U.S. Army Corps of Engineers; PO. Box 867 Little Rock, AR 72203
10/20/21
Dear Norfork MP Planner,
Hello my name is I'm a student at the . I heard about David's trail and that you are
expanding David's Trail. I would like to give you some ideas about what to do with it or make additions to a trail you already know what to do with it. Trails are usually used for people who enjoy the outdoors, exercise, or even a class on a fieldtrip. One thing that you could do is have a small area where people could get to and there would be benches and other activities for everyone to enjoy. Internet access would be something that you could consider, if someone needs to call for help or if it's a school class coming through. For people who like flowers, bushes, and other plants there could be a garden or an area where there is that kind of stuff for people who like plants and other things. I hope that these few ideas help a little.
Sincerely,
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Date

Dear Norfork MP Planner,

Whenever I was in about 4th grade I went on the field trip to go and visit David's Trail. I remember how excited I was to get to go and experience how fun it would be to go. At the time my older brother was living with us and when I told him that I was going he seemed to be able to tell me anything and everything. I never really thought about it but now that I think about it, that really just told me how much he loved that trip. After he told me all about it I was even more excited about it, I'm pretty sure that was the most excited I have ever been for a field trip my whole life.

When it was the night before I was supposed to leave for my field trip I remember I couldn't sleep, I couldn't sit still I was so excited. When the school bus arrived I remember that I saw all these people just waiting for us. It was one of the best experiences of my entire life. Now about 5 years later I have a little brother and I am just hoping that they will still take him to go on the same trip that I got to experience. If they would be able to make these changes to the trail it might be able to get kids to learn more and make it possible for parents to take their kids there and show them what they know about the trail.

I remember that when I came back from the trip I rode the bus home and went and sat on the couch. When my brother got home from ROTC practice he asked me how my trip was. I could tell him almost the exact same thing he told me but just with more detail and he was so happy they changed things about the trail. I hope that if we make changes now, when I ask my brother how his trip was he could tell me how everything was updated from the last time I was there. I hope you take this into consideration and try to update the trail.

Dear Norfork MP Planner,

I would like to encourage you to include the addition of many different things to the soon to be known as the Ozark Keystone Trail. The Ozark Keystone Trail could have many improvements added to it like, more bus access, outdoor classes that have online access as well, more trailhead markers along the trail, new bus parking as well as turn around areas for the bus, and primitive camping areas.

By including these new aspects to the trail, it could attract more tourism and allow classes from local schools to come and enjoy the outdoors or do research about the wilderness. For example, the teachers could take a field trip to David's Trail and they could walk the trail. The outdoor classes could allow the students to stop along the trail to write something down or do research on whatever they are studying.

There are so many new opportunities for students, families, and tourists if these things are added to the trail. By adding these things to the Ozark Keystone Trail, it could attract more tourists, provide new learning environments for students, and offer a place where families can enjoy the outdoors.

10-20-21

Dear Norfork MP Planner,

I am writing a letter to encourage the Corp of Engineers to include the following changes in our local David's trail area.

Such as, Creating an additional primitive campground location so that students can return to the trail for an extended stay with their families. This would also raise money for other additional extensions to the trail. An outdoor classroom fully equipped with internet access would give students a more in depth educational experience while in the comfort of the beauty of the trail. In order to increase usage of the trail system and encourage healthy outdoor lifestyles, it is important to introduce students to the trail system early and often. This requires locations along the trail that are capable of allowing bus parking and bus turnarounds, we would like to see these along with additional trailheads added along the trail, at numerous location such as Panther Creek Bridge, Lagoon Road, Bidwell, County Road 815, Seward, and Red Bank.

In conclusion, these improvements will attract more community members and students to enjoy the beauty of our natural state and the educational advantages of a trial and an outdoor classroom with sepcific accomodations. That way they will hopefully return to go camping at the Davids trial site.

10/20/2021

Dear Norfork MP Planner,

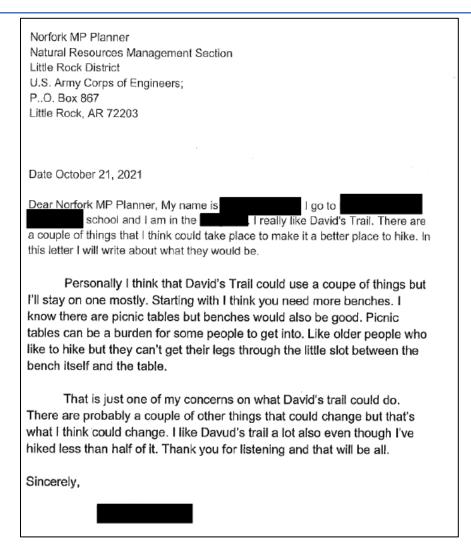
When I was younger the only field trip I ever looked forward to was the trip to David's Trail. The beautiful scenery and the glorious break from school was well needed and appreciated. Wouldn't it be awesome if Davids Trail had more trailhead markers, outdoor classrooms, new bus parking, and camp sites?

Every generation changes, and with that our surroundings do too. If you look back 15 years ago the songs were different, the games, homes, restaurants, and more. Everything has changed! In order to keep the new generation interested in trials and visitor centers things need to be updated. One of the main issues are the trailhead markers. Panther Bay Recreational area where the main Trailhead for David's Trail is located, it is a bit confusing to locate because there are many locations in that area that are known as Panther Bay: Panther Bay Marina, Panther Bay Campground, Panther Bay Day use area, Panther Bay Park. Wouldn't it be easier if that Trailhead location had a new name.

After the field trip we get back to the school and I hop into my moms car. The first thing she asks is " How was your field trip? " I try to explain it as best as I can, but I just can't quite explain every single detail. What if my whole family could go there. That would be so much fun! What if we could set up our camper there and we could stay at Davids Trail for the whole weekend. We could explore everything! What if Davids Trail had a few maintained camping sites along the trail that would also influence students using the trail to return to the trail with their families, therefore spreading the usage and healthy outdoor lifestyle further into the community.

Therefore, there are so many updates that could be done to David's Trail that would keep it popular even to the new generation of kids. In order to increase usage of the trail system and encourage healthy outdoor lifestyles, it is important to introduce students to the trail system early and often. This requires locations along the trail that are capable of allowing bus parking and bus turnarounds, we would like to see these along with additional trailheads added along the trail. David's Trail needs an update! Are you in?





Date October 18, 2021

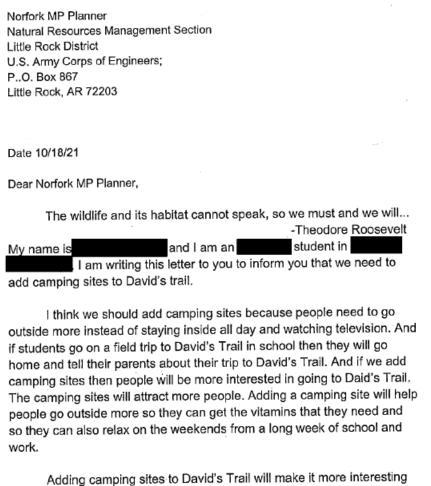
Dear Norfork MP Planner,45

Hello, my name is **Example**. I am a student at **Example** I am writing this letter to inform you of an idea that I had that will improve David's Trail. This trail is important to me because my family and I love the outdoors and we love to walk the trails. I think putting more parking spaces and a bus turn around would help the park bring in more people.

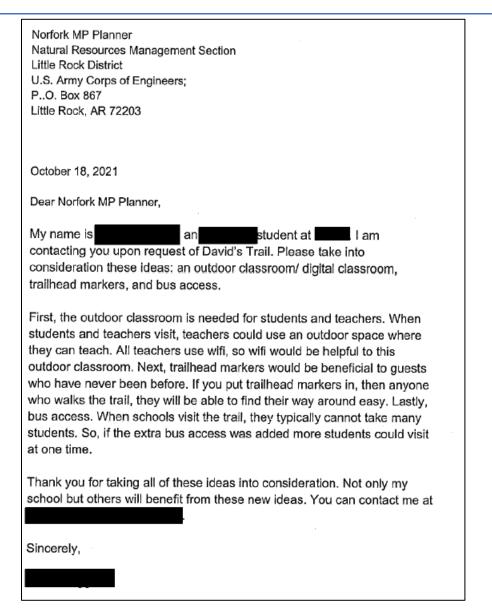
My idea to improve David's Trail is to build on more parking spaces and a bus turn around. This is a great idea because it will allow more people in a smaller space than individual automobiles . Also, it will be a good idea to put bus loading areas and a turn around so it is easier for the busses to come and go. With bus parking more schools will want to come for more field trips. When the schools take the students the students will go home and tell their parents about it. When the students tell their parents it makes them want to go walk David's Trail.

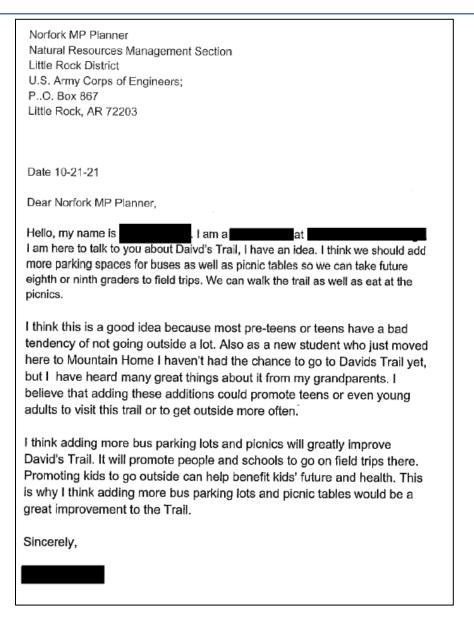
As Isacc Asimov said, "Life is a journey, but don't worry, you'll find a parking spot at the end." To improve David's Trail I think it is a great idea to build on bus parking and a bus turn around. Thank you for reading my letter I hope you will take my recommendation and I hope you can take this into consideration.

Norfork MP Planner Natural Resources Management Section Little Rock District U.S. Army Corps of Engineers; PO. Box 867 Little Rock, AR 72203
October 21, 2021
Dear Norfork MP Planner:
Hello, my name is and I am a Student at We Know what you are trying to do to David's trail and I don't like it. My mountain home friends would appreciate it if it didn't hurt it.
A couple of things that would be better for the trail are some benches for schools to have class out there. Another thing that could help is trail is if we had more signs to tell us where we are and if we could change the name. Panther bay park is not that helpful because there are a good amount of panthers in the area.
Thank you for taking your time to read my letter. I hope you can make changes for the park. Thank you for your time. Have a great day.
Sincerely,



because then families can go camping and they could go hiking and enjoy





Norfork MP Planner Natural Resources Management Section Little Rock District U.S. Army Corps of Engineers P.O. Box 867 Little Rock, AR 72203
October 19, 2021
Dear Norfork MP Planner,
I am writing this letter to improve David's Trail. We need the help of the Corps of Engineers to help to make this dream successful.
One improvement that needs to be added is bus access. David's Trail parking is too small and needs to be expanded for more cars and buses. Additionally
An outdoor classroom would also improve the park greatly by adding a place where students can learn about the trail.
Thank you for your time. I look forward to seeing if you take the idea into consideration
Sincerely,

10-20-21

Dear Norfork MP Planner

My name is **Example** would like to see David's trail thriving with people. I've heard that you guys plan on coming to the area and working on and around the norfork dam. I was thinking while you were in the area you could take a look at David's trail and listen to some of the improvements the citizens recommend. I first recommend that we should add some primitive campsites that would make people go outside more because there are not many beautiful places like David's trail that you can camp at. Families could get together and spend time outside and develop new skills with the people they love like cooking and hunting.

Giving David's trail a new life and new visitors will only bring attention to it. I know that when I'm learning I would love to have a break every once in a while and adding a little pavilion with wifi would do just that. And I'd be the first to admit my family doesn't go out as much as we should so I think adding this would definitely bring my family closer. This would also give people more chances to look at wildlife as they roam in the woods. I think the primitive campsite would also be great because you can try and live off nature for one night and catch fish as your food.

Now one thing I think everyone needs more of is beautiful wildlife. Some people these days don't even know what a deer is so being able to make this would give maybe some new interest to kids. Giving kids these opportunities to see new things could also bring them and get them more involved in our clubs and programs. The school could also bring out boy scouts and they could try and use the land to make little huts for a school activity. Overall I don't think there is a think that would benefit us if we made this change please consider it.

October 8 2021

Dear Norfork MP Planner,

I am writing this letter to help my community with Healthy lifestyle. We need the help of the Corps of Engineers to build and grow with the Davids Trail campaign.

If we had larger parking lots at the main trallhead, our schools could have more room to park. It could also help us get more space for food supplies. Hopefully this will help the Tourist too.

Thank you for your, consiterian in this matter. I look forward to seeing this growth and how much it builds up to love and respect.

October 18, 2021

Dear Norfork MP Planner,

I am writing this letter to ask the corps of engineers to help us do this. We are trying to gain access to a trail. The trail is named David's Trail.

We as a community would like to build a bigger parking lot for busses and more vehicles for parking.We would also like to also have more places to enter. Also if there was an emergency EMT would have easy access in and out of there. It would be nice to have internet or electricity for the parks. We would like to have pavilions for outdoor classes under the pavilions. If we had a larger parking lot we would have room for busses to access this area and more room for people and cars. If we had a coupe of people to clean the trails and make them clean and nice. If we could have a couple of outhouses or porta potties to use the restrooms.

Thank you for your consideration in the area and ideas about this matter of David's Trail. We would really like you and your team to come down and help us. We look forward to seeing progress in this trail and area.

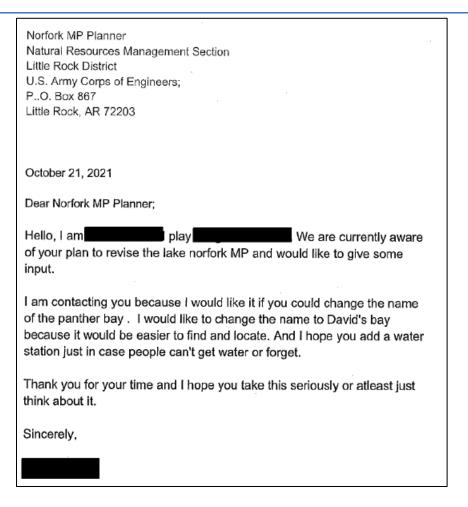
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Dear Norfork MP Planner,

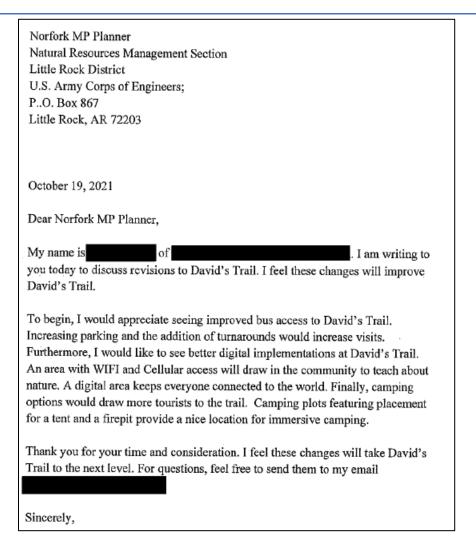
I am writing this letter to help my community expand. We need the help of the Corps of Engineers with the David's Trail Campaign soon to be known as the Ozark Keystone Trail.

One way we could help expand our community is by adding easier access for busses. This would help more schools to travel to the trails and more people which would also help with the attraction of the area. Additionally, we could include an outdoor classroom for the students to get a break of the inside and enjoy the outdoors and learn about the natural environment. Finally, there could be a supply of electricity, possibly internet for the students and tourists. This would help the park show its history.

Thank you for your time and consideration. I believe that by adding these little things will help expand our community.



Norfork MP Planner Natural Resources Management Section Little Rock District U.S. Army Corps of Engineers; PO. Box 867 Little Rock, AR 72203
Date october 21,2021
Dear Norfork MP Planner,
My name is Section . I am an Section at Section and Section and bike/atv trails. This would attract more people to the area also you should add a restaurant with a good view. A benefit of creating a bigger parking space would be more people can go to the park and more schools. If you built a trail for bike/atv it would attract more people. If you created a restaurant it would not make people want to leave because they're hungry. You could post a vote for building a restaurant or not.
I am very thankful for you reading this. All of the things I say should hopefully help the park. Again please put up a post for all of theses ideas. Again thank you.
Sincerely,



Date 10-20-21

Dear Norfork MP Planner,

Introduction Paragraph #1- My name is a lam a lam a student at

David's Trail. Such the addition of more bus access, more trailhead marker along the trail, and the creation of outdoor classrooms with digital abilities. I believe that the addition of these items could improve the park in many different ways.

Main Paragraph #2- To begin, the addition of more bus access. The addition of more bus access would improve the park by classes and students experience and learn from David's Trail. It could also help with the spacing of the park making it less crowded. My next idea is the addition of more trailhead markers along the trail. These markers would prevent guides and groups who explore the trail from being lost. They could also alow hikers who hike alone navigate the trail with ease. Lastly the addition of outdoor classrooms with digital abilities. The addition of theses classroom will take the learning experience to a different level. It will alow students to not only document their experiences they have at the trail but they will be able to hear and learn from what others experienced.

Closing Paragraph #3- Thank you for the time you took to read this. I hope you will take these ideas into consideration. I believe with these improvements David's Trail will be a great learning experience for many different students. If you have any questions just let me know at tpool00@icloud.com for answers.

October 18, 2021

Dear Norfork MP Planner,

I am writing this letter to help my community grow. We need the help of the Corps of Engineers to help us gain more access to David's Trail. It has come to our attention that we are lacking many things.

The main thing we need to help us gain more useful access is to get larger parking lots at the trailhead. To go along with that we also need to get an outdoor classroom included with pavlins and benches. With these add ons we could go out there no matter the weather. Last thing we would need is the internet to let us work more efficiently. Adding these additions to the area would also help tourism rates reach high goals. Most importantly all of this would let schools have further access to these trails for educational purposes.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter. I look forward to the progress ahead.

Norfork MP Planner Natural Resources Management Section Little Rock District U.S. Army Corps of Engineers; PO. Box 867 Little Rock, AR 72203
October 19, 2021
Dear Norfork MP Planner,
My name is Sector I would like to request expansions to David's Trail. I believe that trailhead markers, bus access, and an outdoor classroom would be beneficial for the trail. For instance, trailhead markers would give people more confidence on where they are going. It also would increase the safety of David's Trail. In addition, bus access would introduce the trail to young kids and teach them the importance of being active and give park rangers a place to teach. Finally, an outdoor
classroom would add a more learning experience to the trail. It would also make more schools want to bring their students here.
In conclusion, trailhead markers, bus access, and an outdoor classroom would increase the use of David's Trail. Thank you for taking the time to read my letter and consider these ideas.
Sincerely,

Norfork MP Planner Natural Resources Management Section Little Rock District U.S. Army Corps of Engineers P.O. Box 867 Little Rock, AR 72203 October 19, 2021 Dear Norfork MP Planner, I am writing this letter to help our community grow. We need the help of the Corps of Engineers with the Davids Trail Campaign. One area of growth that we need is to have an outside classroom like more pavilions, tables, bathrooms, and electricity. This would help our schools have more of a healthy lifestyle. One more area of growth that we need is to have more trail markers, like more signs maybe along the trail or at the head of the trail. This way we could see where we are at or where we think we want to go. Thank you for your consideration in these proposals. I look forward to seeing positive results with this campaign.

Norfork MP Planner Natural Resources Management Section Little Rock District U.S. Army Corps of Engineers P.O. Box 867 Little Rock, AR 72203
October 18, 2021
Dear Norfork MP Planner,
I am writing this letter to help my community with David's trail. We need the help of the Corps of Engineers to fix and help with the David's Trail Campaign
Our community could use some additions for example getting more area for buses to go in and out of the area,cellular connection/wifi,air conditioning and more trailheads.
Thank you for your time and consideration. I look forward to hearing about the progress and changes that they have made to the area.
Sincerely,

October 19, 2021

Dear Norfork MP Planner,

I am writing this letter to help the David's Trail Campaign to expand their horizons and for bettering the community.

The certain possibilities can be the different health benefits which are sun exposure, fresh air, exercise, and much more. Some of the other possibilities that can happen is more tourism which can bring money to the economy. Lastly, it can give the students the chance to learn outdoors which would lead to putting the money into new benches, a pavilion, bus access at the main Trail head, trail markers, and picnic tables to benefit the school and students.

Thank you for your time and considering the possibilities. These reasons could bring a new way to learn to students

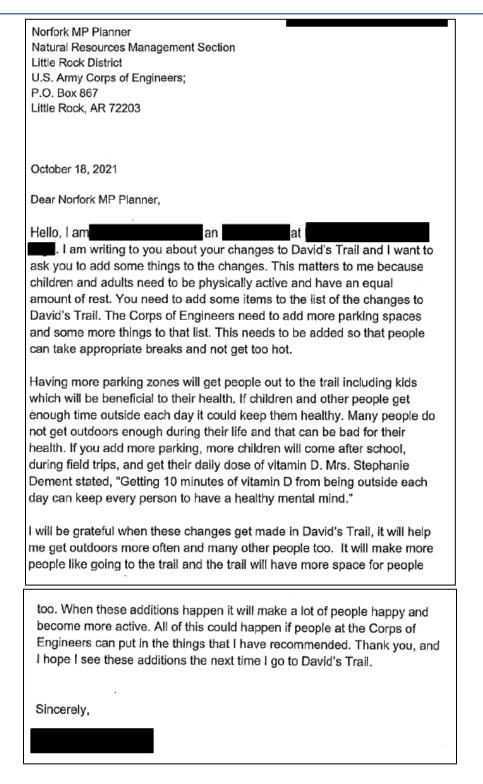
October 19, 2021

Dear Norfork MP Planner,

I am writing this letter to discuss some minor problems that may have a huge impact on your business. The help of the Corps of Engineers will be needed.

One small problem would be the small bus area, the bigger areas would help schools and tourism traffic. For schools, outdoor classrooms are needed, possibly with electricity or internet. This would help teachers and students by helping the teachers bring their voices out with the help of a speaker or megaphone.

Thank you for taking the time to read this letter, this will surely help your company by bringing in more schools and tours from other companies. I look forward to seeing the improvements in your business.



October 20, 2021

Norfork MP Planner Natural Resources Management section Little Rock District U.S Army Corps of Engineers PO Box 867 Little Rock, AR 72203

Dear Norfork MP Planner

Hello, I'm writing to inform you about the trash. It's a great place that all of my peers went to as kids. We saw how it looks now and it desperately needs help. We need trash picked up, the trail straightened, etc. Also a sense of direction would greatly improve our time there. Maybe way-markers and direction keys. Also, recreation things, like hammock stands, benches and more.

I appreciate you for reading my request, thank you for your time. In Jesus name amen.

20 october 2021

Norfork MP planner Natural resource management section Little rock district U.S. army corps of engineers P.OH. box 867 Little rock, AR 72203

Dear Norfork MP Planner:

Greeting to the gentleman who this may be of use.As of resent I have come Into contact with the information that the Norfork lake Master plan has gotten a revision. I choose to send the letter to put my two cents in so that, as an Ozarkian, I can see the ozarks grow. For all the things that can be accomplished I think that a growth and enhancement of the Davids Trail would be taken into effect. The growth of the trail would be quite useful to hikers and would be useful to thwart the growing obesity in the range of the Ozarks.

There are other problems that affect the Ozarks, mainly the fact that it has a miniscule education budget. A growth in the number of outdoor classrooms and activities would be superb. For example, at the mountain home junior high, Where I happened to be stationed at the time, has a constant problem of the bathrooms being low level and wretched in quality. There happens to be no outdoor classrooms which happens to be a quite dip in quality from other schools I've visited throughout my years as a student.

Thank you for taking the time to read this most supportive letter,

10-20-21

Dear Norfork MP Planner,

I am a student and fisherman. I think it would be really interesting if we could combine those two activities. You could build a big dock with picnic tables, internet access and electricity. If we had a few days where we could take busses to the lake norfork and while still getting schoolwork done we could swim and fish.

To do that would be really beneficial to a lot of students because, for one, we would get time outdoors, which is known to help alleviate stress, anxiety and depression. Another is we would get physical activity, whether it is hiking, swimming or fishing. And after all, we would still get our schoolwork done. To do this you would have to build a road with bus parking and a turnaround. If there were campgrounds in the

open areas people would have a reason to come back to the trails, and it would improve the overall feel of the park.

In the short term this would be a lot of work but in the long run this would be very beneficial to the community. Bidwell point would be a good place to put a classdock because there is already camping.

Dear Corps of Engineers,

I am writing to you on this day because I would like to ask if you would consider adding some things to David's Trail. I believe that everyone should have a healthy lifestyle or a chance to have one and David's Trail could make that a possibility for everyone with just a few changes.

First off I think you should add more bus access so that our schools can easily take children outside for a day because teachers can incorporate exercise into their lessons since some kids don't get exercise. Also, you may think about adding outdoor classrooms with digital capabilities because it also ties in with what I just said about children getting exercise. Lastly, I think more primitive camping areas around the trail would be great. This would open up more opportunities for the public to get out and make memories with family and friends all while being outside living a healthy life.

Norfork MP Planner Natural Resources Management Section Little Rock District U.S. Army Corps of Engineers; PO. Box 867 Little Rock, AR 72203
October 21, 2021
Dear Norfork MP Planner,
Hello, my name is an an an an and I 'm in the biggenetic at the made a zipline from one end of the park to the other end. I think it would be fun, it would also get more attention for the future visitors. It would make David's Trail more popular to the public and schools. You could put the zipline on the tallest tree there is to find and put a ladder up the tree to the zip line. You would have to make it where you can be harnessed to the ladder so it is not possible for someone to fall off
while climbing up it. Maybe make some turns in there to make it more fun and exciting.
You would have to hire some people to be in charge of the kids and people that go up the ladder and make sure that they are buckled and harnessed up correctly. That is what I think would be more beneficial for the Davids Trail.
Sincerely,



October 21, 2021

Dear Norfork MP Planner,

I write to

and I attend the My name is you on this day, October 21, to discuss or rather give my opinion on what you should suggest doing. It will be cost efficient and I believe it will make David's Trail improve what it is as it stands. It also will be a decent improvement for the park and it's expansion.

I think it would be a good idea as such if you were to add exotic flowers and or bushes to the trail. It would make the trail more appealing to be on and people from all around would love to walk the trail and visit the wonderful and beautiful trail that's lit up with life with the flowers. My second thought would be that you may add a bigger parking lot for cars and buses to park in, so when us students go on trips there, there will be enough parking and space for us to set up equipment if needed and or to have room for parents and administrators to park as well.

Finally, it may be concluded that my ideas for the park may not be picked, but in hopes for a rather look over to my letter. As it stands I believe that at least one of the two ideas I have for the park makes it. As I wrote before, and I shall state again, the flowers are morally cost efficient and will make the trail a beautiful spot to visit. Thank you for allowing me to express what I think should happen with the Trail.

Norfork MP Planner Natural Resources Management Section Little Rock District U.S. Army Corps of Engineers P.O. Box 867 Little Rock, AR 72203 October 19, 2021 Dear Norfork MP Planner, I am writing this letter to help with the davids trail campaign. Our community needs to come together to ask the corps of engineers to help with the davids trail campaign and grow the environment. 1. Buss access makes the parking lot bigger 2. Outside classroom like have outside benches, tables have electricity and internet so the teacher could teach a lesson on a video These improvements could have a good impact because the tourists spend money and the community could get better things like trail markers or have first aid kits in glass boxes that you could open if someone was to get hurt. Thank you for your consideration in helping the community. I look forward to see a positive outcome of the davids trail campaign Sincerely,

Norfork MP Planner Natural Resources Management Section Little Rock District U.S. Army Corps of Engineers; PO. Box 867 Little Rock, AR 72203
October 21, 2021
Dear Norfork MP Planner,
Hello, I am and I am an suggestions that I think would make David's Trail better.
What I would like you to try is to add bulletin boards so travelers can draw what they love about the trail. It would be a good idea to also add a hotel so travelers can spend the night. Also, at the end of the trail, it would be a good idea to add a little gift shop and stuff that you can use at trails and add and a picnic area so people can have a nice time there. You could also add a picnic table and a place for people to eat.
Think you for your time also have a great day.
Sincerely,

Dear Corps Of Engineers,

I'm writing this letter to you to express my interest in the improvements at David's Trail. I love to be outdoors and I have been to David's Trail many times. I love the trail which is why I want it to be improved.

My main want for David's Trail is an outdoor classroom there. I think that going on field trips or going out there for a biology class would be great. The thing is that it needs to be more accessible and usable. We need better entries, exits, and parking for our busses. Another possibility is wifi on the trail head. My school could take classes out and have them do work there.

I think that these upgrades would make David's Trail a great attraction not only for my school but for all surrounding districts. I think David's Trail could be a great trail with some improvements and I would appreciate it.

Norfork MP Planner Natural Resources Management Section Little Rock District U.S. Army Corps of Engineers; PO. Box 867 Little Rock, AR 72203
October 18, 2021
Dear Norfork MP Planner,
I am writing to inform you that this letter is going to help the community grow. We need the help of the Corps of Engineers to help us with the Davids Trail Campaign.
If we had larger parking lots at the main trailhead, our schools could take field trips to the trail. If we had rest stops in the trail more people would stop on the trail and eat. If we had more trail markers to tell where they are if someone got hurt we could get the people out that got hurt faster.
Thank you for your consideration in the Davids Trail Campaign
Sincerely

October 18, 2021

Dear Norfork MP Planner,

I am writing this letter to help my community get educated. We should inquire for the help of the Corps of Engineers to help get the David's Trail Campaign ready for outdoor classes, bus entrances, and the internet.

The people in the community could benefit from bigger trails for tourism. There would be many benefits from bus entrances for the schools. The schools would be able to have more field trips for learning. If they could put an internet network at David's trail, people would be able to watch videos about David's trail.

I look forward to seeing the progress that can be made in this project. Thank you for being there for many people to come.

October 19, 2021

Dear Norfork MP Planner,

I'm contacting you to recommend some changes to David's Trail. These changes will improve the trail, as well as making it more accessible and navigable.

To begin, the first change is to improve bus access. With better bus access more buses could park, and with a turn around area buses would arrive at the school faster after walking the trail. To continue, the next change is to place trail markers. The markers would aid people that are lost, it would also show how long that area of the trail is. To finish, the final change is creating campsites on the trail. If someone got lost on the trail at night, they would camp at the area for shelter, another reason is if someone was journeying, they would take shelter at the site.

Thank you for reading and providing us with an enjoyable, free outdoor experience. Later generations will enjoy the trail more with these changes.

Dear U.S. Army Corps of Engineers:

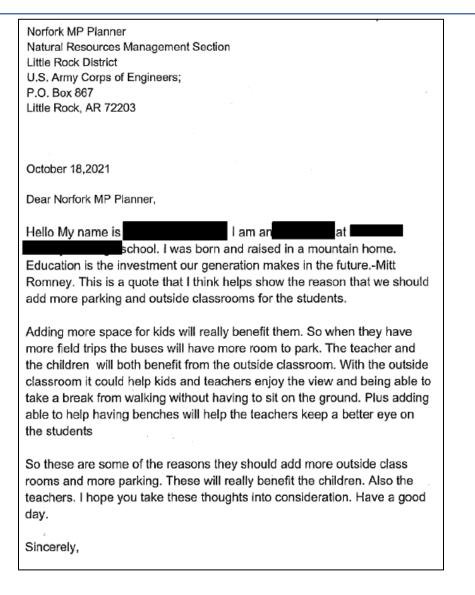
My name is and I am a student at

The teachers are talking about you guys making changes to the Davids Trail area and I was wondering if you guys would be willing to consider some of the ideas that we have at the school. We were thinking about what it would do if you made an area or areas in the trail that people could camp at. If there are people that are not there to camp they could have somewhere to sit at like maybe a pavilion for people to rest before they come back. We think that these are good ideas and I am going to tell you why in the following paragraphs.

If you made a small or large area to camp at you would have more people there in the summer time if you do this. There are alot of people in this area that like to camp in the summer. Like me, I like to camp when I can. If you do this you should make a small place to have a small campfire to have light out there. Another reason if you do this people will come from other places to come here to see this place. Another thing if you put a pavilion in there somewhere people will go there and have a nice place to sit and not on the ground and have trouble getting back to their cars because they are horribly uncomfortable. People like to go out there for something to do in the summertime to get out of their houses so if there are new things there. The people that were just there will tell other people about the new things there and go look for themselves.

Well I hope you will consider the ideas I have mentioned. This is the end of my letter to you guys. If you guys like the ideas please converse with each other and do the best you can to do them.

Sincerely-



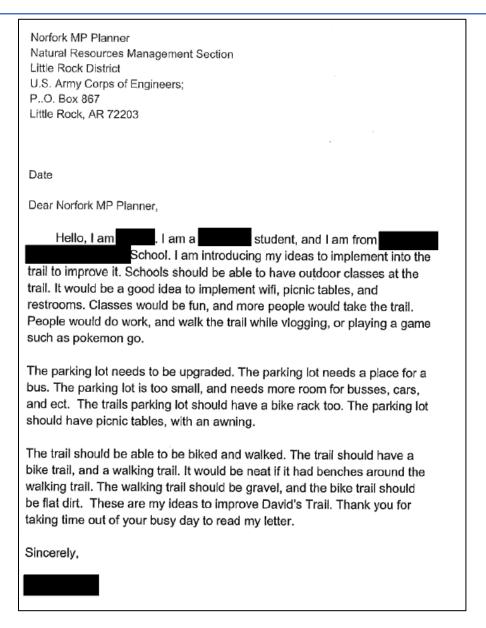
Norfork MP Planner Natural Resources Management Section Little Rock District U.S. Army Corps of Engineers; PO. Box 867 Little Rock, AR 72203
Oct 21, 2021
Dear Norfork MP Planner,
Hello I am a student at school. I am glad your allowing me to put my input in. I am aware of your plan to change davids trail and I go on hikes all the time with my family so personally I think you should make the trail more exciting because it's kind of bland and boring. The trail has been the same boring thing for a while and i think you should somehow make it better and less bland. Sincerely,

Norfork MP Planner Natural Resources Management Section Little Rock District U.S. Army Corps of Engineers; PO. Box 867 Little Rock, AR 72203	
Date October 21, 2021	
Dear Norfork MP Planner,	
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Sincerely,	

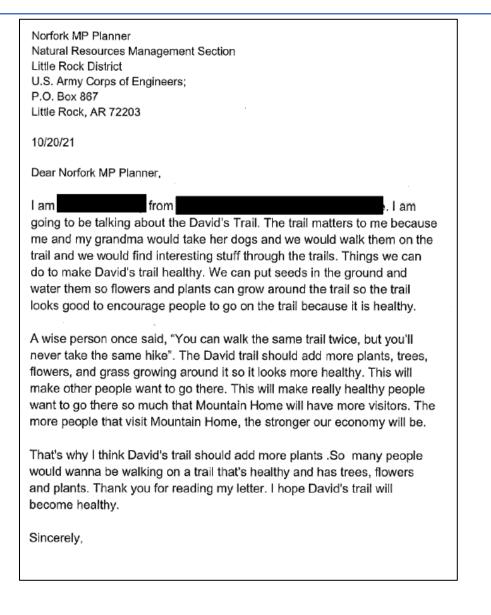
Dear Norfork MP Planner,

My name is **and I** am writing this letter on the subject of David's Trail located in the panther bay area and how I think you could improve it.

More specifically I would like if trails' natural beauty were to be persevered. I feel that adding too much change to the trail itself would spoil the idyllic effect. Though I do feel that making the entrance to the trail more accessible would be a simple but effective improvement. Adding more parking space and improving the sign's to the trail would result in more people getting to experience it's natural beauty. In closing I feel this is a great approach to increase the use of the trail while ensuring that it remains untainted.



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Norfork MP Planner Natural Resources Management Section Little Rock District U.S. Army Corps of Engineers; PO. Box 867 Little Rock, AR 72203	
October 21, 2021	
Dear Norfork MP Planner,	
Hello, my name is the lam a second at the lam	
Having more shore camping grounds would provide locations for explorers to fish, hunt, and grill with friends and family. We could also add some BMX obstacles for those who enjoy a little thrill. I think that would be a great way to have more visitors. Everyone would love the extra activities.	
The great outdoors will always be something incredibly beautiful to behold. Whether you are hiking, camping, enjoying the fresh natural air, or even taking a road trip, there's something so refreshing in just being outside. You can admire all that nature has to offer, finding pleasure in any outdoor activities you partake in. By adding these ideas, it encourages more people to want to experience it too. That is why I think we should improve David's Trail.	
Sincerely,	
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Norfork MP Planner Natural Resources Management Section Little Rock District U.S. Army Corps of Engineers; PO. Box 867
Little Rock, AR 72203
10/22/21
Dear Norfork MP Planner,
Hello, My name is a second and I am an second at second se
More biking trails and zip lines would bring in more tourists for the trails to ride and explore the park in various ways. This would create a unique experience that would bring people from all over the state to our area.
Ziplines and biking trails are very popular these days because people like to explore places with fun and excitement with friends and family and if they have fun then they will come back.
I think you should consider my letter to make more biking trails and ziplines for more tourists and more money to make the park better and better expenses for the people. Thank you for reading my letter.
Sincerely,

Date 10/20/21

Dear Norfork MP Planner,

Hi, my name is **The best vision** for the future of norfork lake is to maintain running water, to access solar power, and make turnarounds or bus parking. Another way to encourage the use of the trail by the public is to make it more accessible to the local teachers, one way to accomplish this is to create outdoor classrooms. These Ideas will make more people want to attend David's Trail.

To start off with, Davis Trail should provide running water. I think this is very important because there are a lot of hikers who are thirsty and would have forgotten their water. Another example is kids running around everywhere at the park all sweaty. The Army Corps of engineers could provide water fountains on bits of the trail. Furthermore, A majority of people like to run David's Trail as well. Once in a while they might get thirsty and have nothing to drink. Not just humans, dogs too! I'm sure a lot of people love taking their dogs on walks. If they knew that David's trail provides water supply then their dog wouldn't be thirsty as well!

Secondly, I encourage David's Trail to provide outdoor classrooms and solar power. This could increase the amount of students going to David's trail. If teachers knew there were outdoor classrooms then they could bring their students out to David's trail for a field trip. Students could do activities for assignments using their chromebooks, phones or even on paper. Not just students, anyone im sure, would love having solar power out in the woods. Hikers could listen to music, order some food and more! This could also prevent anything bad from happening. For example, if your kids were to be in danger then they would have solar access to call someone for help.

In conclusion, I think that if the Army Corps Engineers can provide running water, solar access, and outdoor classrooms would make a huge impact

on David's Trail. As well as it would on Norfork itself. Adding these could enforce more activities for David's Trail.

Dear Norfolk MP Planners,

Date 10-20-21

David's Trail is a fascinating place to go camping and enjoy the outdoors. There are a bunch of people that would like to go camping, but can't, worrying that they are not fit enough as such. The importance of having exercise is important, for example, being outside helps reduce the lack of exercise, trails around the lake of Norfork can put in place more exercise and a healthier lifestyle for people choosing to.

In David's Trail, more bus stops would be helpful for quite a bit of people, why is that? More bus access would allow more people to take part in this trail, as well as helping people who don't have enough energy get to certain places. It is also important to help advertise the natural beauties of the trail, making it easier for tourists to explore the area. Creating outdoor classrooms for students is a good idea to create a facility with natural elements for educational purposes with digital interfaces. This idea would help the students be more focused and less stressed during the time spent here, making it more enjoyable and further creating better learning responses. More trailhead markers would be helpful for tourists who lack a sense of direction. The reasoning behind the fact is that trailhead markers are very useful, but rarely, some people fail to navigate correctly, thus, it would help produce more trailhead markers that are named not similarly. This would benefit most of the people traveling throughout David's Trail. Primitive camping areas would provide more economic benefits than disadvantages. It would provide people a place to vent stress throughout the day and enjoy a primitive lifestyle. This would be beneficial to most people, especially if it's their vacation time.

Many things are amazing about this trail, David's Trail. Many things could be changed, but in the end, it's a very good area to relax and such. These things would help improve the Trail, make it more accessible, easier to navigate, and

help vent stress more effectively. All things considered, this has been my suggestive add-ons to the trail, known as David's Trail.

