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U.S. Army Corps of Engineers officials to host virtual public involvement presentation for the Somerville Lake Master Plan revision

FORT WORTH, Texas – U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Fort Worth District official announce the initiation of the process to revise the Somerville Lake Master Plan. The public is invited to view the online public involvement video presentation along with pertinent information at the following website:

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

Beginning on February 24, the USACE website above will contain a brief video presentation describing the revision process, a copy of the current (1963) master plan, a map of the current land use classifications, and instructions for submitting comments to USACE. The public involvement process will be conducted online in lieu of face-to-face workshops due to the COVID-19 pandemic. All members of the public are encouraged to submit written comments and suggestions during the 30-day public comment period from February 24 through March 26.

USACE defines a master plan 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. The master plan is a vital tool produced and used by USACE to guide the responsible stewardship of USACE administered lands and resources for the benefit of present and future generations. Public participation is critical to the successful revision of the master plan.

The current 1963 master plan was last updated in 1971 and is in need of a full revision to address changes in regional land use, population, outdoor recreation trends, and USACE management policy. Key topics to be addressed in the revised master plan include revised land classifications, natural, cultural, and recreational resource management objectives, recreation facility needs, and special topics such as threatened and endangered species habitat.

Questions pertaining to the proposed revision can be addressed to: Lake Manager Russell Meier, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, m2swfodso@usace.army.mil, (979) 596-1622.

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