

CANTON LAKE MASTER PLAN REVISION:

PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT PRESENTATION



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Purpose of Presentation

- Inform the public and stakeholders that a master plan revision has started
- **Define** a master plan
- **Describe** the master plan **revision process**
- **Provide instructions** on how to participate in the revision process
- **Encourage** participation
- **Provide links** to documents

The Corps defines a Master Plan as...

“The strategic land use management document that guides the comprehensive management and development of all project recreational, natural and cultural resources throughout the life of the water resource development project.”

Source: Chapter 3 of EP 1130-2-550 available at
www.usace.army.mil/library/publications



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Presentation Topics

What is a master plan?

Why do a revision?

What is the revision process?

What is not part of a master plan?

What is changing in the plan?

How can I participate?

Who can I talk to about the plan?

When will the master plan be done?



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What is a master plan?

- The master plan is a **25 year comprehensive land use management guide** for recreational, natural, and cultural resources
- **Adheres to Federal laws** to preserve, conserve, restore, maintain, manage, and develop project lands, waters, and associated resources, including the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) for environmental stewardship and outdoor recreation
- Provides **land classifications** and **resource management objectives** that are broad and adaptive over time
- Requires and encourages **public involvement**



Why do a revision?

- The current master plan is **out of date** and is **no longer compliant** with new regulations
- **Substantial changes in** environmental, cultural, social, and recreational **conditions have occurred** since the current master plan was approved
- **Re-examine land classification** due to these substantial changes
- The master plan **provides long-term goals** and **consistent management objectives** to guide balanced management of resources and public recreation



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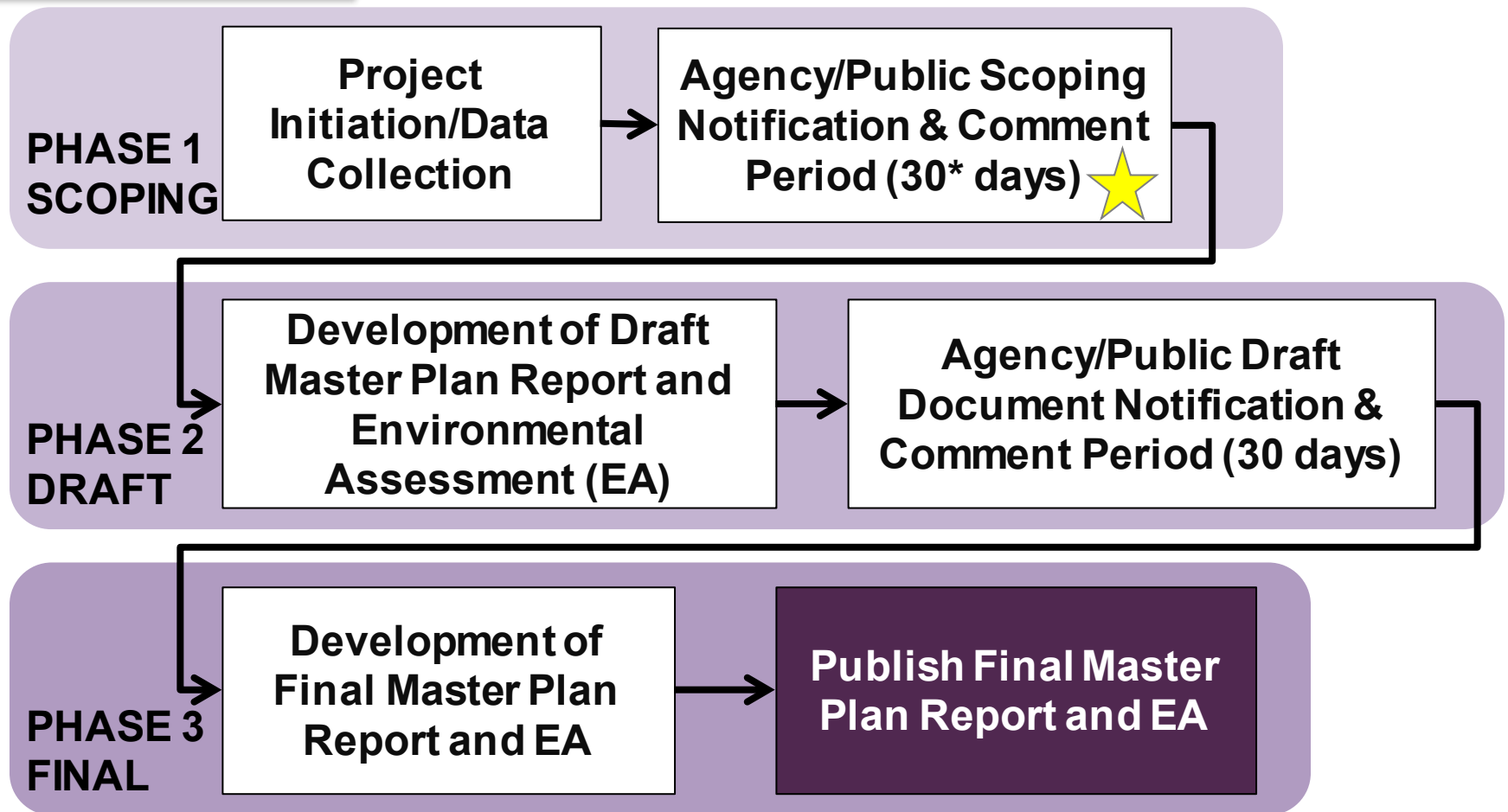
What is the revision process?