Norfork MP Planner Natural Resources Management Section Little Rock District U.S. Army Corps of Engineers; P..O. Box 867 Little Rock, AR 72203 Date: 10/20/21 Dear Norfork MP Planner, The David's Trail project is a great idea because it will offer more tourists to come and visit our beautiful lakes and hills. It will also make the trail more accessible for any age from young to old. Tourists are very important to our area because when more people visit we can make more money for any fun things like amusement parks, pools, parks, etc. When we make the trail more accessible more older people can go on it and we all know that Mountain home and surrounding areas have mostly old retired people. If you make the Ozark Keystone Trail, then it will help our community in many ways. One way It will help people get out more and discover the beauty of the outdoors. I hope you all make this trail for me, the next generation, and the generations to come. Sincerely,

Date

Dear Norfork MP Planner,

I wish you would consider making adjustments to Davids Trail. I think there should be a drive thru to drop off kids on buses and a parking section for buses. There should also be camping sits that go year around. Create outdoor classrooms to encourage the public to use it more. There needs to be year round access to all parks.

10/20/21

Dear Norfork MP Planner, David's Trail needs some improvements to make it easier and accessible for all people and vehicles. David's trail is a wonderful place. Most schools in the area have field trips yearly. We request more activities and parking for when these yearly field trips occur. It is very important to our community that you participate in these changes and help us make David's trail a fun but also educational experience for us as students.

Parking is one of our main concerns. We want all ages to be able to participate in walking the trail, but for some ages such as K-2 It is very hard to walk a long trail for a long period of time. Our plan is to make bus parking and bus turnarounds. This would make it easier for younger students to participate and have fun at the same time without having to walk the whole trail. Another concern is making outdoor classrooms for local teachers that includes internet access, tables, pavilions and electrical outlets. This would not only make an awesome hangout space but it would also give the teachers and students a place to learn without being stuck in a classroom all day.

We would greatly appreciate it if you take these changes into consideration. David's trail is a big part of our community and having these changes would make it a better and more fun learning environment for our community and schools.

Dear Norfork MP Planner,

I would like to encourage you to make improvements to the Ozark Keystone Trail and make it more accessible to different types of organizations. These improvements include more bus access, outdoor classrooms with digital capabilities, more trailhead markers along the trail as well as at the new bus parking, and camping areas along the trail.

Including these improvements could attract more people and schools to use the trail. Students could also learn more about the outdoors. For example, if there was an outdoor classroom then the teacher could take them there. Also, the teachers could take their students along the trail to see different areas of the trail. Adding improvements to the trail could attract tourism and allow students to experience a different environment of learning.

In conclusion, adding these improvements to the Ozark Keystone Trail would attract more tourism and allow students to have a different way to learn if their teacher desires.

October 20, 2021

Dear Norfork MP Planner,

David's Trail holds some of my most cherished memories from my childhood. It brings me great joy to know that the trail is getting the upgrades that it truly deserves. The trail helped me realize my love for hiking and proposed a healthy lifestyle at a young age. I am especially excited about the bus parking and outside classrooms.

I think outside classrooms will really help make the journey and stay on the trail more enjoyable and memorable to young students. I remember getting irritated when I couldn't hear my teacher over the other students, not to mention the fact that we were all spread out along the trail. A small area where we could all sit down and be away from distractions would be very helpful when a teacher is trying to teach.

I am also excited about the name change. It will really make locating the trail easier and conversations about the area easier to understand. It does get confusing when five places are all named the same thing. I will miss the iconic "David's Trail", but I am more than willing to accept the Ozark Keystone Trail as my favorite hiking area.

10/20/21

Dear Norfork MP Planner,

I believe that to increase usage of the trail system and encourage healthy outdoor lifestyles, multiple things need to happen. Some of those thind being more trail head markings and cleaner trails. Fixing these things could open an opportunity for students young and old to get familiar with the trail. WHen students are more familiar with the trail, I believe they will want to visit them more often therefore making it a popular place to go.

Clearer trails and more trail head markings could increase the amount of popularity David's Trial gets by a huge amount. Would you rather go to a trail that has clear trail head markings and clean trails or one of the opposite? Having these things in general would just be better than anything to improve the health of the environment. By having clear markings, people would know where to walk and where to stay away from and the clean paths would get rid of a safety hazard for trail walkers, runners, bikers, etc.

Doing this work would do many things for our community and environment. David's Trail and the school could even partner to do some of these things. It would create a healthy and safe way to bring popularity to the trials. In summary, I believe multiple people would enjoy the use of the trails with the revisions. It would create a healthy and safe way to bring popularity to the trials. Sincerely,

10/20/21

Dear Norfork MP Planner,

I have a question that I've been wanting to ask you guys. I would like to ask if you guys could make some camping sites along the trails. They'de spread the word and get more people out to "David's Trail". It would help the number of tourists going there too.

I have a few reasons why having some camping sites along David's Trail is a good idea. I think that since students go up there on occasion, you might want to make some, if students see that there are places to camp then if they like it they'll ask their parents about camping there. It would help the overall growth of the trail too, plus it would encourage healthy outdoor activities.

I think that if you did these things you'll see the number of people coming go up a lot. It'll be a fun experience for the kids, the parents, and for anyone that's just looking to camp. People can walk and/or fish around and then go cook some smores, and sleep in some tents. That's all I've got apart from that, it's a 5/5 for me.

October 18, 2021

Dear Norfork MP Planner,

I am writing this letter to introduce the issue of parking space at David's Trail. To fix the parking lot we need the help of the Corps of Engineers to collaborate with the Davids Trail Campaign.

Our community wants to introduce younger children to a trail system. We would like to make a trip to the trail more often. However, with the limited parking space it is a hasell to get a bus in and out of the parking lot. It is not just buses though, the parking lot makes it complicated for regular vehicles to get in and out. If we are wanting more schools to come to David's Trail then we need to expand the parking lot. With the expansion of the parking lot, I believe more students will be able to live a healthier outdoor lifestyle.

Thank you for taking time to read this letter. I look forward to hopefully seeing progress in this topic.

October 18, 2021

Dear Norfork MP Planner,

I am writing to you to express my interest in the David's Trail campaign. My name is I attend school in I attend school in I think this expansion would be beneficial to having a healthy lifestyle. One thing that I believe would make the trail better is to add camping sites as well as outdoor classrooms.

I would like you to strongly consider the addition of camping sites to the trail. If you add campsites then more students will come here with their families. I would also like fot you to create outdoor classrooms for students. In addition, addomg a pavilion with internet for schools would allow more students to benefit from the trail.

Thank you for your consideration. I hope you can add some of those things. The use of David's Trail and having more time outside can be valuable to people and their health. As B.K.S. Lyengar said, "Health is a state of complete harmony of the body, mind and spirit. When one is free from physical disabilities and mental distractions, the gates of the soul open." Considering adding these options would be great for both the mental and physical health of people in our area.

October 19, 2021

Norfork MP Planner Natural Resources Management Section Little Rock District U.S. Army Corps of Engineers; P..O. Box 867 Little Rock, AR 72203

Dear Norfork MP Planner,

My name is a student at

School. I am writing to you today to request some changes regarding Davids Trail. These changes include trail markers, outdoor classrooms that have digital capabilities, and new bus parking.

To start, trail markers would be tremendously helpful for visitors hiking the trail so that they do not get lost and so they know how far they are walking. Furthermore, outdoor classrooms that have digital capabilities would be prodigious because they would allow students to have science classes outside or other school-affiliated activities. Additionally, new bus parking would allow schools, daycares, and other associations like that to have more access to the trails.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact me at **second second seco**

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Norfork MP Planner Natural Resources Management Section Little Rock District U.S. Army Corps of Engineers P.O. Box 876 Little Rock, Arkansas 72203
To whom it may concern,
Hello! My name is and I am a student at the some ideas on how to make David's Trail an even better place.
I think that the addition of more bus access and outdoor classrooms would be extremely beneficial for our community. More bus access would encourage many more people to visit David's Trail. I personally have a family member who can't drive herself and my mom or I can't drive her all the time. If there was a bus that could take her to David's Trail, she would definitely go more often. Also, adding outdoor classrooms would allow busy students who don't usually have enough time to go outside the ability to soak up some vitamin D and really just appreciate the beauty of Arkansas. I would love to spend more time with nature, but I don't ever have time between balancing school, band, and other activities. Being able to multitask by using the time I would normally be spending inside, outside, and learning at the same time would be extremely productive.
Thank you for reading my letter, I hope you will consider my ideas!
Sincerely,
Sincerely,

October 18, 2021

Dear Corps of Engineers

I am writing to request your assistance in the David's Trail Campaign, and to encourage more visits to David's trail.

Some Ideas to include may be easier bus access, more trail markers, or educational systems for school children. I suggest bigger parking lots for the buses so they can park and turn around to leave. As for the trail markers they could help with medical emergencies or as just a general marker for the tourists walking on the trail. Having educational systems would offer more for tourists and school children on field trips. Adding these ideas to the trail would create more tourism and educational opportunities for many people.

I thank you for taking the time to read my letter and consider these ideas. I await to see changes to the trail in hopes that my letter got through.

Date October 19, 2021

Dear Norfork MP Planner,

My name is **and I would like to recommend changes that I** would like to see be made to David's Trail. More bus access, more trailhead markers, and the creation of outdoor classrooms are changes I would like to see for David's trail.

To begin, more bus access is a change that would benefit David's trail. More bus access would lead to more accessibility, which would benefit the community as more people would be able to visit the trail at the same time. The change would also lead to fewer traffic issues as there would be more spaces for vehicles. In addition, more trailhead markers would be a great benefit for the trail. More trailhead markers would help people navigate the trail. It will also help fewer people get lost in the trail. To conclude, outdoor classrooms would be excellent for students. Students would have more interactions with nature and would be able to build up their knowledge about nature. It would also lead to more healthy and active kids.

Thank you for taking the time to read and consider my changes. These changes matter because they would greatly benefit our community.

Norfork MP Planner
Natural Resources Management Section
Little Rock District
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers;
PO. Box 867
Little Rock, AR 72203

October 19th, 2021

Dear Norfork MP Planner,

I am writing this letter to see if the Corps of Engineers could make improvements on the David's Trail Campaign. With this help my community would grow.

One improvement that could be used would is more access for busses. This would make it without a doubt easier for schools and public buses to access the trail. As well it would be beneficial to have outdoor classrooms that have pavilions, bathrooms, benches, restrooms, and electricity. These improvements could be very beneficial for schools and the community.

Thank you for taking the time to read this letter. I hope you consider my ideas for improvements on Daivid's Trail.

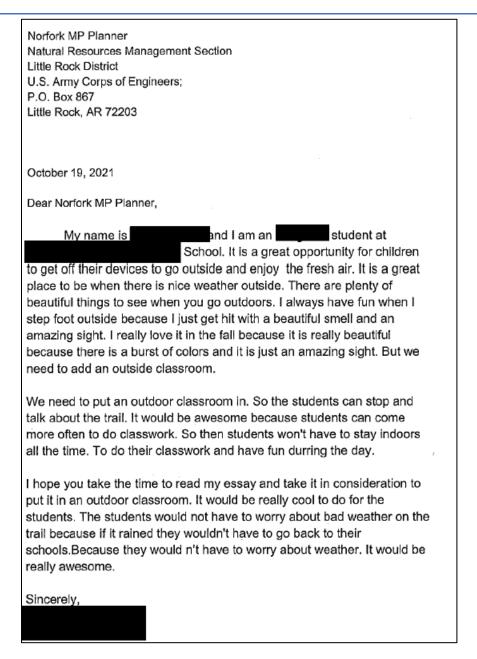
October 19, 2021

Dear Norfork MP Planner,

I have written this letter to inform you that I have ideas that I would like to propose for the David's Trail Campaign. Although to see these ideas come to fruition, we need the help of the Corps of Engineers.

I would like to propose that there should be more trail markers throughout the trail in case of emergencies or if people feel the need to rest or use the restroom. Yet another proposal would be for improved bus access for the trails entrance. This would allow more students to go and visit the trail to learn and explore. If students are coming to learn and explore, then they will need an outside classroom with multiple tables and trash cans to prevent littering.

In return I thank you with all my gratitude. I am very hopeful for this campaign and how it will come to light.



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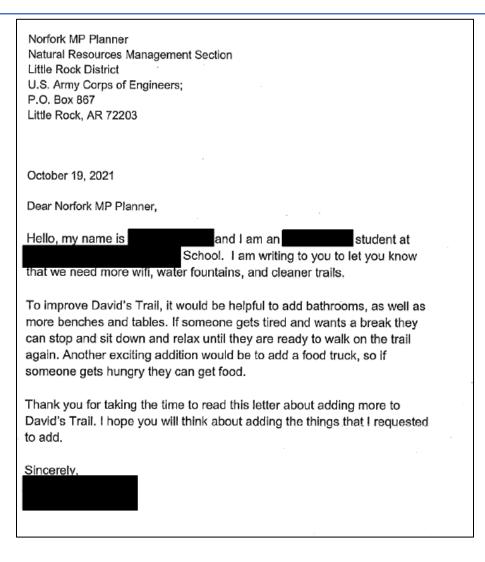
Dear Norfork MP Planner,

I am writing this letter to help my community by proposing ideas on how to renovate the David's Trail Campaign for the greater good. We will need the help of the Corps of Engineers to renew the trail.

One renovation idea I would like to propose is the idea for more school bus access for schools who wants to take students on a field trip. This oppertunity would allow students to learn and teachers to teach outside of school. This brings to my next idea, which is to build a area for learning. Having an area with picnic tables, restrooms, and internet, students can do their school work while not in a classroom environment.

Thank you for your cooperation and your time. I look forward to seeing these ideas completed.

Sincerely.



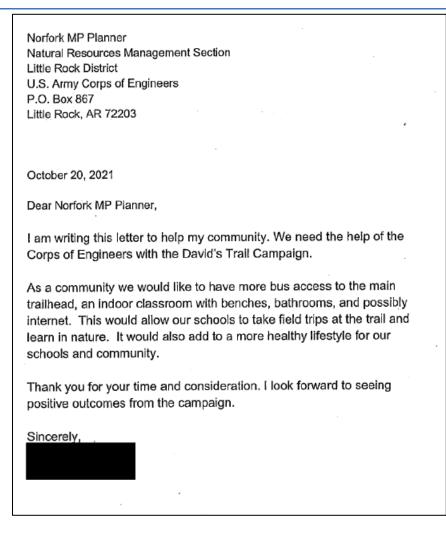
October 19, 2021

Dear Norfork MP Planner,

I am writing this letter to help my community grow as a whole. To do this we require help from the Corps of Engineers with the David's Trail Campaign.

One way that we could grow as a community is by adding bus access to the main trailhead at David's Trail. This would be a great start because it would give additional access to the schools and tourists wanting to visit. As well as adding bus parking we could also add an outdoor classroom area to truly make the trail overall more accessible to schools in the area.

I would like to thank you for your consideration in these ideas as I truly think they would improve the overall aspect of the trail. I would love to see more improvements like this in the future.



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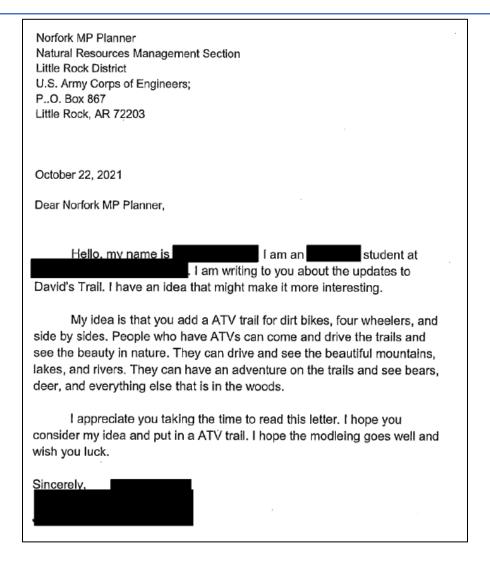
Dear Norfork MP Planner,

My name is and I am a student at

School. I am contacting you about the expansions that should be added to David's Trail to help make the trail more enjoyable like better bus accessibility, more primitive camping sites, and outdoor classrooms with electricity and internet access.

To begin, bus accessibility should be added because it helps schools have better access to the trail to allow students and other large groups of people to learn about the outdoors. In addition, primitive camping sites should be added because it would help people spend less time looking for camping sites and it will help people have a better experience. Another expansion that should be added is outdoor classrooms. They should be added because it will help students learn about the outdoors at an early age and have hands-on experience.

Thank you for taking the time to read my letter and consider my opinions about David's Trail. All of these expansions are important because they will allow the community to learn more about the outdoors and live a better life.



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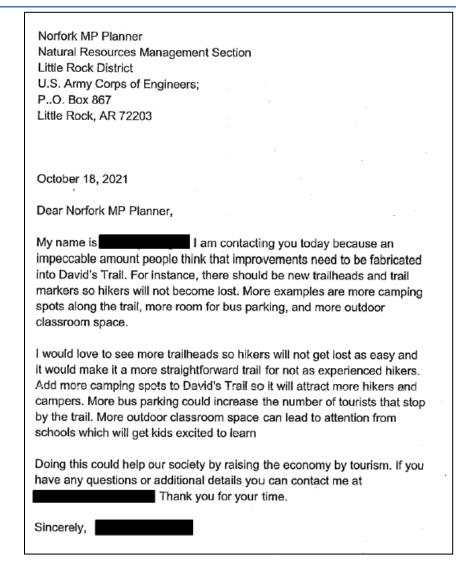
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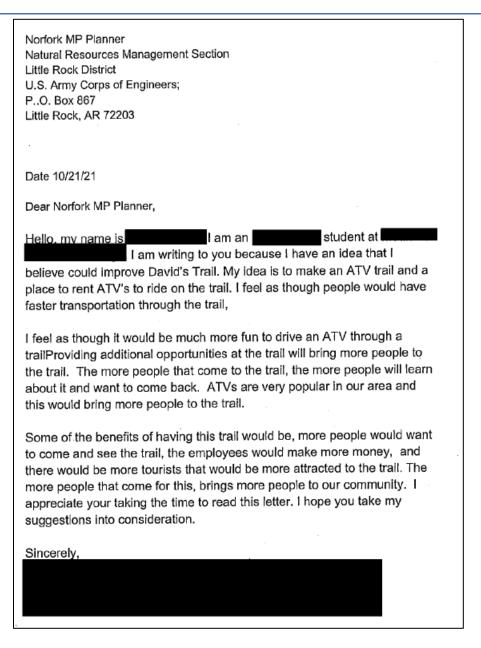
David's Trail is greatly known by visitors all over Baxter county and from other areas in the United States. I am contacting the Norfork MP Planner because I would like to request some modifications to David's Trail; Bus Accessibility, Creation of Outdoor Classrooms with Digital capabilities, and Primitive Camping Areas.

To begin, I would like to request bus accessibility. A large number of schools take field trips to David's Trail and need somewhere to park the buses. Having bus access would make parking the buses a whole lot easier and there would not be so much traffic and confusion between cars and buses. Upcoming, Creation of outdoor classrooms with digital capabilities. The kids should know more about the environment and with outdoor classrooms; the students could have a park ranger talk to them about lots of objects that are in nature. Kids/parents and students/teachers could look up certain birds, insects, trees, plants, etc. Concluding, Primitive Camping Areas. Families who visit could pay to camp at David's Trail and by families paying to camp, this would bring in more business/money for the park. The park is beautiful and lots of visitors would want to enjoy the beauty at night.

I would like to thank you for taking the time to read this letter and taking these suggestions into consideration. If there are any questions or responses, you can contact me at my email address.

or by phone at





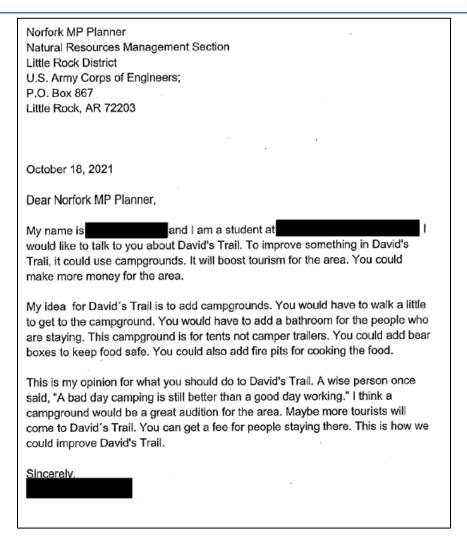
October 18, 2021

Dear Norfork MP Planner,

I am writing this letter to help my community by making more room to park. We need the help of the Corps of Engineers to make this happen with the davids trail campaign.

Our community could use the help for my school by making an area large enough for the school buses to turn around. The Corps of Engineers could make that place more accessible for tourists by adding more trailheads along the route and the Corps of Engineers could add an internet network so the kids could have outdoor classes.

I am hopeful that your organization will take any of these into consideration.



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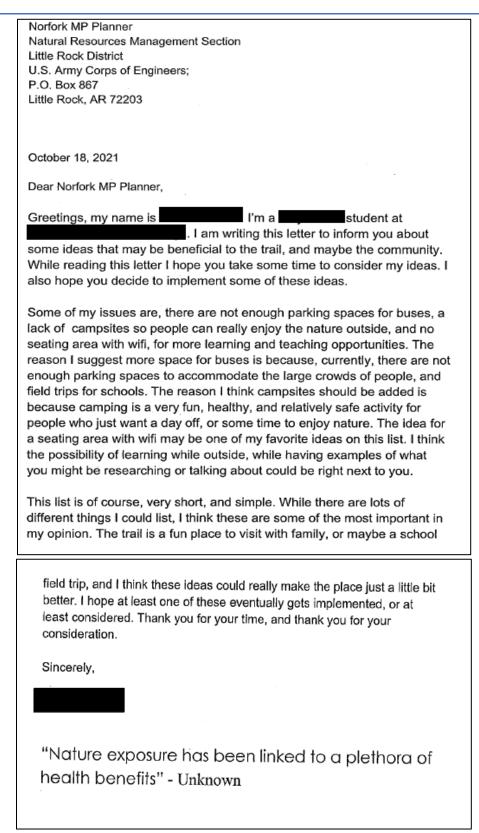
I am writing this letter to help my community enlarge an area for more public use. We need the help of the Corps of Engineers with the David's Trail Campain.

One of my suggestions is to add additional bus access for the main trailhead. Additional bus access would allow schools and more tourists to visit the trail. But if additional bus access were added then most likely schools would be visiting. If schools visited then it would be good to add pavilions and areas for benches.

Thank you for reading this letter. I look forward to seeing positive changes with this campaign.

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Norfork MP Planner Natural Resources Management Section Little Rock District U.S. Army Corps of Engineers; P.O. Box 867 Little Rock, AR 722./03
October 18,2021
Dear Norfork MP Planner,
Introduction Paragraph #1 Greetings, my name is a second
Main Paragraph #2 The idea I addressed was expanding the parking at David's Trail. When you expand the parking it allows more people to visit David's Trail. John Muir states that "in every walk with nature, one receives far more than he seeks." I think that this is probably the biggest contribution that adding the trail can give. With the addition of the expanded parking lot it gives more people an opportunity to get out of the house. This helps in bettering our community, while also giving people a place to clear their minds.



October 19, 2021

Dear Norfork MP Planner,

Hello, my name is a student ourrently enrolled in School. I am writing this letter regarding an Issue involved in Davids Trail. I have seen that your trail is not easily accessible to the public. A solution that would solve this dilemma is addi

accessible to the public. A solution that would solve this dilemma is adding outdoor classrooms for our teachers. This could help increase accessibility to the public.

Davids Trail is not easily accessible to the public. Assembling outdoor classrooms can improve this complication. Psychologist Jill Suttie said, "Kids can actually pay better attention in class after an outdoor lesson." These classrooms can increase children's productivity and public accessibility. The classrooms would consist of benches, a pavilion with tables, electricity, and possible internet. This would be an exponential aid to Davids Trail.

Adding an outdoor classroom will be beneficial for the community and the trail. If classrooms were added then it could increase children's productivity making them more successful. The classroom would have many things including tables and electricity. This would be a great way to improve accessibility to the public. I hope you consider and execute this idea in the future.

improvements.

Norfork MP Planner
Natural Resources Management Section
Little Rock District
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers;
P.O. Box 867
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October 18,2021
Dear Norfork MP Planner,
Hello my name and the state of the state of
and bus turnarounds. This change would be easy and better for visitors. It would also allow bigger schools to take field trips there.
Doing these simple changes will earn more money in the community. More schools will come to David's Trail which encourages them to get outside. Due to the larger parking area, bigger groups of students will be able to go to David's Trail. Students being outside is way more healthy than being indoors. Kaiser Family Foundation states that "Studies show that an average eight to eighteen year old kid is now spending an alarming 7 hours and 38 minutes of electronic screen time per day."
In conclusion adding bus parking and bus turnarounds will increase the revenue you will earn, by bringing larger groups to the area. It would also help get the students time outside that they need to be healthy. Adding this will make you more money and you will be able to make more

October 18,2021

Dear Norfork MP Planner,

I am writing this letter on behalf of my community to request larger parking spaces and projectors for learning at David's Trail. We will need help from the Corps of Engineers to help carry out these requests.

With larger parking spaces at the trailhead more tourists can come at once. With larger parking spaces the more tourists that will come visit the Trail and Mountain Home area. This will help my community because after a hike up the trail tourists will be more likely to go grab food to eat. This would help restaurants and other shops because they are having a greater income value. Also, having a larger parking space would help my school to be able to go on more field trips. At this moment the parking spaces are not large enough for a school bus to turn around. Next, a projector would be a great addition for David's Trail. A projector would be a great addition for the trail because new tourists would get some insight on the trail before exploring it. This would also help my school to be able to learn more about the trail and also do school lessons while being outside.

Thank you for taking time out of your day to consider my request. I can not wait to see what is to come in the near future.

October 19, 2021

Dear Norfork MP Planner,

Hello, I am a current student at student at have an idea that I truly think will help improve the population of David's Trail. The idea that I have is to create outdoor classrooms. This could be a very calming way to work or study.

I think this will be a great idea in many different ways. One reason why I think it will be a good addition to Davids' Trail is because it allows children to have some fresh air while working. "Getting outdoors on a regular basis can also improve your child's health and wellbeing as the fresh air cleans their lungs." It can also give them a break from sitting around all day in uncomfortable chairs. If they need to take a break they can just go walk on a trail and take a break from everything.

Having outdoor classrooms will be a great addition to Davids' Trail. It can increase the population and simply just make Davids' Trails better. Having outdoor classrooms can improve children's health and education. Thank you for taking the time to read my letter. I really hope you will consider my idea.

Norfork MP Planner Natural Resources Management Section Little Rock District U.S. Army Corps of Engineers; P.O. Box 867 Little Rock, AR 72203 Oct 18, 2021 Dear Norfork MP Planner, Greetings, I am from I will be talking about the reasons why it is important that the following things should be added to David's trail. It is important to consider the additions of bus parking, outside classrooms with internet capabilities, and tables. These are important so that more people will come to the trail. If it becomes more popular, it will give the state more income from visitors. If you were to add bus parking to David's trail, more people would be able to go. This would include those who do not have vehicles. Larger groups could enjoy the area if the bus parking was added. If there were outdoor classrooms the teachers and students would have the availability to go outside instead of being in a building. If there is internet access the students and teachers will be able to do projects on their chromebooks, while enjoying the fresh air. Tables would be lovely for a nice place to have lunch, while also providing an area for rest. 1 will tell you a quote "I really care about leaving a trail of goodness wherever we can." David Droga made that quote of inspiration. I believe that the quote can also go towards this trail. If you leave a trail of goodness by upgrading it, more people will go. That is why i want to send you this message of my ideas.

October 19, 2021

Dear Norfork MP Planner,

I am writing to ask you to change some of the things at David's trail. I would ask for you to take into consideration of help from the Corps of Engineers with the David's Trail campaign

One improvement that I would like to propose is that there are more trailheads. This is because people can easily get lost or hurt on some trails and with more trailheads on David's trail, others wouldn't get lost or hurt as easily. Another improvement would be to add more bus access to the trailheads. With bus access to the trailheads, students would be able to have more field trips at David's trail and be able to have more fun with a bigger area.

Thank you for taking the time to read my letter and considering adding more trailheads and adding bus access. I look forward to seeing positive improvements with this campaign.

Date Oct 18, 2021

Dear Norfork MP Planner,

Introduction Paragraph #1 I am**eter the set of** I go to mountain home junior high school and I want to talk to you about how you could improve the trail for people to be able to run in the trail and keep people healthy when they run or jog this trail.

Main Paragraph #2 To in prove this trail you could add a more soft surface to run on like grass it has a nice landing surface from when you jogging or running, it is also a great way to get people to come out and be healthy by running this trail, " One run can change your day, many runs can change your life" - Ronald Rook. Adding this grass could really give it a better look but also make it a much easier way to run and it would keep people coming so that would mean more people are choosing to live a more healthy lifestyle and thanks to you they would live a more healthy and longer life. "Most runners run not because they want to live longer, but because they want to live life to the fullest." - Haruki Murakami.

Closing Paragraph #3

October 19, 2021

Dear Norfork MP Planner,

I am writing this letter to grow our community further. We need the help of the Corps of Engineers with the David's Trail Campaign.

One area of growth that I would suggest would be making an outside classroom. This would help our community make learning fun and help us relax which could improve our development. Additionally, it would be useful to have electricity and places to sit. These improvements can help our community flourish.

Thank you for your time and consideration for looking into my proposals. I look forward to seeing constructive improvements with the David's Trail Campaign.

Oct 18, 2021

Dear Norfork MP Planner,

Hello my name is **a second sec**

Also, hiking at night is a danger. Having more lights at night would really help with knowing where you are and where you have been. If you get lost then it would be better to have lights outside leading a pathway. The pathway would help you know where you're going and where you have been. Also it would help with finding bathrooms at night.

I think having lights you wont get easily lost and even if you do you can follow the lights. Also using the toilet at night is a problem because there are no public bathrooms so using the bathroom is even difficult. Finding a place where no one is but it ist far away from camp is hard. In conclusion, I think that having a trail with lights would be very beneficial to your business.

October 10th 2020

Dear Norfork MP Planner,

I am writing this letter to help my community become bigger. We need the help of the Corps of Engineers to plan and to make the trail better.

You may want to make some changes to David's trail to help it become more popular. If you put in some pavilions then people could have picnics or birthday parties, that would also allow enough seating for schools or larger groups of people to visit. That would help to make it more known and if more people are coming you may want to extend the parking lot so that more cars and buses can fit. Additionally you may want to add some bathrooms and benches so people enjoy being there and can stay there longer. Adding these additional things would help increase tourism which would boost our town and help it grow.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter. I look forward to seeing progress with the David's trail campaign.

October 18, 2021

Dear Norfork MP Planner,

I am

an eighth grade student of

I am contacting you today to request three changes be made to David's Trail. These would include a greater number of trail markers, more bus access, and primitive camping areas along the trail.

To begin, the first addition I would like to see along David's Trail is a larger amount of trail markers. This would help people know that they are on the correct path. Next, I would like to see more bus access. There are times when schools go on field trips to David's Trail and not all busses can fit in at once. More bus access will limit this problem. Lastly, primitive camping areas should be added along the trail. This would give people the chance to enjoy the beauty of the trail as long as they stay.

Thank you for considering these ideas. Feel free to contact me at the following email,

Norfork MP Planner Natural Resources Management Section Little Rock District U.S. Army Corps of Engineers; PO. Box 867 Little Rock, AR 72203
October 21, 2021
Dear Norfork MP Planner,
My name is that has visited Davids Trail in 3rd Grade. Based on that experience there are some changes that I believe should be made for example, new bus parking and turn arounds, more trailhead markings, and outdoor classrooms with digital capability.
In addition, New bus parking and turn arounds would benefit schools and tourists because the way that it is now there's not much room for schools, tourists, and visitors to park. More trailhead markings would help with directions through the trail. Having outdoor classrooms with digital capability would benefit the students who go through the trail who need to learn through online devices while going through.
Thankyou for taking your time to consider my previous requests. Feel free to contact me at
Sincerely,

October 18, 2021

Dear Norfork MP Planner,

My name is **School**. I'm currently in the 9th grade. I have some suggestions for changes for Davids's trial. The first suggestion is more bus parking, the second is an outdoor classroom, and the third is better primitive camping.

To begin more bus parking would help the trail by making more room for bus drivers to park and more room to turn around. Also, the more room there is the more students would be able to visit. The next addition I would like to see is an outdoor classroom with internet access. The outdoor classroom connects students to the outdoors. I also believe it would help promote a healthy life style. The last addition is primitive camping. This summer I took a trip out to Philmont, New Mexico we hiked over 100 miles in one week but the fun part was we stayed in primitive campsites which are the funniest experience ever. The primitive camping would make you feel like a real outdoors person and connect you to wildlife.

I would consider putting these additions into David's trail to help connect our future to the outdoors and to help sustain a healthy lifestyle. Thank you very much for your time I am looking forward to hearing from you soon.

Date: 10/20/21

Dear Norfork MP Planner,

The David's Trail project is a great idea because it will offer more tourists to come and visit our beautiful lakes and hills. It will also make the trail more accessible for any age from young to old.

Tourists are very important to our area because when more people visit we can make more money for any fun things like amusement parks, pools, parks, etc. When we make the trail more accessible more older people can go on it and we all know that Mountain home and surrounding areas have mostly old retired people.

If you make the Ozark Keystone Trail, then it will help our community in many ways. One way It will help people get out more and discover the beauty of the outdoors. I hope you all make this trail for me, the next generation, and the generations to come.

October 19, 2021

Dear Norfork MP Planner,

My name is

from

School and I would like to make some changes to the David's trail. I would like to have camping areas, more bus access and outdoor classrooms.

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First of all, I would like to add camping grounds to the trail, because people could go the whole trail if they liked. Campgrounds would also be good, because they can go far from the place where they started and not get stranded in the dark. Second, I would also like to add more bus access, because if someone gets hurt then they could have an area where they could get out fast. More bus access would also allow more people to get to the trail. Last, I would like to have outdoor classrooms, because people could learn more about the outdoors. Outdoor classrooms would also be good because students could come on field trips.

Thank you for taking the time out of your day to read this letter. These additions would be good, because it can help bring more people come to enjoy the outdoors.

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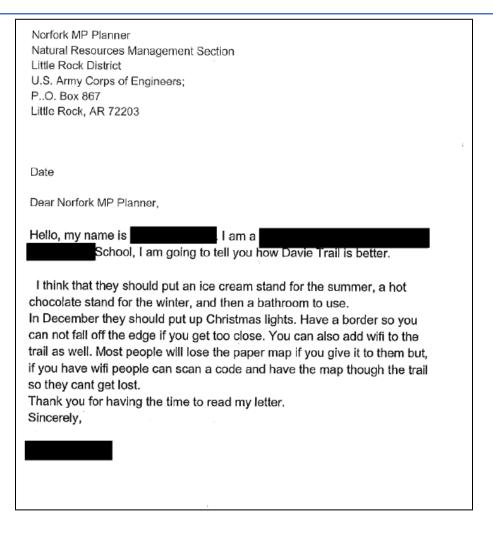
Dear Norfork MP Planner:

Hello, I am

I am a student at

School. We noticed your plan to update the Lake Norfork MP and would like to give some input and ideas.

First, I would like to see year-round access to parks and campgrounds. I think having year-round access would be something for tourists no matter when they come. Second, I think having water, toilet, and resting stations planted around the trail would be helpful. As someone who used to hike all the time you're not always prepared so I think it would be helpful. Last, I think teachers and students should have access to the campgrounds. Sometimes getting out of school even for a little bit is super relieving. I think all of these would be wonderful improvements to the campgrounds. Thank you for taking the time to listen, to not just mine but others ideas for the campground.



20 October 2021

Norfork MP Planner Natural Resources Management Section Little Rock District U.S. Army Corps of Engineers P.O. Box 867 Little Rock, AR 72203

Dear Northfork MP Planner:

We would really appreciate it if you would make an upgrade on David's trail around Northfork lake because some people, including me Like to take their dogs and get physical activity to become healthier. Some people enjoy going outside and enjoy the fresh air and the magnificent view. We would get more tourist If you guys would clean up David's trail. We need to add benches so people can rest and take breaks on David's trail and people can also take the view if they sit down and look around. I would really like to see removal of the dangerous rocks so people can not get hurt while walking David's trail.

I appreciate you taking the time to read my letter and an opportunity to tell you. Thank you in advance for any help you might be able to offer in the future.

Norfork MP Planner

Natural resources Management Section Little Rock District U.S Army Corps of engineers P.O. Box 867 Little Rock, Ar 72203 October 21, 2021

Dear Norfork MP Planner, I am a student at and I would love it if you and your team could add additional things to the Davids Trail such as more bus access, more trail markers, and outdoor classrooms for the people of Mountain Home.

To begin, adding more bus access would allow more students to go to the trail at a time. Included with more bus access would be turnaround areas. This would allow safer transportation and fewer safety hazards.

Next, putting in more trail markers on the trail would allow hikers to have a safer hike knowing where all the dangers are. Also adding trail markers with the distance of the trail would allow hikers or runners to know how far they traveled and how far to the next resting spot.

Furthermore, adding outside classrooms to the trails would allow more people or connect with nature. Breathing in fresh air is breathing in artificial air, which is the air found inside. Also being outside and breathing fresh air, your cells will produce more energy, this will help with

keeping students focused.

Thank you for your time and consideration of all these new ideas. I hope to see these changes at the park in the future. More events will happen and overall will be better and benefits the community in a good and positive way.

October 19, 2021

Dear Norfork MP Planner,

I am writing this letter to lend a hand to my community of mountain home and norfork. We would like the help of the Corps of Engineering with the Davids Trail Campaign.

Some improvements I believe we should propose, is we could use some bus access points at the main trailhead. This could make it easier for schools to have school trips especially. Furthermore, it would be useful to have outdoor classrooms.

We are very thankful for you considering our proposal. I look forward to seeing a positive change with this campaign.

October 19, 2021

Dear Norfork MP Planner,

My name is a second and I attend a second be made to School. I am consulting you on the changes that should be made to David's Trail. There should be bus access, primitive camping areas, and trailhead markers.

To begin, bus access with enough space to turn around would be a huge benefit. It would bring more local schools and publicity. The schools could bring children for school field trips. The second suggestion is to add primitive camping areas that would be beneficial for individuals that enjoy hiking and camping. It would give them the opportunity to stay a couple of nights instead of a few hours. The last suggestion is to add trailhead markers that would also be helpful for any newcomers.

This would be a great benefit for the community. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Dear Norfork MP Planner.

I would like to encourage you to include the addition of many different things to the soon to be known as the Ozark Keystone Trail. The Ozark Keystone Trail could have many improvements added to it like, more bus access, outdoor classes that have online access as well, more trailhead markers along the trail, new bus parking as well as turn around areas for the bus, and primitive camping areas.

By including these new aspects to the trail, it could attract more tourism and allow classes from local schools to come and enjoy the outdoors or do research about the wilderness. For example, the teachers could take a field trip to David's Trail and they could walk the trail. The outdoor classes could allow the students to stop along the trail to write something down or do research on whatever they are studying.

There are so many new opportunities for students, families, and tourists if these things are added to the trail. By adding these things to the Ozark Keystone Trail, it could attract more tourists, provide new learning environments for students, and offer a place where families can enjoy the outdoors.

October 18, 2021

Dear Norfork MP Planner,

Hello, my name is

. I am years old and I go to

I am writing to you about your transportation systems as well as your internet source. I think you should consider adding ways for buses to go through the park so that you would get more people to come. This would also allow students from all kinds of different schools in the area also. I believe you should add internet outside so that children/students can enjoy and learn outside as well as inside.

I believe having internet outside would drive more people to your park and it would drag more schools to come to your park which would bring a higher profit and you would make more money

Also I believe that you should make it to where buses can come because more students can come out and learn the history from that trail and other things that are at the trail also it would make it to where more students and schools come to the trail for field trips and more. John Lubbock states, "Earth and sky, woods and fields, lakes and rivers, the mountain and sea are all excellent schoolmasters, and teach us more than we can ever learn from books."

Thank you for reading this letter about what I think you should add in your park/trail that will increase the interest in your trail/park. I wish you well and have a nice day.

