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**PUBLIC NOTICE**

**OPEN HOUSE FOR THE RELEASE OF THE DRAFT JIM CHAPMAN LAKE  
AND WHITE OAK CREEK MITIGATION AREA MASTER PLAN 2023  
JIM CHAPMAN LAKE, SULPHUR RIVER BASIN  
HOPKINS, DELTA, BOWIE, CASS,  
MORRIS, AND TITUS COUNTIES, TEXAS**

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), Fort Worth District, hereby informs the public that the Draft Jim Chapman Lake and White Oak Mitigation Area Master Plan (MP) 2023, Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI), and Environmental Assessment (EA) will be available for public review. An open house will be held from **4:00 PM to 6:00 PM on February 27, 2023, at the Hopkins County Civic Center, 1200 Houston Street, Sulphur Springs, Texas, 75482.**

The public open house will give an overview of the proposed changes to the current Jim Chapman Lake and White Oak Creek Mitigation Area Master Plan, provide instructions on how to submit comments, and provide an opportunity for the public to ask questions and provide feedback. The 30-day public comment period will begin on **February 28, 2023, and end on March 30, 2023.** For those unable to attend the public open house, the draft MP, EA, comment form with instructions, and a downloadable presentation covering the same topics covered in the open house will be available for download starting on February 27, 2023, at the following Fort Worth District website:

**<https://www.swf.usace.army.mil/About/Lakes-and-Recreation-Information/Master-Plan-Updates/Jim-Chapman-Lake/>**

The current MP for Jim Chapman Lake and White Oak Creek Mitigation Area was last approved in 1990. It requires revision to address changes in regional land use, population, outdoor recreation trends, and the USACE management policy. Key topics to be discussed in the revised MP include revised land use classifications, new natural and recreational resource management objectives, recreation facility needs, and special issues such as invasive species management and existing habitats. **Public participation is critical to the successful revision of the Master Plan.**

Comments, suggestions, and questions can be submitted in writing and given to the USACE staff at the scheduled open house, emailed to [Jim-Chapman-MP@usace.army.mil](mailto:Jim-Chapman-MP@usace.army.mil), or mailed to Matthew Seavey, Jim Chapman (Cooper), Lake Manager; 64 Clear Springs Park, Texarkana, Texas 75501.

Sincerely,

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