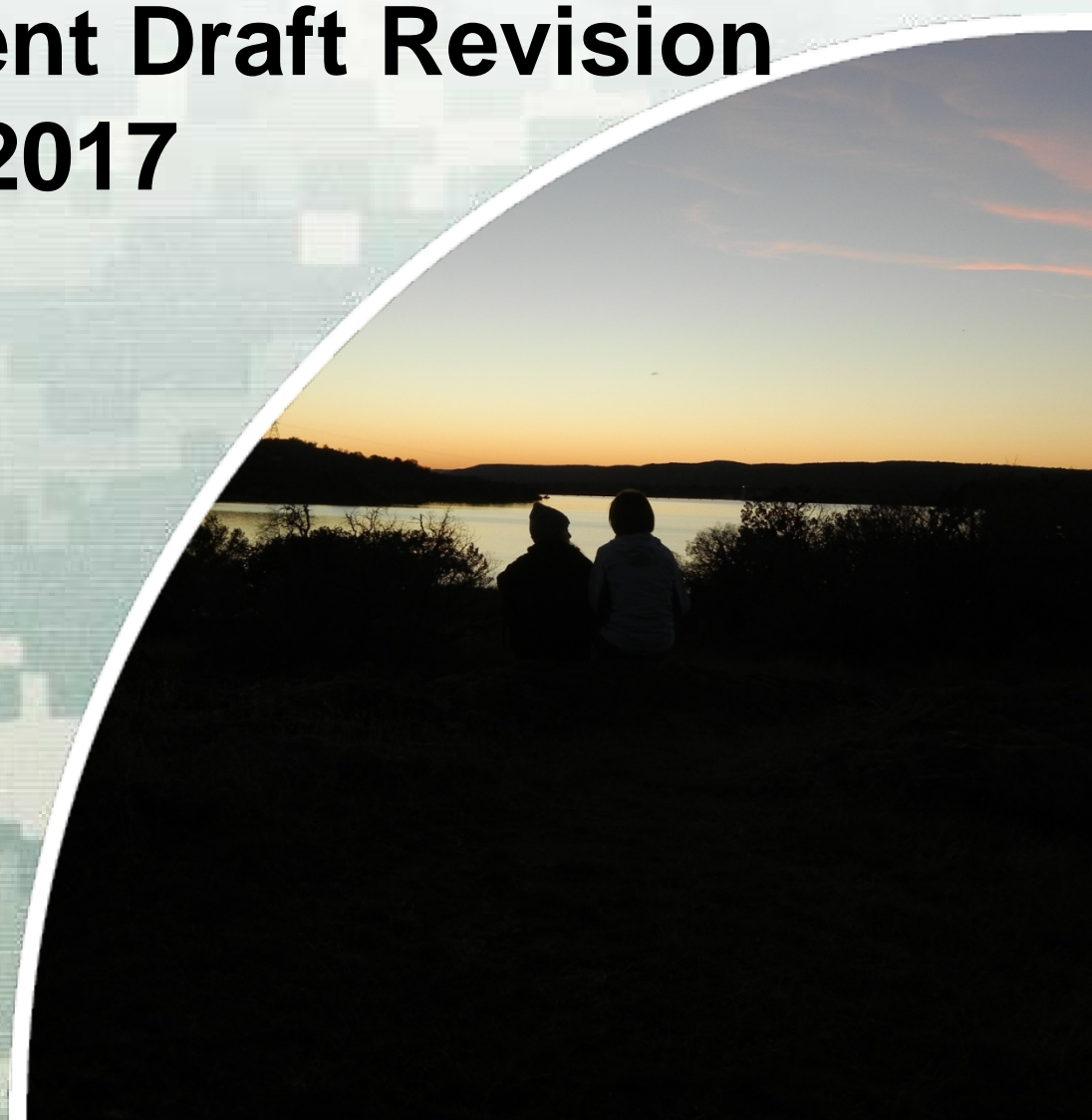


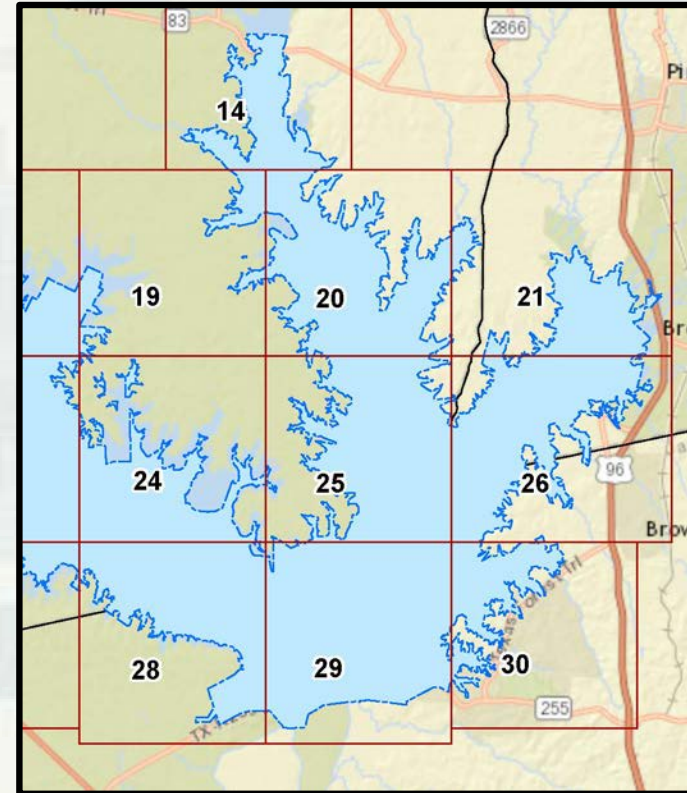
# **Sam Rayburn Reservoir Master Plan Public Information Meeting to Present Draft Revision Jan 31 & Feb 2, 2017**

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# Purpose of this Meeting

- Announce the availability of the draft revision of the Sam Rayburn Reservoir Master Plan and accompanying Environmental Assessment.
- Highlight changes proposed in the revised Master Plan compared to the previous 1970 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 Jan 31 through March 3, 2017.



# Process Followed to Date

- Initial public meetings were held April 28 & 29, 2015 to announce preparation of a Master Plan Revision for Sam Rayburn Reservoir
- Public and agency comments were received during a 30-day comment period from 30 April thru 30 May
- All public and agency comments received were reviewed and considered in the preparation of the draft Master Plan Revision. (see Appendix G of the draft for comments and Government response)
- A Draft Environmental Assessment was prepared and is included in the Master Plan Revision as Appendix C