October 20, 2021

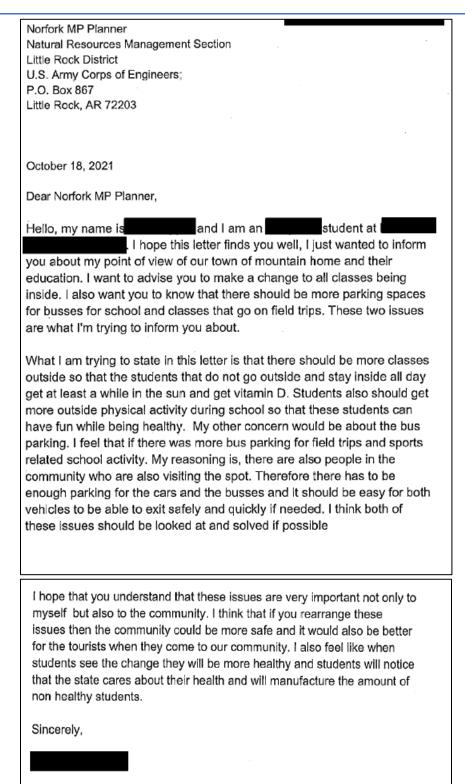
Norfork MP Planner Natural Resources Management Section Little Rock District U.S. Army Corps of Engineers P.O. Box 867 Little Rock, AR 72203

Dear Norfork MP Planner

I am writing to you to request permission and assistance, for my school, I heard about a problem in our area. We don't have too many actual nature trails in our town. Most of our trails are outside of the county, or aren't really pretty nature and are inside of city limits. Almost everybody I know has been there and enjoyed their time, it's essentially a relic of our town. I've known about David's Trail since I was little, I used to go with my mom all the time. I haven't been in like legit 5 years, it's been forever. I recently went to it not long ago and saw the condition of our beloved trail. It was trashy, the trail was almost incomprehensible in terms of where to go. It was overgrown, rocks were everywhere and out of place, it looked like it hadn't had any attention or care to it in years. It was hard to think I used to spend a lot of my childhood here and now it was destroyed. At my school we all discussed and understood that we all spent time

there and would love to see it replenished. We would love for you guys to help us with cleaning up the trail, fixing paths, and etc. We also thought of a couple ideas to improve it and revise it. Maybe hammock stands for leisure, more accessible benches, camping spots, maybe a lookout point over the lake, all things that can improve our time and experience at this trail.

Overall, we want to restore this area and bring back the fun we all used to have and enjoy as kids and families. Meeting you in person with a couple of our representatives would greatly impact us with hearing your feedback.



October 18, 2021

Dear Norfork MP Planner,

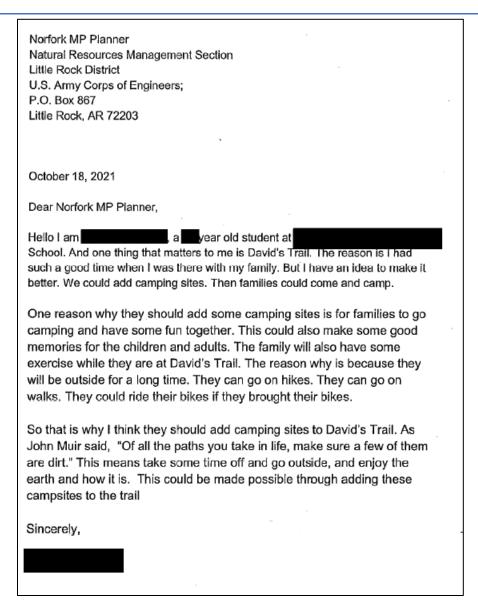
I am a student from **Constitution**. I am writing this letter to help me and my community. We need help from the Core of Engineers to work with us to make some of our ideas possible such as bus access,outside class rooms and internet access.

If we had larger parking lots at the main trailhead, our schools would have better access for field trips and if our buses get access to the trail and we could put in some pavilions or outdoor classrooms. It would be very beneficial for some classrooms because schools can bring kids on field trips and teach them about nature and give them some lessons and history behind David's trail. Another thing that would be good for this idea would be some internet access out there so students and teachers can do work out there and learn, teach. If these ideas are met it would make a better lifestyle in our students and schools.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter about David's trail. I look forward to seeing progress.

Natural Resources Management Section Little Rock District U.S. Army Corps of Engineers; PO. Box 867 Little Rock, AR 72203
October 19, 2021
Dear Norfork MP Planner,
My name is second and I'm an student at student at School . I am writing to inquire about 3 expansions of David's trail. The expansions include inputting outdoor classrooms with digital capabilities, constructing a bus parking area that includes a space to turn around, and hanging up trailhead markers.
Expansions such as outdoor classrooms with digital capabilities, a bus parking area, and trailhead markers are beneficial to the community in efforts to improve their lifestyles. Outdoor classrooms would help teachers and students be in nature but still stay on learning tasks with digital access. In addition to outdoor classrooms, a bus parking area would help schools with the transportation to David's Trail as a total. This bus area would make field trips to David's Trail occur frequently and conveniently. The last expansion I would like to petition is hanging up trailhead markers. Trailhead markers will help keep individuals on track on the trail and provide opportunities for all kinds of people depending on what they want to explore.
Thank you for considering my ideas for the expansion of David's Trail. You can contact me at look forward to the possible expansions of David's Trail.
Sincerely,

	Norfork MP Planner Natural Resources Management Section Little Rock District U.S. Army Corps of Engineers P.O. Box 867 Little Rock, AR 72203
	October 20, 2021
	Dear Norfork MP Planner,
I am writing to ask for the help of the Corps of Engineers with the David's Trail Campaign. We feel it very important to have more bus access to the beginning of David's Trail so schools and tourists can go to the trail. The bus access would make it possible for tourists and school students to go and enjoy t trails. Having outdoor classrooms would help students and teachers by r being indoors 30-40 hour a week every week. This would allow them to get fresh air and add to a more healthy lifestyle for our schools and community.	
	Sincerely,



Date Oct 22, 2021

Dear Norfork MP Planner,

I am writing this letter to improve our community and boost tourism in our state and our community. We could use the help of the Corps of Engineers with the David's Trail Campaign.

One improvement I would ask of your corporation would be to add bus access to the main trailhead. This would allow our schools to take field trips there. Additionally, I would ask that you create an outdoor classroom with pavilion areas, benches, and restrooms. All these improvements could benefit this area and surrounding communities. These improvements could make an outdoor area for schools and other citizens of this area or others.

Thank you for considering these improvements. Have a nice rest of your year. I look forward to seeing positive results for this letter. Sincerely,

Norfork MP Planner Natural Resources Management Section Little Rock District U.S. Army Corps of Engineers: P..O. Box 867 Little Rock, AR 72203 October 19, 2021 Dear Norfork MP Planner, and I am from Hello, my name is School. I am writing to you in regards to your upcoming project on David's Trail. I have some suggestions on how to improve the trail, and how to make David's Trail more enjoyable for everyone. These ideas include an advantageous camping site, suitable outdoor classrooms, and much needed trail markers. To begin, I feel as if a renovated camp site could be added to add to interest in the trail. Improving the campsite by adding running water and a more efficient plumbing system could double tourism numbers in size. Furthermore, an outdoor classroom would not just be enjoyable for students and can help improve learning experiences. By adding benches, picnic tables, and a pavilion for an outdoor classroom can provide a perfect area for an outdoor classroom. My final recommendation is adding necessary trail markers. Trail markers are used to help mark pathways but David's Trail currently lacks them. I believe they are an effective way to get around the trail and should be added. I want to thank you for your time and consideration in reading this letter and I hope that you do decide to look into these ideas and make them come to fruition. If you need to reach me for further information about my ideas you can contact me at In conclusion. I want to thank you once again for your time and I feel as if these suggestions happen, you can make David's Trail a glorious place once again. Sincerely,

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Norfork MP Planner Natural Resources Management Section Little Rock District U.S. Army Corps of Engineers; P.O. Box 867 Little Rock, AR 72203

Date October 18, 2021

Dear Norfork MP Planner,

Hello, I am the but sometimes people call me to you something I think would help get way more people to your trail. "People rarely succeed unless they have fun in what they are doing." Saying that means do not tell a kid who hates going somewhere to learn. To get someone to go somewhere tell them what you have or what you are going to have. A kid does not want to go on a trail and learn for four hours. They want to have fun. It would be a good idea to add some things and tell them what you are going to have to get them to go to your trail.

To get someone to come to your trail you can say, there are playgrounds, water you can swim in, camp sites. To get money you can add tents and they cost \$10 every night you use them, unless you bring your own. People will have to pay to get in and make sure the area is safe. Having a lot of fun things there will encourage kids to bring their family, getting you a lot of money to keep your trail going. If a school goes there for a field trip, they will have to pay a little or not at all. If the school stays for 5 hours, then they will not have to pay. No kid wants to stay on a trail and walk and learn for 5 hours, make it fun. After the kids walk the trail and learn, they want to go play, and run and have fun with friends, because a field trip is for students with good grades make it fun for them, the people still at the school will be having more fun than the people that have good grades.

Having no fun on something the kids learn wont want to come to any outside field trip. They want to have a lot of fun when they go somewhere. I would love to go somewhere and learn then go have fun. I hope you like my idea and hopefully you read this. Thank you for letting me write such an amazing letter for you guys.

10-20-21

Dear Norfork MP Planner,

My name is and I am a student from

I am writing to you because I have heard about a new development in the Lake Norfork area. I have some ideas that you could add for an idea of more easily accessible boat ramps, and more areas to camp around Lake Norfork.

From personal experience when my family goes to Lake Norfork and the water is higher than usual, most of the campsite is under water at Mallard Point. At Cranfield marina the road to the campsite is under water. At pigeon creek public use area, the boat ramp and bike trails are inaccessible when the water is high. I have heard about David's Trail and the name being changed to The Ozark Keystone Trail and I agree with this action and I think that you need to add access to bus traffic and a dedicated area for buses to turn around. Possibly an outdoor classroom with internet capabilities. If it is possible to add more trailheads and trail markers that lead to possible new trail heads because people may not be able to walk as much as they used to or they are in a hurry and need to get somewhere.

These are some ideas that I hope that you could consider adding to your project on Lake Norfork. As a reminder, these are my ideas, easily accessible boat ramps, and more areas to camp around Lake Norfork.

Date: October 18, 2021

Dear Norfork MP Planner,

I am contacting you today to request positive changes be made to David's Trail. The improvements could include the addition of primitive camping sites throughout the trail, outdoor classrooms with digital capabilities, and new bus parking/ turn around areas.

To begin, one way to encourage the use of the trail could be the addition of primitive camping sites across the land. This would allow students who have previously visited the trail to revisit with their families. Another way to encourage the public use of the trail would be to add outdoor classrooms with possible internet/electrical access. This would make the trail more open to local teachers and students. That being said, new bus parking/turn around areas would allow the entry and exit of, for example, school busses to be safer and more efficient.

Thank you for taking the time to consider these ideas. Please feel free to contact me with any questions at the second se

October 18, 2021

Dear Norfork MP Planner,

I have some suggestions that you might consider adding to the David's Trail. I am providing some ideas such as outdoor classrooms and maintaining a healthy lifestyle.

I would love the outdoor classroom idea. I would love that idea because kids can learn better for example they can focus better as well. They will think it fun because instead of a cold class there outside with nature. Also they can add Wi-Fi for kids to go and write everything on their way. As David Thoreau said, "The world is but a canvas to the imagination."

I would also love the idea of a healthy lifestyle. I would because It can help people by looking at nature and seeing what is in nature. It can also get people motivated by not playing on their phones a lot or watching TV. It's also healthy for people to have a healthy lifestyle.

"He who has health has hope and he who has hope has everything" -Arabian Proverb-

In conclusion, these are some good ideas to look at. The one I think that you should add is the outdoors classroom to make a kid have fun.

Norfork MP Planner Natural Resources Management Section Little Rock District U.S. Army Corps of Engineers; PO. Box 867 Little Rock, AR 72203	
October 19, 2021	

Dear Norfork MP Planner,

I am writing this letter to help my community grow. We need the help of the Corps of Engineers with the Davids Trail Campaign.

One important thing that I would propose is that an outside classroom should be added to the main trailhead. This idea would make it easier for our students to be able to take field trips.

Thank you for your consideration. I look forward to being able to take more field trips.

October 18, 2021

Norfork MP Planner

Natural Resources Management Section

Little Rock District

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers;

P..O. Box 867

Little Rock, AR 72203

Dear Norfork MP Planner,

I would like to suggest a few modifications to David's 3.6 mile trail featuring the Norfolk lake, located in Panther Bay. These suggestions include the following: Outdoor classroom with digital capabilities, primitive camping, and bus accessibility. Overall these suggestions could boost tourism as well as our local economy.

To begin, I would like to suggest an outdoor classroom with digital capabilities. This addition would benefit students and teachers by providing an introduction to the trailheads and would also introduce a healthy lifestyle. Alongside this I would like to suggest primitive camping. This would bring in more tourists to explore what the trail has to offer and introduce camping skills to the youth. Finally, I am suggesting more bus accessibility to encourage the use of David's Trail by allowing students to be adventurous and explore the different trails.

I want to thank you in advance for your consideration on this project. I am respectfully asking that the above suggestions be considered for the benefit of our community. Feel free to contact me at

October 18, 2021

Dear, Norfork MP Planner,

I would like to introduce the three major plans to add to Davids trail. Some of the plans arc having year-round access, school access, and dispersed camping. If these motifications were added to Davids trail business would be superior.

Furthermore, one motive from having year-round access is bringing in more tourists that can visit anytime they please, rather than coming by when it is occupied. It would be the same deed for dispersed camping, more tourist. The opposed motive is having tourists that can tour the full trail, not breaking up parts of it. If Davids Trail had school access, there would be masses of school appearing at Davids Trail. Children would be more engaged by going out, not being stuck at school all day.

Thank you for taking time to read my letter. I desire for you to take in the motifications I have included. If you would like to contact me, you can reach me at

Date: October 18, 2021

Dear Norfork MP Planner,

I am contacting you to request changes to more trailhead markers, outdoor classrooms with digital capabilities, and addition of some primitive camping areas along the trail. David's Trail is beneficial because it is easy to get to, an acceptable family trail to hike on, and you can gain exceptional exercises.

To begin, I would like to request more trailhead markers because it will benefit the tourists to not get lost and it will attract tourists. In addition, outdoor classrooms with digital capabilities. It will benefit the students and teachers because it will allow students to get out of school and enjoy the outdoors and will also attract more schools. Finally, I am requesting to add some primitive camping areas along the trail because I believe it would attract more tourist to camp. For example, they can go on a walk because the trail is closer to their campsite.

Thank you for taking the time to read my letter of request to add more trailhead markers, outdoor classrooms with digital capabilities, and addition of some primitive camping areas along the trail. Feel free to contact me at

Norfork MP Planner Natural Resources Management Section Little Rock District U.S. Army Corps of Engineers; PO. Box 867 Little Rock, AR 72203			
October 18, 2021			
Dear Norfork MP Planner,			
I'm contacting Norfork MP Planner to request these changes that need to be made to David's trail: Having new bus accessibility, new trailhead markers, and camping areas throughout the trails.			
To begin, one reason for thinking that David's trail should consider adding bus accessibility is because new bus accessibility will make it easier for visitors coming to David's Trail by bus to park conveniently. Additionally, new trailhead markers would make it easier for hikers to follow the trail. Finally, a camping area along the trail is a great way to attract families or individuals who like to camp and hike.			
Thank you for reading my ideas on how to improve David's trial. These things being added to David's trail would bring in more happy hikers. Please let me know if you have any questions for me. You can reach me at or by phone at			
Sincerely,			

Norfork MP Planner Natural Resources Management Section Little Rock District U.S. Army Corps of Engineers; P..O. Box 867 Little Rock, AR 72203 Date October,20,2021 Dear Norfork MP Planner. I am here to request modifications to be made to David's Trail that would benefit the community. I would like changes to be made to bus accessibility, more trailhead markers, and additional primitive camping areas on the trail. David's trail is used by many people in the community, and that includes schools. Adding more bus parking would help bus drivers get to students' locations on the trail and also reduce the number of miles walked to reach the nearest bus parking area. Additionally, adding more trailheads would help people and tourists who are unfamiliar with the trail find where they need to go in additon to their current location. Ultimately, more camp areas on the trail would be a great benefit for the young and old to eat, rest, and recover. These additions to David's trail will make it more accessible to schools as well as be beneficial to tourists who are experiencing the trail for the first time. I deeply thank you for taking your time out of the day to read this letter of recommendation. Sincerely,

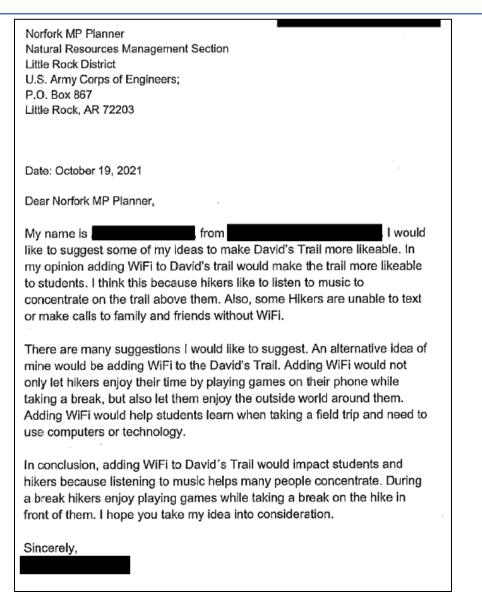
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Dear Norfork MP Planner,

I am suggesting three beneficial changes to David's Trail in Panther Bay: further bus accessibility, an outdoor classroom with digital capabilities, and more trailhead markers.

First, further bus accessibility. This is vital because this will also affect the effectiveness of the others. With further bus accessibility schools will be able to use the trail easier. It will also likely add more access to normal cars too, increasing the use in general. Next, an outdoor classroom. This will benefit students because being outside can improve short-term memory, helps eliminate fatigue, and may fight depression and anxiety. All of these will improve performance in school. Finally, more trailhead markers. More trailhead markers will make the trail look more pleasant, as well as make it easier to locate where you are.

In conclusion, further bus accessibility, an outdoor classroom with digital capabilities, and more trailhead markers should be added to David's Trail. I much appreciate you taking your time to read my letter and I hope you have a good day.



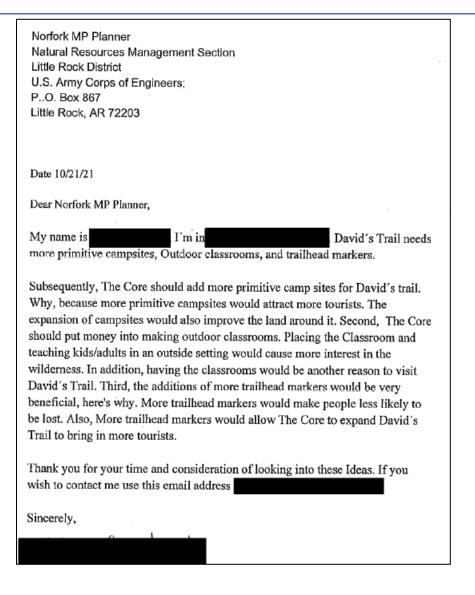
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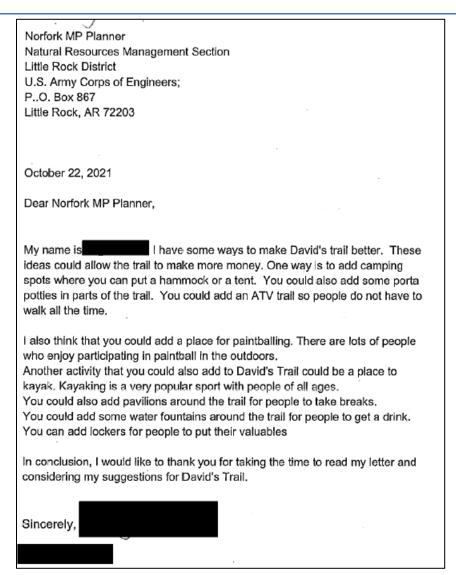
Dear Norfork MP Planner,

My name is and I am writing to you because I would like to encourage some ideas to improve David's Trail. I believe that adding bus access, more trailhead markers, and the creation of outdoor classrooms would benefit the expanding trail.

First of all, I believe David's Trail needs more parking and turn-around areas for buses. This could make more field trips possible and could introduce more students to the trail. In addition, I think that more trailhead markers would provide public safety and benefit tourists. Finally, the creation of outdoor classrooms would allow students to learn more while they are away from school. They could also allow a place for guest speakers or park rangers to teach students about David's Trail.

I would like to thank you for taking the time to read my letter. I hope you take these concepts into consideration. I think that everyone who enjoys David's trail will benefit from the expansion and the ideas that I have described.





Norfork MP Planner Natural Resources Management Section Little Rock District U.S. Army Corps of Engineers; P.O. Box 867 Little Rock, AR 72203 October 19th, 2021 Dear Norfork MP Planner, Hello, I am an student at I am writing to you regarding the improvement plan of David's Trall. I believe that there should be a private camping ground for tourists to stay at. It will let families spend more time together, it can reduce stress, and it will let people learn new skills. Adding a private camping ground will allow families to spend their time together. It can reduce people's stress levels if they are stressed about school. It can also reduce stress from problems at home. You can improve your fitness level, learn new skills, and you can learn independence. Camping grounds would be a great addition to David's Trail. As Peggy Chang once said, "Camping is a great opportunity to explore new things or dive deep into areas you love." I hope you consider my proposal. I appreciate you reading this letter, thank you for your time. Sincerely,

October 19th 2021

Dear Norfork MP Planner,

I am writing this letter to express my interest in David's Trail Campaign. I believe we should add onto the trail, but we will possibly need help from the Corps Of Engineers.

I believe we should add additional trail markers to the trail so we can fit more buses, and if someone gets injured on the trail they will be able to go to a trail marker to get help, and so we can have additional parking spots. So we should make trail markers bigger for cars and buses. Tourists will help our economy by buying supplies to hike the trail, they will most likely buy water, snacks, and supplies in case they get lost.

In Conclusion, I believe if we add additional trail markers, and make trail markers bigger it will help the economy, because we would have to buy supplies. If we make trail markers bigger people can fit more cars and buses. So this will help us with money and more fun.

October 19, 2021

Dear Norfork MP Planner,

My name is I am a student at

School. I am contacting you about influencing the Expansion Development of David's Trail.

First, more trailhead markers along the trail could benefit tourists so they know where they are going while they are hiking the trail. This helps the community so they know on a sign where a river could be or even a resting area. Primitive camping areas around the trail would help benefit tourists because if they are hiking the trail and they need somewhere to stay for the night, then a primitive camping area with running water, toilets, and electricity would help them out. There are going to be economic benefits to our community with more access to busses. This benefits tourists because they have busses to drive them to their camping area.

Thankyou for taking your time to read over this letter. David's Trail would really improve by adding these different plans to your trail. If you have any questions about this letter, contact me at

October 19, 2021

Dear Norfork MP Planner,

I am writing this letter for the community's help for adding more to the Davids Trail, which will make us much happier .We need help from the Corps of Engineers with the important Davids Trail Campaign.

My thoughts on some improvements would be,more bus access.Whenever busses arrive they don't have much room to park or even drop off students. The parking lot is very small at the main trailhead so maybe we could make it bigger.There are many reasons for it like busses could fit better so it would be much easier to park I am very sure the bus drivers would appreciate that. Another Idea that stroked our minds was to add an outside classroom.Where we could include benches,pavilions,picnic tables,Bathrooms and some sort of internet and electricity for our teachers.

Thank you so much for your consideration with the Davids Trail campaign. I look forward to hearing and seeing great things with the future of this project.

October 19, 2021

Dear Norfork MP Planner,

I am writing to make some strong suggestions about David's Trail Campaign.

If you could add bus access to parking lots, students could come and enjoy some time at David's Trail. If you have bus access, you could possibly add outside classrooms including internet, restrooms, a pavilion, and picnic tables for the students. The students could then not only have fun at the trail, but can also enjoy phone time and visiting with each other.

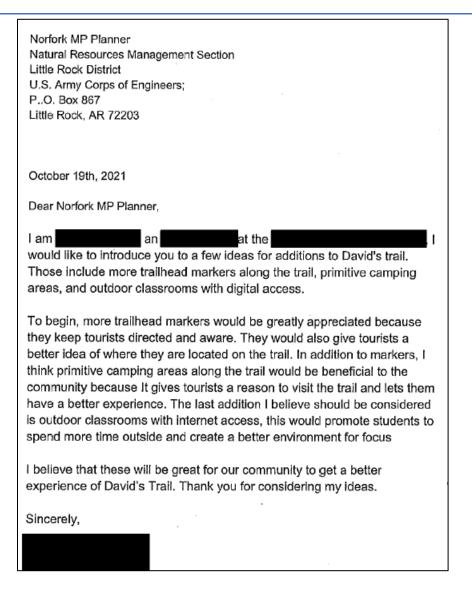
Thank you for your deliberation. I look forward to seeing the upgrades in this campaign.

10-20-21

Dear Norfork MP Planner,

I think that the addition of camping is a great idea. This idea would be great because it would bring more families together. You would have more time to enjoy with your family, at a place that is beautiful. Carol Ann Carson states that "David's Trail is the perfect step into nature for any Arkansas explorer." People can come from all over to see this place. It would be great if they had the addition of camping.

As a student from Mountain Home Junior High, also from Arkansas, I think that a wonderful addition to David's Trail would be camping. It would bring more families together and they could enjoy spending a few days there. I would love to hear back about what you think about my idea. Regardless, I am excited to see the possibilities that may be coming.



October 20, 2021

Dear Norfork MP Planner,

I am writing this letter to help my community improve and grow. We need the help from the Corps of Engineers with the Davids Trail Campaign, soon to be known as the Ozark Keystone Trail.

A way to grow as a community would be to add addition with bus access at the main trailhead. This would help with school buses and tourist buses. Schools could take field trips and tourists could take buses to get into the camp. We should also add an outdoor classroom so that schools can go there and have somewhere to learn in nature. To go along with that we could use cell service/ electricity so that they can show videos to show about the Norfork area and Arkansas area.

Thank you for your time and consideration. I look forward to seeing positive outcomes from the campaign.

October 18, 2021

Dear Norfork MP Planner,

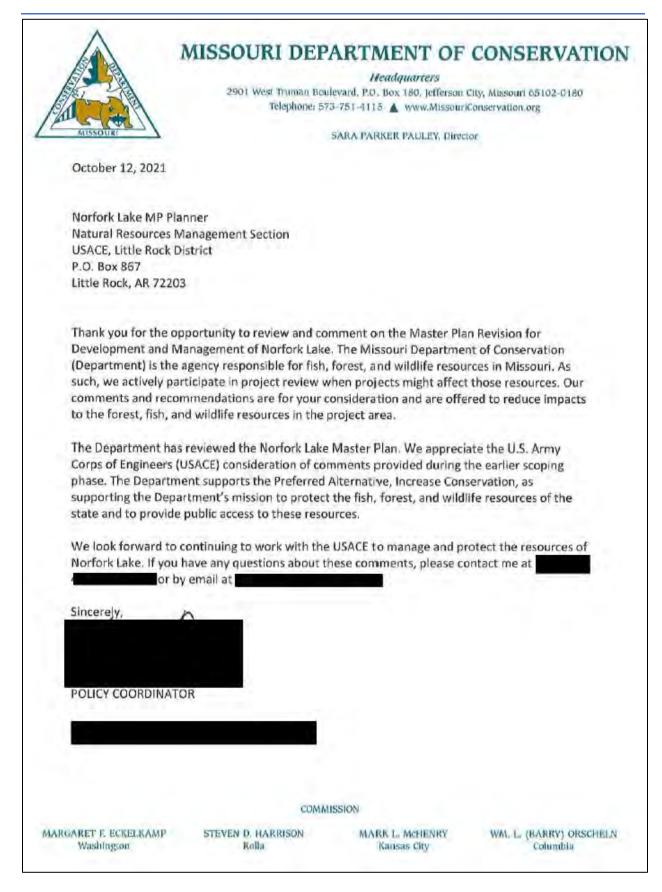
My name is **Sector** and I have some things I want to say about David's Trail. I would like to talk about keeping the campsite open to the people all year. The first reason is, some people do not like camping during the summer and prefer it during the Winter or Fall. The second reason is, sometimes people need to use the bathroom but they can not use it because the water is not running. The third reason is, some people may want to see the view after it snowed or after the leaves have changed colors and fell.

You guys should keep the campsites open because there is a short period of time that people can go during the year so it is more crowded than it would be if you guys left it open all year. But whenever someone needs to use the bathroom it is closed because the water is not running. But also if you were to leave the campsite open all year then that would be good for your business. During Fall and Winter people have their families over for Christmas, Thanksgiving, and Halloween so they may want to camp together as a family. The sites are also very beautiful especially in the Winter if it snows and in Fall with all the colorful leaves on the ground.

In conclusion, all I want to say is that you guys should really keep the campsite open year-round and not just for the Spring and Summer. In the Winter and Fall are when some people want to go camping because it is not nearly as hot as it would be during the Summer and Fall. Here is a good quote to tell you why, " We have got to get people out of their cars, out of those drive-thru windows, get them walking, get them in parks and get them more active." - Mick Cornett.

Appendix E: Agency Draft Release Comments

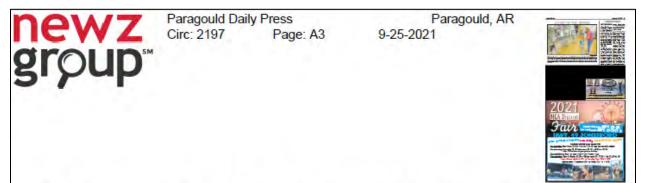
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What alternative best encompasses your vision for the future of Norfork Lake?	
What, if any, changes would you like to see to this alternative?	None
Additional Comments:	As long as the Arkansas Historic Preservation Program is consulted regarding any ground disturbing activities that may affect historic properties through the Section 106 process, we find the revised master plan to be acceptable.



Norfork Lake Master Plan Revision

From: To: Cc: Subject: Date:	"CESWL-NorforkMPUpdate@usace.army.mil"; Bloxham. James M CIV USARMY CESWL (USA) [Non-DoD Source] Norfork Lake Master Plan Tuesday, September 21, 2021 1:06:29 PM		
Hello,			
The Missouri Department of Natural Resources does not have comments on the Master Plan update at this time. We would like to be informed when a preferred alternative is identified.			
Please also update your contact information for the Missouri Department of Natural Resources to reflect our director. I am also a good point of contact for NEPA issues. Thanks.			
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Appendix F: Media Coverage



USACE announces workshops for Norfork Lake Master Plan revisions

SPECIAL TO THE DAILY PRESS

All interested persons are tendees. invited.

Assessment for the master and development of a be provided at the workplan, which evaluates the project's federal public shops or at any time during potential impacts of each lands and waters sur- the public comment perialternative, will also be rounding our reservoirs, od. The comment period available for review.

The shops will be held from watershed; specifically, to the Norfork MP Plan-

3:30 p.m. until 8 p.m. environmental steward-Sept.30 and 12 p.m. until ship and recreation relat-4 p.m. Oct. 1 at the Ar- ed purposes. MOUNTAIN HOME - kansas State University Representatives from The U.S. Army Corps of Sheid Convention Center, USACE will be present Engineers, Little Rock 1600 S. College Street, to answer questions on District will hold two Mountain Home. Due to the master plan revision public workshops Sept. COVID protocols, the process and to explain the 30 and Oct. 1 in Mountain Sheid Convention Center difference between a mas-Home to discuss the mas- requires mandatory mask- ter plan and a shoreline ter plan update process ing and six-foot social management plan. Anyand seek input from the distancing at their venue. one with any interest in public on the draft Nor- Masks and hand sanitizer the future management of fork Lake Master Plan. will be provided for at- Norfork Lake is encour-

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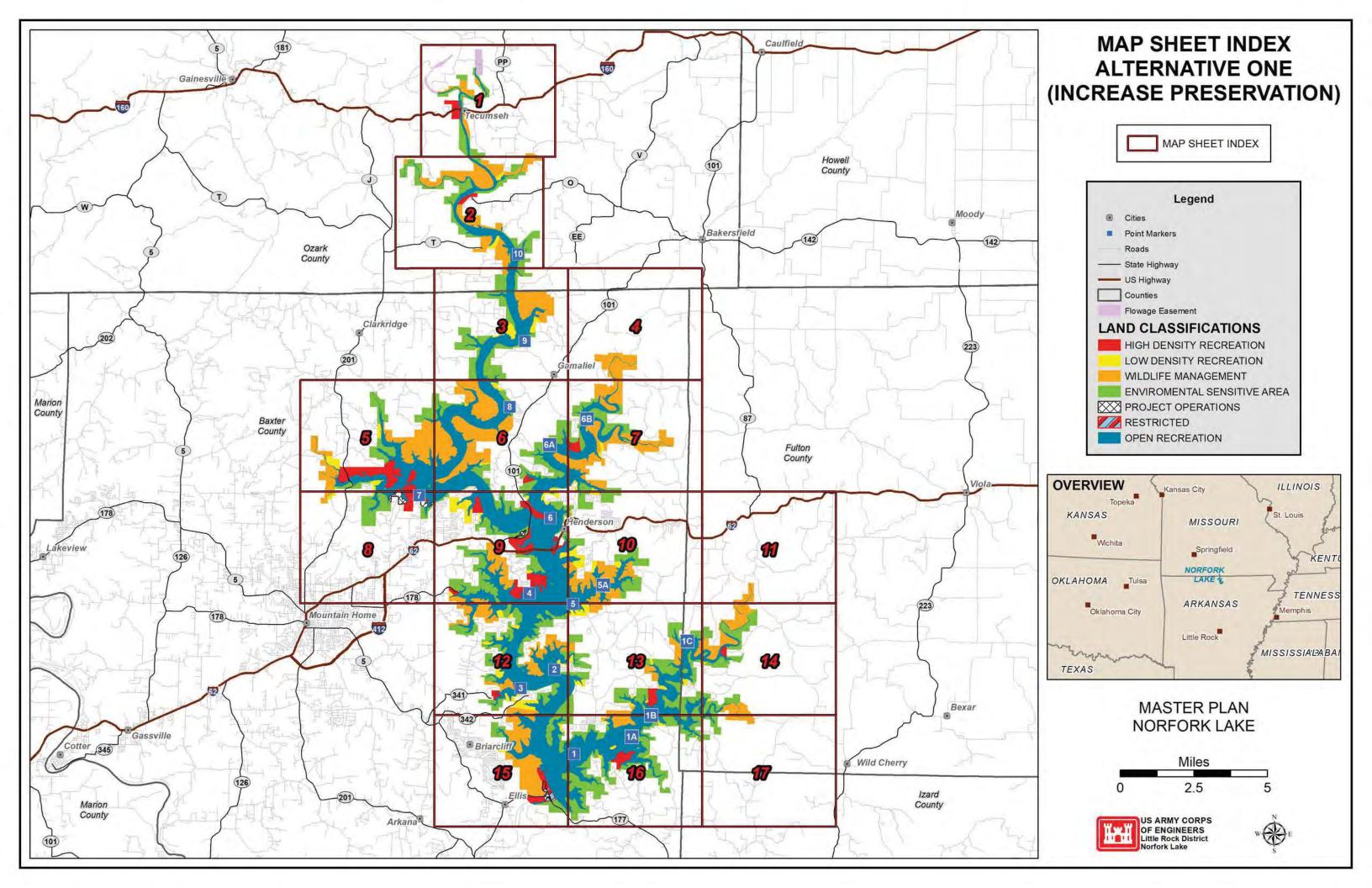
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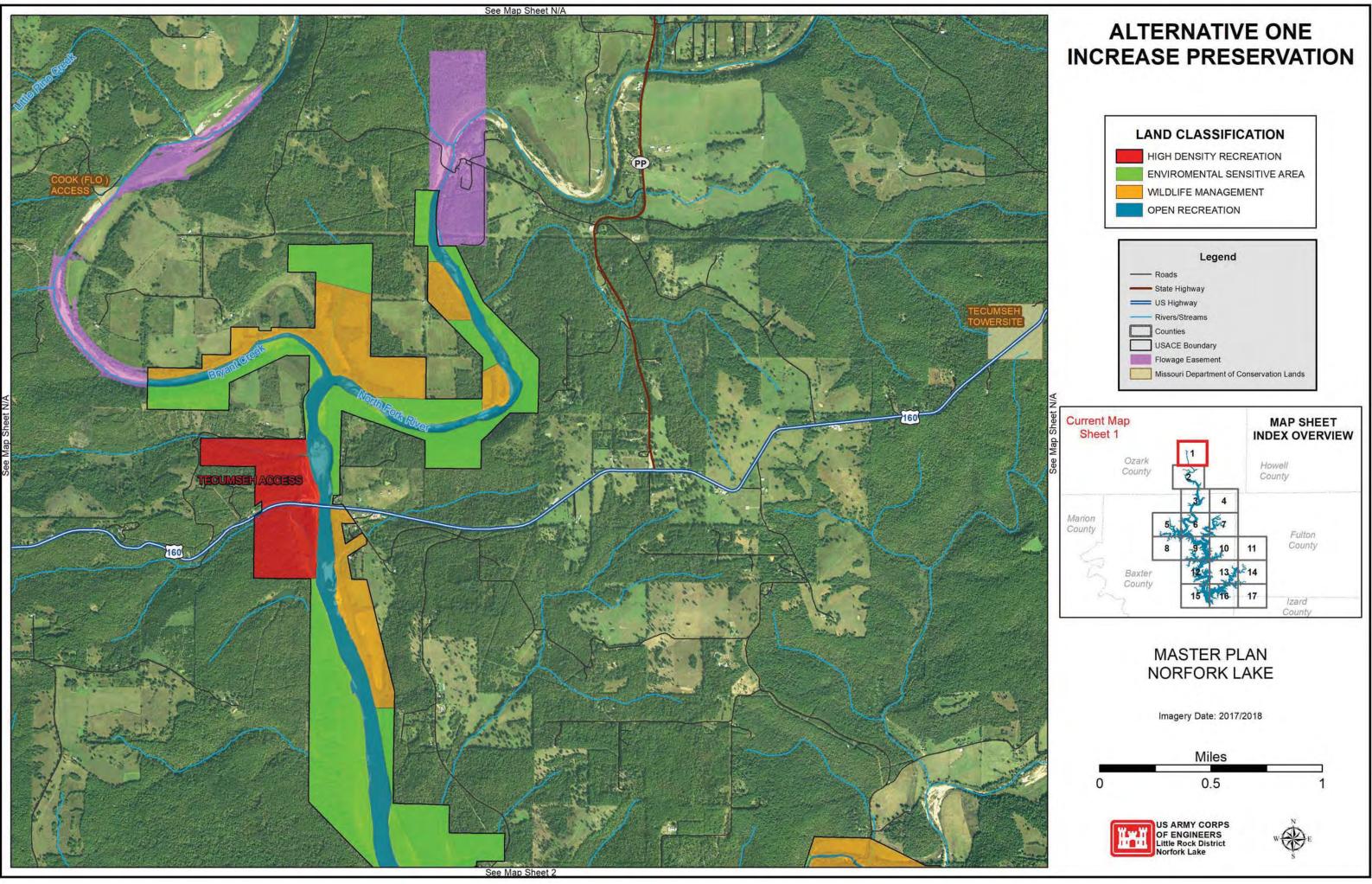
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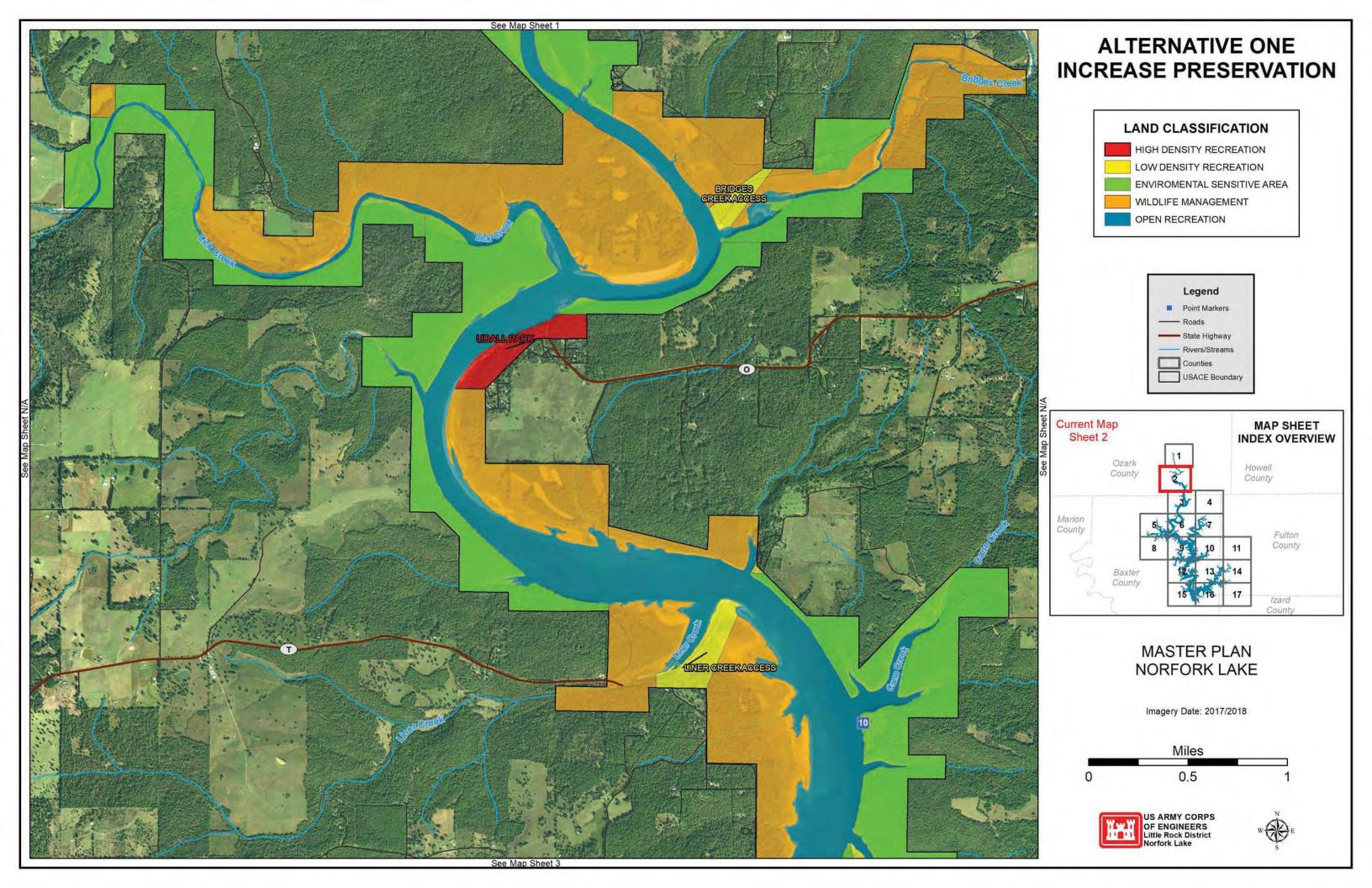
ner. Natural Resources Management Section. USACE Little Rock District, P.O. Box 867, Little Rock, AR 72203, by fax: 501-324-6230 or e-mailed CESWL-NorforkMto PUpdate@usace.army.mil before Oct. 29. An online fillable comment card is available at https://go.usa. gov/x7bXZ.

