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Public Notice

TOWN BLUFF AND B.A. STEINHAGEN LAKE MASTER PLAN REVISION OPEN HOUSE

The Fort Worth District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) is revising the Town Bluff, B.A. Steinhagen Lake (formerly and still commonly known simply as "Dam B") Master Plan (MP). The USACE defines the MP 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. It defines "how" the resources for public use and resource conservation will be managed. The current MP, last approved in 1971 and supplemented in 2003, needs 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 master plan include land use classification changes, new natural and recreational resource management objectives, recreation facility needs, and special issues such as invasive species management and threatened and endangered species habitat. Revision of the MP will not detail the technical and operational aspects of the lake related to flood risk management, the water conservation missions of the project, or the shoreline management program, which specifies permitted private uses along the shoreline. The MP study area will include Town Bluff, B.A. Steinhagen Lake proper and all adjacent recreational and natural resources under federal control.

An open house will be held from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm on September 15, 2022, in the 1st-floor meeting room of the Jasper County Annex – 271 East Lamar, Jasper, Texas 75951. The open house will provide attendees with information regarding the revision content and process, and a general schedule. Attendees will be able to view current land use classification maps and ask USACE staff questions.

A 30-day public comment period will begin September 15, 2022, and end October 15, 2022. The public can send comments, suggestions, and concerns during this time. Public participation is critical to the successful revision of the MP. Information provided at the open house, including the current MP, may be viewed on the USACE website at the following link beginning September 15, 2022.

https://www.swf.usace.army.mil/About/Lakes-and-Recreation-Information/Master-Plan-Updates/Town-Bluff/

Comments can be submitted in writing at the scheduled open house, mailed to the USACE, Lake Manager, 5171 FM 92 South Woodville, Texas 75979, or emailed to: **TBPO@usace.army.mil**.

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