

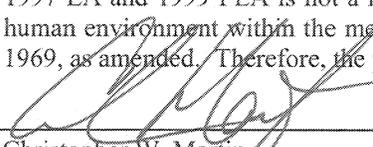
**FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT
ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT
TRIBUTE GOLF COURSE EXPANSION
AT WYNNEWOOD PARK
LEWISVILLE LAKE, DENTON COUNTY, TEXAS**

Description of Action. The United States Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) has assessed potential impacts to the environment that may result from the proposed Tribute Golf Course Expansion project in Wynnewood Park leased by the City of The Colony at Lewisville Lake. The City of The Colony leased the 720-acre Wynnewood Park from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) in 1985 for public park and recreation purposes. In accordance with the USACE 1985 Master Plan for Lewisville Lake, the City planned to develop a golf course in the park. An Environmental Assessment (EA) was prepared and a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) was signed October 1997 for an 18-hole course as well as an additional conceptual 18-hole course. Impacts from this project and other projects at Lake Lewisville were also assessed in a Programmatic Environmental Assessment (PEA) in September 1999. The first 18-hole course has since been constructed and the conceptual 18-hole course expansion is being proposed at this time. The proposed 18-hole expansion incorporates a different design than originally stated in the 1997 EA and the 1999 PEA requiring additional Federal land outside of Wynnewood Park as well as the exchange of land use classifications. Because ten years have elapsed since the 1997 EA was written, and the land use exchange was not anticipated or disclosed in the previous EA and PEA, this tiered EA was conducted to assess impacts as a result of the changes to the 1997 plan.

Anticipated Environmental Effects. Three alternatives were considered in the EA including the proposed action, no modification to the 1997 EA plan and a no action alternative.

Implementation of the preferred alternative would result in the disturbance of approximately 66 acres of USACE property. Potential disturbances on USACE property would include short-term discharge of dredged or fill material, potential for increased erosion during construction, and potential inputs of small amounts of oil and grease from construction related equipment. Following construction, soils would be protected from erosion and re-vegetated with native grass species. The preferred alternative would not have any significant negative impacts to the existing geology, soils, groundwater, wetlands, flood storage, socioeconomic amenities, or parklands within USACE property. The preferred alternative is not likely to adversely affect plant or animal species that are proposed or listed as threatened or endangered within USACE property. Existing cultural resources sites on USACE property would be avoided. Construction related activities would be closely monitored to ensure protection of unknown cultural resources and threatened and endangered species. Adverse impacts to Waters of the U.S. located off of USACE property will be addressed by the Regulatory Branch of the USACE under Section 404 of the Clean Water Act. The impacts to terrestrial habitats would be mitigated according to the ratios in the 1999 PEA. The total mitigation area calculated for the proposed project is 193.19 acres. The mitigation plan will consist of plantings of native trees, shrubs and grasses in areas, and on soil types that will ensure the best chance of long-term survival. Preference will be given to the replication of woody mottes and native grasses representative of a savannah habitat type. Some of these plantings would take place in the fringe habitats adjacent to proposed fairways while the majority of plantings would occur in areas of Wynnewood Park not slated for development.

Based on review of information contained in this EA, it is concluded that the proposed modification to the 1997 EA and 1999 PEA is not a major Federal action, which would significantly affect the quality of the human environment within the meaning of Section 102(2)(c) of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, as amended. Therefore, the preparation of an Environmental Impact Statement is not required.



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