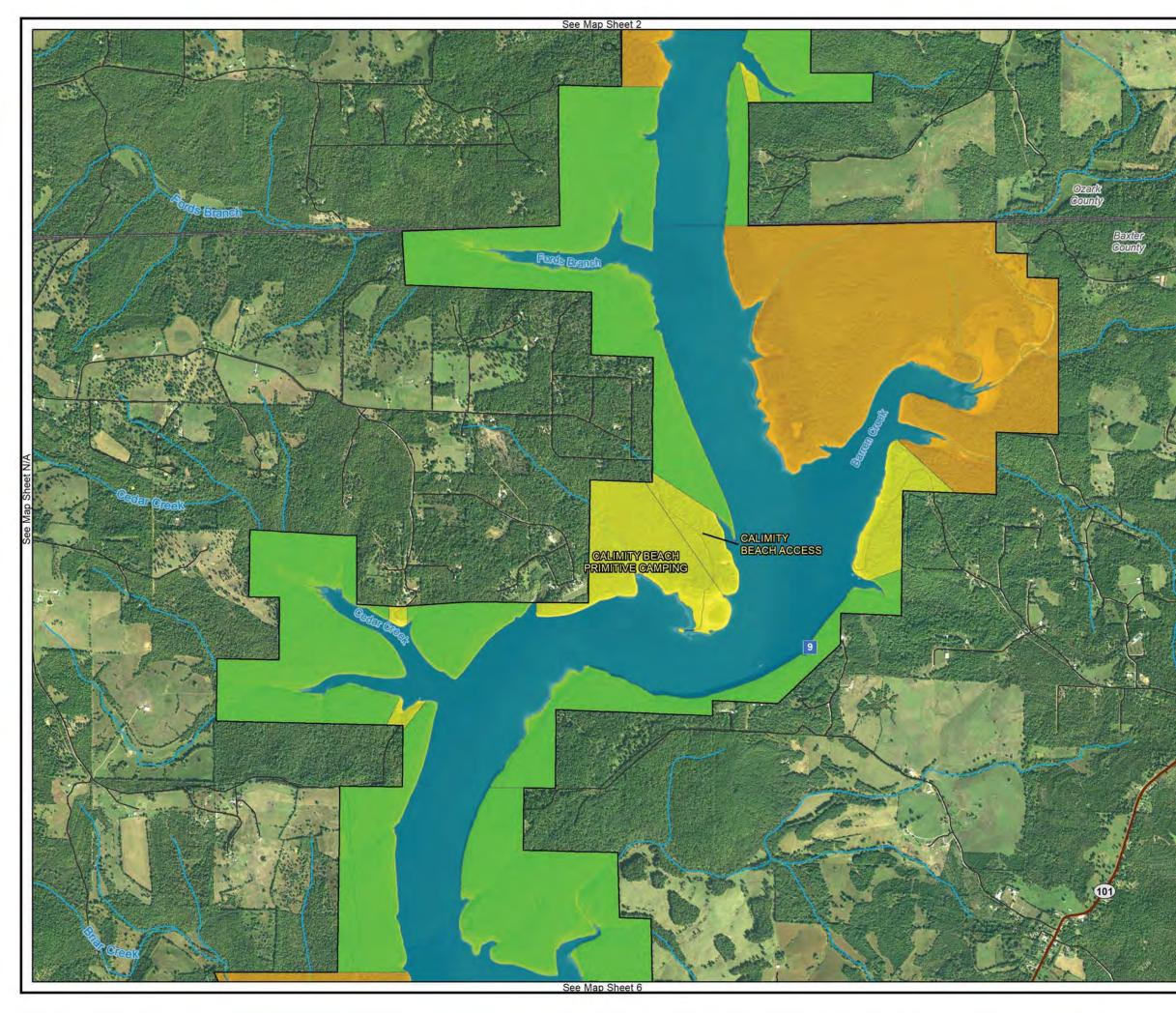
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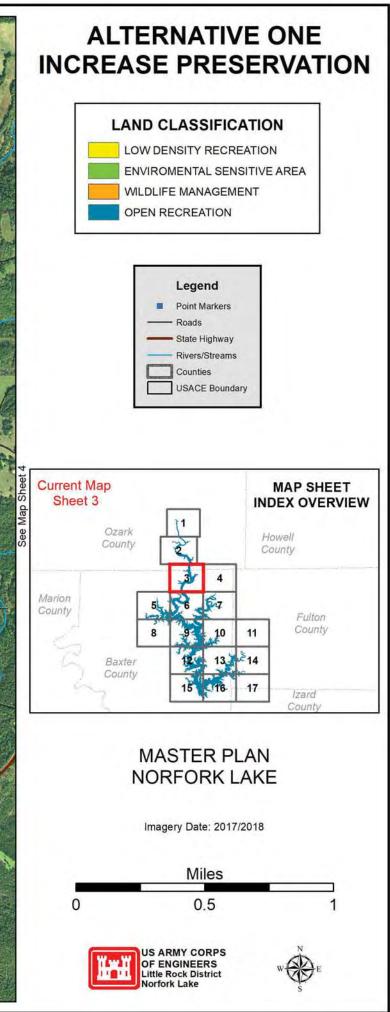
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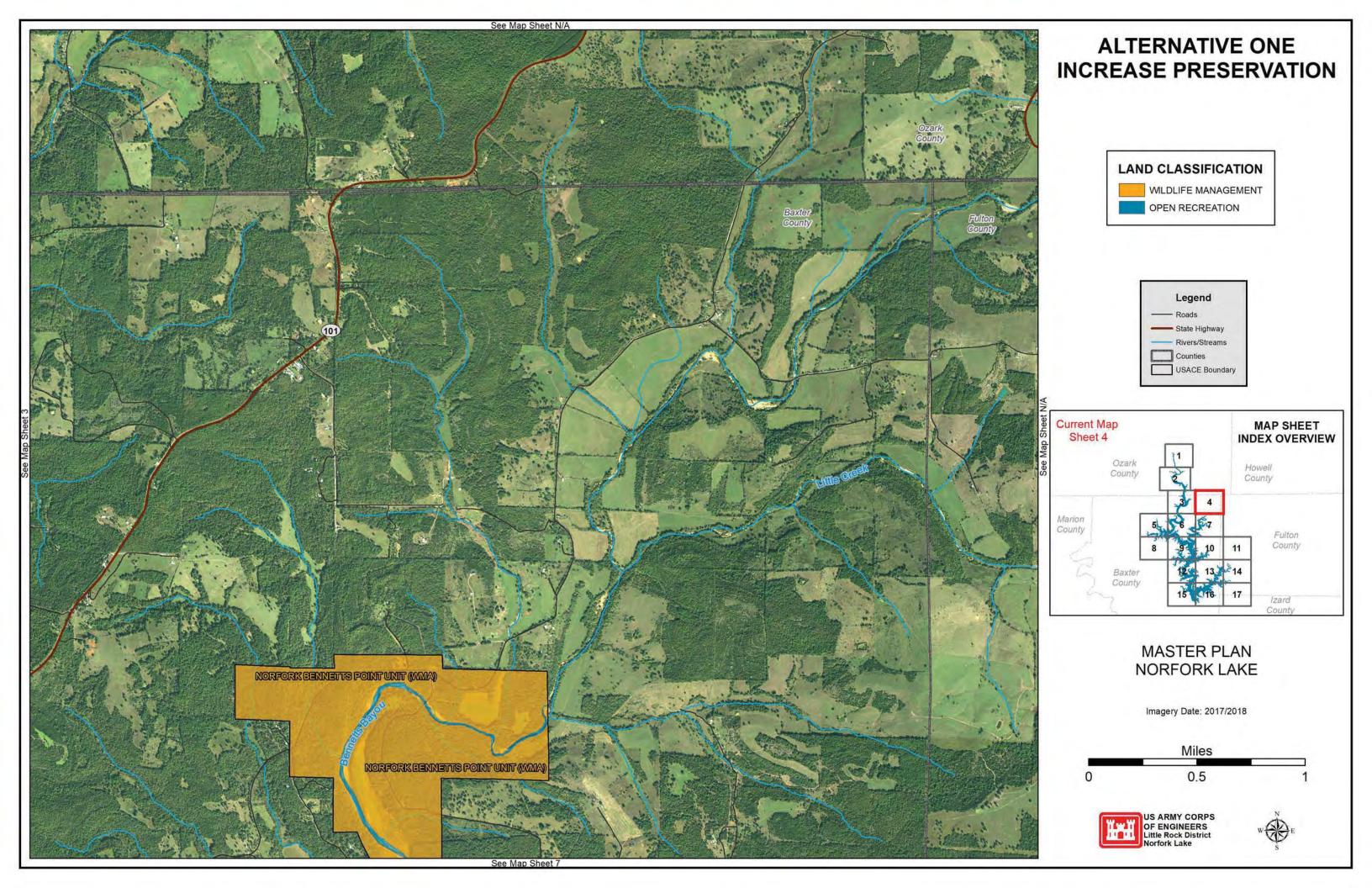


