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Programs and Project Management Division  
Civil Works Branch

## **PUBLIC NOTICE**

### **REQUEST FOR PERMISSION TO ALTER A U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS PROJECT UNDER SECTION 408**

**TITLE:** City of Denison Lake Texoma Raw Water Intake Structure and Pipeline (408-SWT-2020-0006)

**PUBLIC NOTICE COMMENT PERIOD:**

Begins: August 13, 2021

Ends: August 23, 2021

**REQUESTER:** In compliance with U.S.C. Title 33, Chapter 9, Subchapter 1, Section 408, the City of Denison (requester) has requested permission from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) to alter the Lake Texoma (Denison) Project, an existing federal project authorized for the purposes of flood control, water supply, hydroelectric power, regulation of Red River flows, improvement of navigation, and recreation.

**LOCATION:** Lake Texoma, Grayson County, Texas (Attachment 1 and Attachment 2)

**REQUESTERS PROPOSED ACTION:** The requester proposes the construction of a water intake facility and associated features on lands and waters of the Lake Texoma (Denison) Project, Grayson County, Texas. The City of Denison, through multiple real estate instruments, proposes to construct a new municipal water supply intake facility, pump station, and pipeline on lands owned by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. The proposed alternative would include a constructed channel approximately 150- to 200-feet in length, 40- to 50-feet in width, and to a maximum depth of 37-feet. Water would be conveyed at the intake and pump station, via a 42-inch raw water pipeline, from Lake Texoma to a discharge point in Randell Lake, Grayson County, Texas. Construction and operations and maintenance activities would permanently impact 4.6-acres (3-acres for the channel and pump station; 1.6 acres for the pipeline and road) of land and result in the placement of 0.25 acres of fill or dredged material into Lake Texoma. Approximately 2.2-surface acres of water would be reclassified as restricted to comply with 200-foot buffer requirements for municipal water intake structures by the State of Texas.

**ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS OF PROPOSED ACTION:** The proposed project is located along the south shoreline of Lake Texoma on lands classified in the Lake Texoma Master Plan as Low Density Recreation and is bounded to the west by lands classified as High Density Recreation on USACE lands and a residential area on private lands. USACE determined existing terrestrial habitat exhibits low habitat potential based upon the Wildlife Habitat Assessment Procedure (WHAP) developed by the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD). USACE has also determined there is no suitable habitat for federally listed species under the jurisdiction of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS).

Therefore, USACE determined there would be no effects to federally listed species or designated critical habitat under the jurisdiction of the USFWS.

The proposed project was reviewed for cultural resources, in accordance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act, based on an area of potential effect determined based upon construction plans and Endangered Species Act figures. Based on the cultural resources review, and with concurrence from the Texas Historical Commission, the field investigation was negative for cultural resources and the project meets the No Effect threshold, concluding the Section 106 process.

**AUTHORITY:** The authority to grant permission for a temporary or permanent use, occupation, or alteration of any USACE civil works project is contained in Section 14 of the Rivers and Harbors Act of 1899, as amended, codified at 33 U.S.C. 408 ("Section 408"). Section 408 authorized the Secretary of the Army, on the recommendation of the Chief of Engineers, to grant permission for the alteration or occupation or use of a public interest and will not impair the usefulness of the project. The Secretary of Army's authority under Section 408 has been delegated to the USACE, Chief of Engineers. The USACE Chief of Engineers has further delegated the authority to the USACE, Directorate of Civil Works and Division and District Engineers, depending upon the nature of the activity.

**LIMITS OF SECTION 408 AUTHORITY:** A requester has the responsibility to acquire all other permissions or authorizations required by federal, state, and local laws or regulations, including any required permits from the USACE Regulatory Program under Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act of 1899 (33 U.S.C. 403), Section 404 of the Clean Water Act (33 U.S.C. Section 1344), and/or Section 103 of the Marine Protection, Research, and Sanctuaries Act of 1972 (33 U.S.C. 1413). In addition, an approval under Section 408 does not grant any property rights or exclusive privileges nor does it authorize any injury to the property or rights of others.

