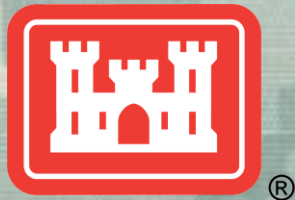


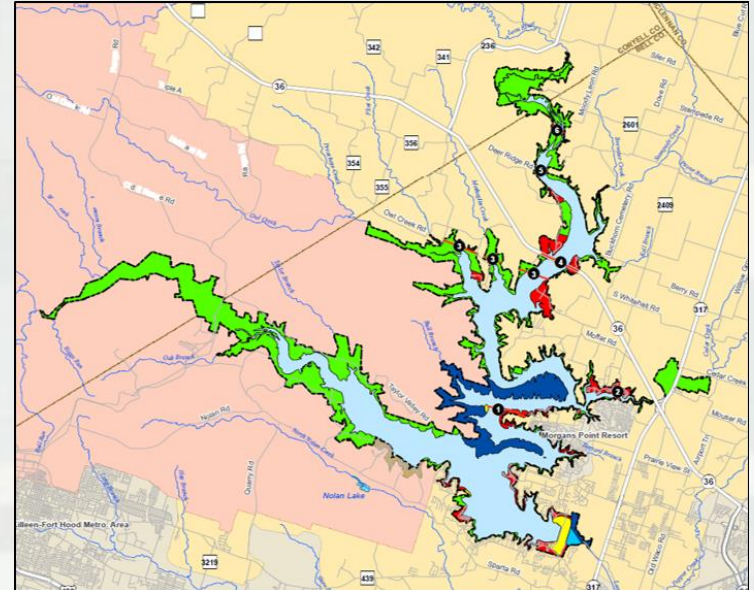
Belton Lake Master Plan Public Information Meeting to Present Draft Revision July 24, 2018

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Purpose of this Meeting

- Announce the availability of the draft revision of the Belton Lake Master Plan and accompanying Environmental Assessment.
- Highlight changes proposed in the revised Master Plan compared to the previous 1970 version.
- Provide the public 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 July 24, 2018



Process Followed to Date

- Initial public meeting was held May 25, 2017 to announce preparation of a Master Plan Revision for Belton Lake
- Public and agency comments were received during a 30-day comment period from May 25 thru June 25
- All public and agency comments received were reviewed and considered in the preparation of the draft Master Plan Revision. (see Chapter 7 of the draft for comments and Government response)
- **Wildlife habitat evaluation completed for entire lake area**
- A Draft Environmental Assessment was prepared and is included in the Master Plan Revision as Appendix B



What Master Plans Are Not

- Master Plans **do not** address in detail the technical aspects of
 - ▶ Regional water quality
 - ▶ Water management for flood risk management,
 - ▶ Water supply or water level management
 - ▶ Shoreline management



Public/Agency Comments Summary

TOPIC	COMMENTS
Miller Springs Nature Area	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Encroachment and Vandalism• Land Classification Change to Protect Resources• Land Classification Change to Protect Endangered Species Habitat• Manage brush along the boundary line
Leases and Concessions	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Review of Lease and Concession Boundaries• Public Safety• Water Access• Recreational Capacity
Park Areas and Recreation Facilities	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Create Paddle Trails• Expand Boat Ramp Facilities and Parking• Create Connected hike and Bike Trails• Expand Recreational Partnerships• Provide More Free Access• Reopen Closed Parks
Natural Resources and Aesthetics	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Preserve Natural Areas and Remove Invasive Species
Lake-to-Lake Road	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Proposed expansion or placement of roadways on Federal Land is very important but not part of Master Plan
Maintain Normal Flow of Water	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Lake levels and water flows of the Leon River are not part of the Master Plan

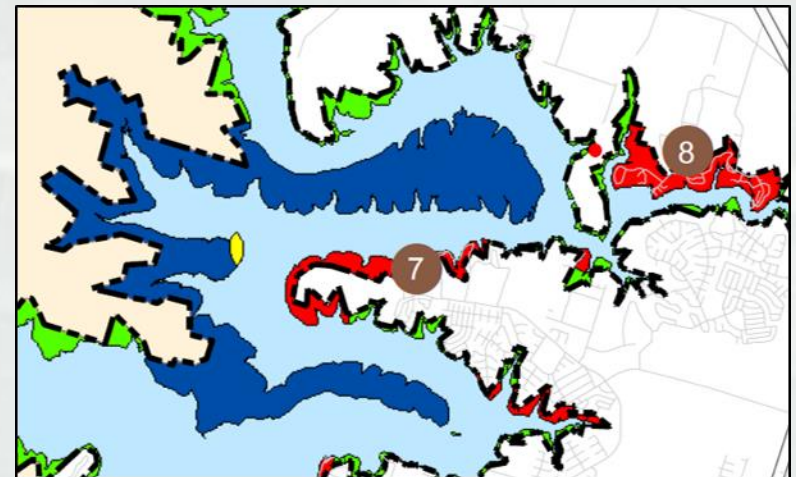
Principal Changes from Current Master Plan to Revised Plan

- Changes to Land Classifications
 - Shift from the **prior classification** “Aesthetic Area” Classification to Low Density Recreation
 - Classification of 1,888 acres as Environmentally Sensitive Areas (ESA)
 - Shift from **prior classification** Recreational Areas Priorities to High Density Recreation (HDR)

