

REVISION OF THE 1976 WHITNEY LAKE SHORELINE MANAGEMENT PLAN

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WHAT IS A SHORELINE MANAGEMENT PLAN?

It is a plan that specifies rules and policy governing activities undertaken by private individuals on Federal land.

At Whitney Lake these activities generally include:

- Private docks and boathouses
- Vegetation modification
 - Mowing/Under brushing along boundary line
 - Pedestrian Trails



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NATIONAL HISTORY OF SHORELINE MANAGEMENT AT CORPS LAKES

- Few rules in the early days (1950s and 60s)
- The need to have rules was recognized by the Corps and general public in the late 1960s
- Formal rules published in December 1974 as part of Title 36 of the Code of Federal Regulations. ER 1130-2-406 is the USACE Regulation that guides development and implementation.
- Originally called “Lakeshore Management”, the name officially changed to “Shoreline Management” in 1990.



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HISTORY OF SHORELINE MANAGEMENT AT WHITNEY LAKE

- Original Shoreline Management Plan published in 1976.
- Very minor changes since originally published
- Section 1134(d) of Public Law 99-662 in the late 1980's changed rules to allow docks to remain indefinitely if maintained as long as they were in non-restricted areas.
 - Current number of permitted docks: 120
 - Current number of vegetation modification permits: 50



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Shoreline Allocations – A Key Section In All Shoreline Management Plans

Four Possible Shoreline Allocations in New SMP

- **Limited Development Areas (LDA)**
 - Areas where private activities such as docks and limited vegetation modification are allowed
 - Current SMP includes 4 LDAs and 11 RLDA (RLDAs were created to accommodate all the existing docks outside of LDAs, no new facilities were allowed in RLDA and those there were being eliminated through attrition)
- **Public Recreation Areas**
 - Private activities not allowed in or near these areas
- **Protected Shoreline Areas**
 - Protected for wildlife habitat, aesthetics, or shoreline characteristics not conducive to development
- **Prohibited Access Areas**
 - Areas such as the dam, spillway, water intakes, or other operational features where private activities are prohibited



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Why Revise the Shoreline Management Plan?

- Revision needed to incorporate changes in public law
- Need to re-examine Shoreline Allocations and dock construction standards
- Must insure that the SMP is compatible with the Whitney Lake Master Plan which was just revised and approved in 2016



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What CAN change in the revision?

- Number and size of Limited Development Areas with corresponding changes in other Shoreline Allocations
- Dock construction standards (existing and new docks)
 - Handrails on walkways
 - Electric line standards
 - Rules governing Community Docks
- Vegetation modification standards



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What CANNOT change in the revision?

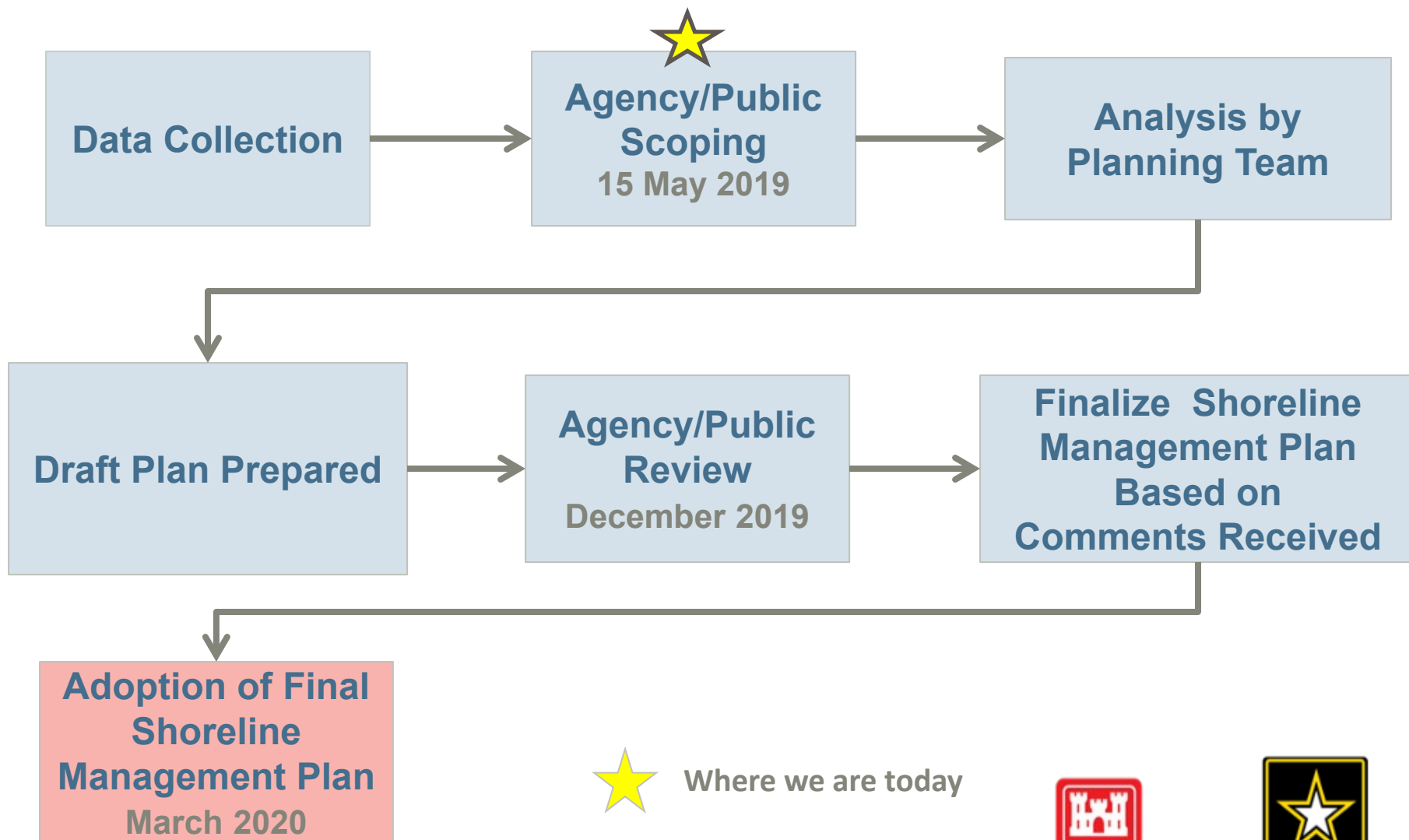
- EXISTING DOCKS
 - Will remain grandfathered regardless of location
 - Must have a valid permit and be in compliance with permit conditions



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THE SHORELINE MANAGEMENT PLAN REVISION PROCESS



Where we are today



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How can you participate?

- Review documents on website:
<https://www.swf.usace.army.mil/About/Lakes-and-Recreation-Information/Shoreline-Management-Plan/Whitney-Lake/>
 - Public Meeting Powerpoint
 - 1976 Whitney Lakeshore Management Plan
 - ER 1130-2-406
 - Section 1134(d) of Public Law 99-662
- Submit a written comment using comment cards or send email to ceswf-per-whitney@usace.army.mil



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