**EVALUATION FACTORS:** The decision whether to grant the requested permission for project alteration under Section 408 will be based on several factors. That decision will reflect the national concern for both protection and utilization of important resources. The benefit which reasonably may be expected to accrue from the proposal must be balanced against its reasonably foreseeable detriments. Review of requests for alteration will be reviewed by a USACE technical review team considering the following factors:

- 1) Impair the Usefulness of the Project Determination. The review team will determine if the proposed alteration would limit the ability of the USACE project to function as authorized, or would compromise or change any authorized project conditions, purposes, or outputs. In order for an alteration to be approved, the Requester must demonstrate that the alteration does not impair the usefulness of the federally authorized project.
- 2) Injurious to the Public Interest Determination. Proposed alterations will be reviewed to determine the probable impacts, including cumulative impacts, on the public interest. Factors that may be relevant to the public interest evaluation depend upon the type of USACE project being altered and the nature of the proposed alteration and may include, but are not limited to, such things as conservation, economic development, historic properties, cultural resources, environmental impacts, water supply, water quality, flood hazards, floodplains, residual risk, induced damages, navigation, shore

erosion or accretion, and recreation. This evaluation will consider information received from the interested parties, including tribes, agencies, and the public. The benefits that reasonably may be expected to accrue from the proposal must be compared against its reasonably foreseeable detriments. The decision whether to approve an alteration will be determined by the consideration of whether benefits are commensurate with risks and by the net impact of the alteration on the public interest using the public interest factors.

- 3) Environmental Compliance. A decision on a Section 408 request is a federal action, and therefore subject to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and other environmental compliance requirements. While USACE is responsible for ensuring environmental compliance, the requester is responsible for providing all information that the Tulsa District identifies as necessary to satisfy all applicable federal laws, executive orders, regulations, policies, and procedures. NEPA and other analysis completed to comply with other environmental statutes (e.g., Endangered Species Act) should be commensurate with the scale and potential effects of the activity that would alter the USACE project. The Sacramento District will work with the requester to determine the requirements, which will be scaled to the likely impacts of the proposed alteration and should convey the relevant considerations and impacts in a concise and effective manner.