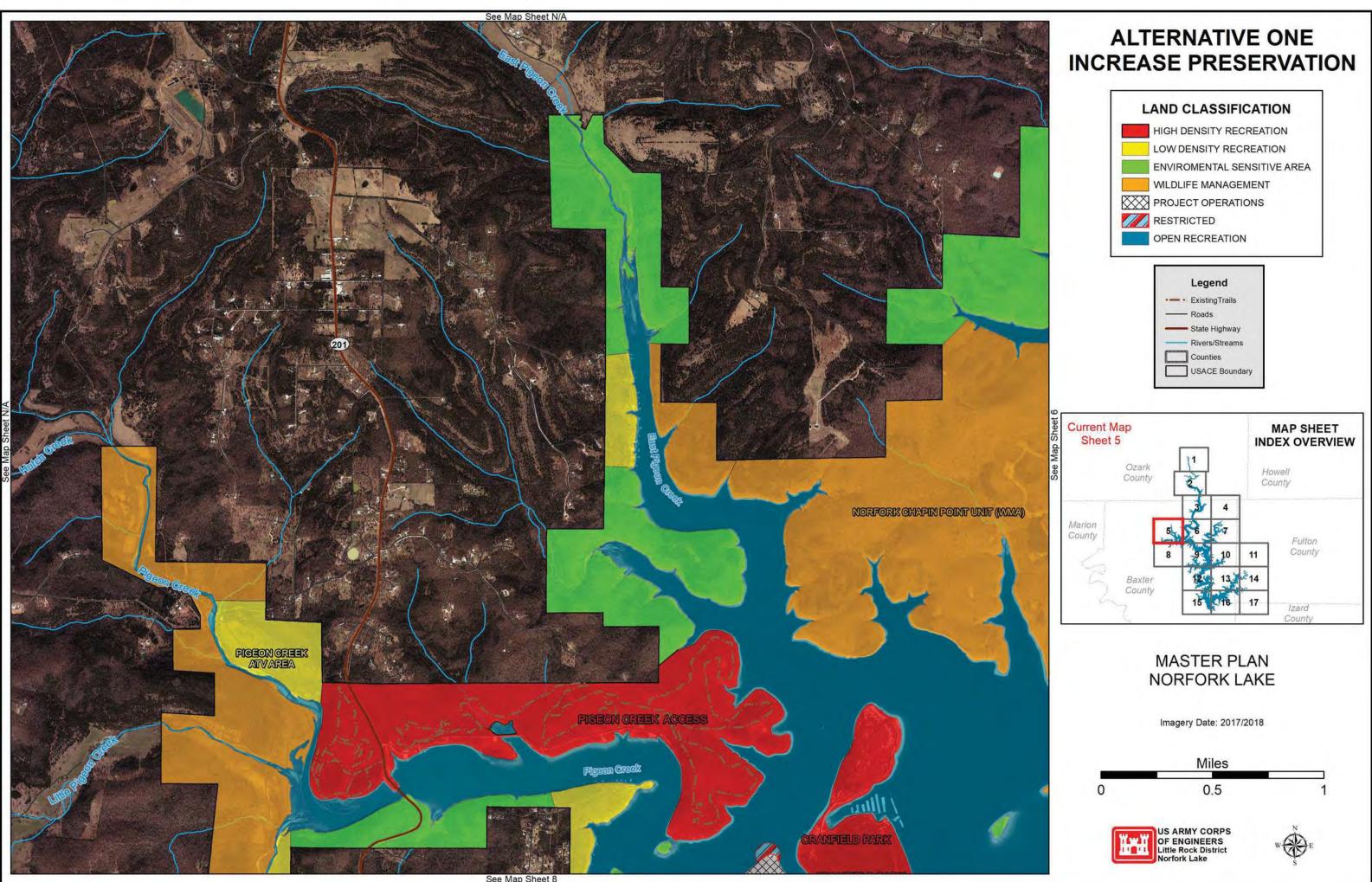


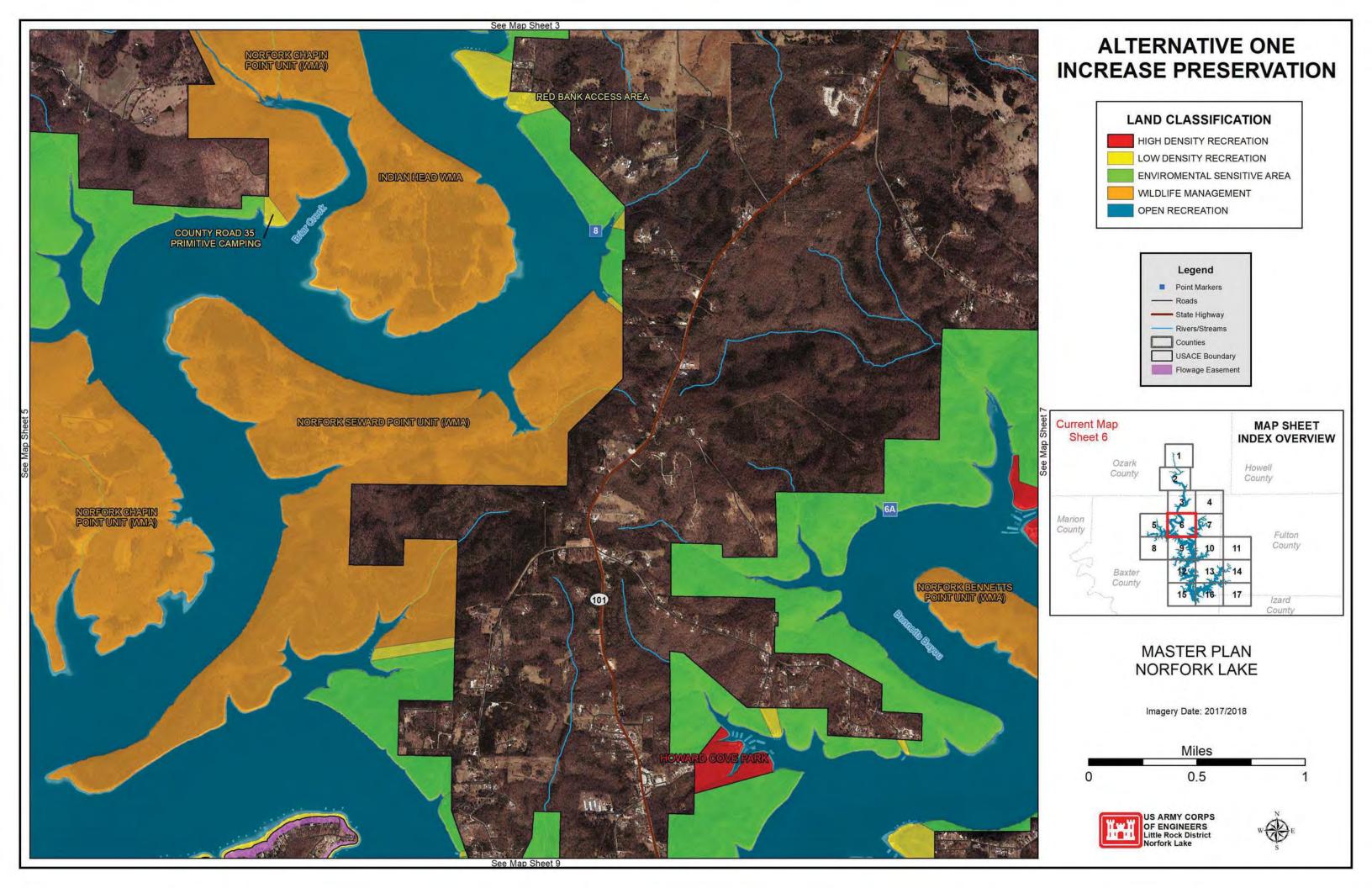


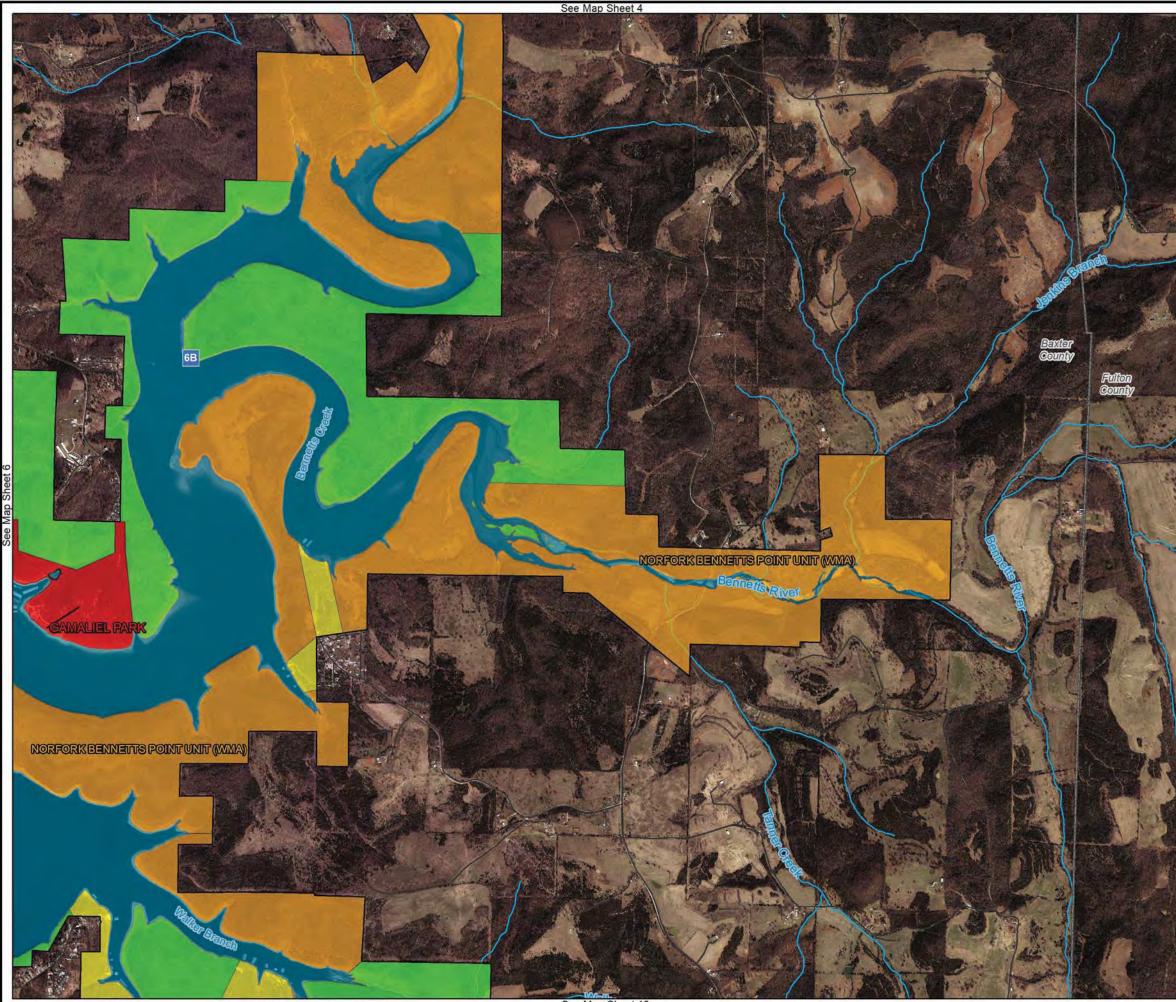


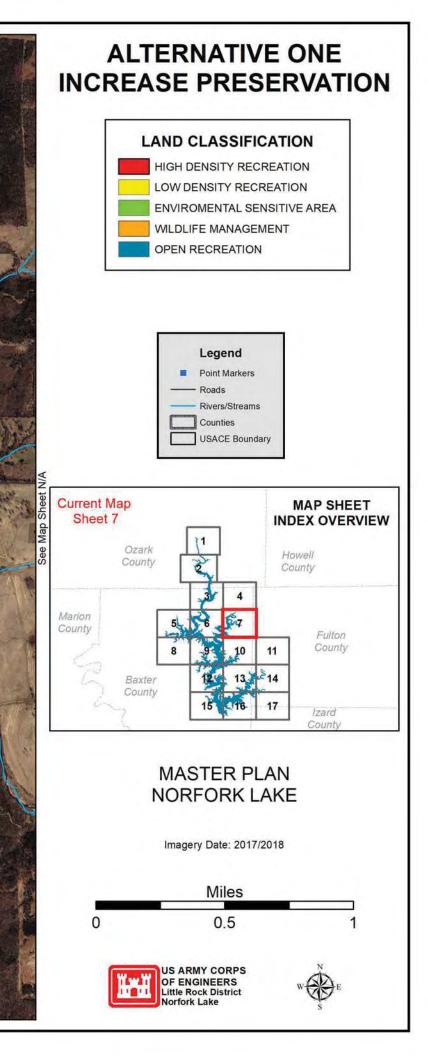


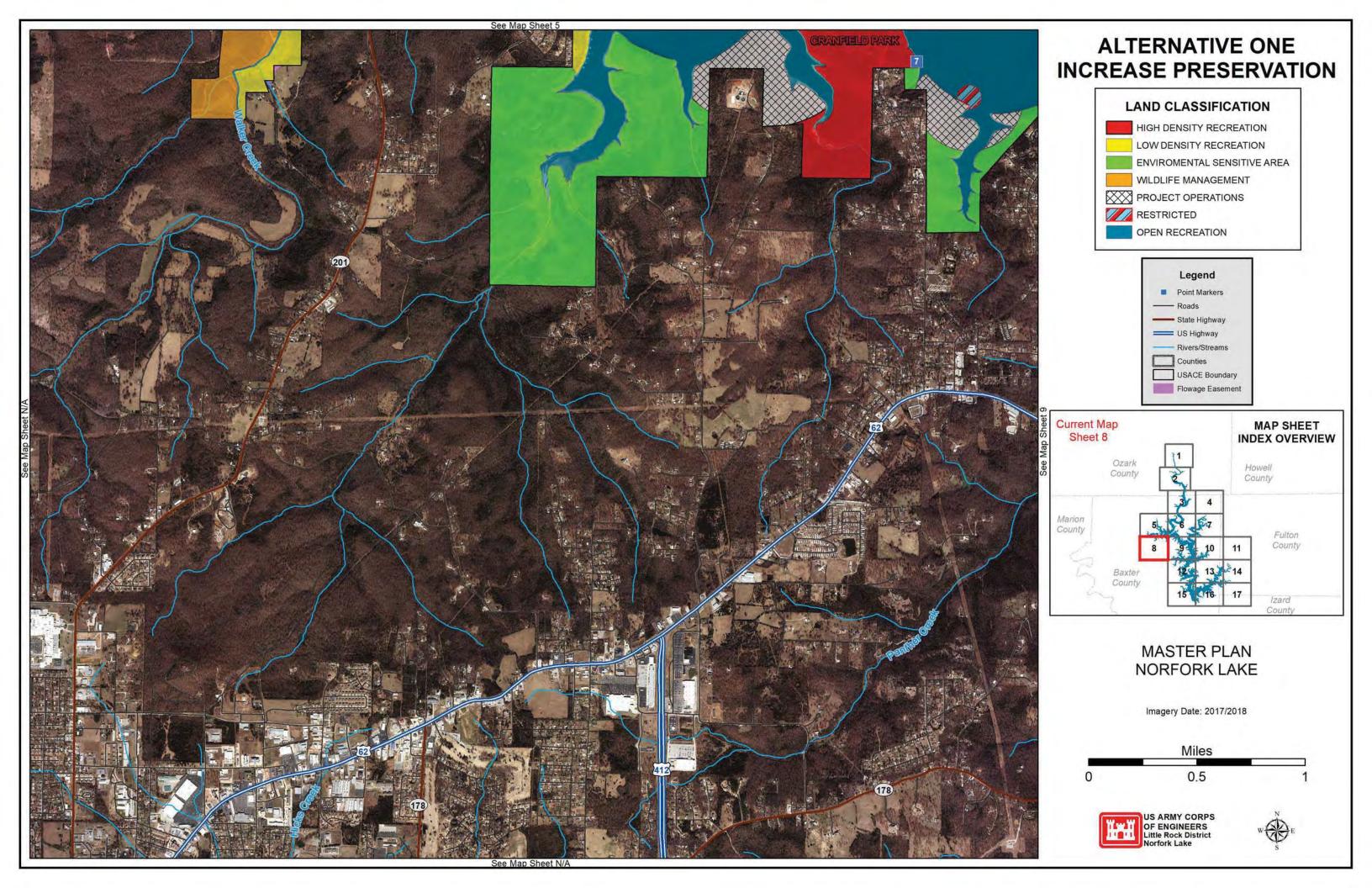


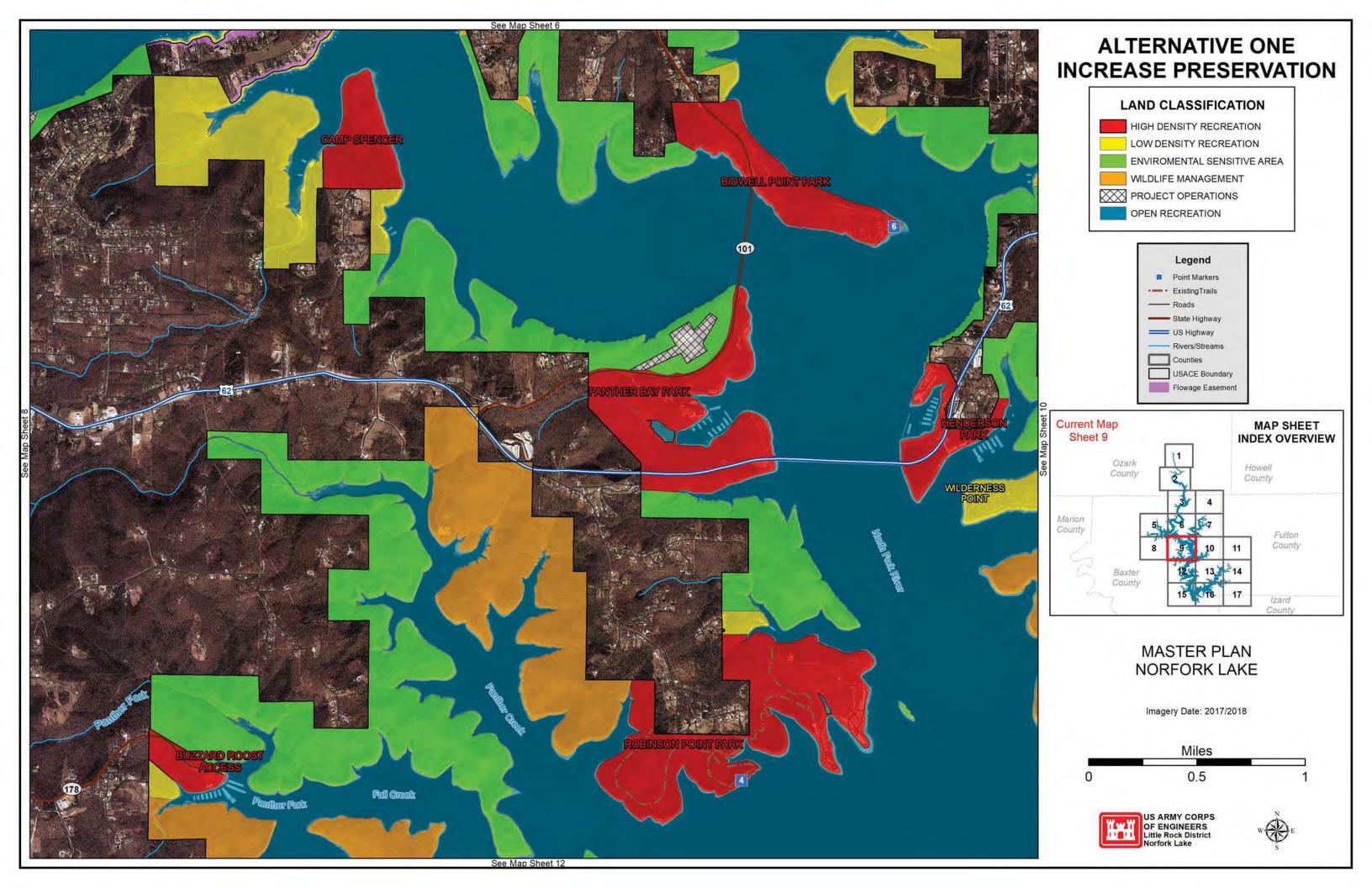


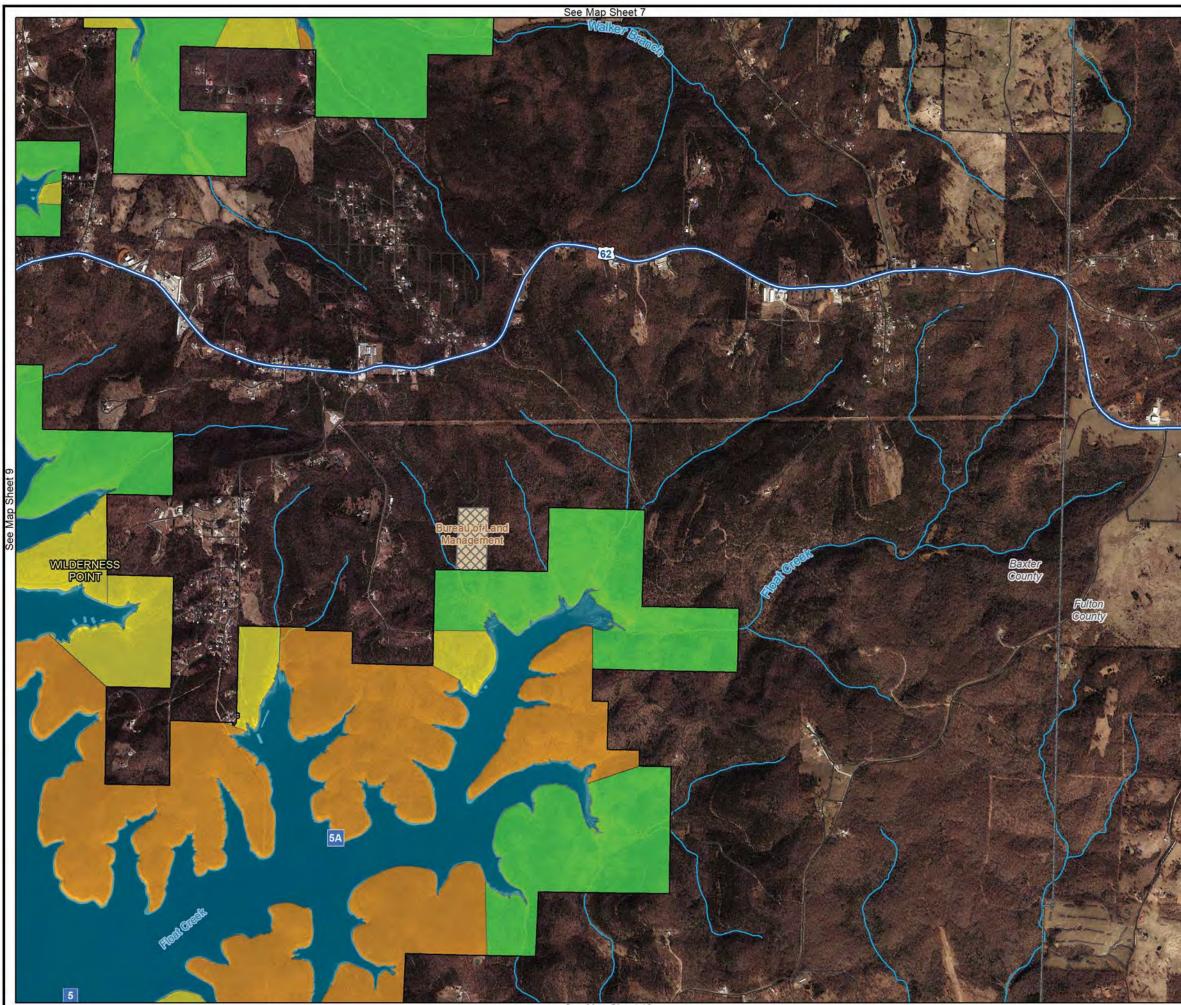


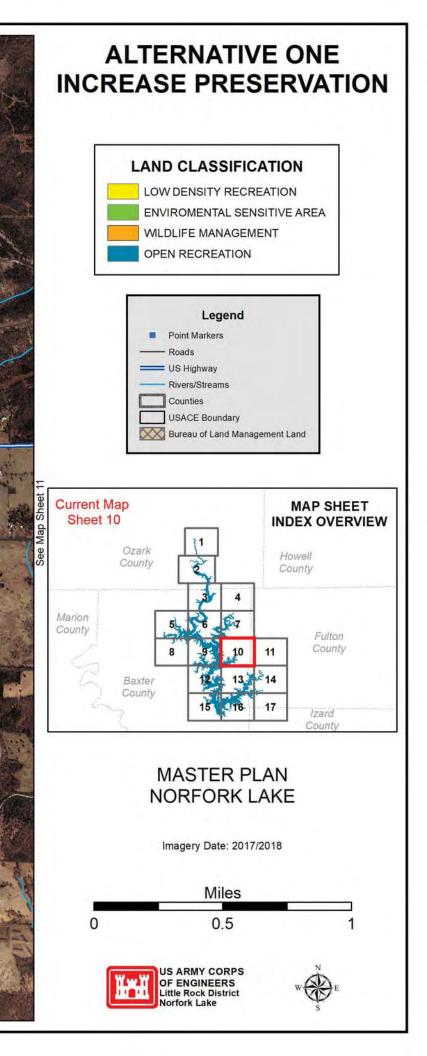


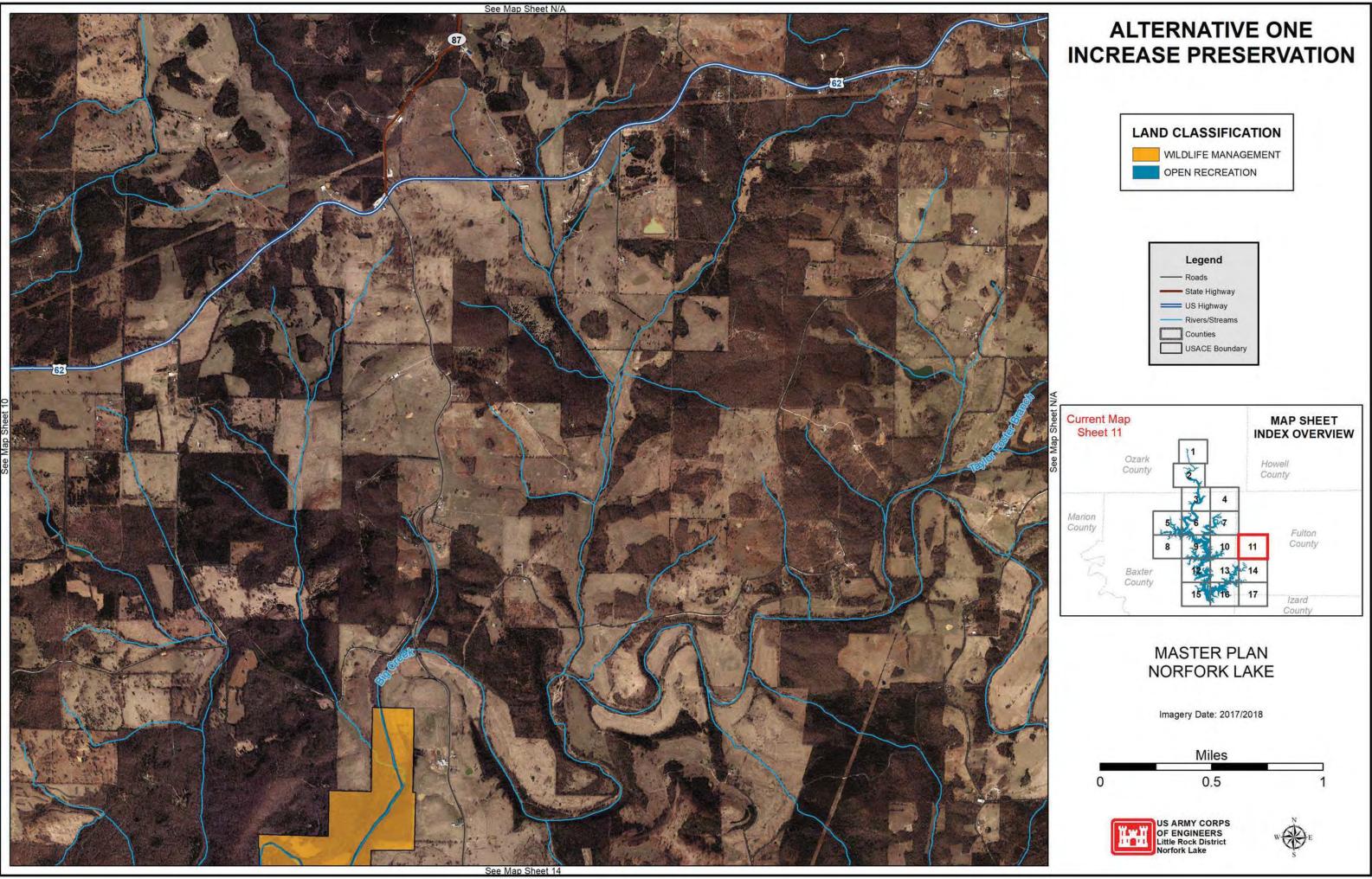


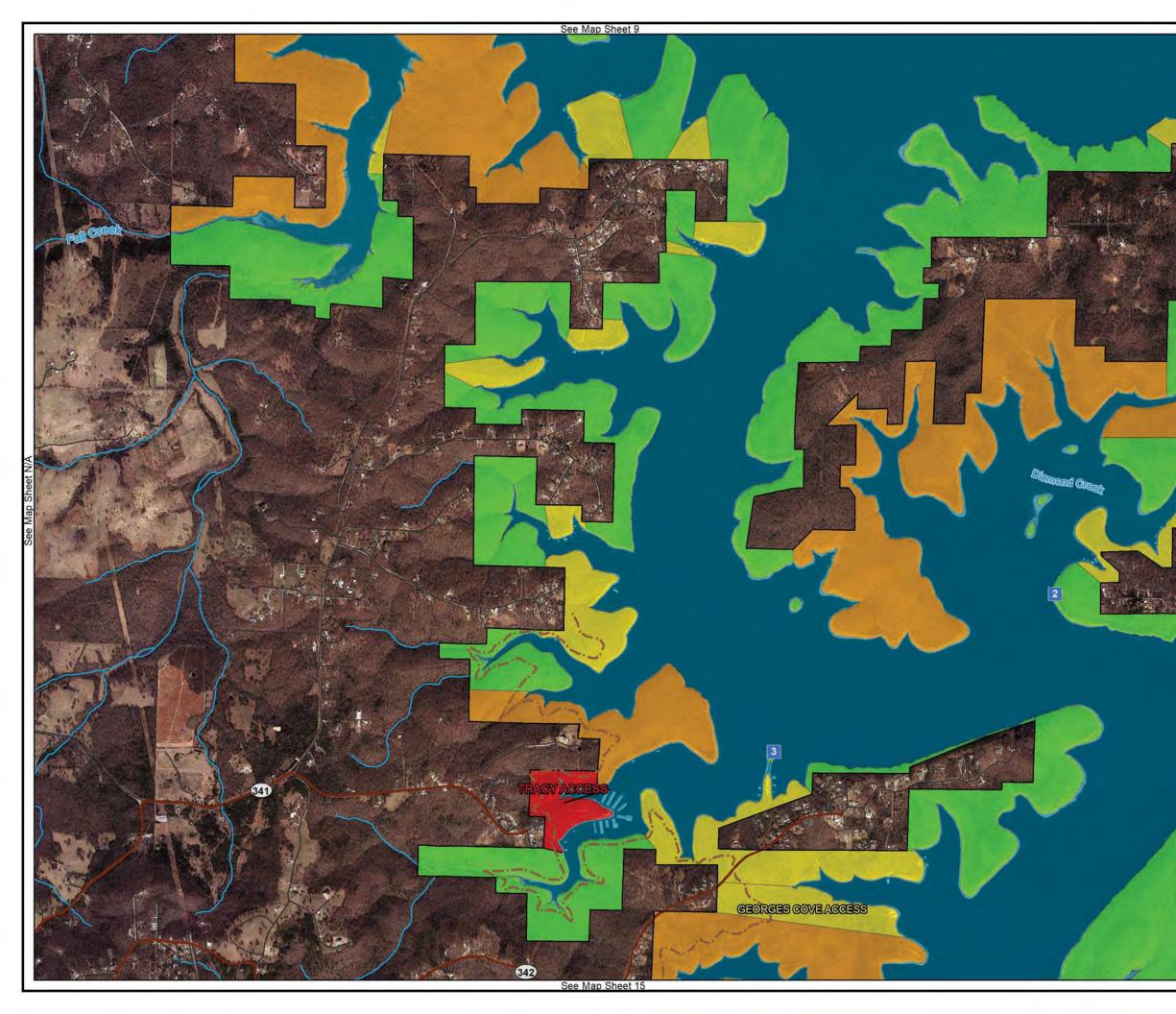


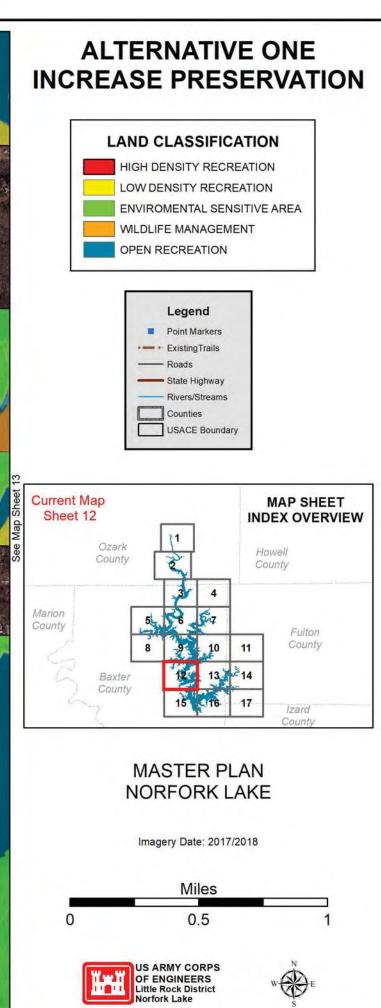


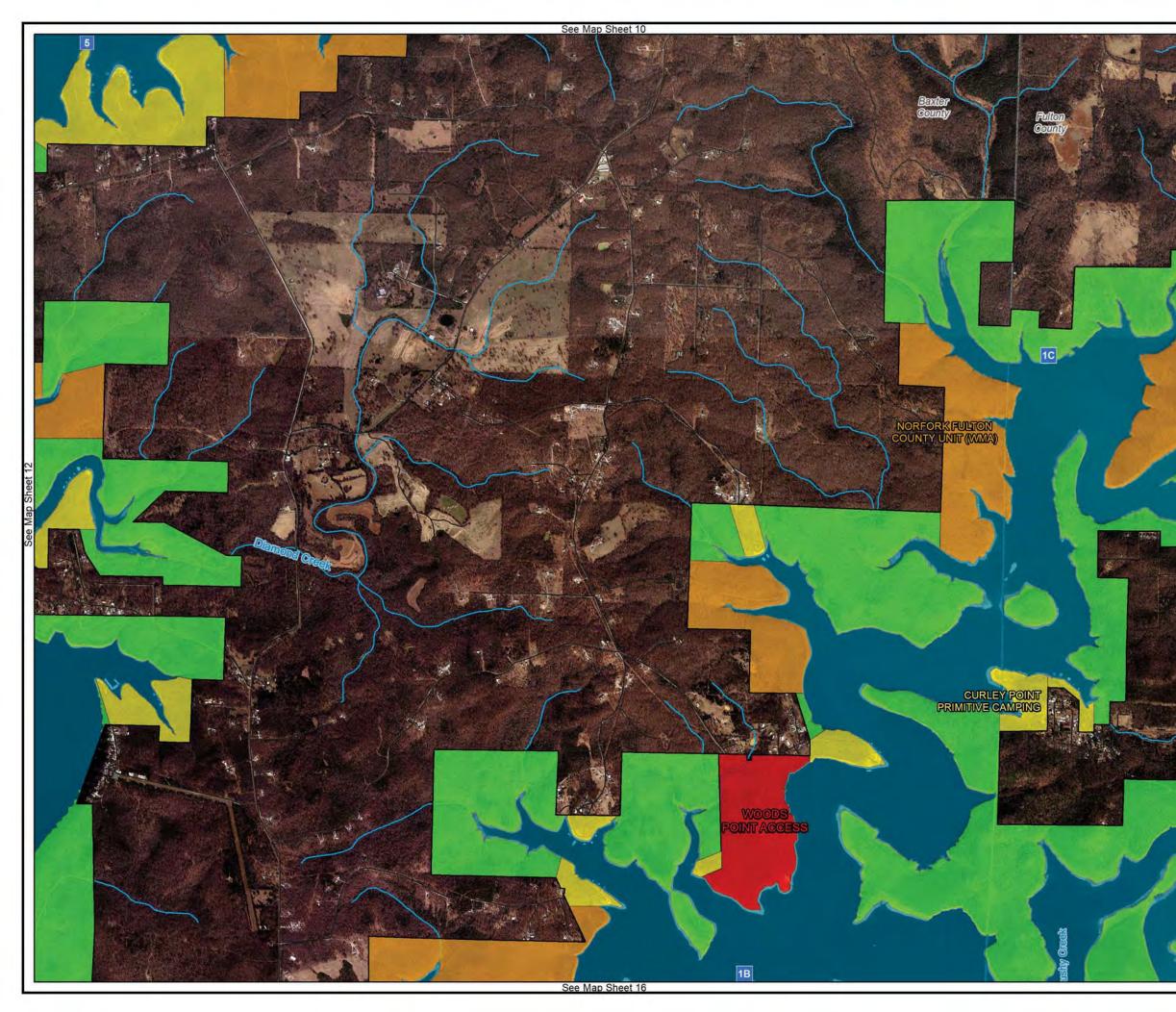


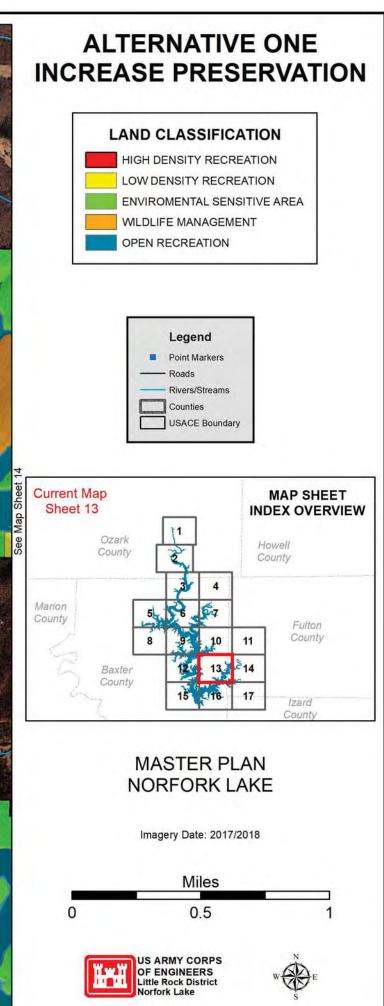


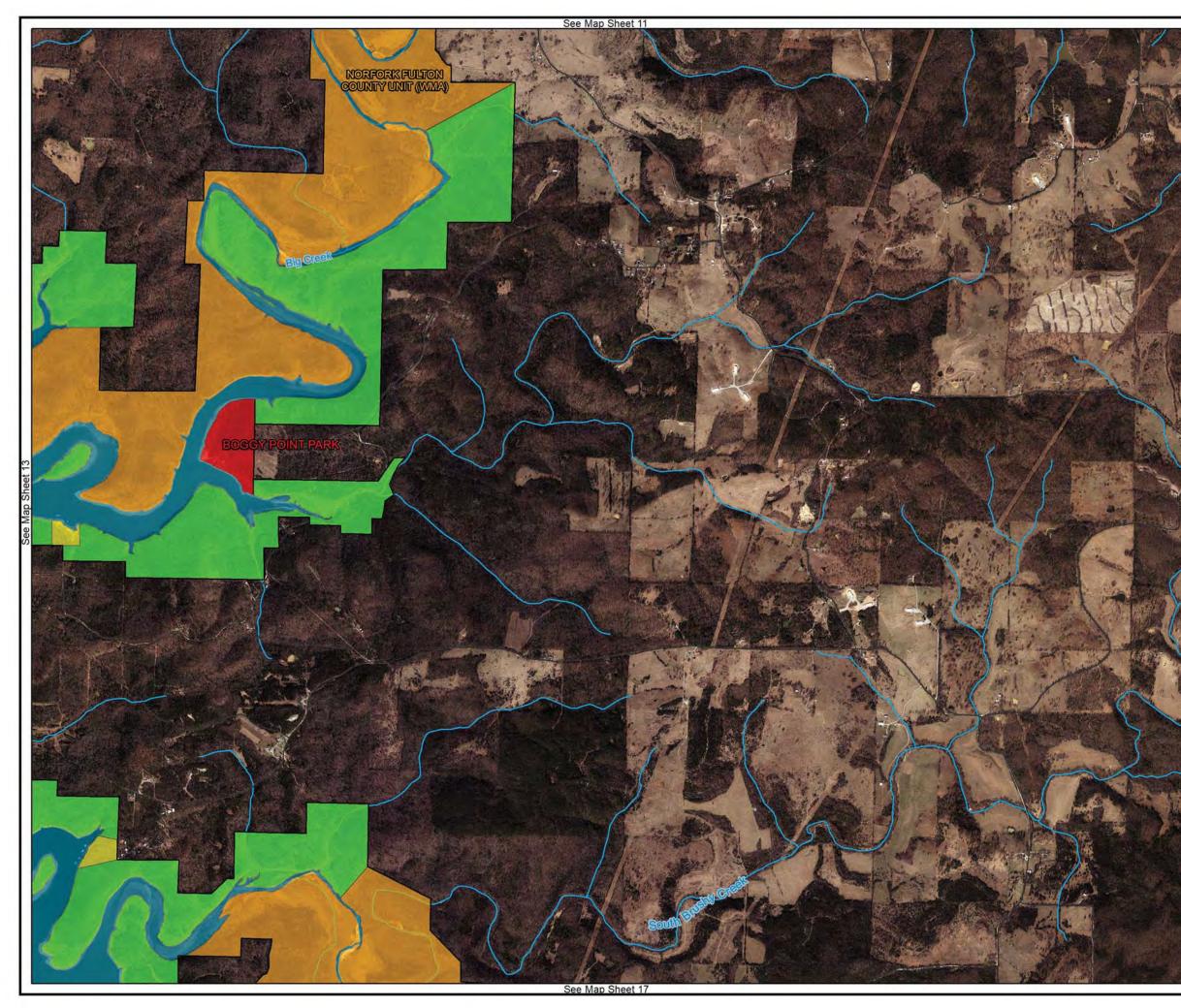


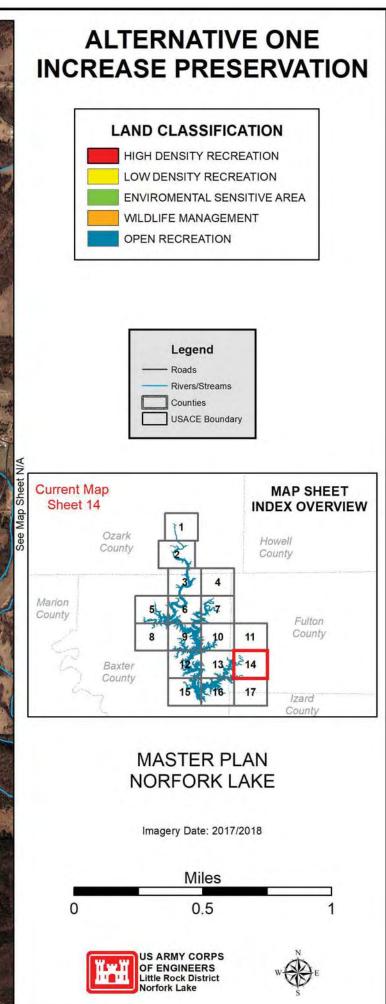


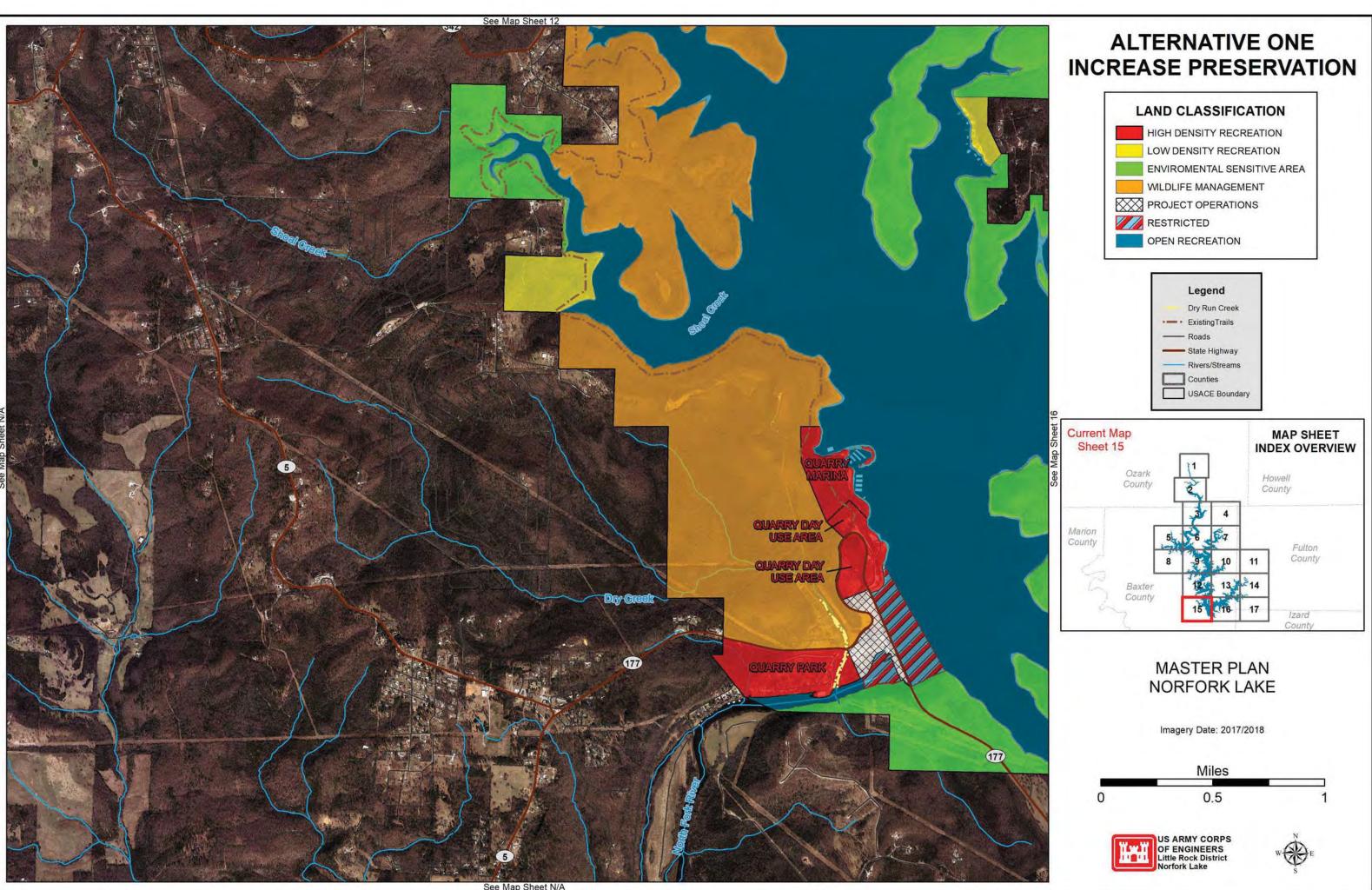


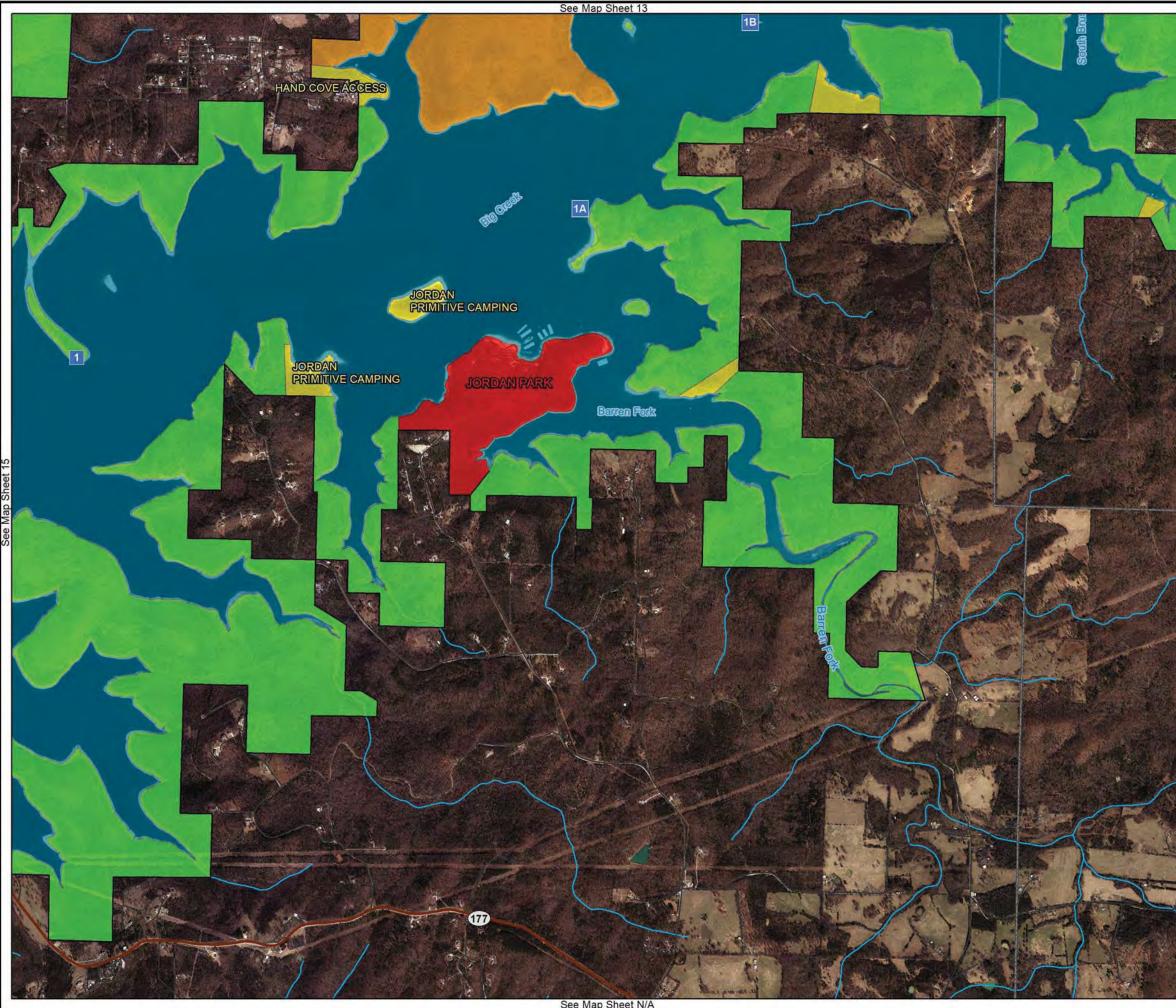


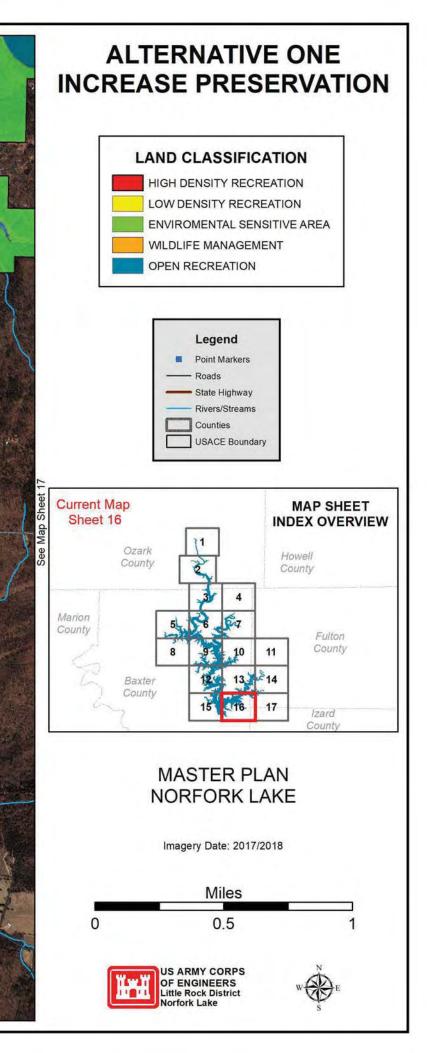


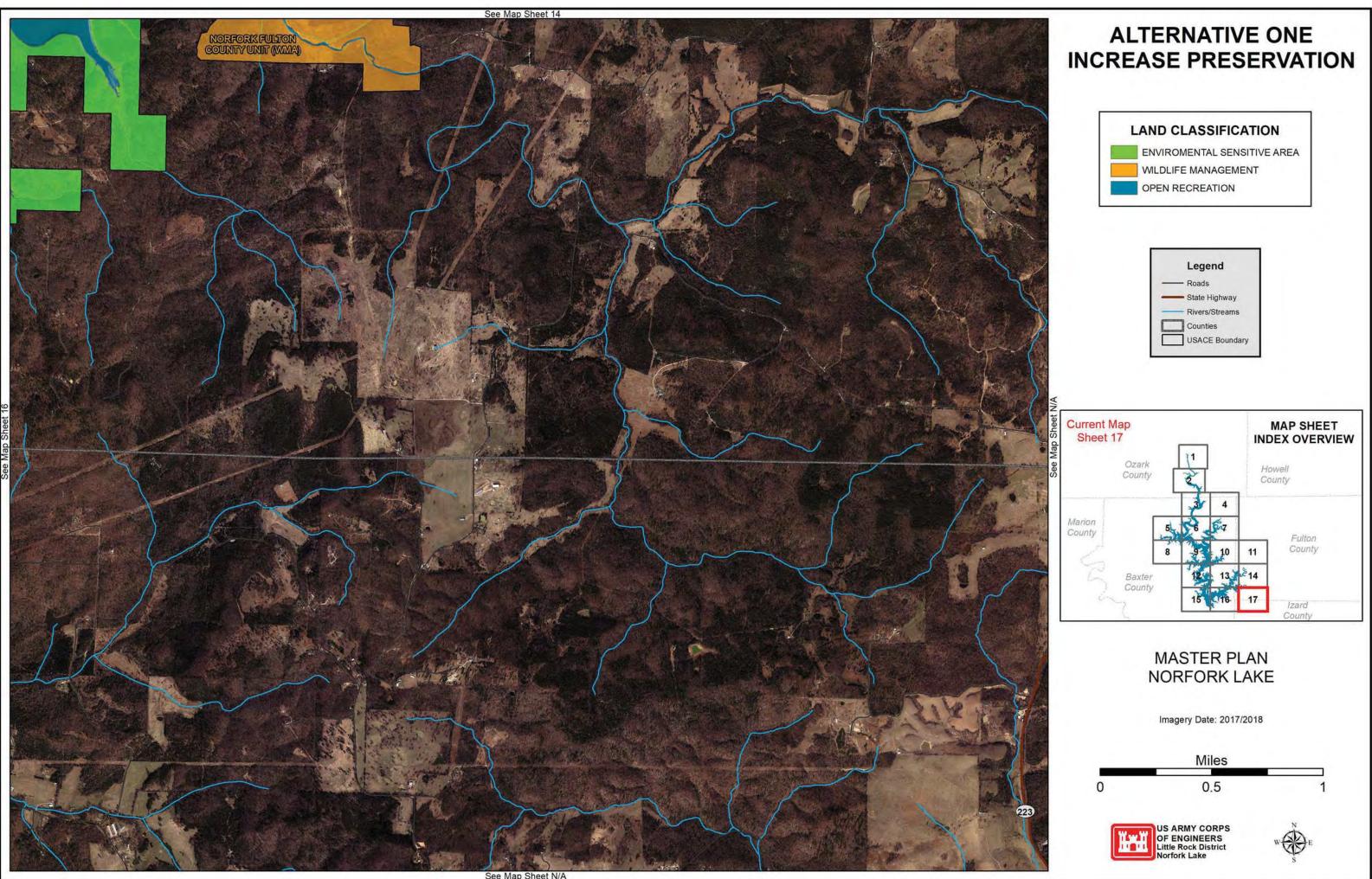


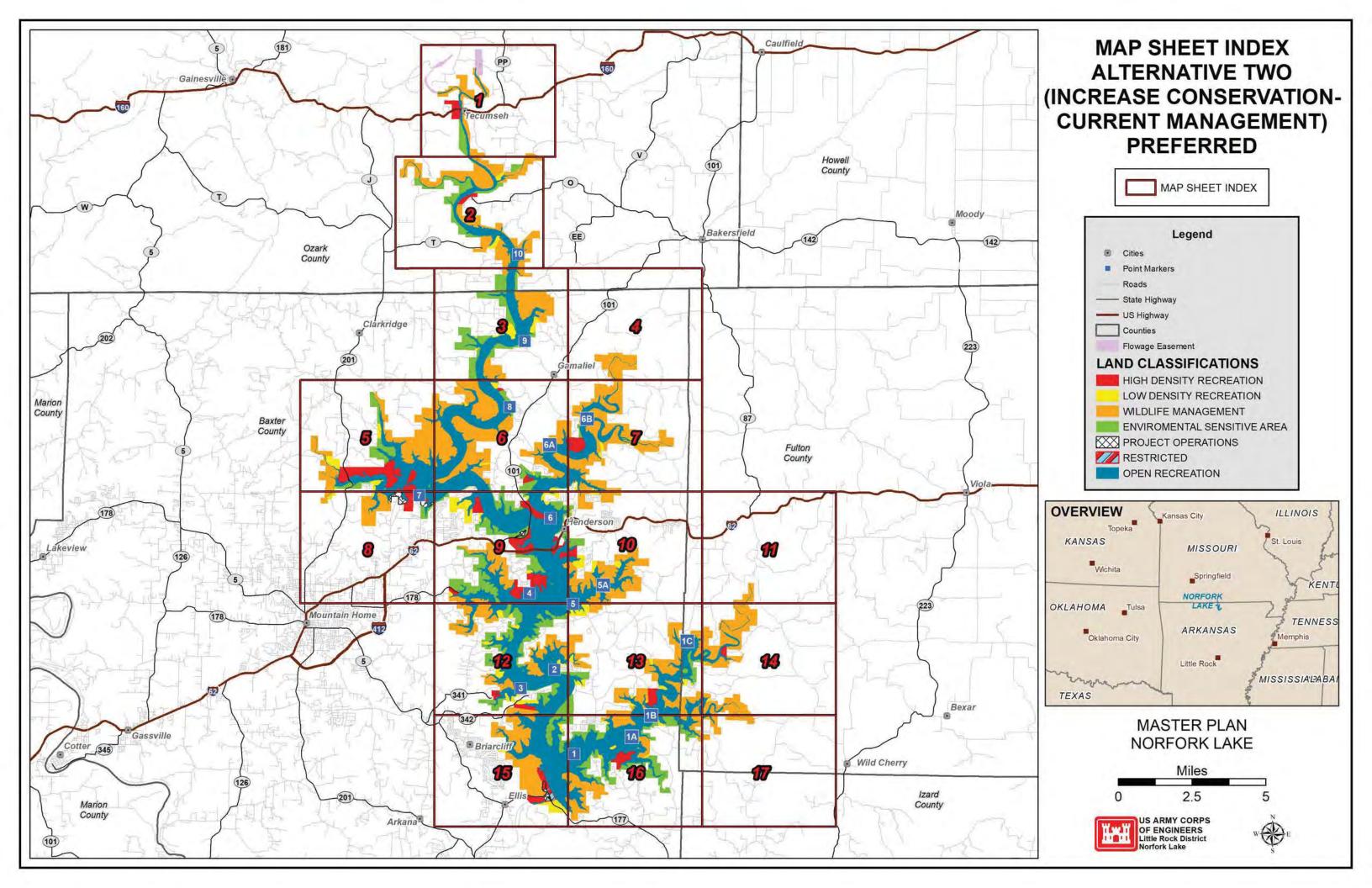


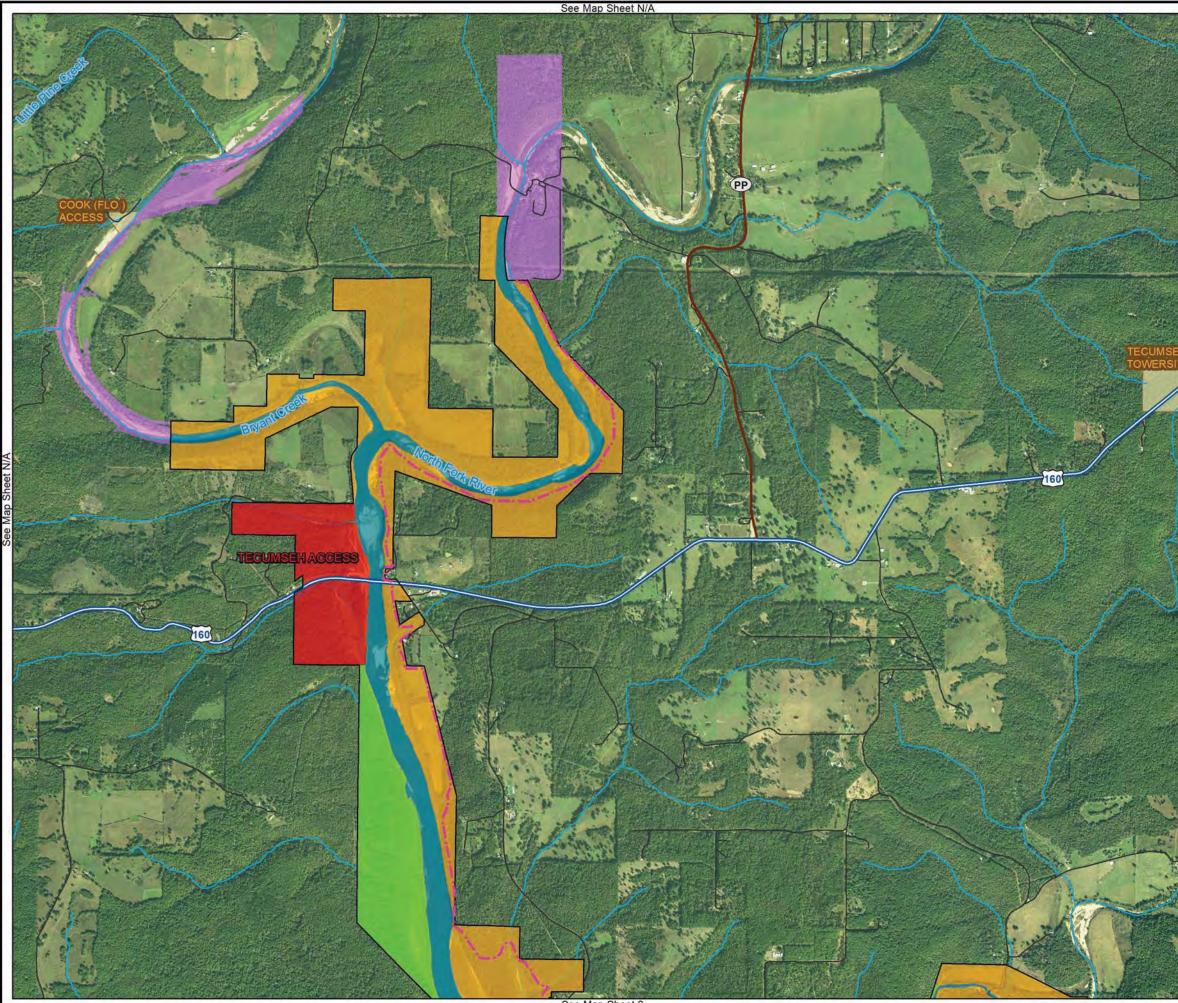


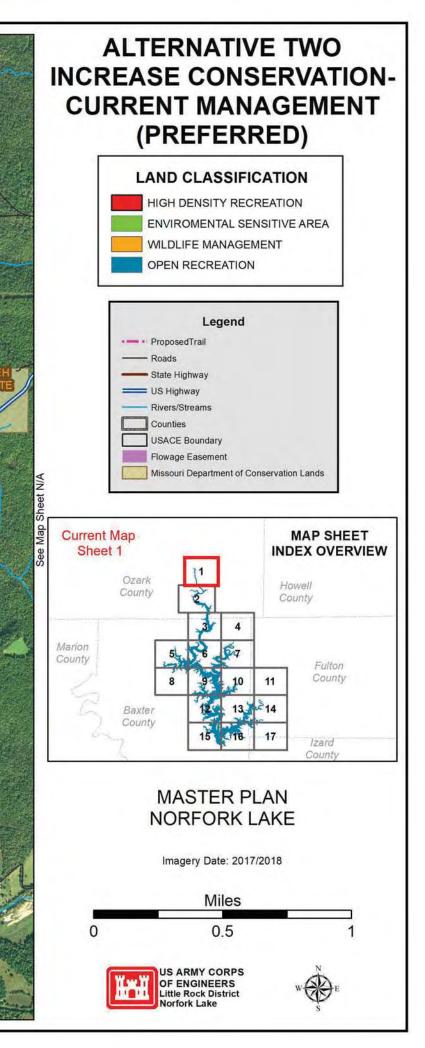


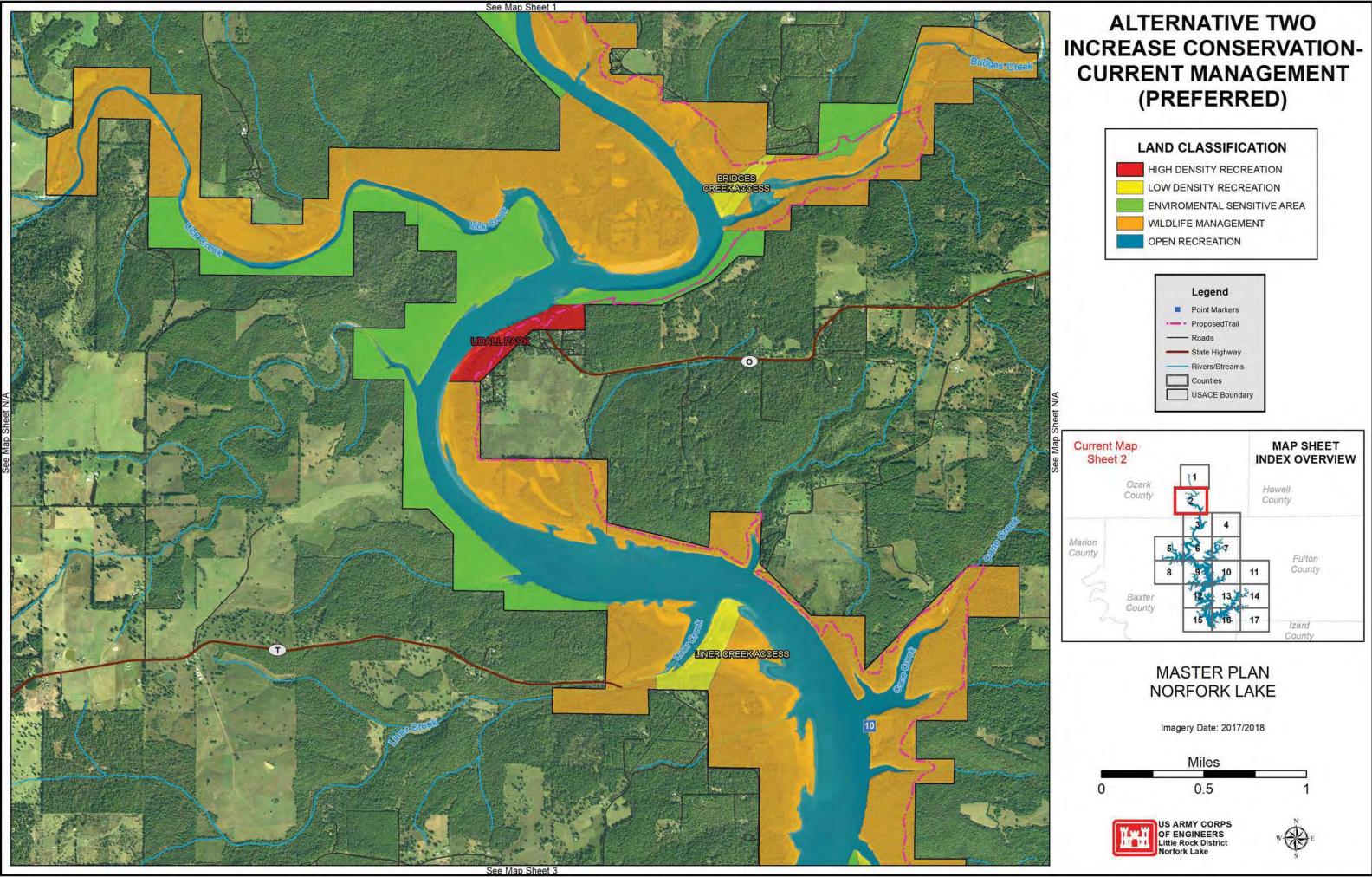


