

REVISING THE 1996 FT. GIBSON LAKE SHORELINE MANAGEMENT PLAN

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WHAT IS A SHORELINE MANAGEMENT PLAN?

The Shoreline Management Plan (SMP) is a plan that specifies rules and policies governing activities conducted by private individuals on Federal land.

At Ft. Gibson Lake these activities generally include:

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



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HISTORY OF SHORELINE MANAGEMENT AT CORPS LAKES ACROSS THE NATION

- Few rules in the early days (1950s and 1960s).
- 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 Corps' Regulation that guides development and implementation.



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HISTORY OF SHORELINE MANAGEMENT AT FT. GIBSON LAKE

- Last Shoreline Management Plan published in 1996.
- 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: 486.
 - Current number of vegetation modification permits: 17.



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Shoreline Allocation – A Key Section in all Shoreline Management Plans

Four Possible Shoreline Allocations in Revised SMP

- **Limited Development Areas (LDA)**
 - Areas where private activities such as docks and limited vegetation modification are allowed
 - Current SMP includes LDAs and Restricted Limited Development Areas (RLDA).
- **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 is needed to incorporate any changes in Public Law.
- Need to re-examine Shoreline Allocations and dock construction standards.
- Must insure that the SMP is compatible with the Ft. Gibson Lake Master Plan which was formally revised and approved in 2016.



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What Proposed Revisions Can You Suggest?

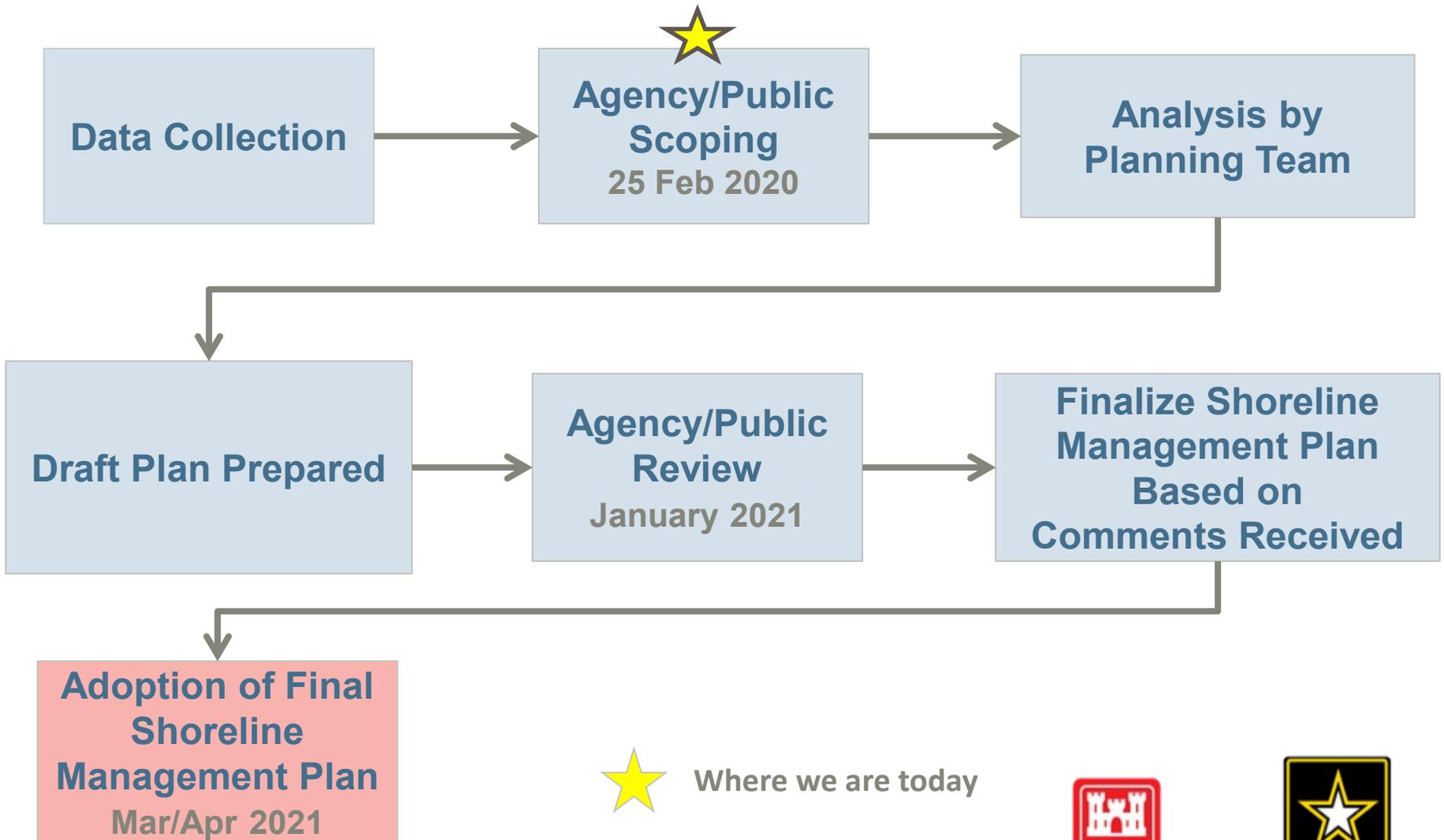
- Number and size of Limited Development Areas with corresponding changes in other Shoreline Allocations.
- Dock construction standards (existing and new docks).
 - Handrails on walkways
 - Electric standards
 - Rules governing private docks
 - Design standards for private docks
- Vegetation modification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