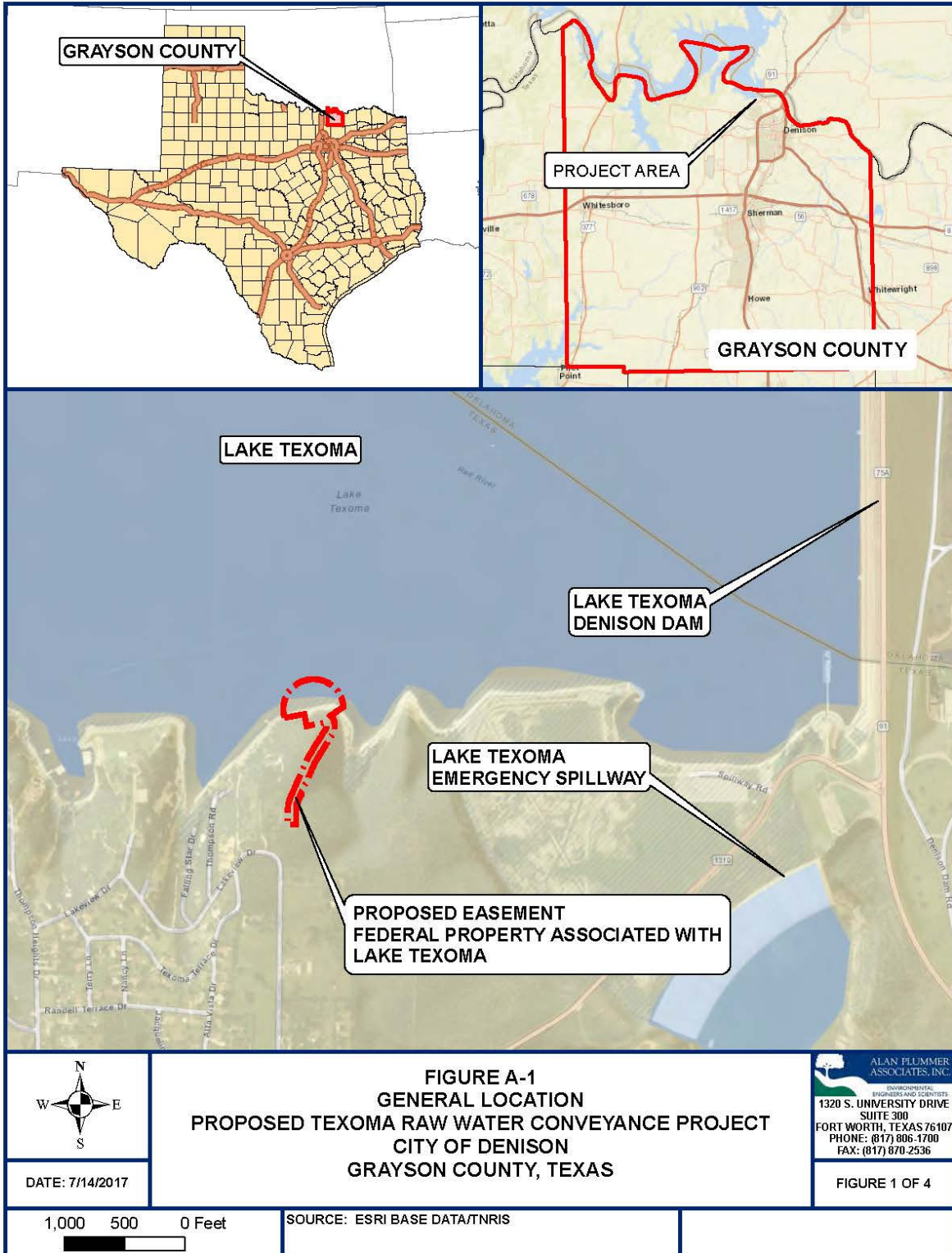
**PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT:** The purpose of this notice is to solicit comments from the public; federal, state, and local agencies and officials; tribes; and other interested parties regarding the City of Denison, Grayson County, Texas, water intake structure, a proposed alteration to an existing federally authorized project. Comments received within 10 days of publication of this notice will be used in the evaluation of potential impacts of the proposed action on important resources and in the evaluation of whether the proposed alteration would be injurious to the public interest and/or would impair the usefulness of the authorized project. Only the specific activities that have the potential to occupy, use, or alter the Lake Texoma Project will be evaluated. Please limit comments to the area of the alteration and those adjacent areas that would be directly or indirectly affected by the alteration to the Lake Texoma Project.

**SUMMITTING COMMENTS:** Written comments, referencing Identification Number 408-SWT-2020-0006 must be submitted to the office listed below on or before August 11, 2021.

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Attachment 1: Project vicinity.



**FIGURE A-1**  
**GENERAL LOCATION**  
**PROPOSED TEXOMA RAW WATER CONVEYANCE PROJECT**  
**CITY OF DENISON**  
**GRAYSON COUNTY, TEXAS**