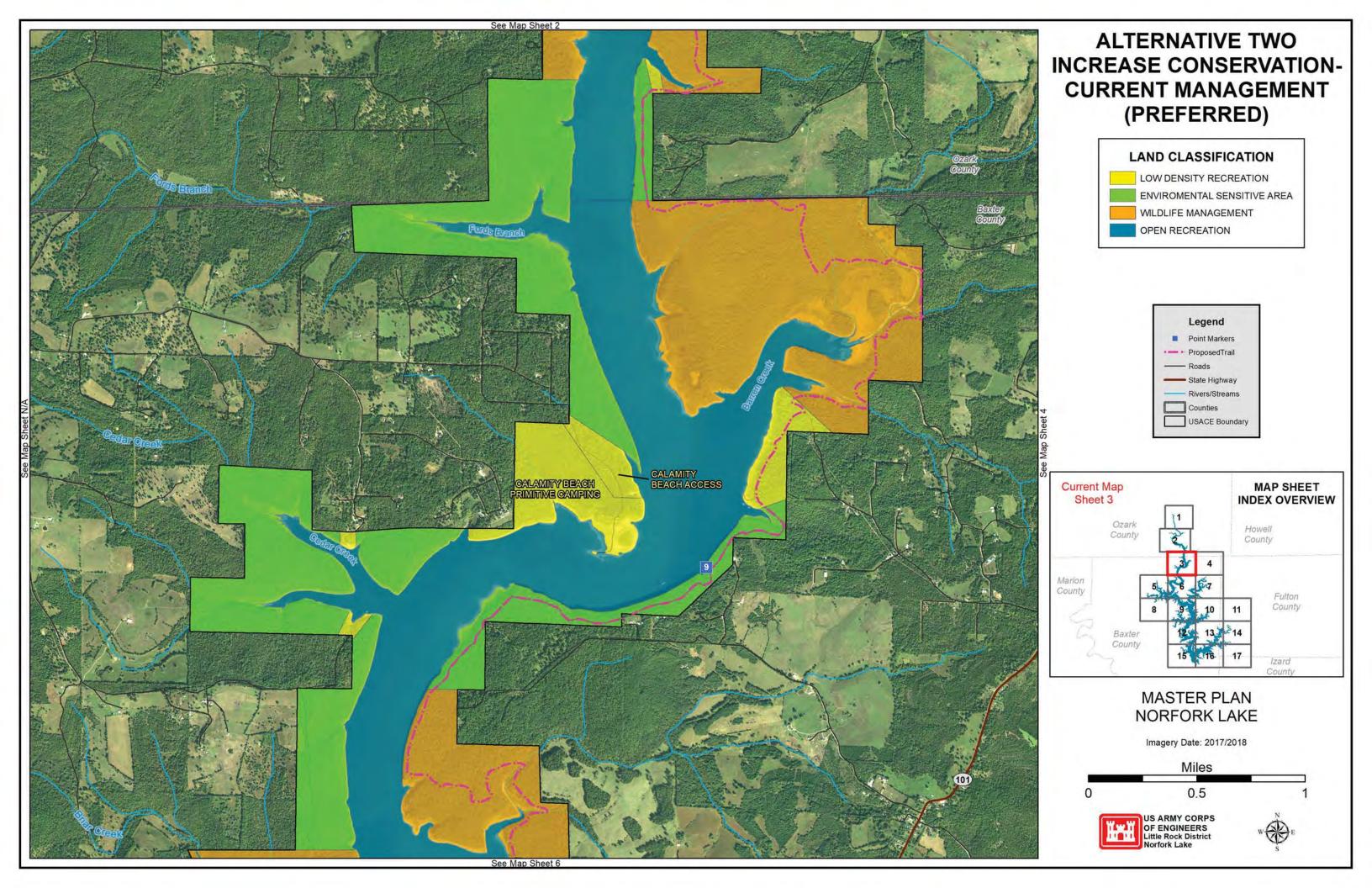


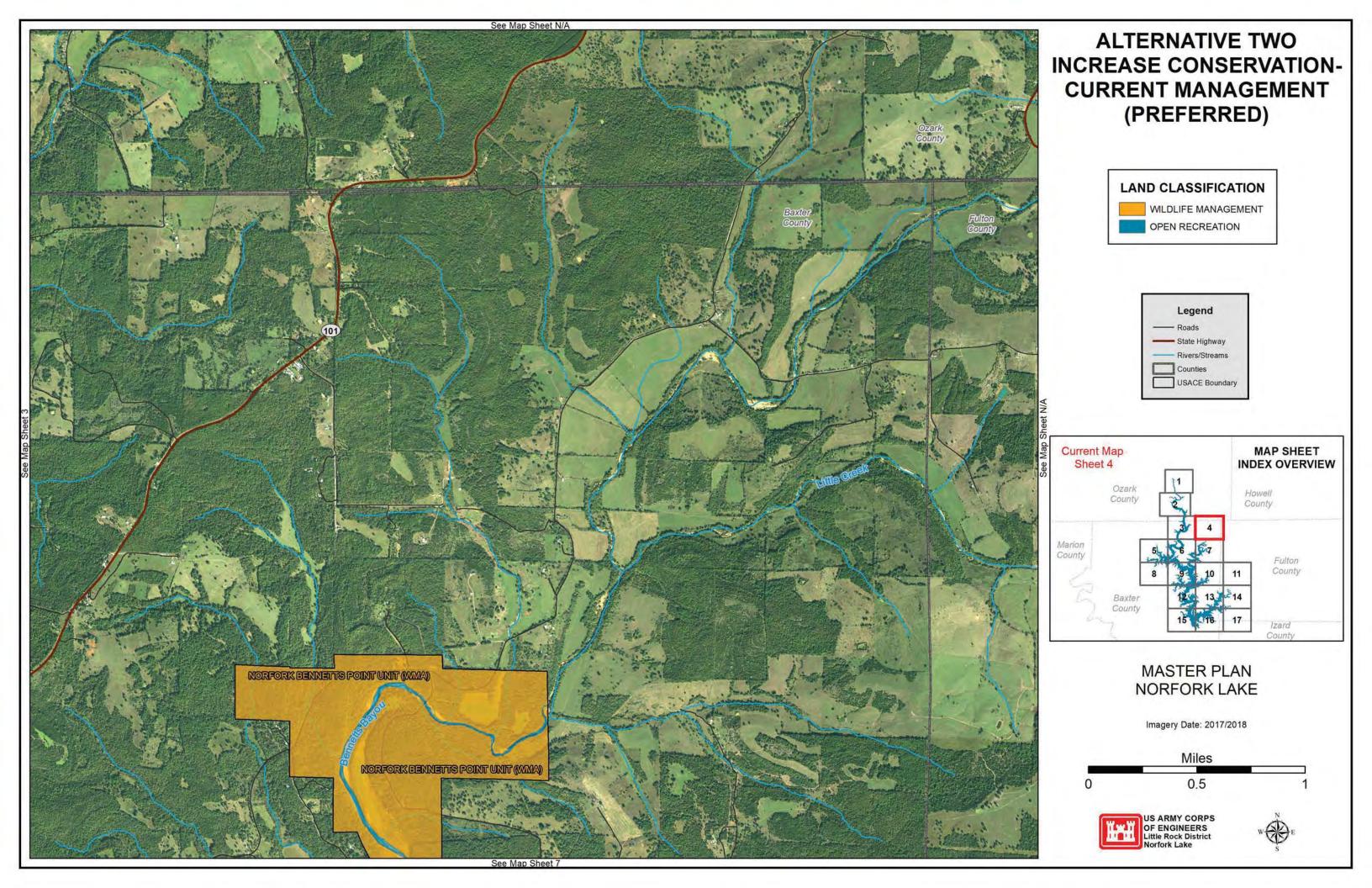


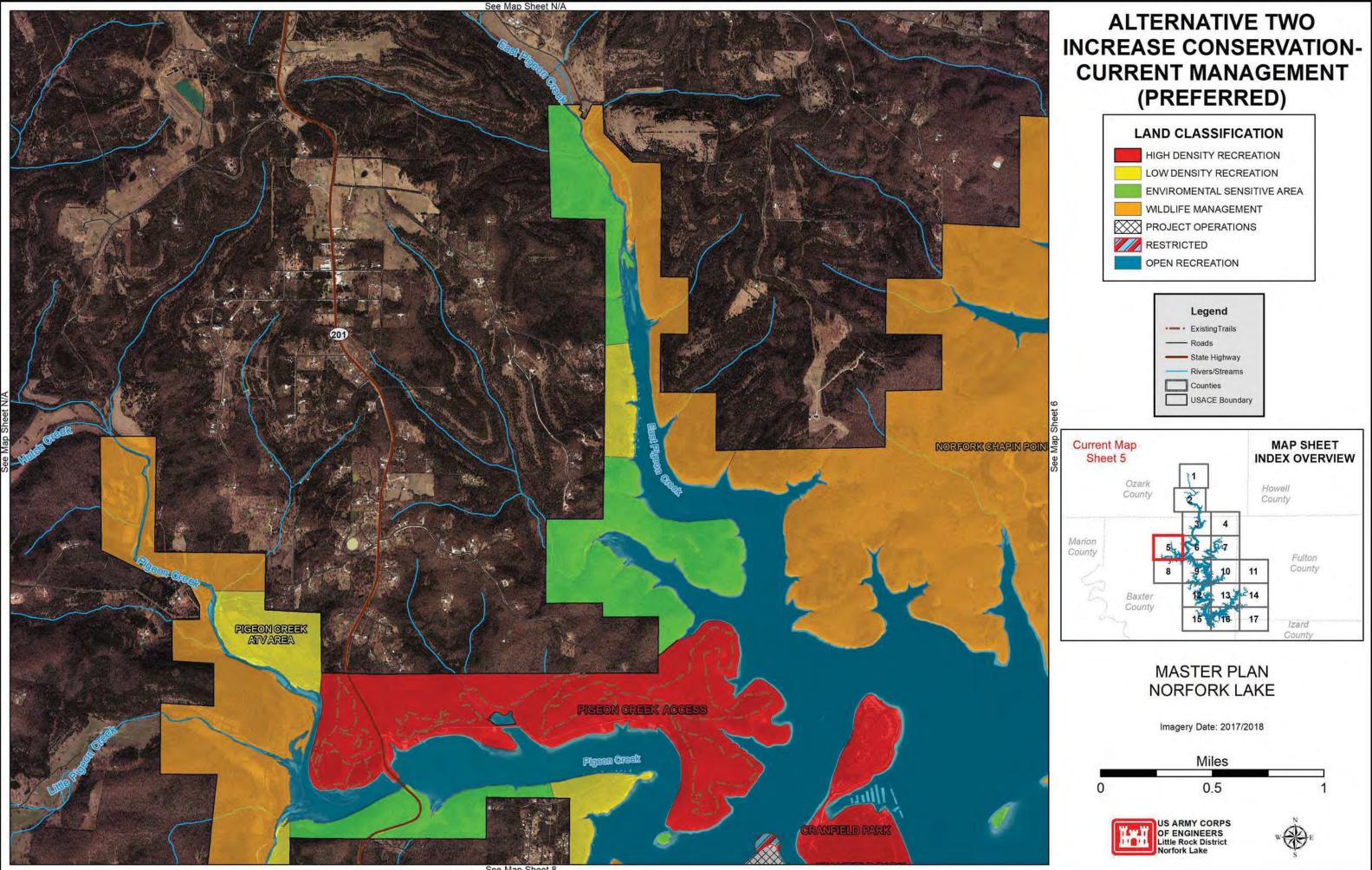


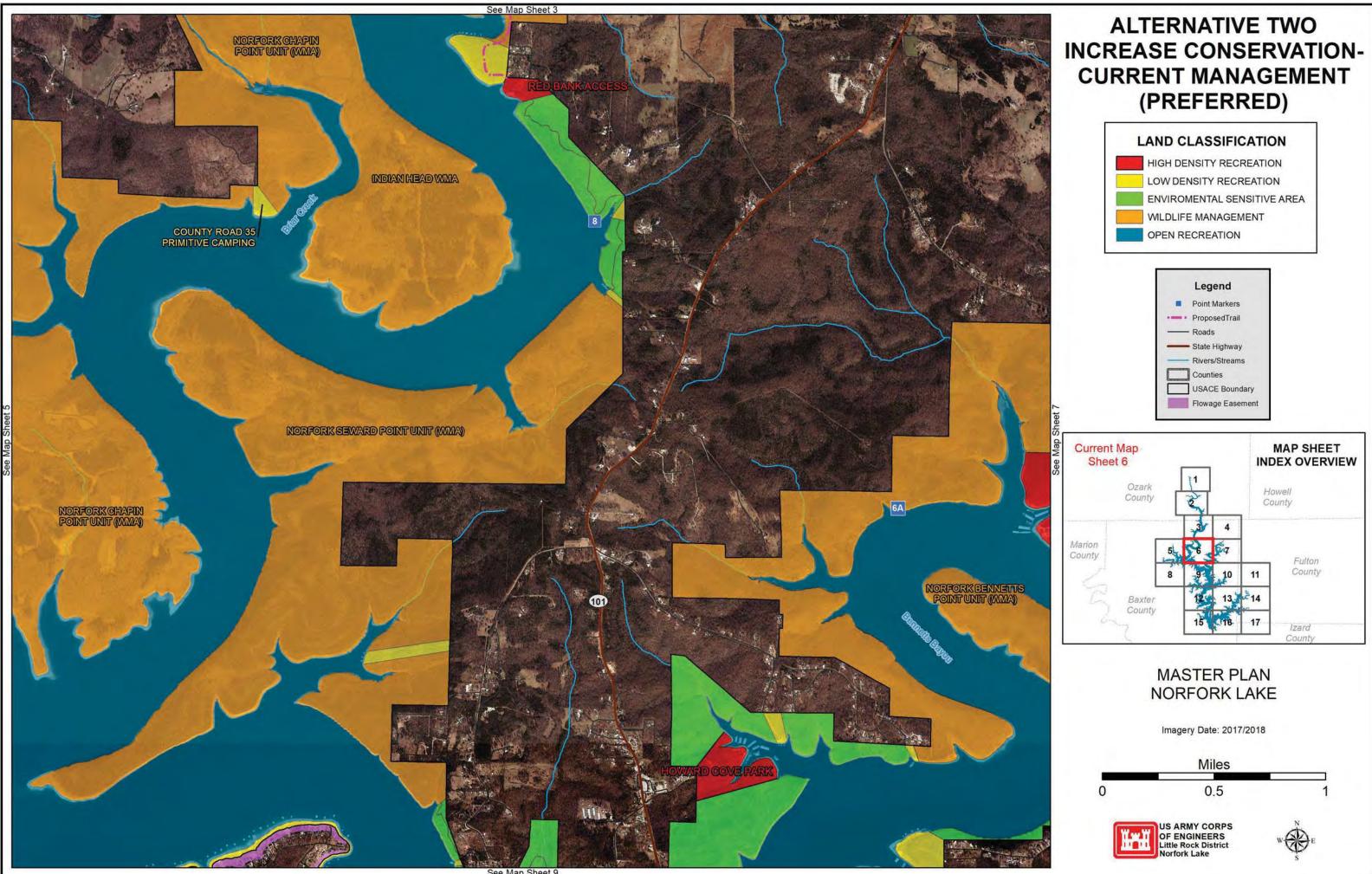


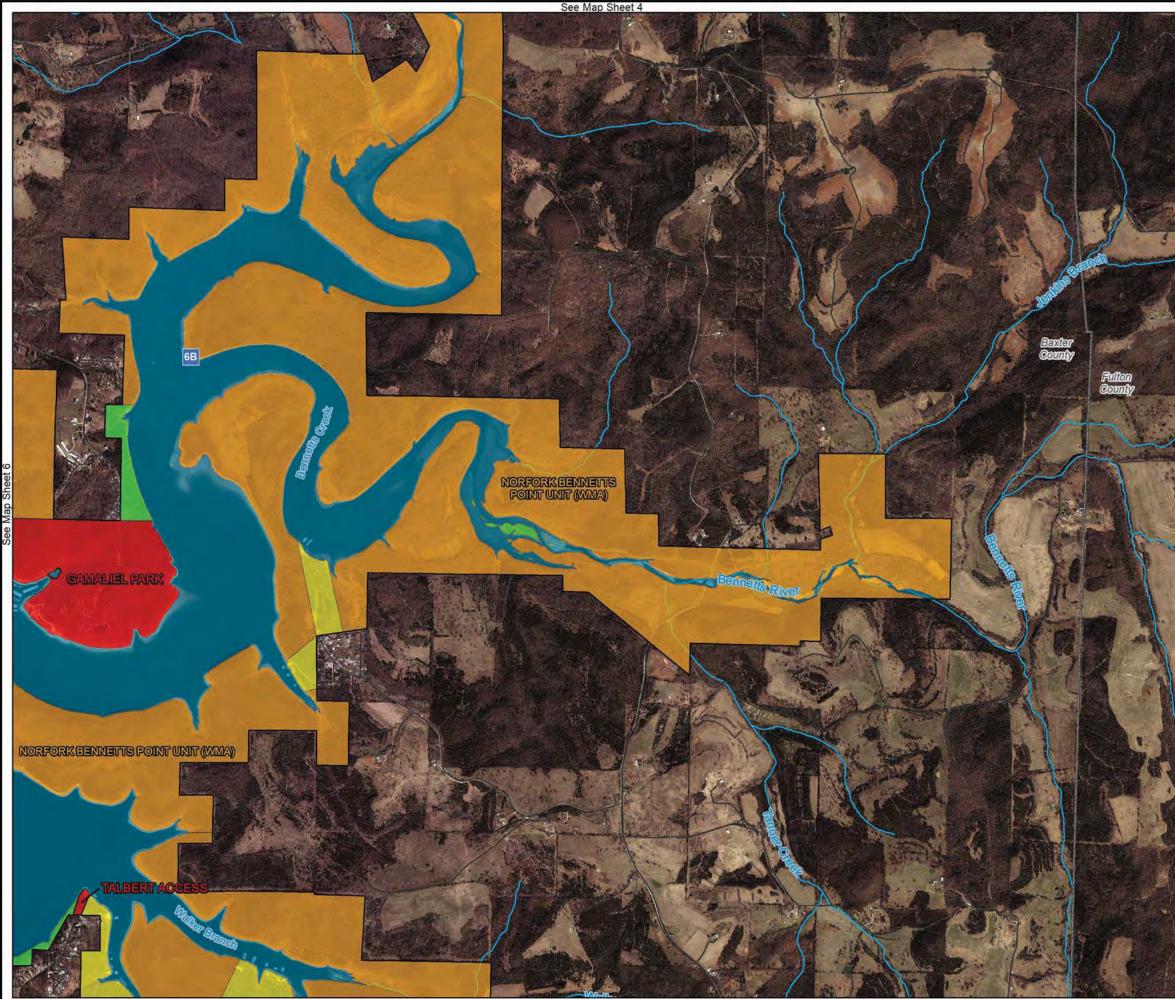


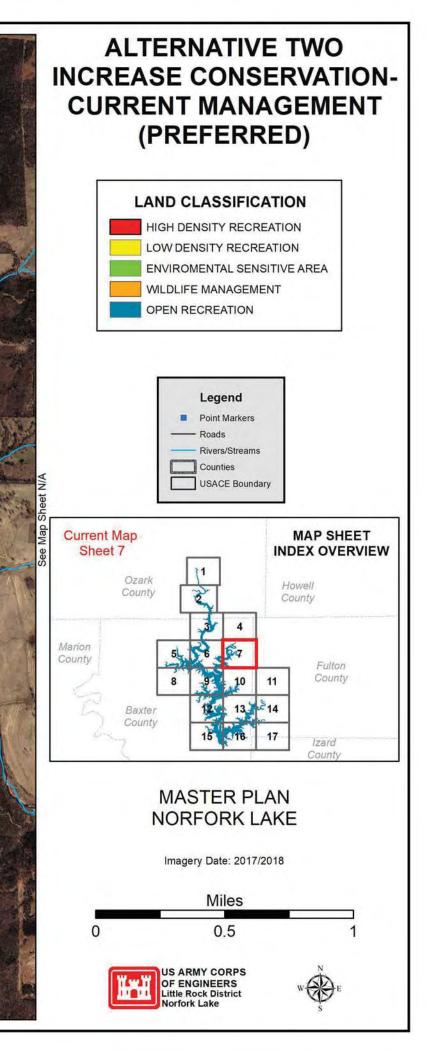


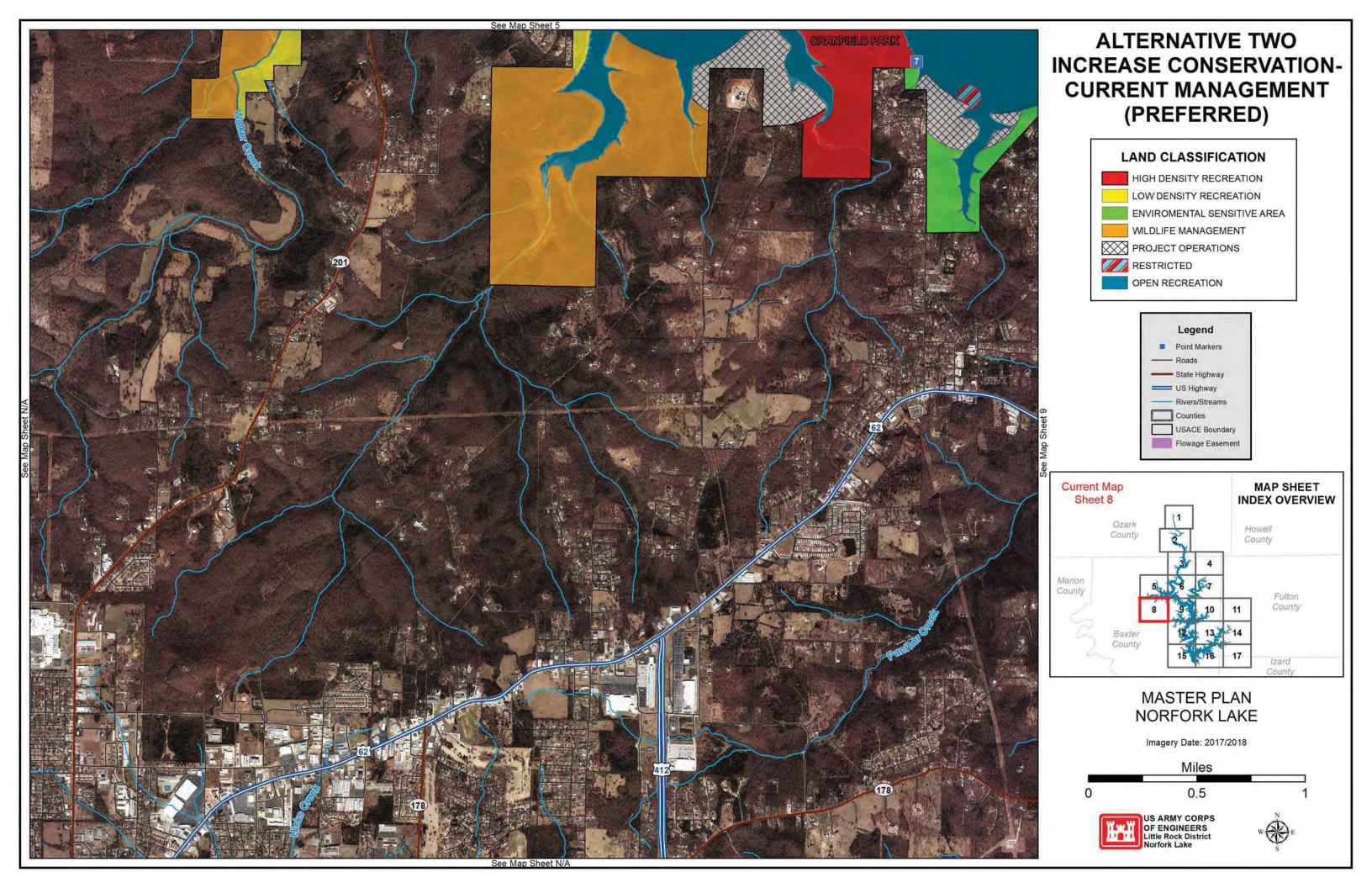




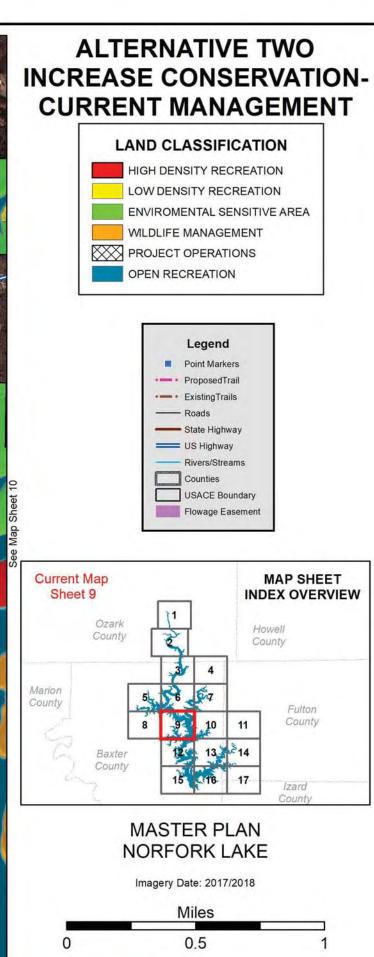




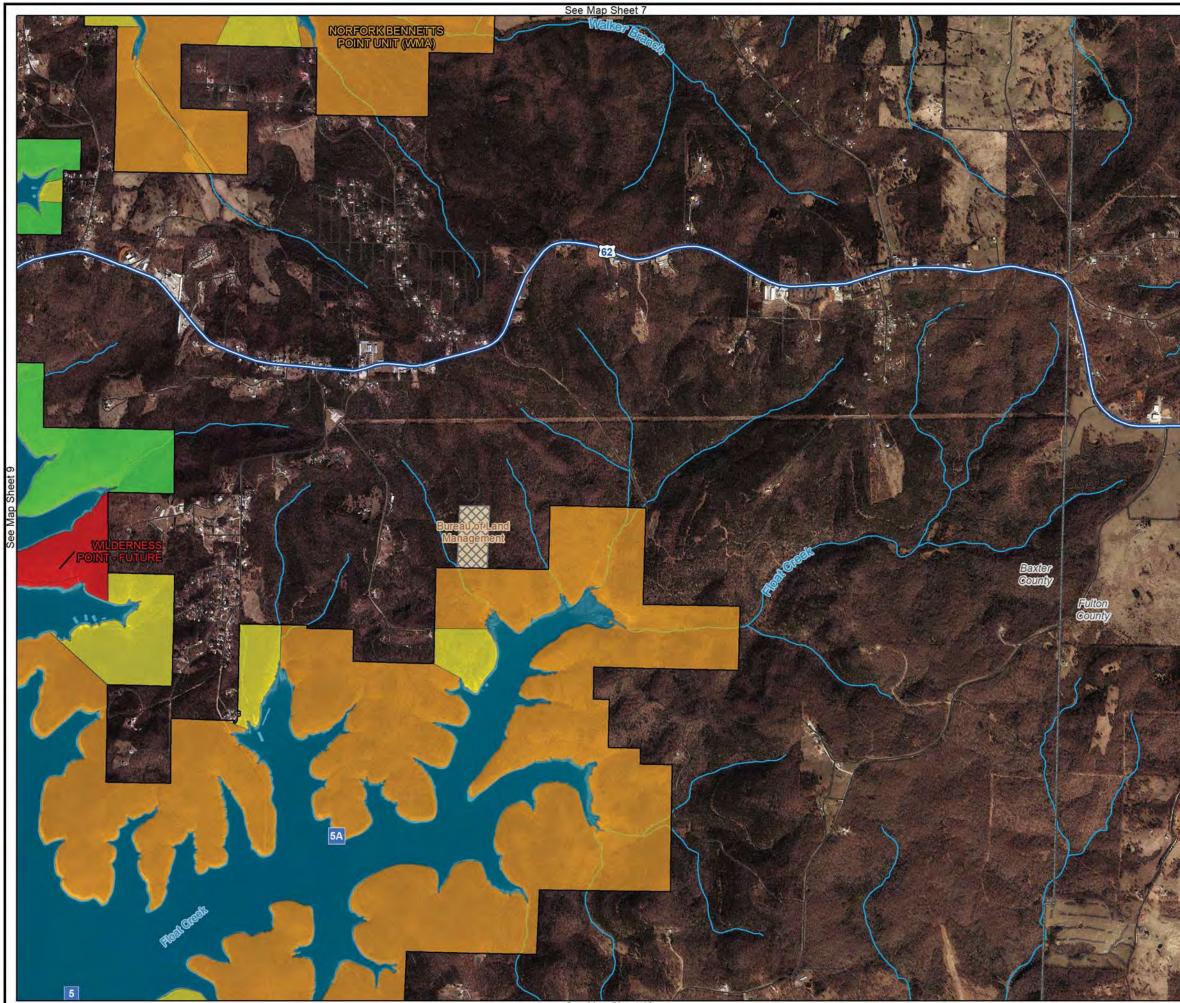






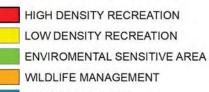






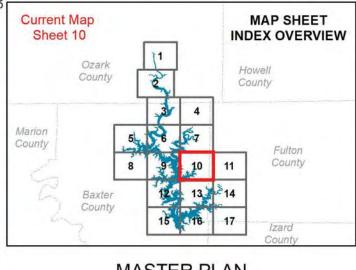
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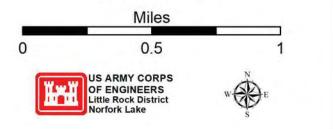
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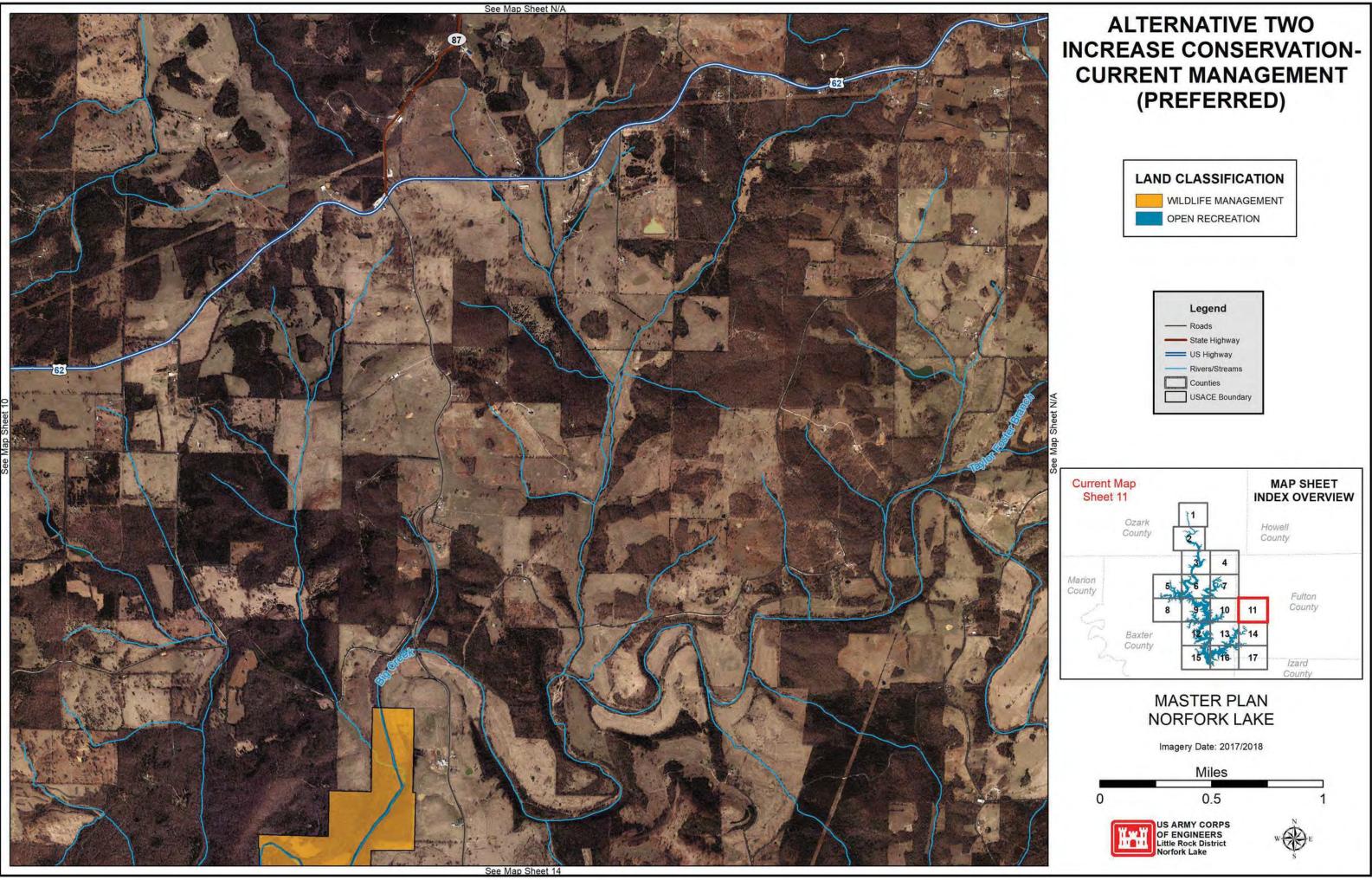


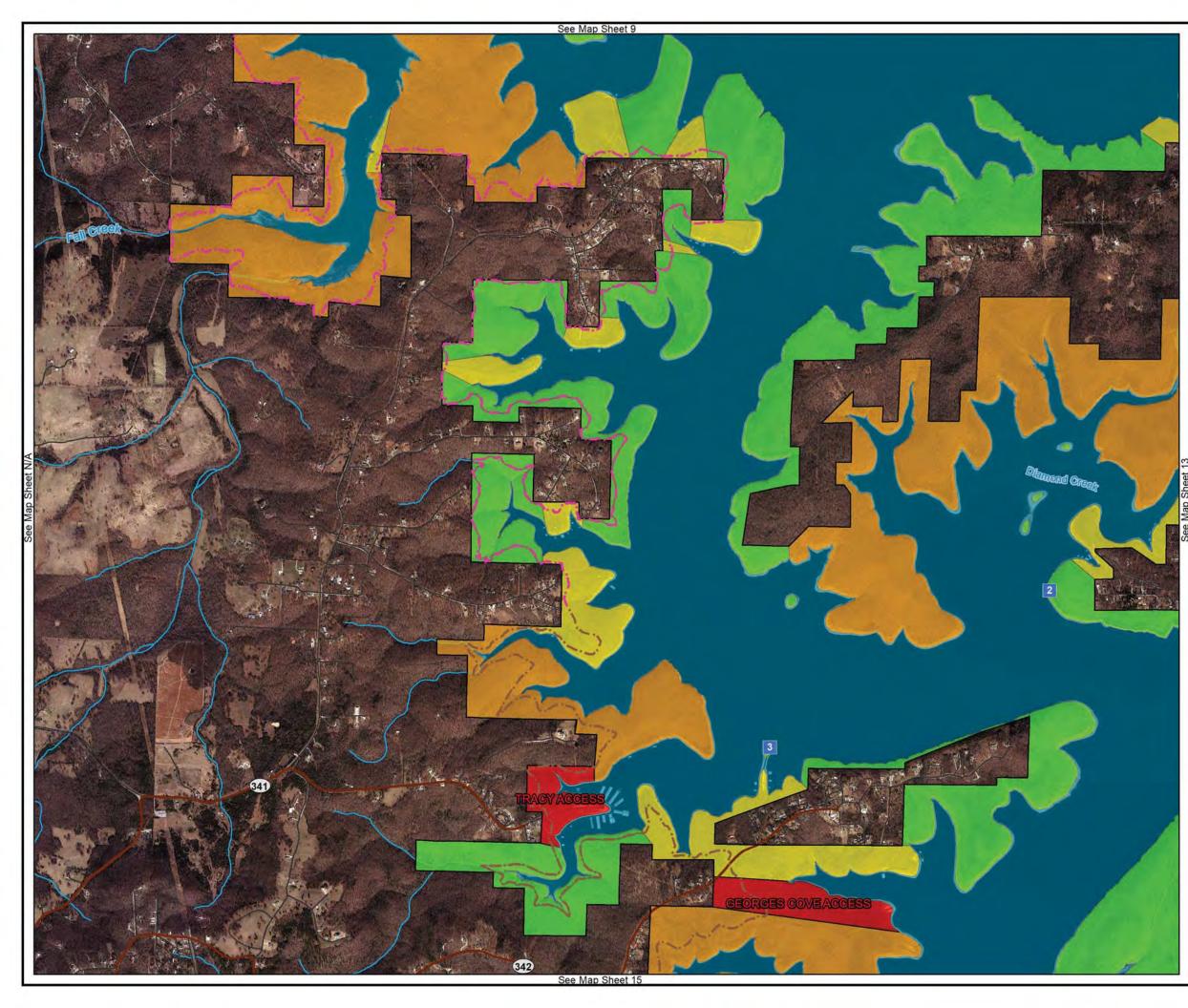


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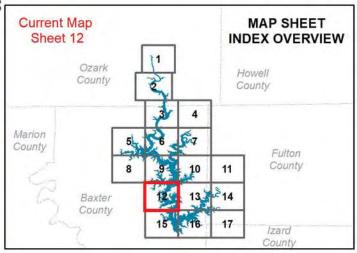


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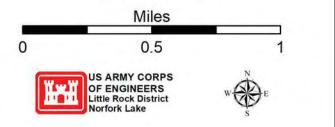
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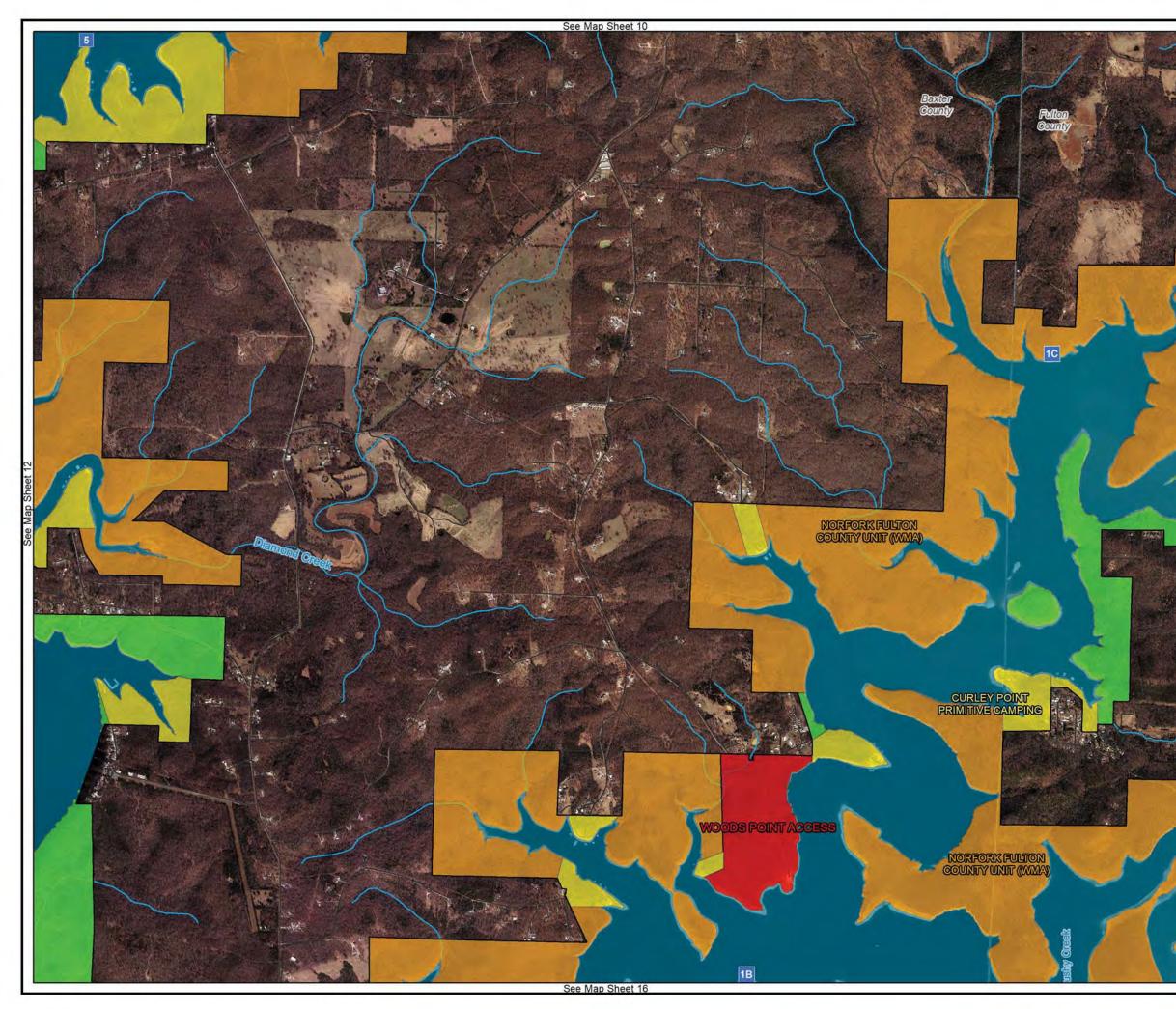


