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Operations Division Natural Resources and Recreation Branch

## TO INTERESTED PARTIES

In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, including guidelines in 33 Code of Federal Regulations, Part 230, the Tulsa District and Regional Planning and Environmental Center (RPEC), in cooperation with the City of Edmond, Oklahoma, have prepared a Draft Supplemental Environmental Assessment (Draft SEA) to address impacts associated with the proposed construction and operation of a multi-use trail system (Arcadia Lake Trail Project) around Arcadia Lake, a U.S. Army Corps of Engineers project located near Edmond in Oklahoma County, OK. An Arcadia Lake Trail Project Environmental Assessment (EA) for the 20-mile trail project was completed with a Finding of No Significant Impact in August 2014. It included detailed assessment of 3.1 miles of proposed trail (Spring Creek Trail) and assessment of the remaining conceptual alignment of the remaining 17 miles of the trail project. Preliminary construction has begun on the first 3.1 miles of the project identified as the Spring Creek Trail. Based on information included as an Appendix in the 2014 EA, a contracted survey of Waters of the U.S. (April 2014) delineating wetlands potentially impacted by the remaining 17 miles of the proposed trail, alternative routing for segments of the proposed remaining trail were recommended to avoid impacts to wetlands, stream crossings, and areas with undesirable site conditions. This alternative trail route is now the preferred alternative. Portions of the preferred alternative trail route corridor were not assessed in the original 2014 EA. This Draft SEA, incorporating the 2014 EA by reference, assesses environmental impacts of the remaining proposed 17 trail miles outside of the corridor assessed in the 2014 EA.

The remaining 17 miles of trail includes two segments of dual trail approximately 6.75 miles in length, which will be either separate trail treads or combined into an 18 to 20-foot width with separate use areas for bicycles and pedestrians. The remaining 10.25 miles of trail will be a 14-foot wide asphalt/concrete trail. The currently proposed alignment meets all normal trail standards, Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA, 1990, and amended in 2008) accessibility, and is designed to improve constructability and avoid wetland impacts.

The Draft SEA is available at the Edmond Library (10 South Boulevard, Edmond, OK), and on the Tulsa District web page (<u>http://www.swt.usace.army.mil</u>) for your review. For reference, the 2014 EA is also posted at the Tulsa District web page. If you have comments on the Draft SEA, they should be submitted by APRIL 30, 2017 to Dr. David Gade, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, 1645 South 101<sup>st</sup> East Avenue, Tulsa, Oklahoma 74128, or via email to <u>David.Gade@usace.army.mil</u>. Should you have any questions, Dr. Gade can be reached at 918.669.7579.

Sincerely

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