



DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
FORT WORTH DISTRICT, CORPS OF ENGINEERS
P. O. BOX 17300
FORT WORTH, TEXAS 76102-0300

REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF:

December 10, 2007

NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY

**ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT
HIDDEN COVE PARK/MARINA
LEWISVILLE LAKE, DENTON COUNTY, TEXAS**

Description. Interested parties are hereby notified that the District Engineer, Fort Worth District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), has prepared an Environmental Assessment (EA) and a draft Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) regarding the proposed action described below and affecting federal land under lease to The City of The Colony (The Colony) for park and recreation purposes at Lewisville Lake, Texas.

Statutory Authority. This notice is being issued to all interested parties in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969, as amended, and the Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) Code of Federal Regulations (40 CFR parts 1500-1508).

Background. An earlier version of the EA and draft FONSI for the proposed action were prepared in accordance with the requirements of NEPA and were made available for public comment on April 11, 2007. Public comments received on that EA, as well as changes in the proposed action desired by The Colony, has resulted in the need to revise the earlier EA and to make it available for additional public comment. The purpose of the EA is to identify and evaluate the environmental aspects of implementing the proposed action in accordance with NEPA.

Proposed Action. The Colony has leased Hidden Cove Park at Lewisville Lake from the USACE since 1995 for park and recreation purposes. In 1999, The Colony proposed numerous potential modifications to Hidden Cove Park which were addressed by the USACE in a Programmatic Environmental Assessment (PEA). Additional modifications regarding a proposed marina in Hidden Cove Park were addressed in a supplement to the PEA in 2000. In the EA circulated for public comment on April 11, 2007, The Colony proposed changes to decisions made in the earlier documents. Principal among these changes were a shift of 510 vessel allocations from Wynnewood Park to Hidden Cove Park, thus increasing the total vessel allocations in Hidden Cove Park from 350 to 860, and decreasing the vessel allocations in Wynnewood Park from 840 to 330. In addition to this shift in vessel allocation, the physical location of the proposed marina was proposed to be moved from the northwestern shore of Hidden Cove Park to the southeastern shore of Hidden Cove Park. Other major modifications proposed included increasing the size and scope of the lodge/hotel conference center from 75 rooms to 250 rooms and increasing the dry storage area for boats and recreational vehicles from 60 open spaces to 248 covered spaces and 300 open spaces. At the conclusion of the public comment period on May 23, 2007, the USACE determined that the marina location approved in the 2000 supplemental EA had been incorrectly described as being located on the northwestern shore of Hidden Cove Park. The correct location should have been described as being on the southwestern shore of Hidden Cove Park. In addition to this error,

The Colony decided to change the proposed action by reducing the vessel allocation from 860 down to 350 which is the vessel allocation approved for Hidden Cove Park in the 2000 supplement to the 1999 PEA. In addition to reducing the vessel allocation to 350, The Colony also withdrew all plans for a 300-slip, dry-stacked boat storage facility. With the exception of these three changes, the proposed action remains as described in the EA circulated for comment in April 2007. Three alternatives are considered in the EA including the preferred alternative, no modification to the PEA and 2000 supplement, and the no action alternative.

Public Hearing. A public hearing has not been scheduled for this proposed action. Prior to the close of the comment period, any person may make a written request for a public hearing, setting forth the particular reasons for the request. The District Engineer will determine whether the issues raised are substantial and should be considered in his decision. If a public hearing is warranted, all known interested parties will be notified of the time, date, and location of such a hearing.

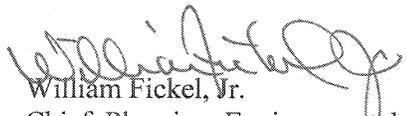
Public Review. Pursuant to the regulations implementing the procedural provisions of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 as amended in 1975 (40 Code of Federal Regulations [CFR], Parts 1500 through 1508), the U.S. Department of the Army gives notice that it has prepared the required environmental documentation for the Hidden Cove Park/Marina project, Lewisville Lake, Texas. This document is available for review on the Fort Worth District Website www.swf.usace.army.mil or at the following addresses:

Elm Fork Project Office
1801 N. Mill St.
Lewisville, Texas 75057
469-645-9100

Parks & Recreation Admin.
5151 North Colony Blvd.
The Colony, Texas 75056
972-625-1106

The Colony Public Library
6800 Main Street
The Colony, Texas 75056
972-625-1900

Comment Period. The comment period for this action is 15 days from the date of this Public Notice. Please address any comments to Mr. Brandon Mobley, CESWF-PER-EE, Post Office Box 17300, Fort Worth, Texas 76102-0300. Copies of the EA and draft FONSI may be requested in writing at the above address or by telephone at (817) 886-1714.


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