

Dillon Lake & Tom Jenkins Dam

Resource Objectives Meeting February 18, 2021



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Welcome

Information for the meeting:

- Audio is on “listen only mode” initially to reduce background noise.
- After a brief presentation, participants can unmute to ask questions or make comments.
- Participants can use the Chat function for questions or comments throughout the meeting.

Today's Meeting

Goals and Objectives



Brief Master Plan Overview



Dillon Lake and Tom Jenkins Dam Description



Present & Discuss Draft Resource Objectives



Provide Instructions on How to Participate

What is a Master Plan?

- The Master Plan will:
 - ▶ Develop Resource Management Objectives.
 - ▶ Identify Land Use Classifications.
 - ▶ Provide for protection of environmentally and culturally sensitive areas.
 - ▶ Have an effective life of approximately 25 years.
 - ▶ Adhere to Federal laws to preserve, conserve, restore, maintain, manage, and develop project lands, waters, and associated resources; including the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA).

Dillon Lake Overview

History

- Authorized in 1938 by the Flood Control Act
- Part Muskingum and Ohio River Basin flood control plan

Description

- Impervious earthen dam (118 feet high and 1,400 feet long)
- 1,560 acre lake on the Licking River, a tributary of the Muskingum River
- Two earth fill dikes (Nashport and Pleasant Valley)
- Corps owns 7,797 acres plus 5,282 flowage easement acres

Authorized Purposes

- Flood Control
- Recreation
- Fish and Wildlife Enhancement
- Low-flow Augmentation



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Dillon Lake - Recreation

Recreational Opportunities

Include:

- Boating
 - Marina
 - Launch ramps
 - Unlimited horsepower lake
- Camping
- Fishing
- Trails - Hiking, bridle, and mountain bike
- Hunting
- Picnicking
- Swimming
- Sight Seeing
- Sledding
- Rowing events

Corps Managed Recreation:

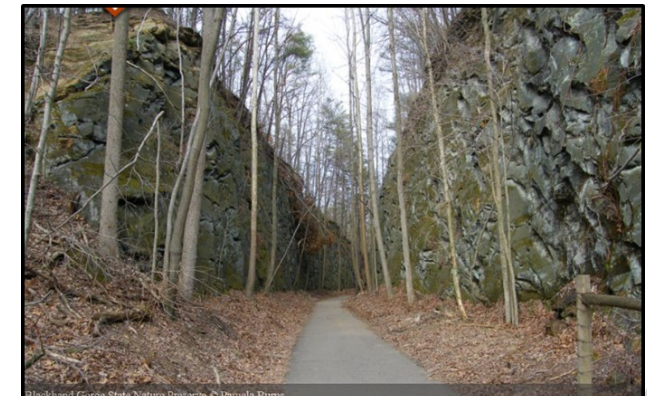
- Dam Site
- Below Dam

Outgrants and Lessees:

- ODNR
 - Dillon Lake State Park / Marina
 - Blackhand Gorge State Nature Preserve
 - Wildlife Area
- Village of Hanover

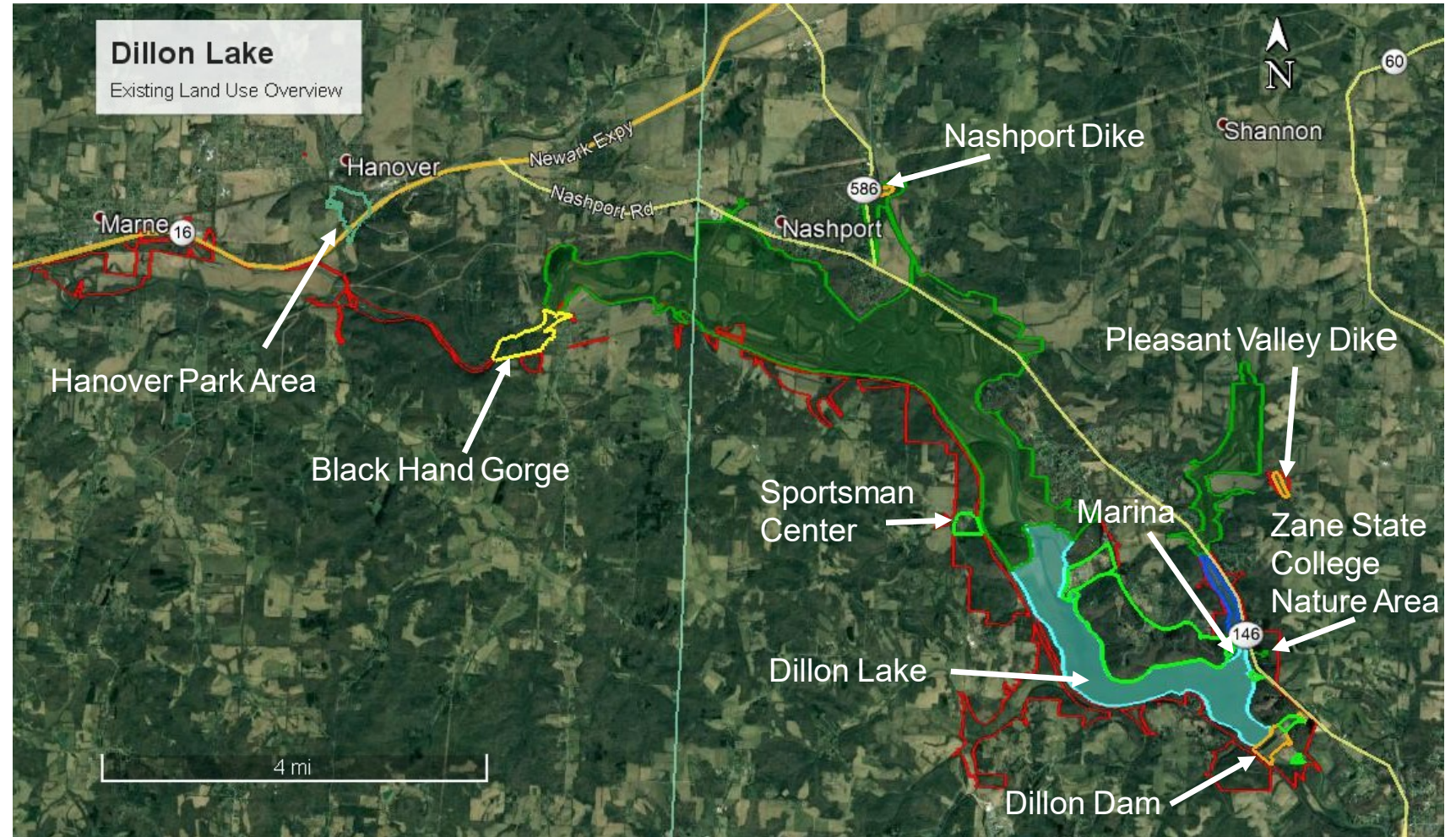
Concessionaires and Subleases:

- Zane State College – Natural Resource Center
- Sportsman's Center – Shooting Range



Dillon Lake – Existing Use Map

- 7,797 Acres Fee Ownership
- 5,282 Acres Flowage Easement (not shown)



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Tom Jenkins Dam Overview

History

- Authorized in 1944 under Section 10 of the Flood Control Act
- Part of Ohio River Basin Flood Control Plan

Description

- Rolled earth filled dam (84 feet tall and 944 feet long)
- 664-acre lake (Burr Oak) on the East Branch of Sunday Creek
- Corps owns 100 acres plus 1,639 flowage easement acres.
- Limited horsepower lake

Authorized Purposes

- Flood Control
- Recreation
- Fish and Wildlife Enhancement
- Water Supply

Corps Managed Recreation:

- Dam Site Area

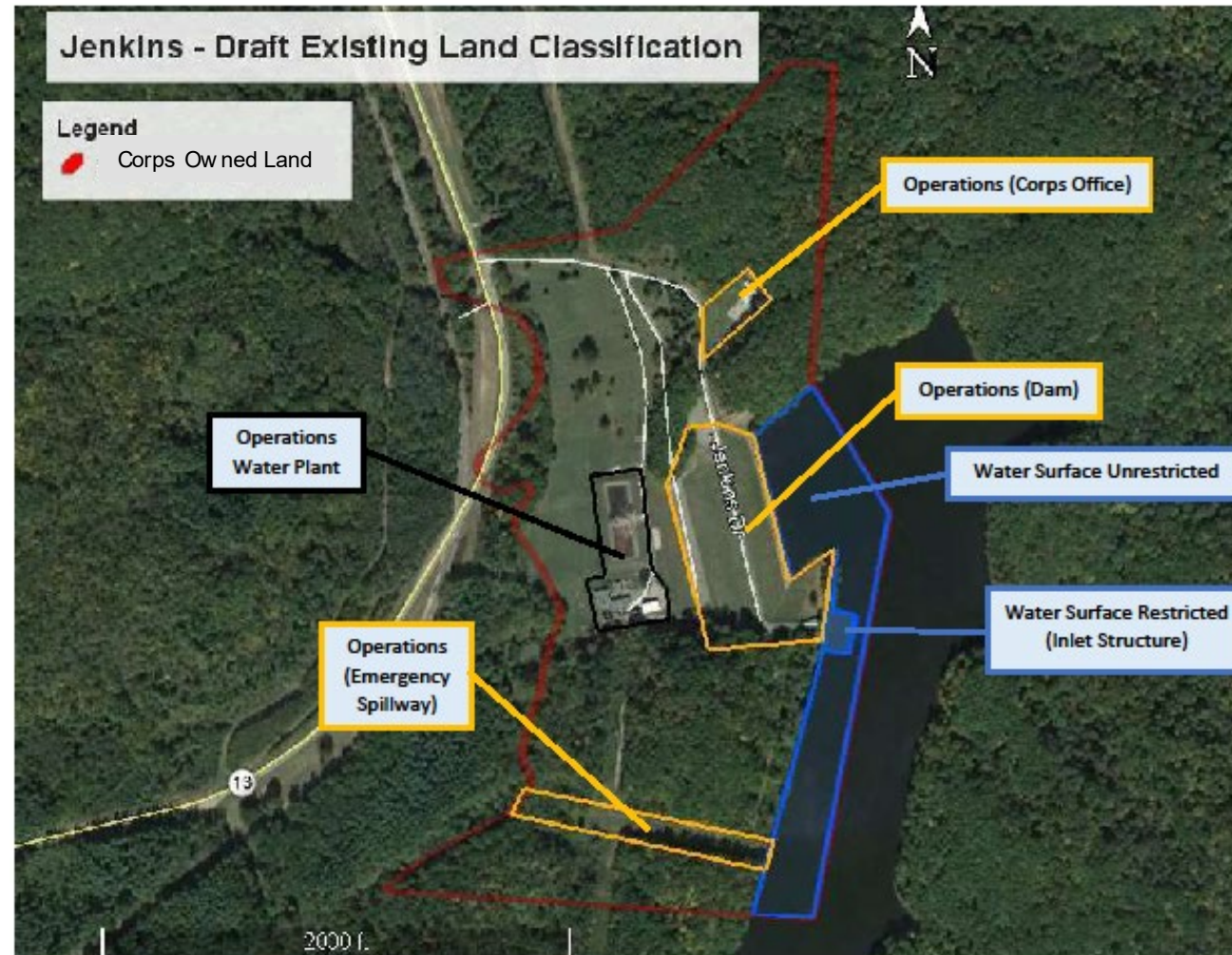


Adjacent Recreation Areas (Non-Corps)

- US Forest Service - Wayne National Forest
- Ohio Department of Natural Resources - Burr Oak Lake State Park

Tom Jenkins– Existing Use Map

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Resource Objectives Defined

- Clearly written statements that set forth measurable and attainable current and future management and development activities that support the stated goals of the Master Plan, Environmental Operating Principles and applicable national performance measures.
- They must be consistent with authorized project purposes, Federal laws and directives, regional needs, resource capabilities and takes public input into consideration.
- These objectives must maximize project benefits, meet public needs and foster environmental sustainability.

Source: *USACE EP 1130-2-550*

Draft Resource Objectives

Operational Objectives

- Operate and maintain the project to provide the authorized project benefits, including flood control, fish and wildlife enhancement, recreation, low-flow augmentation (Dillon) and water supply (Jenkins) throughout the life of the project.
- Maintain and update USACE operations facilities as needed to meet current standards and requirements.
- Maintain ancillary infrastructure (roads, utilities, site material, etc.) to acceptable service levels and current State and Federal standards.
- Provide improved public safety, security and vandalism prevention measures to USACE and ODNR facilities.
- Future exploration or extraction of mineral, gas or oil resources is inconsistent with the Natural and Cultural Resource Objectives and will not be allowed (existing gas and oil wells at Dillon Lake will be allowed to continue to operate consistent with the existing lease).