The process is a cover-to-cover **review and revision of the entire plan** and is accomplished by:

- **A team of Corps employees** including Operations, Real Estate, Master Planning, and Environmental Compliance subject matter experts
- **Receive input from** and **collaboration with** partners, neighbors, stakeholders, elected officials, resource agencies, and the public
- A thorough review and update of **land and water surface classifications**
- Developing appropriate **NEPA compliance** documents



What is the revision process?



Where we are today

What is the revision process?

Land Classifications

Source: Engineering Pamphlet (EP) 1130-2-550

Land Classification	Definition
Project Operations	Lands required for the dam, spillway, levees, office, maintenance facilities and other areas that are used solely for project operations.
High Density Recreation	Land developed for intensive recreational activities for the visiting public, including day use areas and campground areas for commercial concessions, and quasi-public development.
Multiple Resource Management Lands	Low Density Recreation: Lands with minimal development or infrastructure that support passive public recreational use (e.g., trails, primitive camping, wildlife observation, fishing and hunting).
	Wildlife Management: Lands designated for the stewardship of fish and wildlife resources.
	Vegetative Management: Lands designated for the stewardship of forest, prairie, and other native vegetative cover.
	Inactive and/or Future Recreation Areas: Recreation areas planned for the future or that have been temporarily closed.
Environmentally Sensitive Areas	Areas where scientific, ecological, cultural or aesthetic features have been identified. These areas must be considered by management to ensure they are not adversely impacted.
Mitigation	Lands acquired or designated specifically for offsetting losses associated with development of the project. Lands allocated as separable mitigation lands can only be given this classification.

What is the revision process?

Water Surface Classifications

Source: Engineering Pamphlet (EP) 1130-2-550

Water Surface Classification	Definition
Open Recreation	Those waters available for year-round or seasonal water-based recreational use.
Restricted	Water areas restricted for project operations, safety, and security purposes.
Designated No-Wake	To protect environmentally sensitive shoreline areas, recreational water access areas from disturbance, and for public safety.
Fish and Wildlife Sanctuary	Annual or seasonal restrictions on areas to protect fish and wildlife species during periods of migration, resting, feeding, nesting, and/or spawning.

