

# Lavon Lake Master Plan Revision Public Information Meeting to Present Draft Revision May 5, 2016

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# Purpose of this Meeting

- Announce the availability of the draft revision of the Lavon Lake Master Plan and Environmental Assessment.
- Highlight changes proposed in the revised Master Plan compared to the previous 1972 version.
- Provide the public and stakeholders the opportunity to meet with USACE staff to review and discuss Master Plan recommendations.
- The draft Master Plan with Environmental Assessment is available for 30-day public comment beginning May 5 through June 6, 2016.



# Process Followed to Date

- Initial public meeting was held March 10, 2015 to announce preparation of a Master Plan Revision for Lavon Lake.
- Public and agency comments were received during a 30-day comment period from March 10 – April 10.
- All public and agency comments received were reviewed and considered in the preparation of the draft Master Plan Revision. (see Appendix H of the draft for comments and Government response)
- A Draft Environmental Assessment was prepared and is included in the Master Plan Revision as Appendix B.



# Public/Agency Comments Summary

TOPIC	COMMENTS
Trails	Hike, bike, canoe and equestrian trails desired by many. Need management to reduce conflict. Trails across Corps lands needed to connect to Northeast Texas Trail. Need trails that connect to city streets. No motorized vehicles on trails.
Land Classifications	Broad consensus to protect open space. Several areas recommended for Environmentally Sensitive classification. Focus on low intensity uses.
Boat Ramps	Need year round access to ramps north and south. Extend length of ramps for low water conditions.
Leasing Parks	Consider leasing parks to City of Lucas. Do not transfer ownership or management to private interests. Preserve the Raptor Center.
Utility Corridors	Define utility corridors to preserve open space.
Campgrounds	Need 50 amp, water & sewer hookups. Campsite layout should be spacious, not crowded. More RV sites needed in Clear Lake Park.



# Principal Changes from Current Master Plan to Revised Plan

- Significant changes to Land Classifications
- Comprehensive New Management Objectives
- Establishment of Utility Corridors

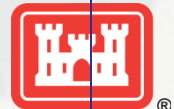


Example of Land Classification Map



# Land Classification Definitions

Land Classification	Definition
Project Operations	Those lands required for the dam, operations center, office, maintenance compound and other areas that are used solely for project operations
High Density Recreation	Land developed for intensive recreational activities by the visiting public, including developed recreation areas and areas for marinas and related concessions, and resorts
Multiple Resource Management	<b>Recreation –Low Density:</b> Activities such as hiking, primitive camping, wildlife observation, and hunting
	<b>Wildlife Management General:</b> Fish and wildlife management activities
	<b>Vegetative Management:</b> Management activities for the protection and development of a specific vegetative cover
Environmentally Sensitive Areas	Areas where scientific, ecological, cultural or aesthetic features have been identified. These areas must be considered by management to ensure they are not adversely impacted



# Change in Land Classifications and Acreage

1972 Land Classifications	Acreage	New Classifications	Acreage	Net Difference
Project Operations	131	Project Operations	508	377
Recreation – Intensive Use	2,971	High Density Recreation	2,011	(960)
Natural Area	527	Environmentally Sensitive Area	4,319	3,792
Recreation – Low Density Use	6,403	Low Density Recreation	2,468	(3,935)
Wildlife Management	6,574	Wildlife Management	6,476	(98)
		Vegetative Management	824	824



# Management Goals & Resource Objectives

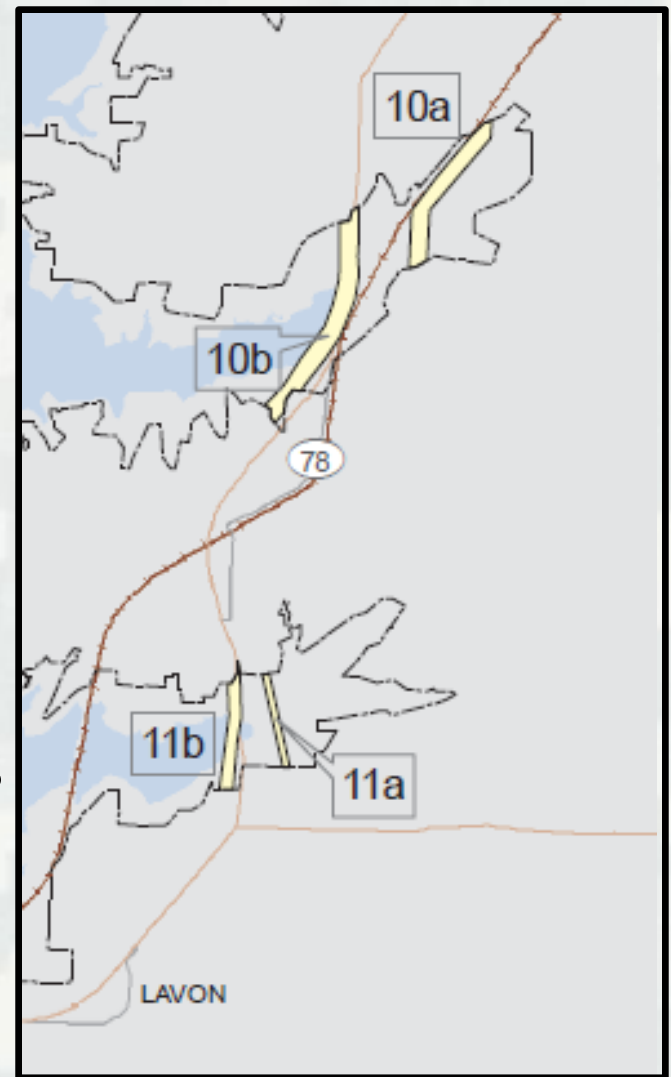
- Chapter 3 of the Master Plan
- Consists of 5 Goals (broad generalized statements)
- Consists of 5 Resource Objective Categories
  - ▶ Recreational Objectives
  - ▶ Natural Resource Management Objectives
  - ▶ Visitor Information, Education, and Outreach Objectives
  - ▶ General Management Objectives
  - ▶ Cultural Resource Management Objectives





