

## **DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY**

CORPS OF ENGINEERS, TULSA DISTRICT 2488 EAST 81st STREET TULSA, OKLAHOMA 74137-4290

July 11th, 2024

## **PUBLIC NOTICE**

## OPEN HOUSE FOR KAW LAKE MASTER PLAN REVISION KAW LAKE, OKLAHOMA

The Tulsa District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), is revising the Kaw Lake Master Plan. The USACE defines the master plan (MP) as the strategic land use management document that guides the comprehensive management and development of all recreational, natural, and cultural resources throughout the life of the water resource development project. It defines "how" the resources will be managed for public use and resource conservation. The current MP, last approved in 1966, needs revision to address changes in regional land use, population, outdoor recreation trends, and the USACE management policy.

Revision of the MP will not detail the technical or operational aspects of the lake related to flood risk management, the water conservation missions of the project, or the shoreline management program, which specifies what private uses are permitted along the shoreline. The MP study area will include Kaw Lake proper and all adjacent recreational and natural resources in USACE fee-owned property.

An open house will be held from 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm on July 24, 2024, at the Kaw Community Building, located at 300 Morgan Square North, Kaw City, OK 74641. The open house will provide attendees with information regarding the revision content and process and a general schedule. Attendees can view current land use classification maps and ask USACE staff questions.

Key topics to be discussed in the revised MP include revised land use classifications, new natural and recreational resource management objectives, recreation facility needs, and special issues such as invasive species management and threatened and endangered species habitat. A 30-day public comment period will begin July 24, 2024, and end August 23, 2024. During this time, the public can send comments, suggestions, and concerns. Public participation is critical to the successful revision of the MP. Information provided at the open house, including the existing MP, may be viewed on the Tulsa District website at the following link.

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

Written comments can be submitted in writing at the scheduled open house or mailed to the USACE, Lake Manager, 9400 Lake Road, Ponca City, OK 74604. Comments can also be emailed to CESWT-OD-NX@usace.army.mil.

Sincerely,

Robert Morrow, PMP

Chief, Environmental Branch

Regional Planning and Environmental Center

Robert Morrow, PMP