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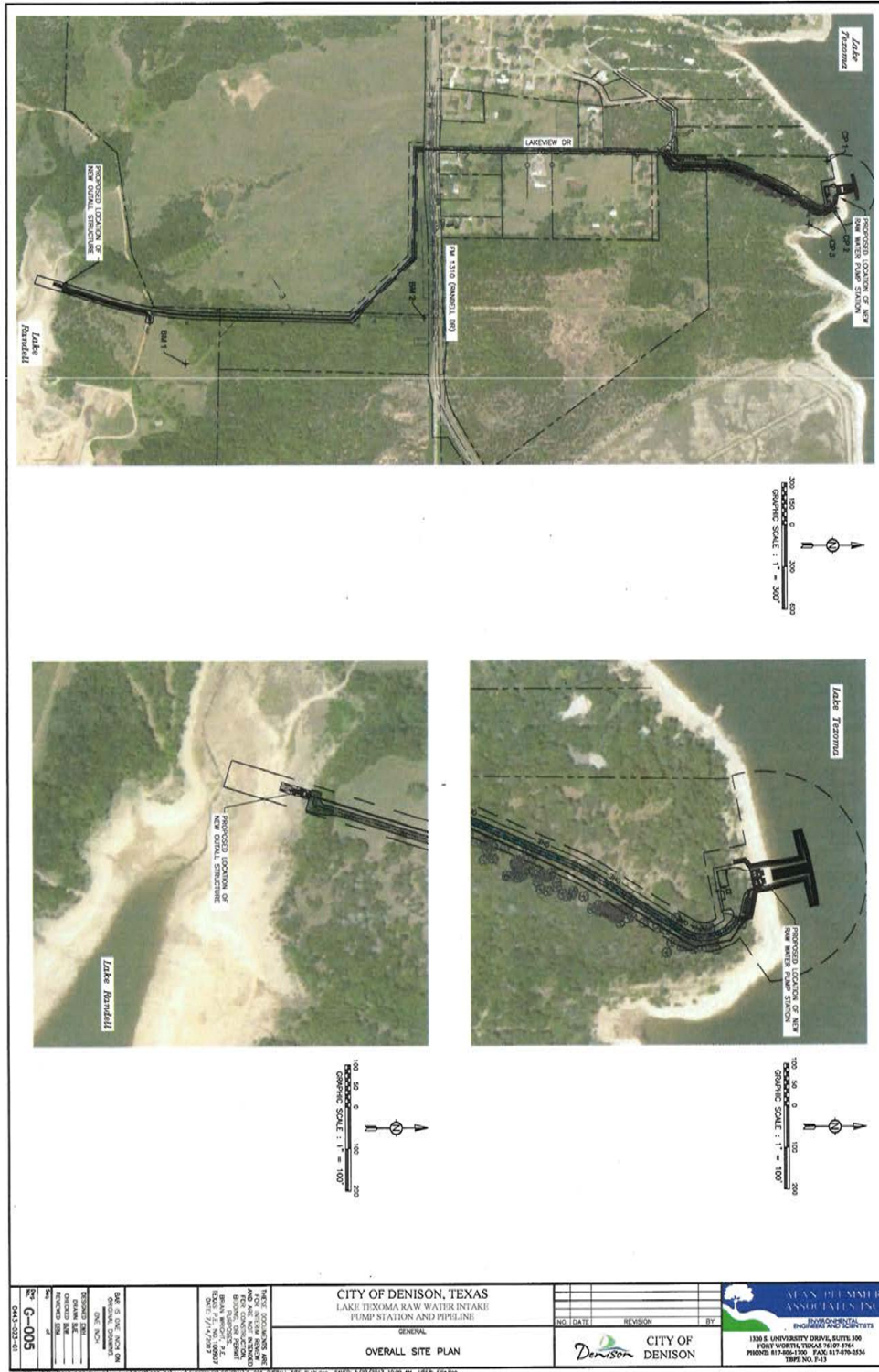
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SOURCE: ESRI BASE DATA/TNRIS

Attachment 2: Project location and route.



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	THIS SET OF DRAWINGS ARE NOT TO BE USED FOR CONSTRUCTION OF ANY STRUCTURE OR EQUIPMENT WITHOUT THE WRITTEN APPROVAL OF THE ENGINEER OF RECORD.	CITY OF DENISON, TEXAS LAKE TEXOMA RAW WATER INLAKE PUMP STATION AND PIPELINE GENERAL OVERALL SITE PLAN	NO. DATE REVISION BY