# Utility Corridors

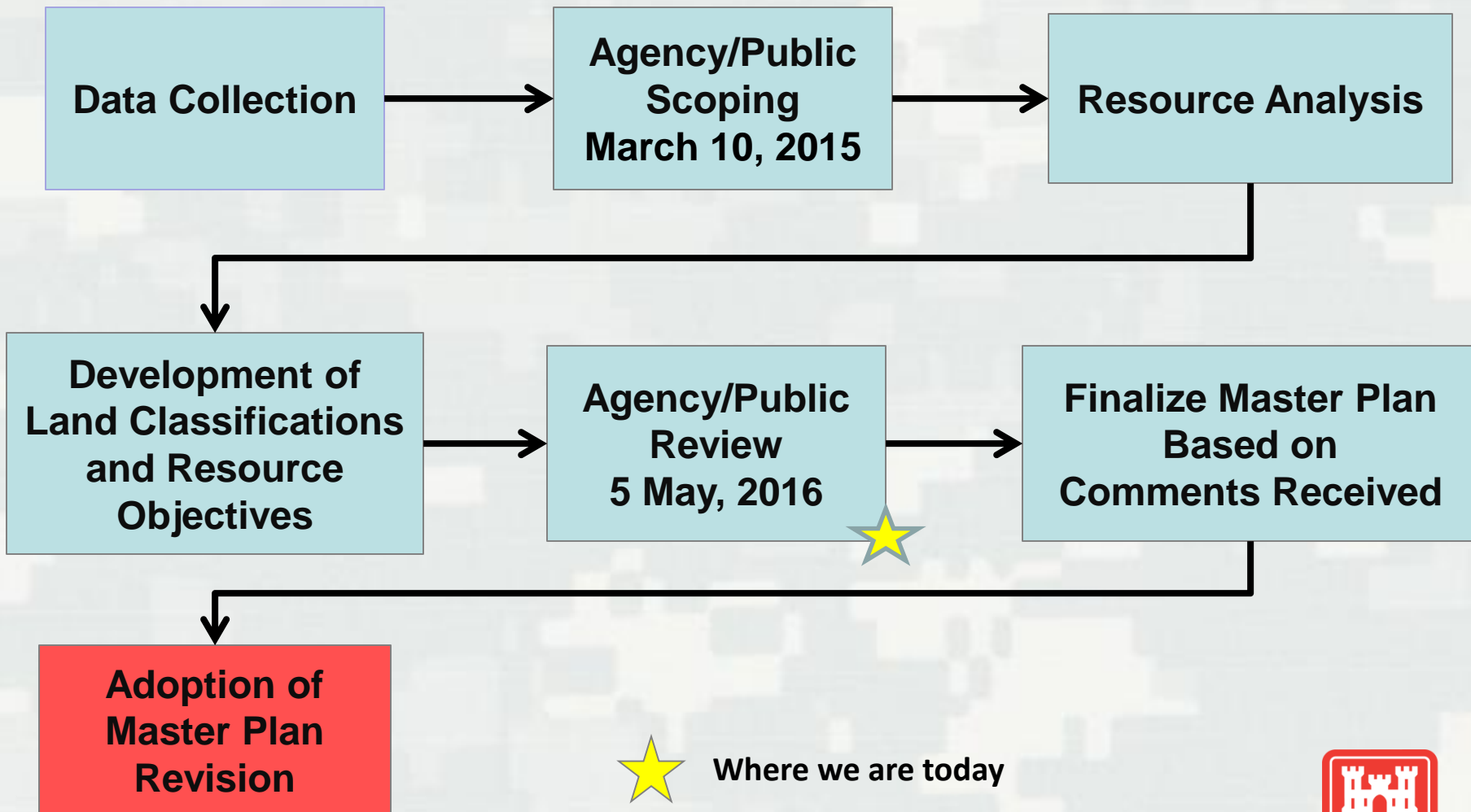
- 13 Distinct Corridors Established
- Each corridor parallels existing easements
- Each corridor has specific dimensions and restrictions
- Details provided in Chapter 6



Example of Utility Corridor Map



# The Master Planning Process



Where we are today



# Next Steps

Public and agency comments due on draft	June 6, 2016
Comments considered and incorporated	July 2016
Internal Review of Final Master Plan and EA	August 2016
Final Approved by District Engineer	September 2016
Notice to Public of Final Master Plan	October 2016



# How to Participate

- Visit with Corps staff at conclusion of presentation.
- Review the draft Master Plan. It is posted on the Corps website provided on the comment forms. A printed copy is available at the Corps' Lavon Lake office.
- Pick up a comment form tonight and follow instructions for submitting written comments. Verbal comments cannot be considered. Comments are due by June 6, 2016.



This concludes the presentation. You are invited to meet with staff members for further discussion. Thank you for your time and willingness to participate.



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