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THE SHORELINE MANAGEMENT PLAN REVISION PROCESS



Where we are today



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NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY ACT

- The SMP Revision process includes compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969.
- 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 by other federal, State, and local governments, and American Indian Tribal Nations.



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NEPA Includes:

- **Public exchange of information related to problems to be solved, issues to be addressed, and potential alternatives.**
- **Identification and evaluation of a broad range of alternatives.**
- **Identification and quantification of potential impacts.**
- **Screening of non-relevant issues from analysis.**
- **Documentation of analysis and coordination through preparation of NEPA documents, such as an Environmental Assessment (EA) or an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS).**
- **Federal, State, and Public review of NEPA documents.**



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What Types of Comments Can You Submit under NEPA?

- NEPA requests your input on the proposed revision of the Ft. Gibson Lake SMP and the potential environmental impacts of that action.
- Broadly, covers any aspect of the natural and human environment.
- Some examples of comment categories might include:
 - Recreation availability and access;
 - Fish & wildlife habitat;
 - Public access to federal land;
 - Economic impacts;
 - Cultural resources; or
 - Water and air quality.



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NEPA RESOURCES

Available on NEPAnet: <http://www.NEPA.gov>

NEPAnet Includes:

- **A Citizen's Guide to NEPA – Having Your Voice Heard**
- **Council on Environmental Quality Regulations for Implementing NEPA (40 CFR Parts 1500-1508)**



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How can you participate?

- Review the below documents at website:
<https://www.swt.usace.army.mil/Missions/Recreation/Shoreline-Management-Plans/>
 - Public Meeting Powerpoint
 - Existing Ft. Gibson Lake Shoreline Management Plan
 - 327.30 Shoreline Management on Civil Works Projects
- The Ft. Gibson Lake Master Plan can be reviewed at:
<http://cdm16021.contentdm.oclc.org/utis/getfile/collection/p16021coll7/id/3970/filename/3971.pdf>
- Submit a comment with your input on the proposed SMP revision.



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Ft. Gibson Lake SMP Revision Comments

SUBMIT YOUR COMMENTS:

(1) Using comment forms available at this Public Meeting

or

(2) by mail: Jonathan Polk, Ft. Gibson Lake Manager,
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or

(3) by email: jonathan.polk@usace.army.mil



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