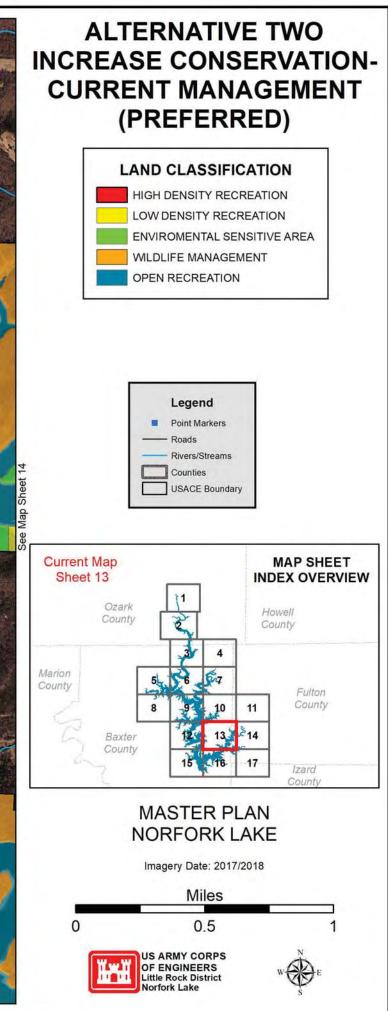


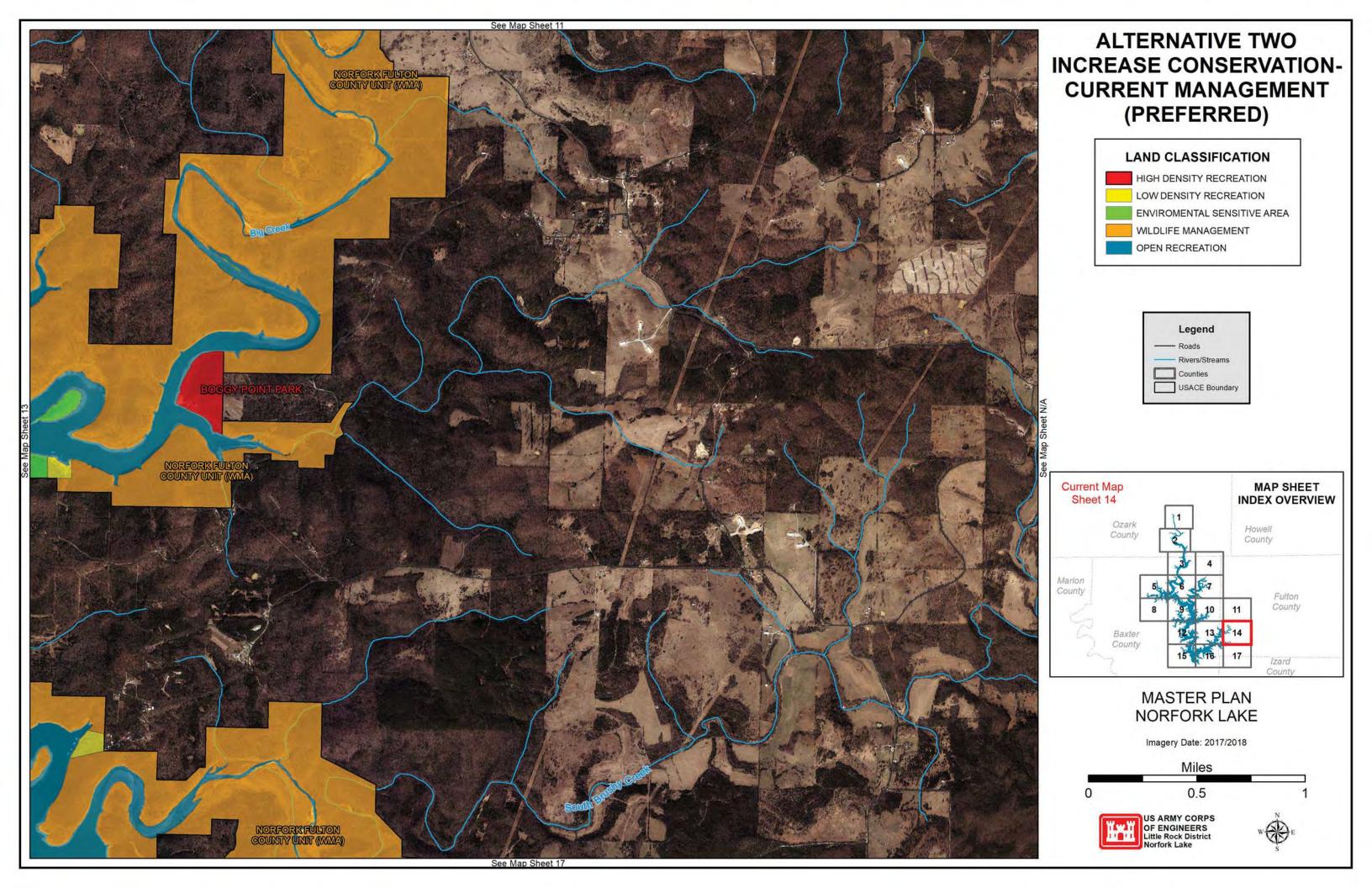
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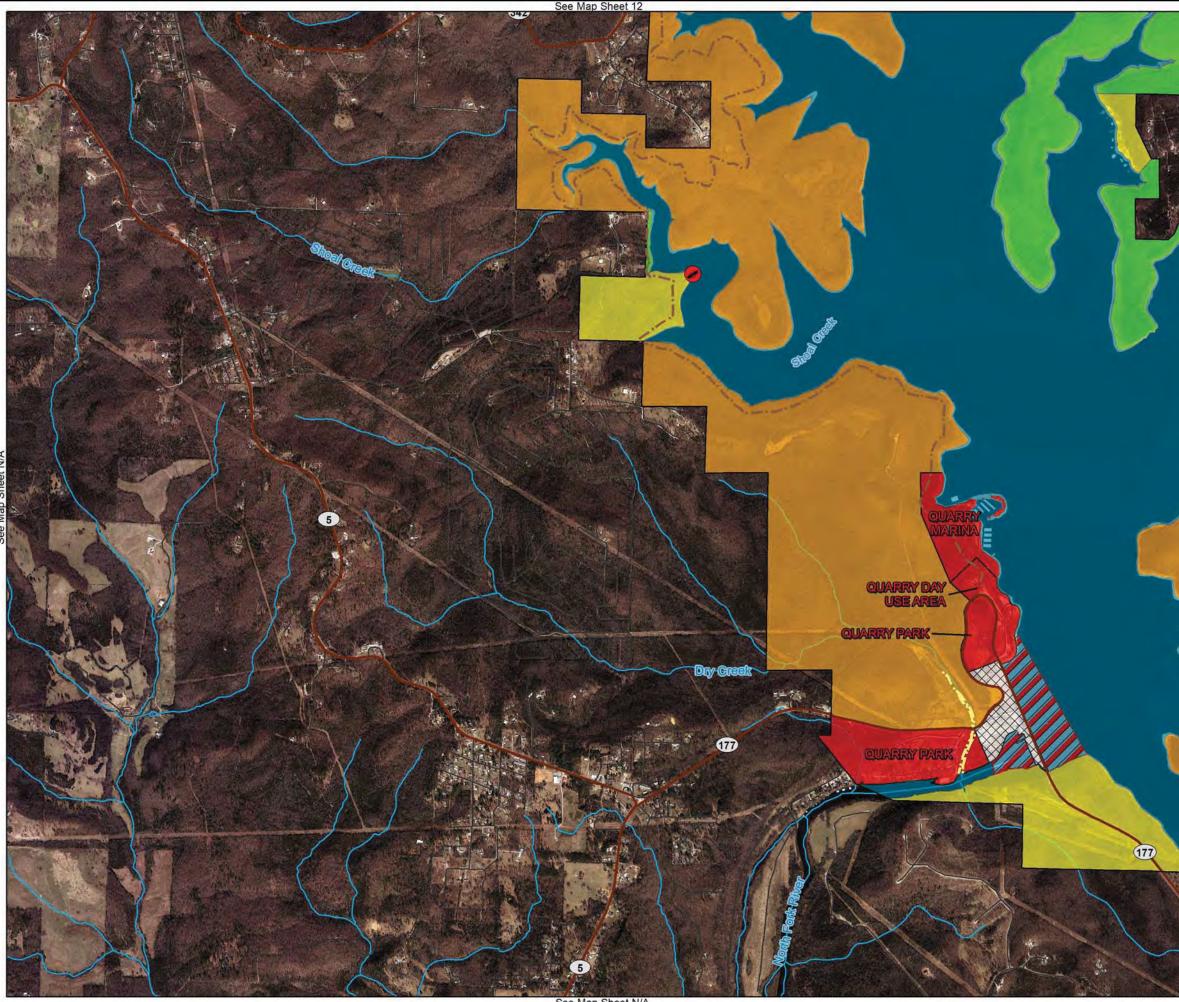
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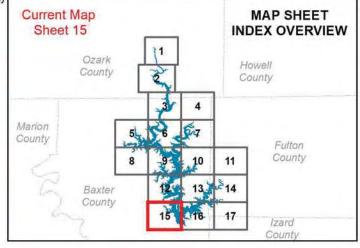
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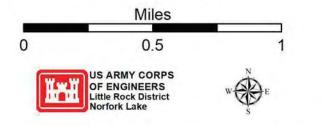
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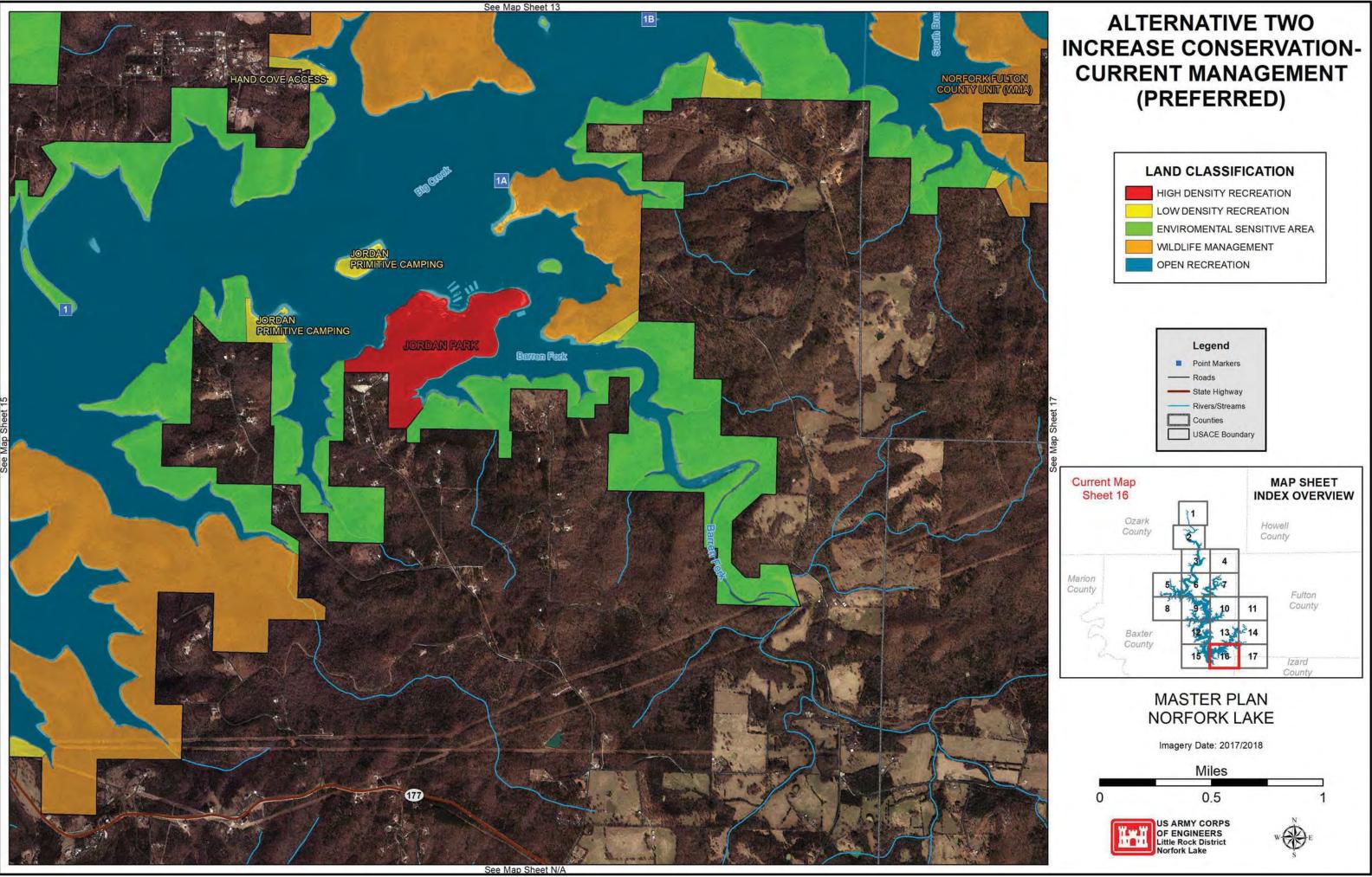


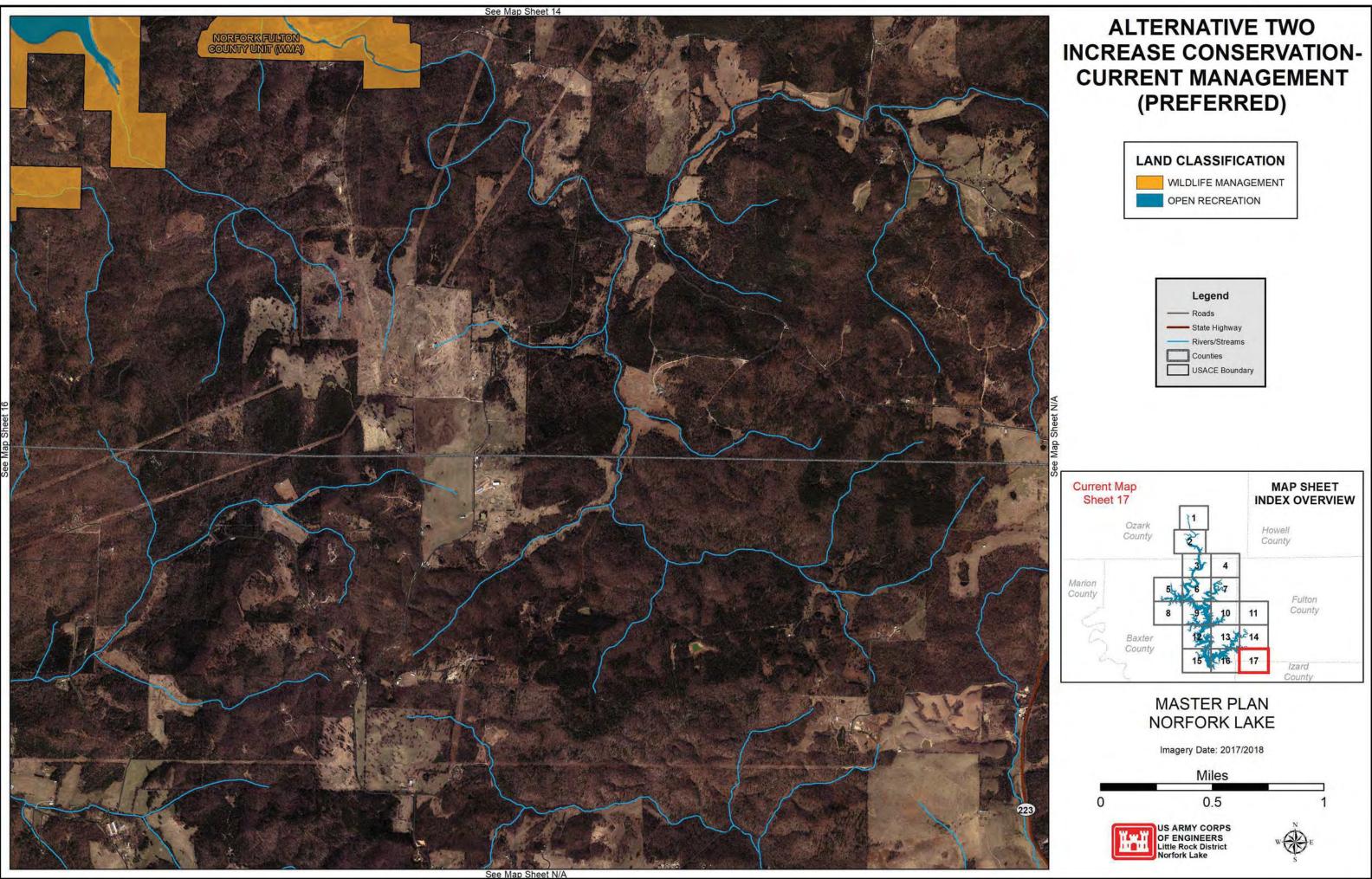


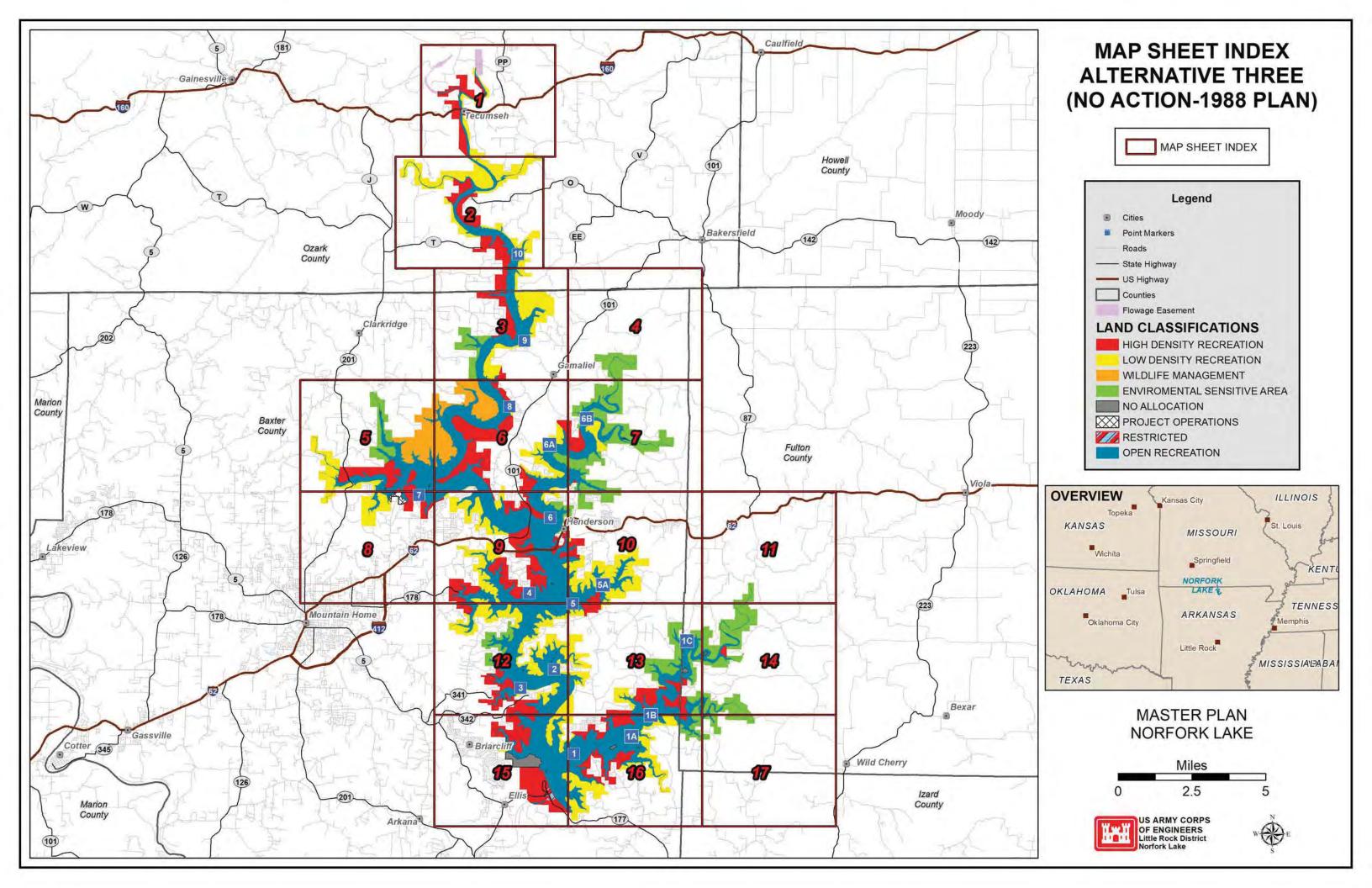
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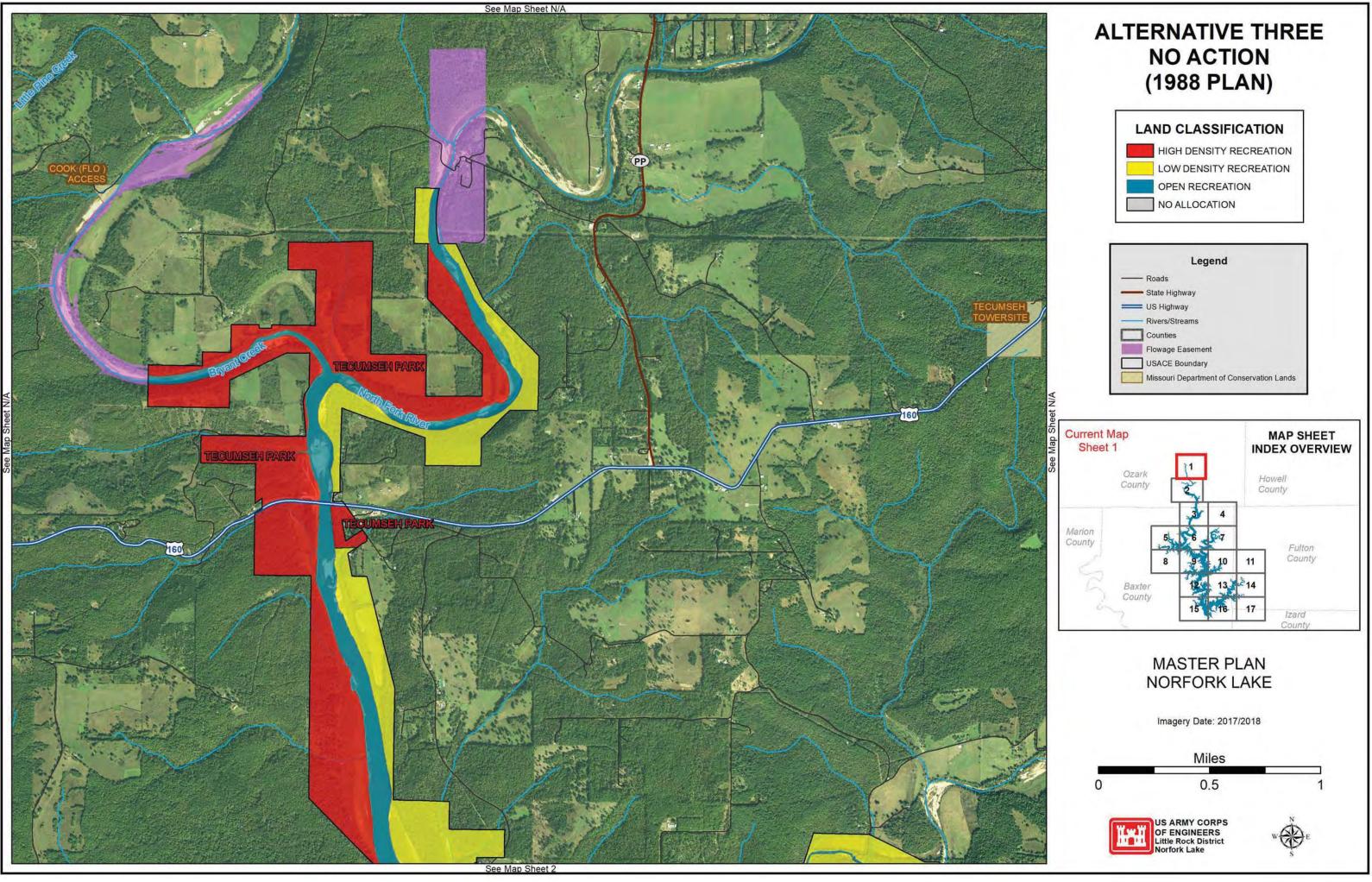
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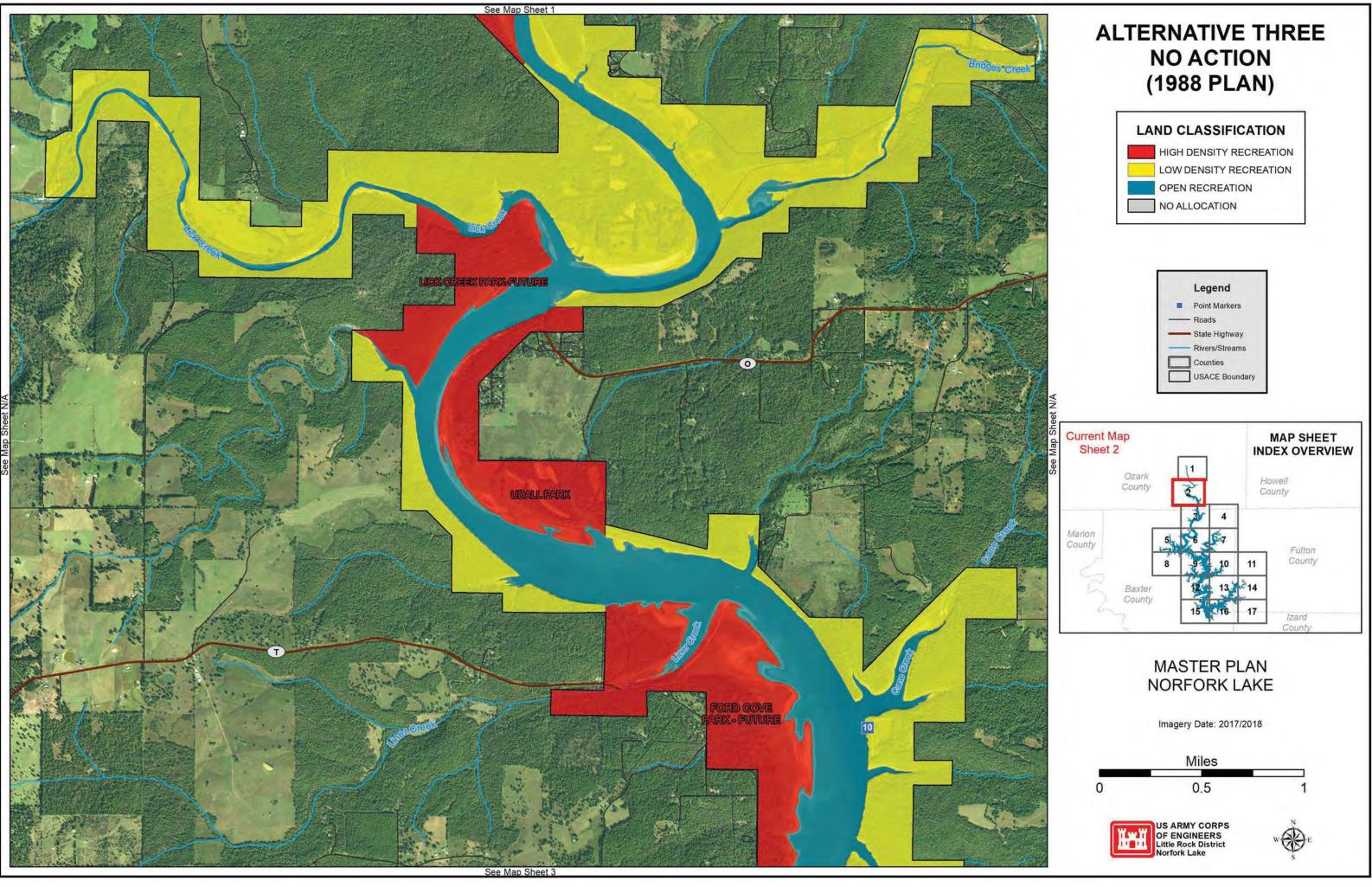