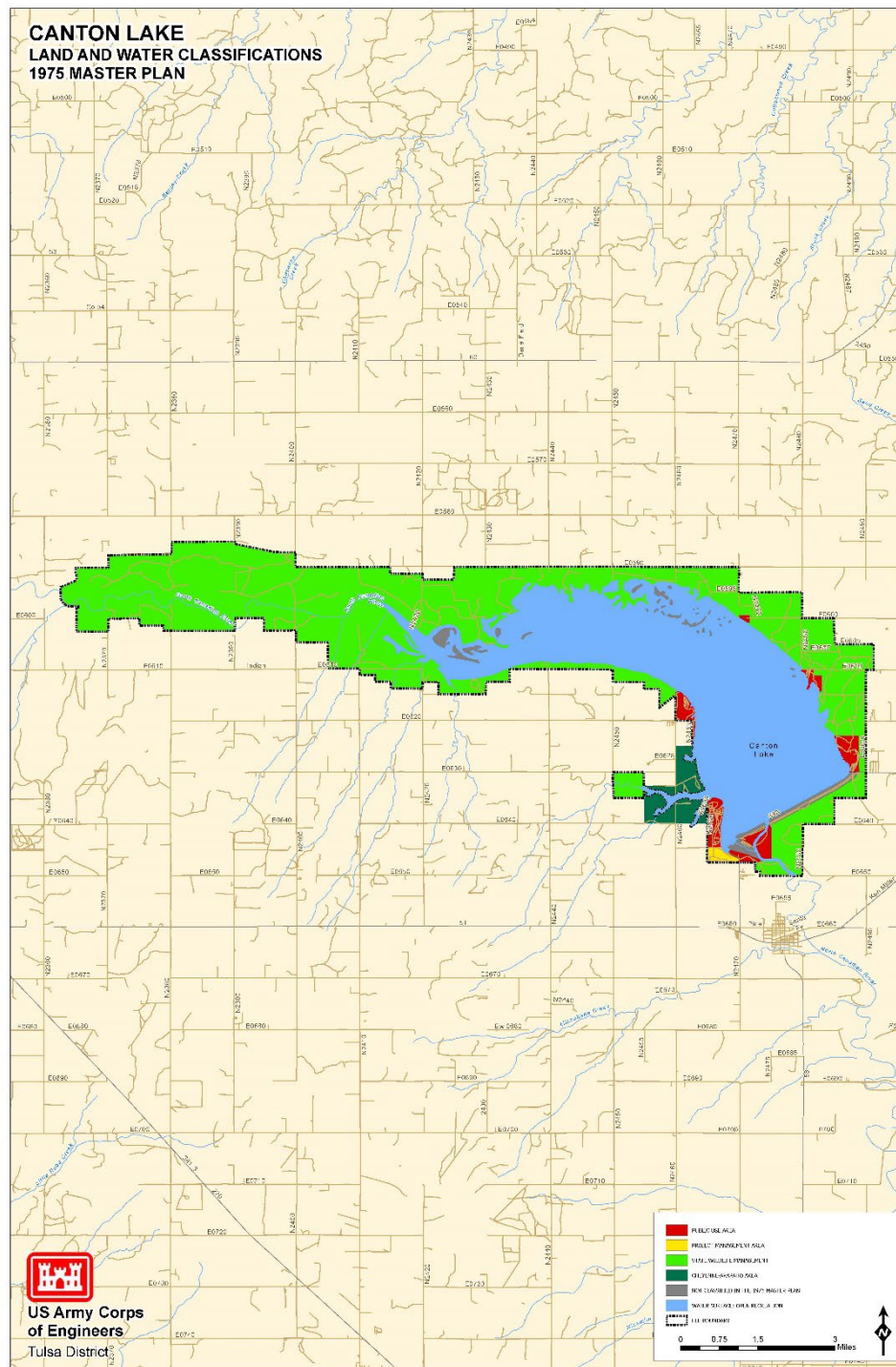


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What is the revision process?

Land Use Map from 1975 Master Plan



What is the revision process?

NEPA Compliance

National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA)

Purpose of NEPA is to:

- Ensure federal agencies give proper **consideration to the environment** prior to undertaking a federal action
- **Involve the Public** (scoping) in the decision-making process
- **Document the process** by which agencies make informed decisions

NEPA Scoping Process:

- Opportunity for **public comments and questions** on the potential impacts of proposed federal actions
- Includes comments from other federal, state, and local governments, and Tribal Nations



What is not part of a master plan?

- Facility **design details**
- Details of **daily project administration**
- Technical aspects of:
 - Water management for **flood risk management**
 - Regional **water quality**
 - **Water supply**
 - **Shoreline management**
 - **Water level management**
 - **Hydropower**
 - **Navigation**



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What is changing in the plan?

At this point in the revision process **there are no proposed changes**

The Corps is **requesting written comments for RECOMMENDED changes** to the existing master plan

Possible Changes to the Revised Mater Plan Could Include:

- Change Land and Water Classification
- Change Resource Goals and Objectives
- Create Utility Corridors



How can I participate?

Submit written comments!

Review all documents available on the USACE website:

<https://www.swt.usace.army.mil/Missions/Recreation/Master-Plans/>

Documents available on the website include:

- Project maps
- Comment form
- Presentation

Spread the word by telling your colleagues, friends and neighbors to participate



How can I participate?

Comments will be accepted only **in writing**, some of the methods for submitting a comment include:

- You may **download the comment form** provided on the website, fill it out electronically, and email it to the Corps using the submit button on the comment form
- Or you may **print the comment form** provided on the website, fill it out by hand, and mail it to the Corps at the address on the comment form
- Or you may **write a comment or send an email** without using the comment form, and mail or email it to the Corps at the address provided on the website
- Comments are due by close of business on **August 22, 2024**



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Who can I talk to about the plan?

Talk to anyone from the USACE
at the meeting to answer your questions.

- Call the Lake Office at:
580-886-2989
- Visit the Lake Office at:
64600 N 2466 RD
Canton, OK 73724-9522
- Email us your questions at:
ceswt-od-nr@usace.army.mil



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When will the master plan be done?

- The master plan will take **18-24 months** to complete
- Projected milestones/schedule

Milestones	Schedule
Public Notification for Scoping	23 July
Public Comment Period (30 days)	23 July– 22 August 2024
Draft Master Plan/EA Public Notification	October 2025*
Public Comment Period (30 days)	November 2025*
Final Master Plan/EAAproved	May 2026*

* Projected

Thank you for viewing this presentation and participating in the master plan revision process at Canton Lake.

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