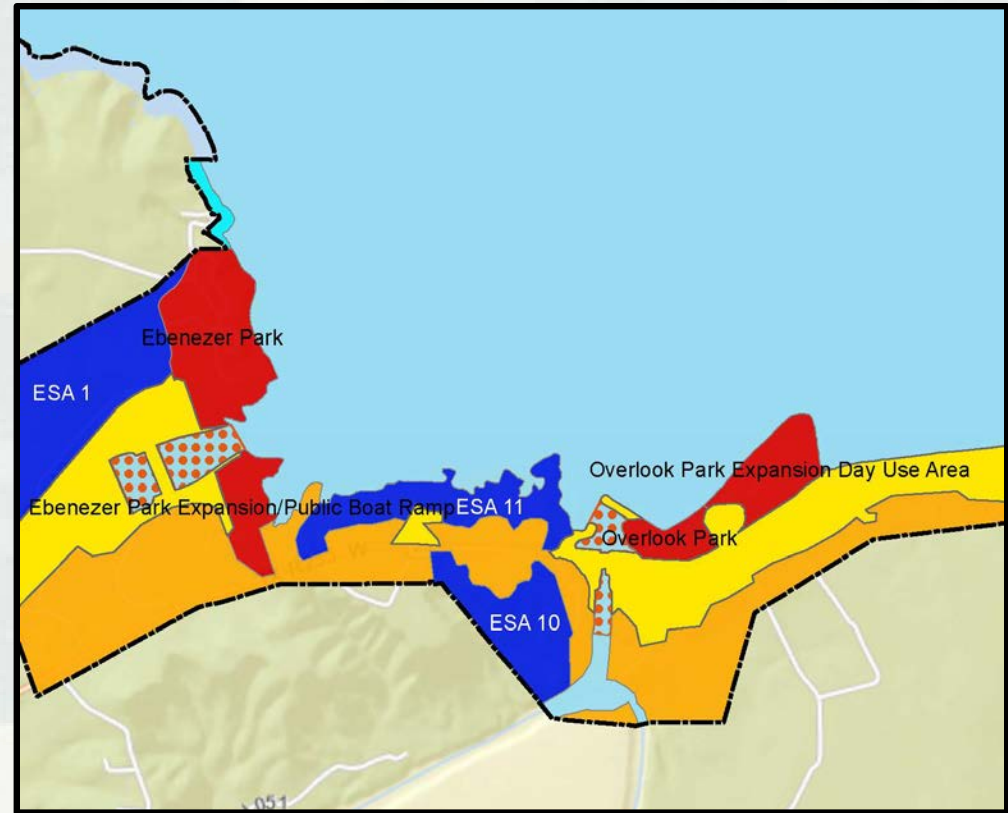


# Public/Agency Comments Summary

TOPIC	COMMENTS
Shoreline Management Mowing, etc.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Allow adjacent landowners to mow and remove other vegetation on public land. Want a view of the lake, and a manicured appearance.</li> <li>• Allow docks, including rolling docks.</li> <li>• Keep shorelines natural in appearance</li> <li>• Do not allow permanent private docks</li> </ul>
Land Classifications	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Don't allow land classifications that chase people away for the sake of eagles, woodpeckers, or reduced erosion.</li> <li>• Want to know the future of Tiger Creek Park.</li> <li>• Fear that the High Density Recreation Classification will open the door to oil and gas exploration.</li> <li>• Favor land classification that will allow economic development.</li> </ul>
Recreation Facilities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Extend boat ramps in northern sector for low water conditions.</li> <li>• More small boat ramps in Rayburn Country and Jasper County.</li> <li>• Rayburn Country/Forest Hills need beaches, playgrounds.</li> <li>• Improve natural recreation opportunities (kayaks, nature study)</li> <li>• Fishing tournaments detrimental to family/public use of lake.</li> <li>• Need gas docks at marinas. Need gas in northern end.</li> </ul>
Natural Resources and Aesthetics	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Keep the lake natural.</li> <li>• Reduce noise, prohibit 2-stroke boat engines</li> <li>• Continue invasive species management</li> <li>• Improve water quality and enforce Clean Water Act violations</li> <li>• Implement a dark skies initiative...reduce light pollution.</li> <li>• Protect important islands from erosion.</li> </ul>

# Principal Changes from Current Master Plan to Revised Plan

- Significant changes to Land Classifications
  - ▶ Reduced footprint of High Density Recreation.
  - ▶ Shift from Low Density Recreation to Vegetation Management
  - ▶ New Environmentally Sensitive Areas
- Comprehensive New Management Objectives

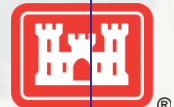


Example of Land Classification Map



# 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>Low Density Recreation:</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

1970 Land Classifications	Acreage	New Classifications	Acreage	Net Difference
Project Operations	1,000	Project Operations	370	(630)
Recreation – Intensive Use	3,861	High Density Recreation	1,598	(2,263)
		Environmentally Sensitive Area	1,809	1,809
Recreation – Low Density Use	8,862	Low Density Recreation	2,249	(6,613)
Wildlife Management	8,379	Wildlife Management	896	(7,483)
		Vegetative Management	10,296	10,296
		Future/Inactive Recreation Areas	718	718