- **Comprehensive New**

- Land Management Objectives**

- **Identification of 6 Utility Corridors**



Example of Land Classification Map



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	<p>Recreation –Low Density: Activities such as hiking, primitive camping, wildlife observation, and hunting</p>
	<p>Wildlife Management General: Fish and wildlife management activities</p>
	<p>Vegetative Management: Management activities for the protection and development of a specific vegetative cover</p>
Environmentally Sensitive Areas	<p>Inactive and/or Future Recreation Areas: Recreation areas planned for the future or that have been temporarily closed</p> <p>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</p>
Easement Lands	<p>All land for which USACE holds an easement interest but not fee title. Planned use and management of easement lands will be in strict accordance with the terms and conditions of the easement estate acquired for the project</p>



Change in Land Classifications and Acreage

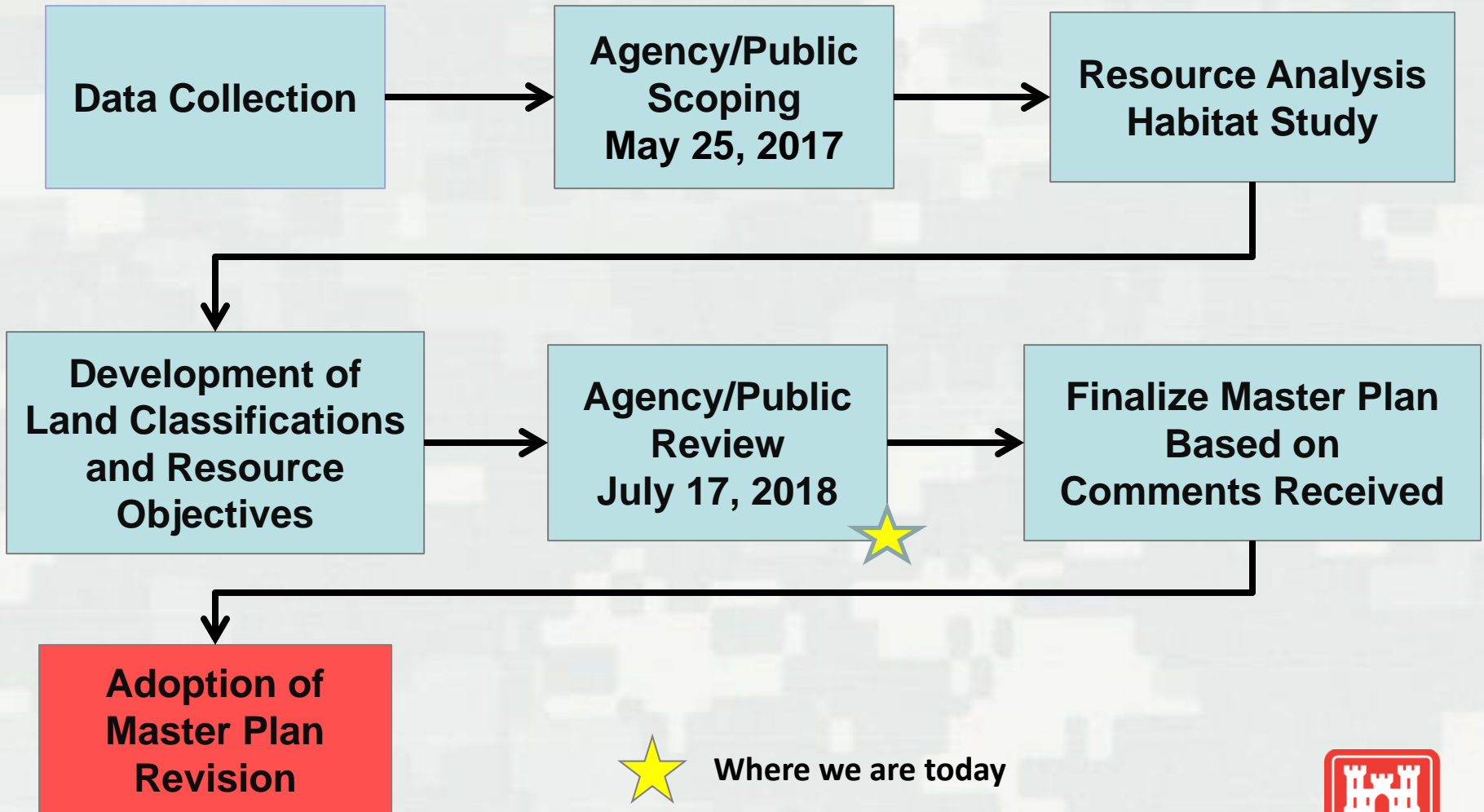
1970 Land Classifications	Acreage	New Classifications	Acreage	Net Difference
Operations and Maintenance	167	Project Operations	261	94
Recreation Areas Priority 1, 2 3 and 4 areas	2,126, 605, 123, 187	High Density Recreation	1,467	(1,574)
		Environmentally Sensitive Area	1,888	1,888
Aesthetic and Multiple Use Recreation	8,732	Multiple Resource Management - Low Density Recreation	9,603	(871)
Permanent Pool	594 NGVD		594 NGVD	0
Flowage Easement	6,555		6,555	0

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



The Master Planning Process



Where we are today



Next Steps

Public and agency comments due on draft	August 24 , 2018
Comments considered and incorporated	Sept - Oct 2018
Internal Review of Final Master Plan and EA	November 2018
Final Approval by District Engineer	Nov - Dec 2018
Notice to Public of Final Master Plan	December 2018



How to Participate

- Visit with **USACE** staff at conclusion of presentation.
- Review the draft Master Plan. It is posted on the **USACE** website provided on the comment forms. A printed copy is available at **USACE** Belton & Stillhouse Lake Offices
- Pick up a comment form tonight and follow instructions for submitting written comments. Verbal comments cannot be considered. Comments are due by close of business on August 24, 2018



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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