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PUBLIC NOTICE

**OPEN HOUSE PUBLIC MEETING FOR JIM CHAPMAN (COOPER) LAKE AND WHITE OAK
CREEK MITIGATION AREA MASTER PLAN REVISION
JIM CHAPMAN LAKE, SULPHUR RIVER BASIN
BOWIE, CASS, DELTA, HOPKINS, MORRIS AND TITUS COUNTIES, TEXAS**

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Fort Worth District (USACE), is revising the Jim Chapman (Cooper) Lake and White Oak Creek Mitigation Area Master Plan (MP). An open house public meeting will be held from **6:00 pm to 8:00 pm on March 21, 2022, at the Hopkins County Regional Civic Center, 1200 Houston Street, Sulphur Springs, Texas 75482**. The meeting will provide attendees with information regarding the revision content, process, and general schedule. Attendees can view current land use classification maps and ask the USACE staff questions. A 30-day comment period will begin on March 21, 2022, and end on April 22, 2022, during which the public can send comments, suggestions, and concerns.

The MP is defined by the USACE as the strategic land use management document that guides the comprehensive management and development of all recreational, natural, and cultural resources throughout the life of the water resource development project. In general, it defines "how" the resources will be managed for public use and resource conversation.

Revision of the MP will not address in detail the technical operational aspects of the lake related to flood risk management, water conservation, or shoreline management program which specifies what private uses are permitted along the shoreline. The MP study area will include Jim Chapman (Cooper) Dam and Lake as well as the White Oak Creek Mitigation Area and all adjacent recreational and natural resources properties owned in fee by the USACE.

The current 1990 MP was created and given limited approval for building public use facilities, and later was updated to authorize comprehensive land use and resource management. Public participation is critical to the successful revision of the MP. Information provided at the open house public meeting, including the existing MP, may be viewed on the USACE website at the following link beginning March 21, 2022:

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

Comments must be submitted in writing and can be given to USACE staff at the open house public meeting. Comments can also be emailed to Jim-Chapman-MP@usace.army.mil, or mailed to: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Attn: Matthew Seavey, Jim Chapman (Cooper) Lake Manager, 64 Clear Springs Park, Texarkana Texas 75501.

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