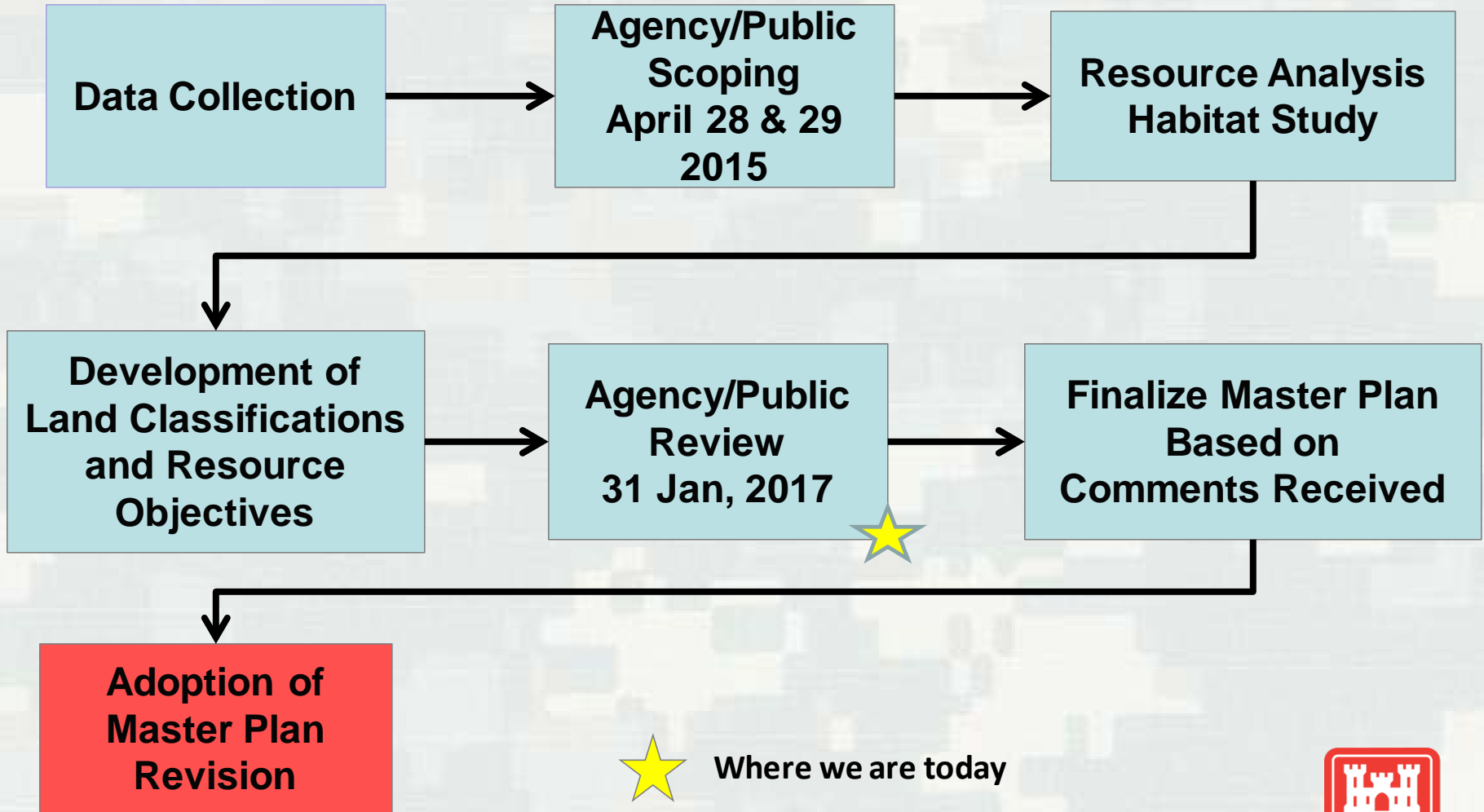
# Management Goals & Resource Objectives

- 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	March 3, 2017
Comments considered and incorporated	March 2017
Internal Review of Final Master Plan and EA	April 2017
Final Approved by District Engineer	May 2017
Notice to Public of Final Master Plan	May 2017



# 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' Sam Rayburn Lake office, the Jasper Public Library and the Kurth Memorial Library in Lufkin
- Pick up a comment form tonight and follow instructions for submitting written comments. Verbal comments cannot be considered. Comments are due by March 3, 2017



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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