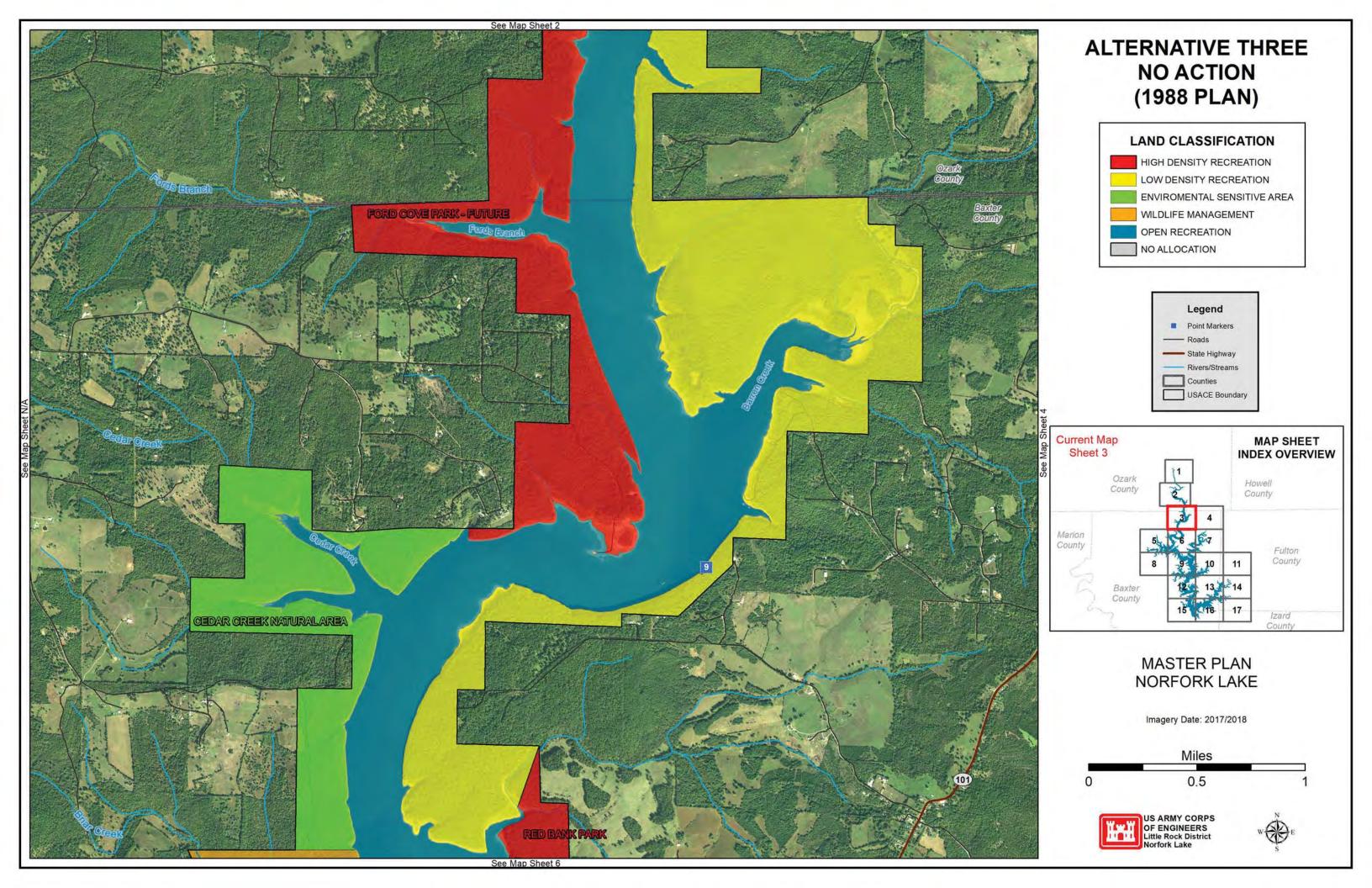


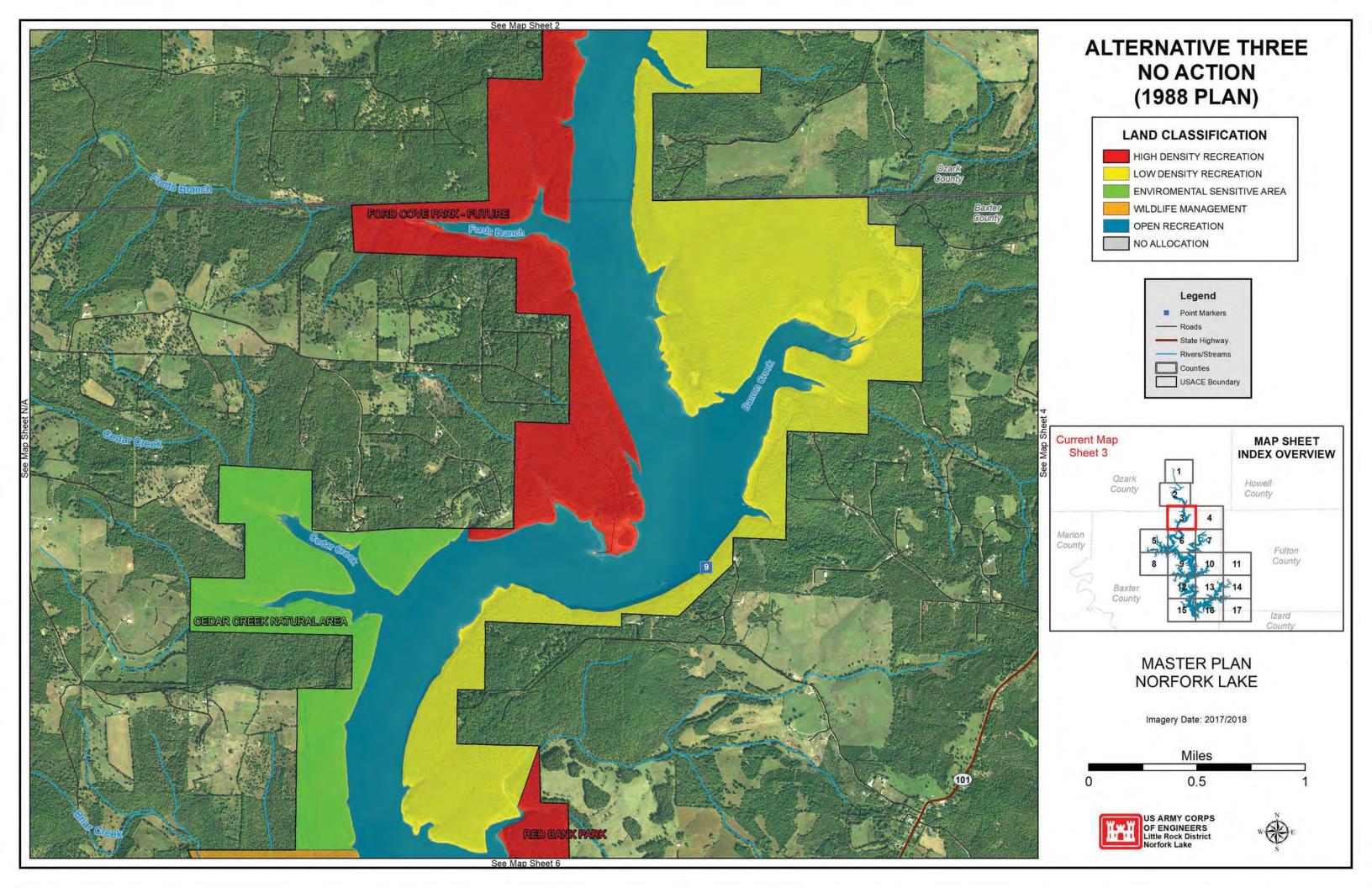


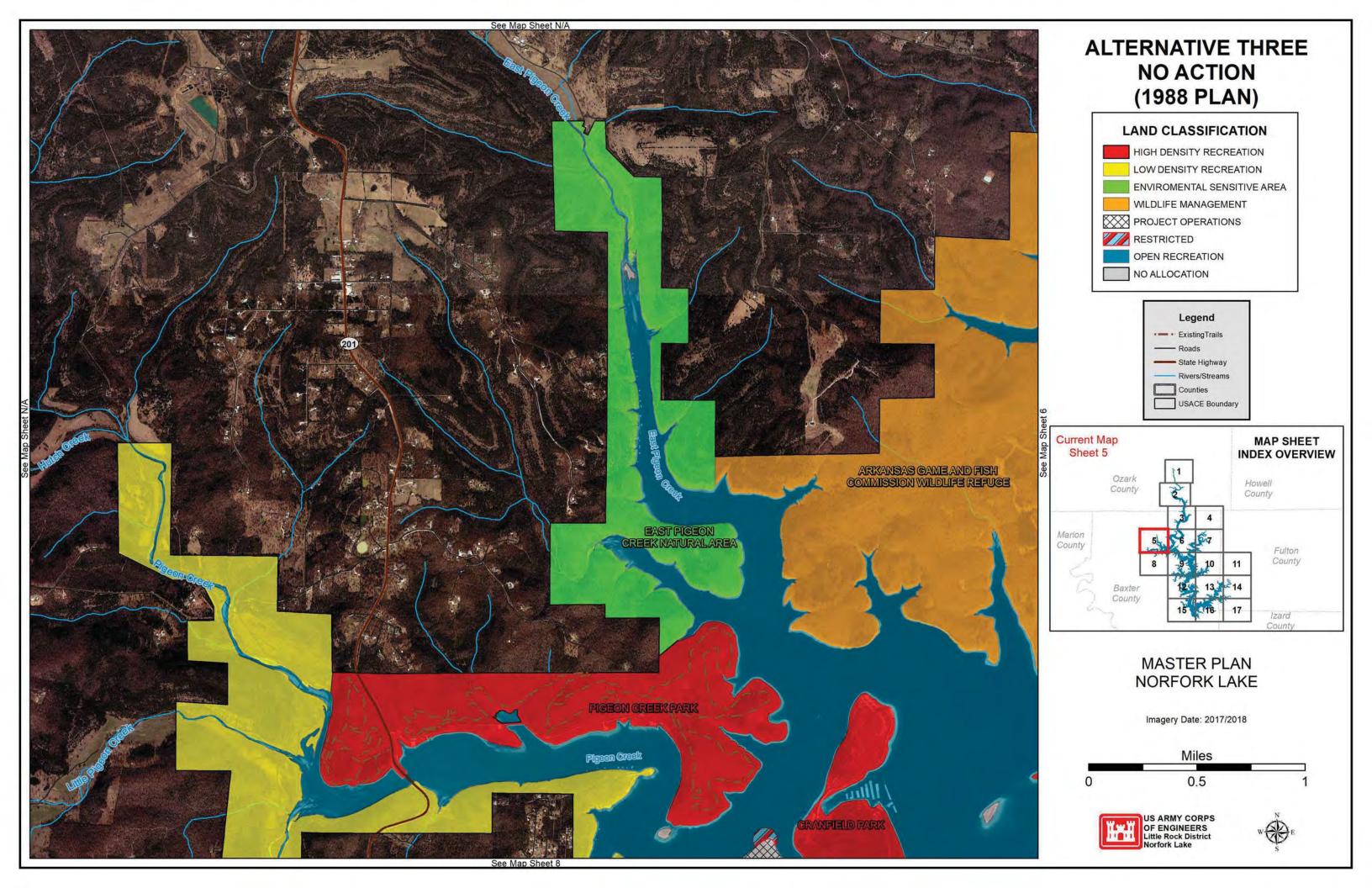


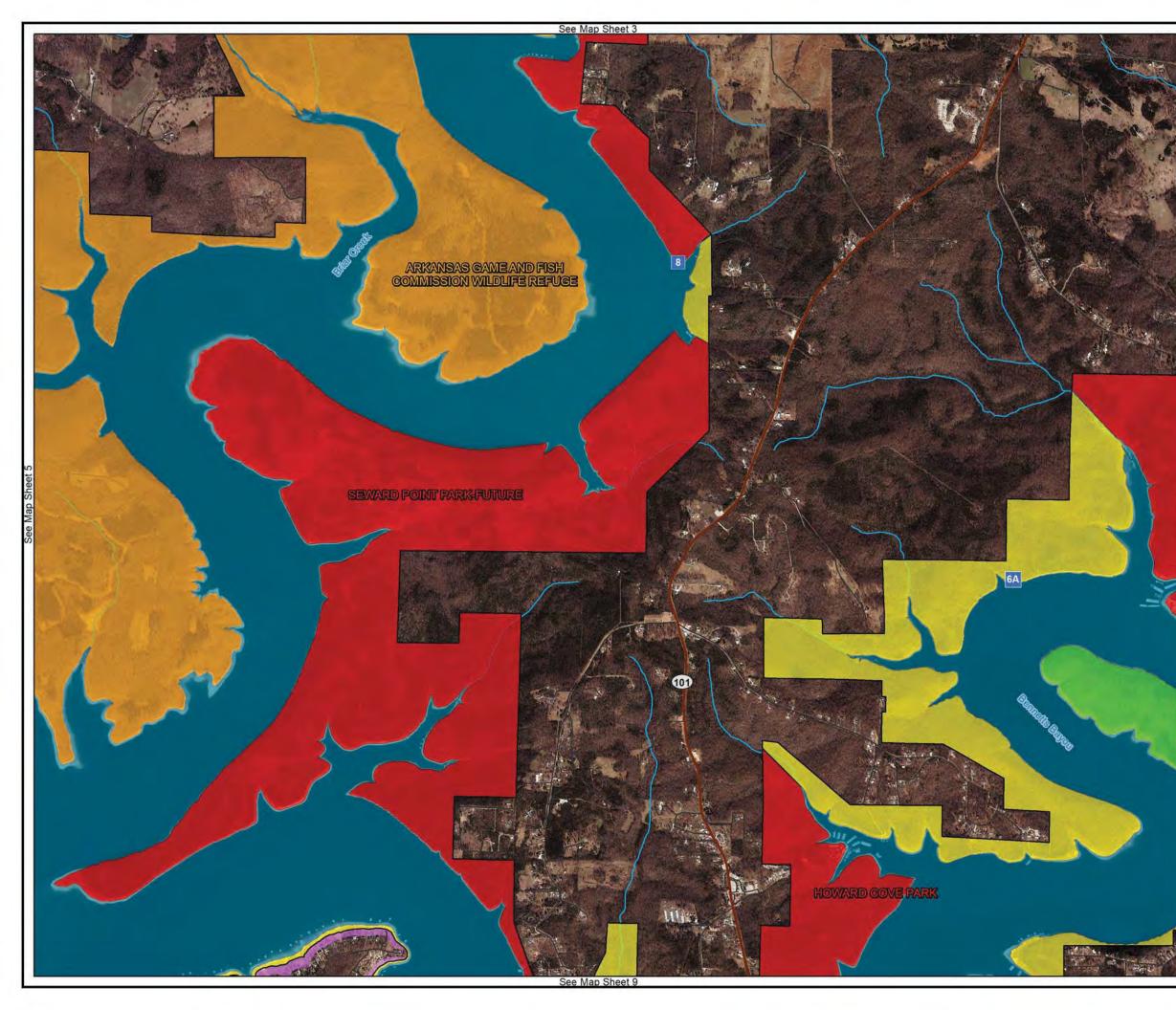


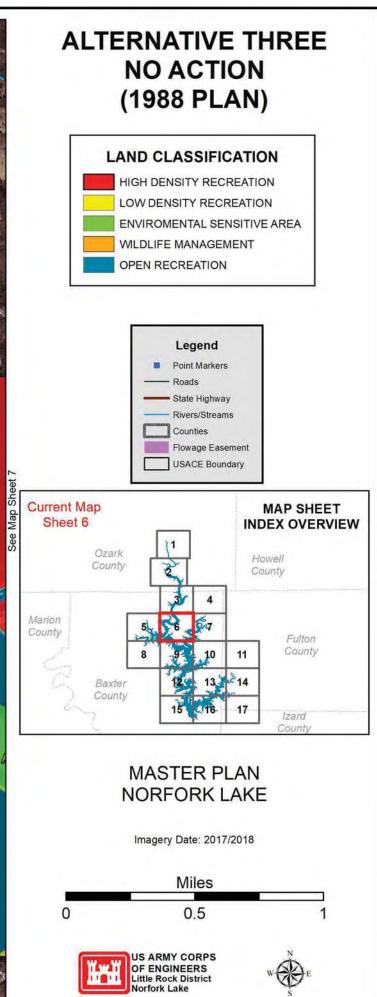


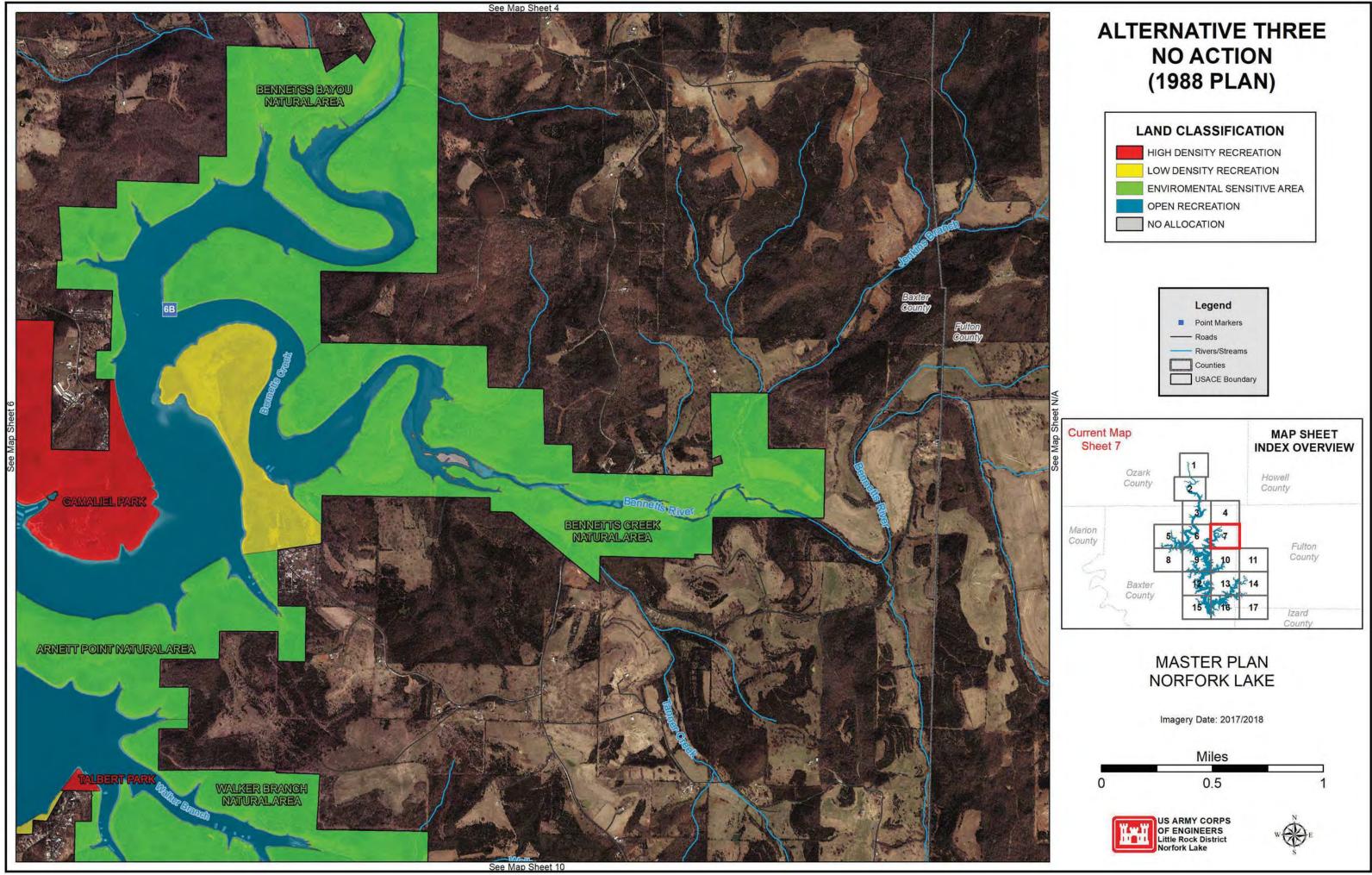


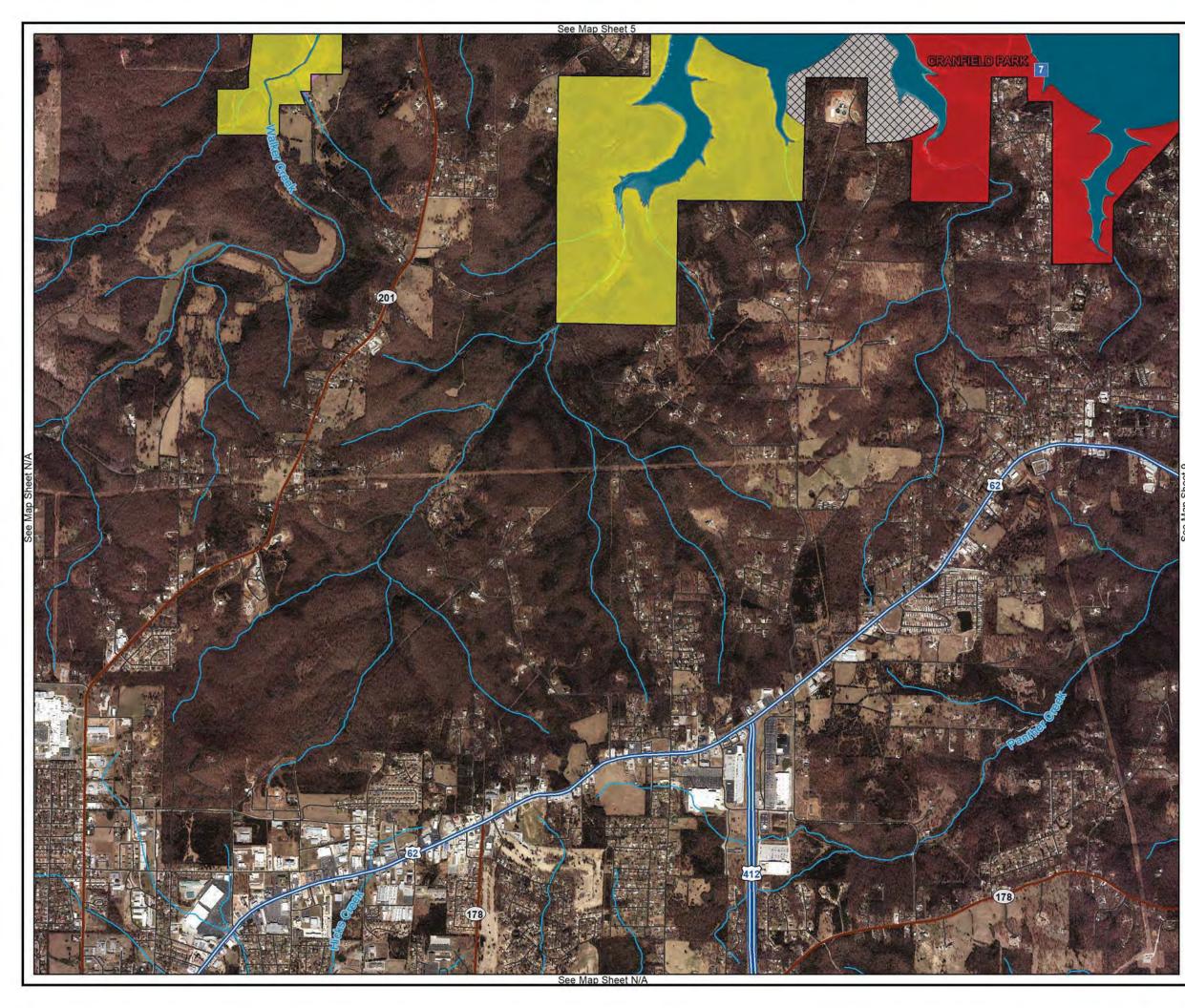


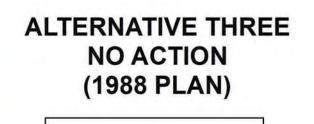










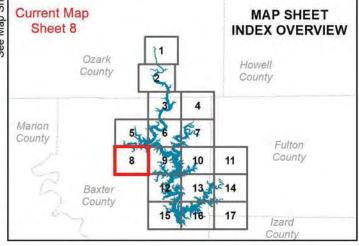


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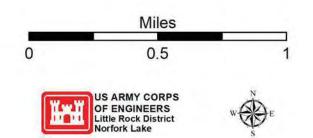
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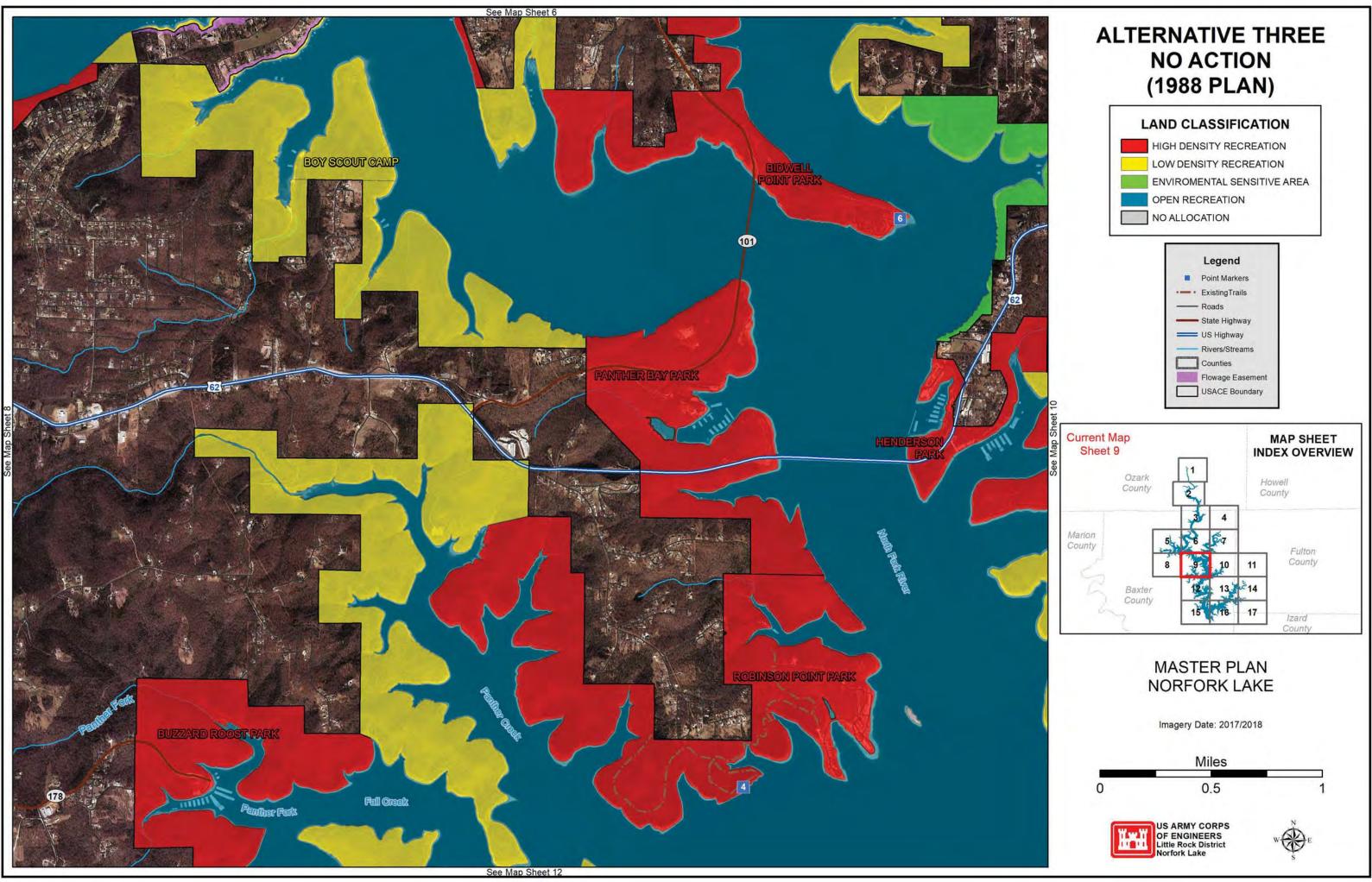


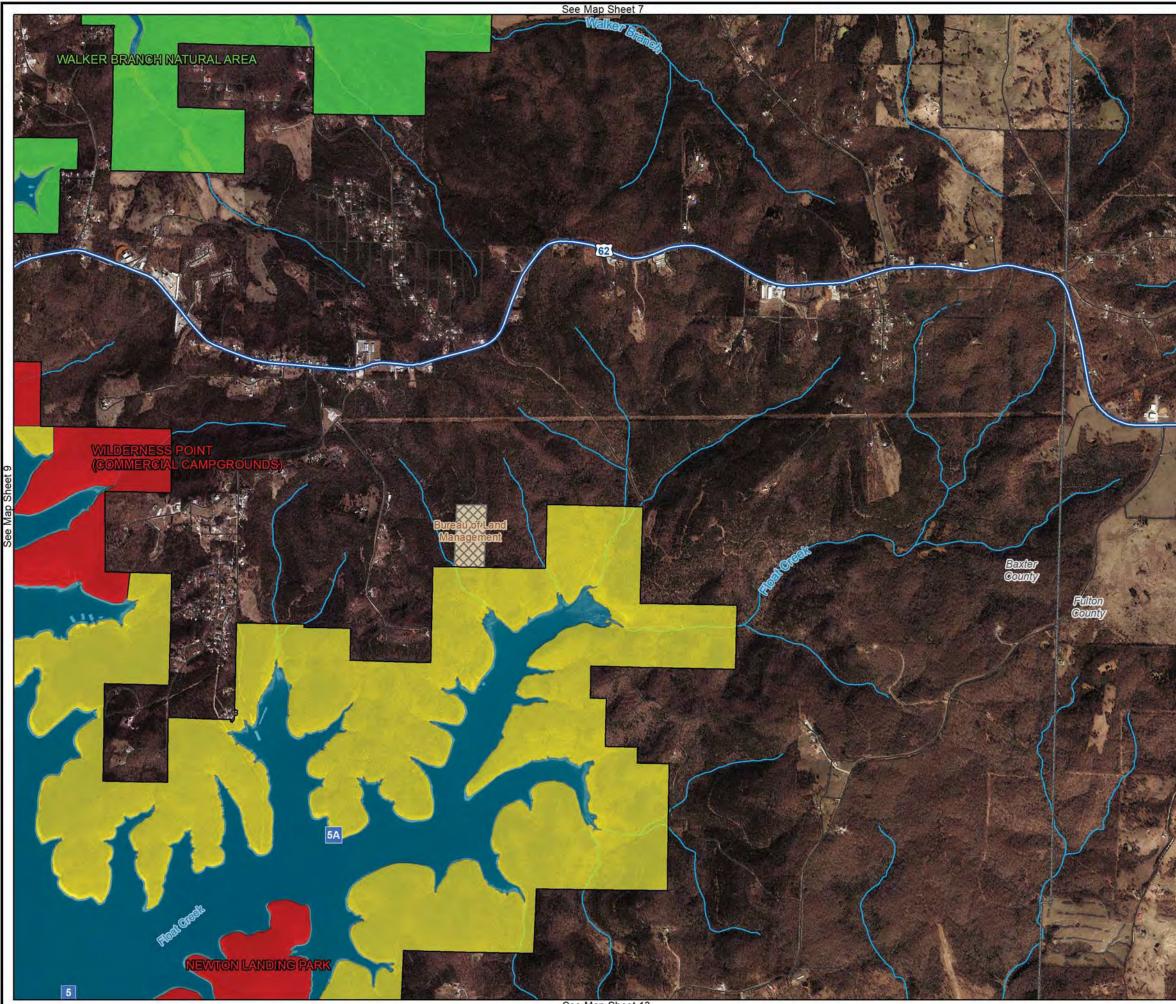


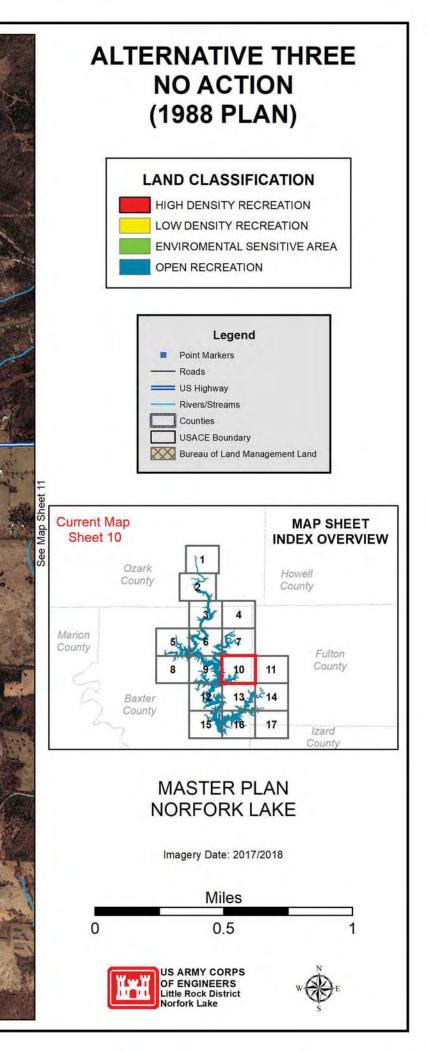
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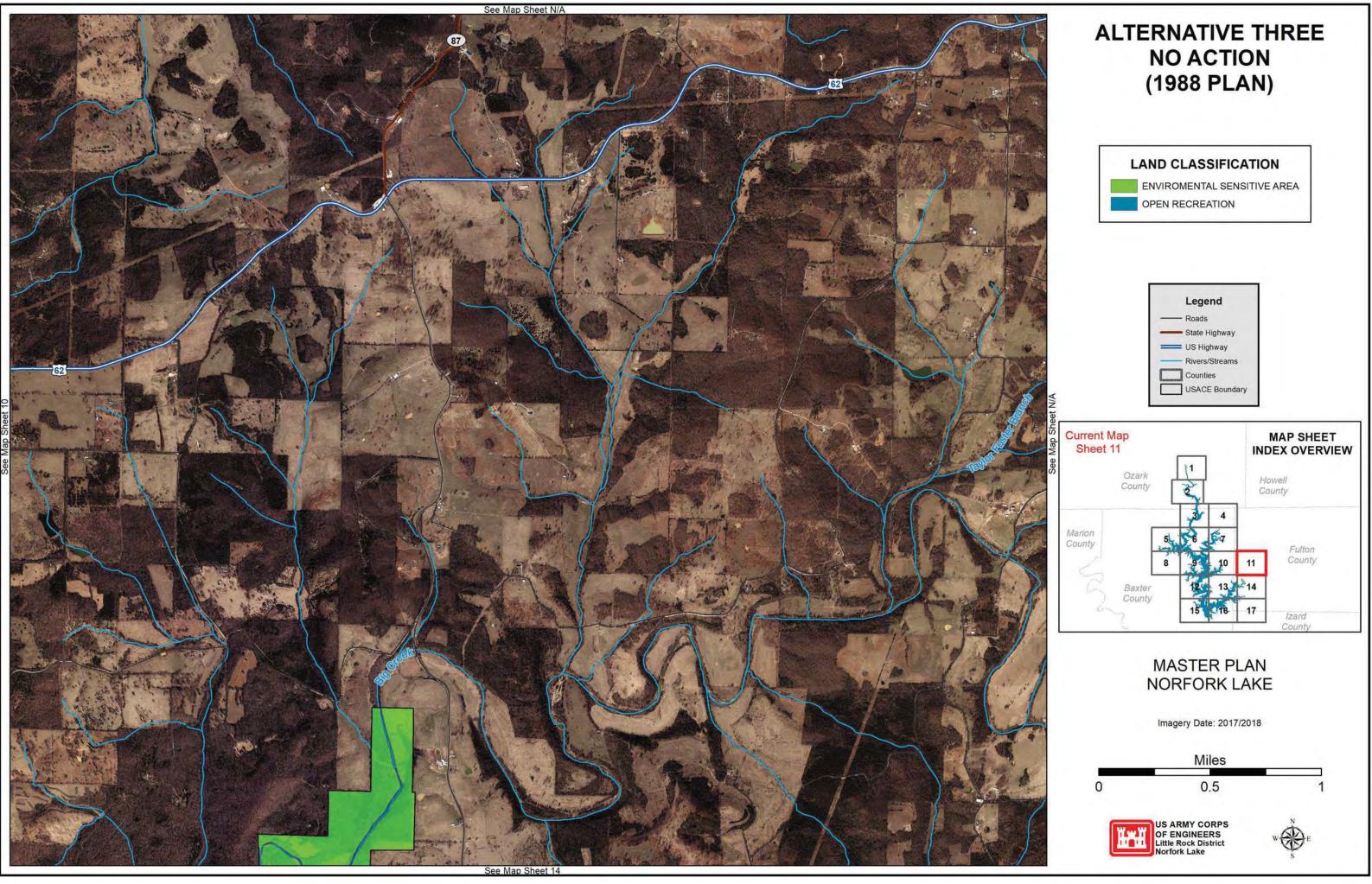
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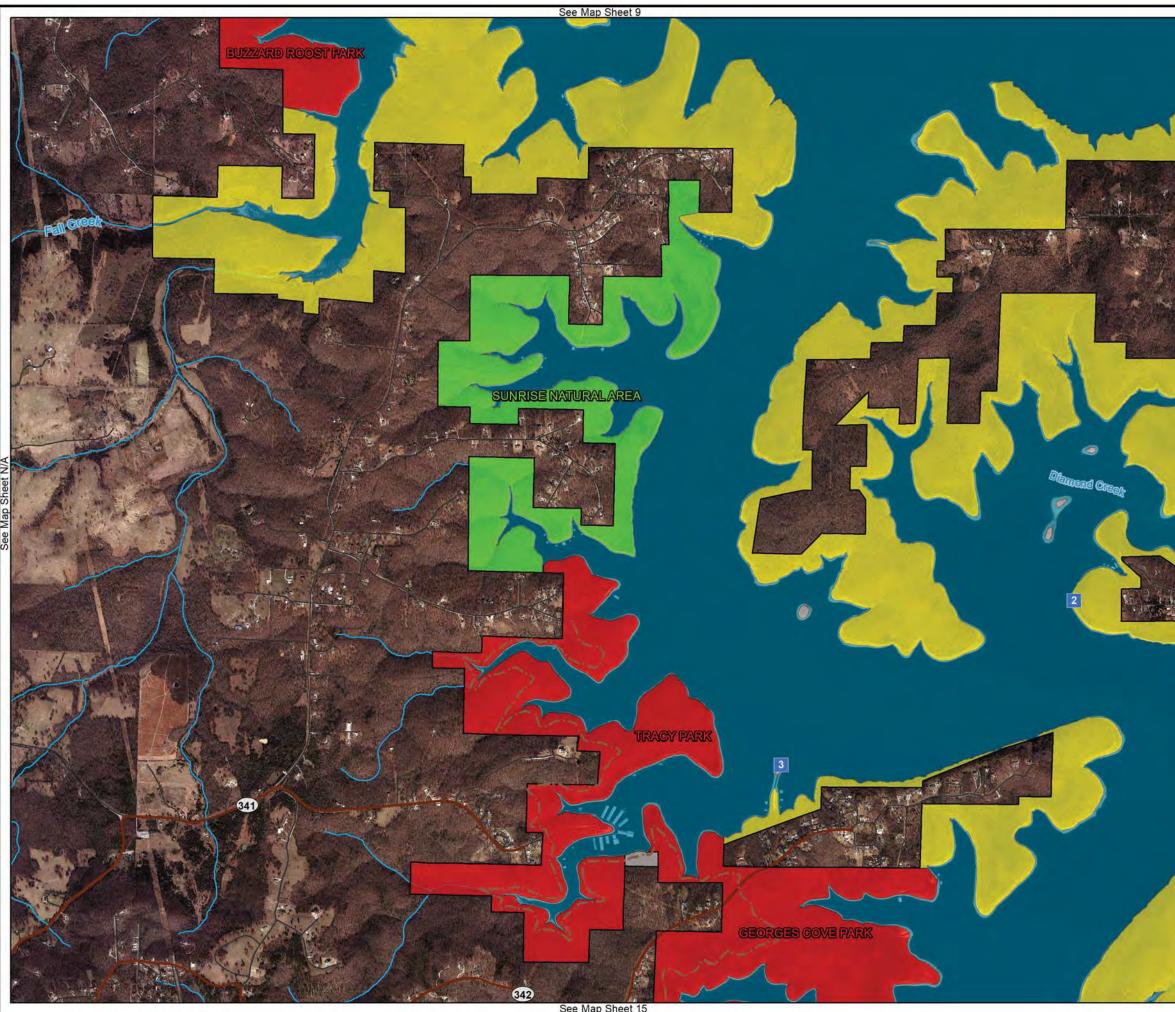


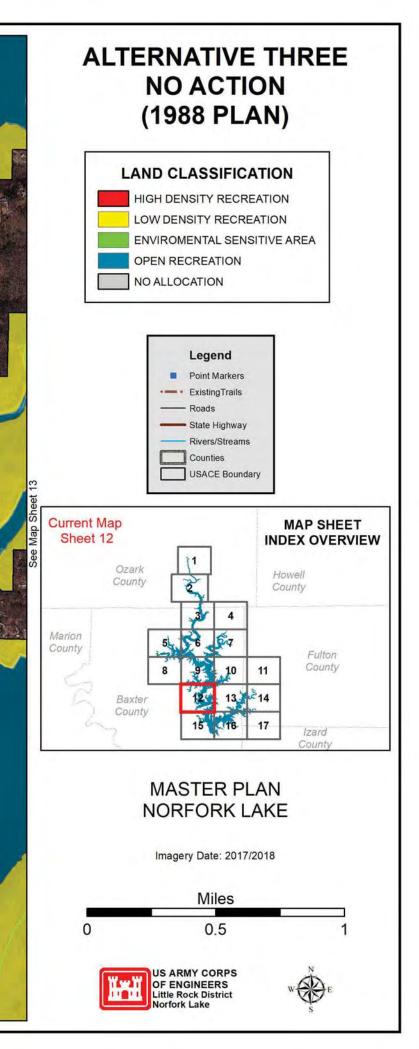


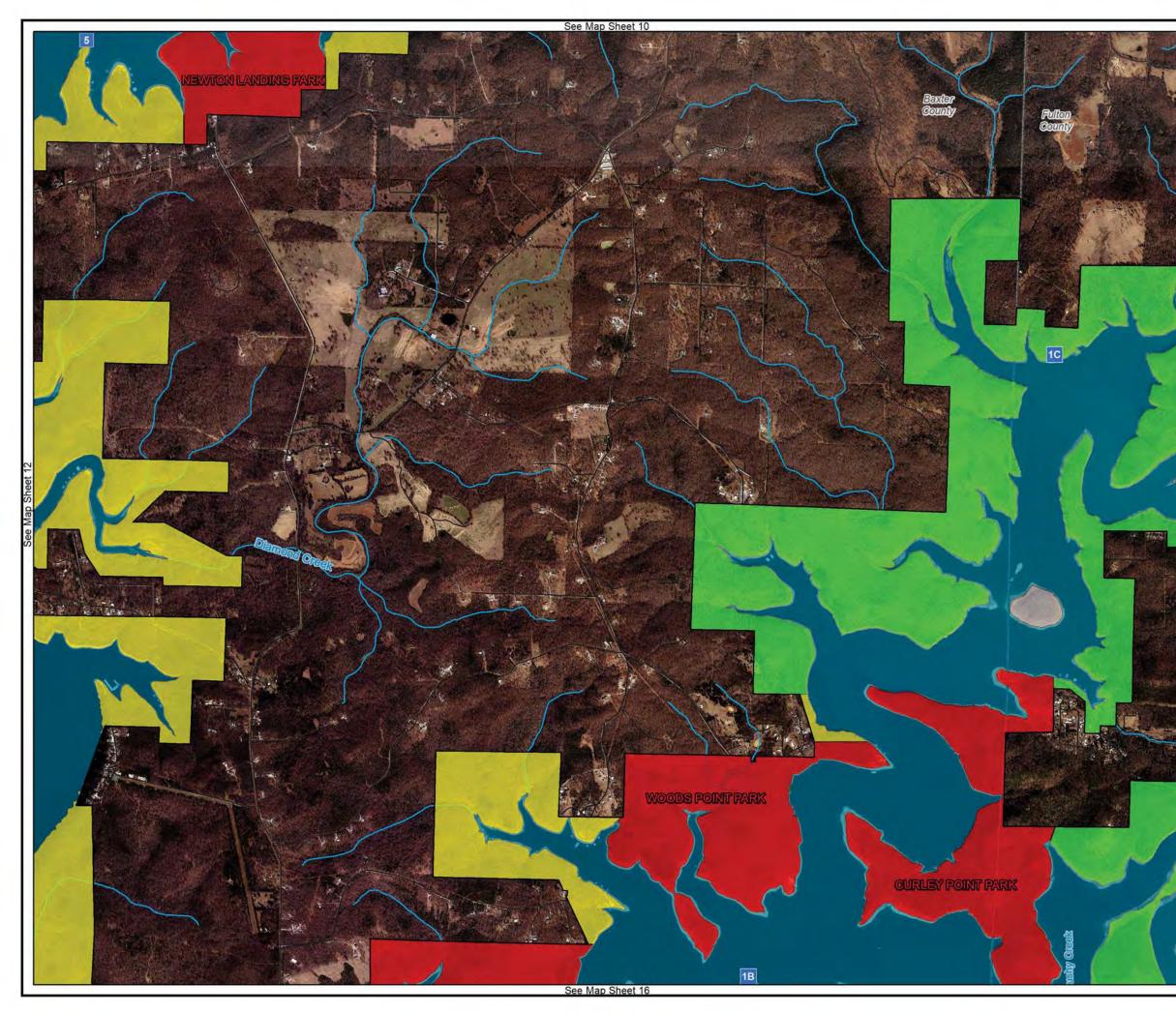


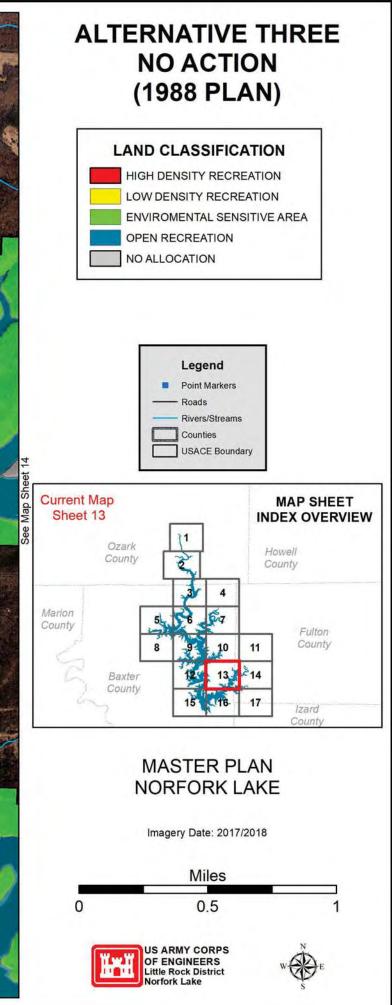


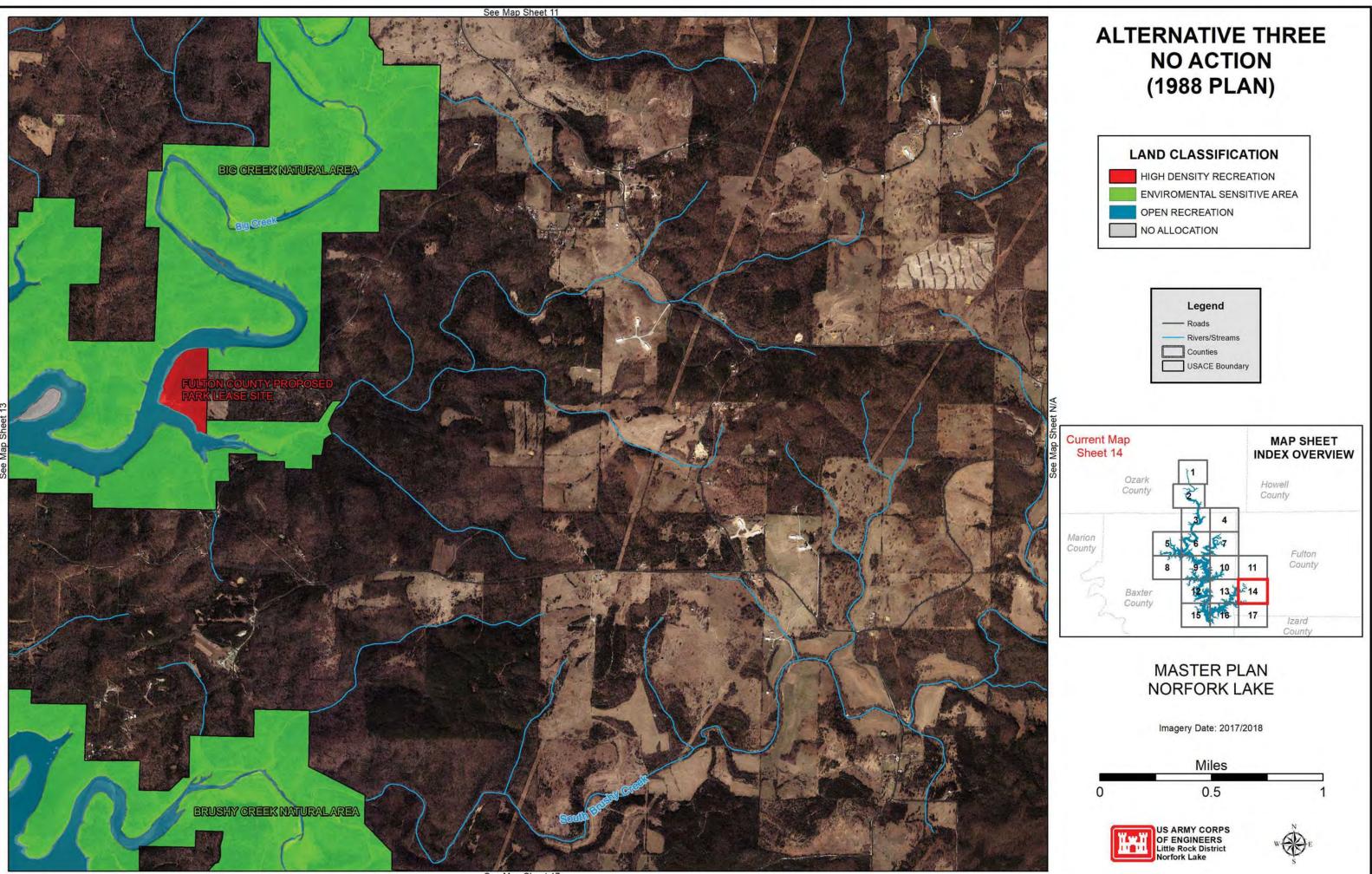












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