Draft Resource Objectives

Recreation Objectives

- Maintain and enhance the public's use of project lands for both active (sports, swimming, cycling, etc.) and passive (hiking, wildlife viewing, camping, etc.) recreation for users of all ages and physical capabilities.
- Promote the public's use of the project lands for fishing and hunting (including firearms and bow hunting training).
- Enhance the public's use of the lake area for safe recreational boating.
- Improve the recreational day use experience to include improvements to parking areas, accessibility to fishing areas, picnic areas and general facilities.

Draft Resource Objectives

Natural and Cultural Resources Objectives

- Provide for the management of natural resources to include the protection and preservation of native habitat, protection of water quality and implementation of programs to manage wildlife species.
- Identify, document and develop a protection plan for environmentally sensitive areas including habitat and cultural resources.
- Develop and implement a plan for invasive species management for both vegetation and wildlife.
- Promote public education concerning the Projects' natural and cultural resources.
- Preserve and protect cultural sites in accordance with state and Federal laws and policies.
- Future utility installation within the project limits should be restricted to areas immediately adjacent to public roadways. Exceptions are allowed for utilities that serve USACE or ODNR facilities.

When will the Master Plan be done?

- The master plan will take **18-24 months** to complete



Public Notification for Scoping	September 22, 2020
Public Comment Period	September 22 – November 7, 2020
Resource Objectives Review Meeting	February 2021
Draft Regional Master Plan/Integrated EA Public Notification	October 2021
Public Comment Period (30 days)	November 2021
Final Regional Master Plan / Execution of Finding of No Significant Impact	January 2022

How can I participate?

- Discussion on today's teleconference.
- Review documents on the USACE website:
<https://www.lrh.usace.army.mil/Missions/Civil-Works/Current-Projects/DillonJenkinsMP/>
- Submit written or email comments by March 18, 2021 to:

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Huntington District
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ATTN: Will Rutter
- Or Email at: DillonJenkinsMP@USACE.Army.Mil
- Spread the word by telling your colleagues, friends and neighbors to participate.

Open Discussion



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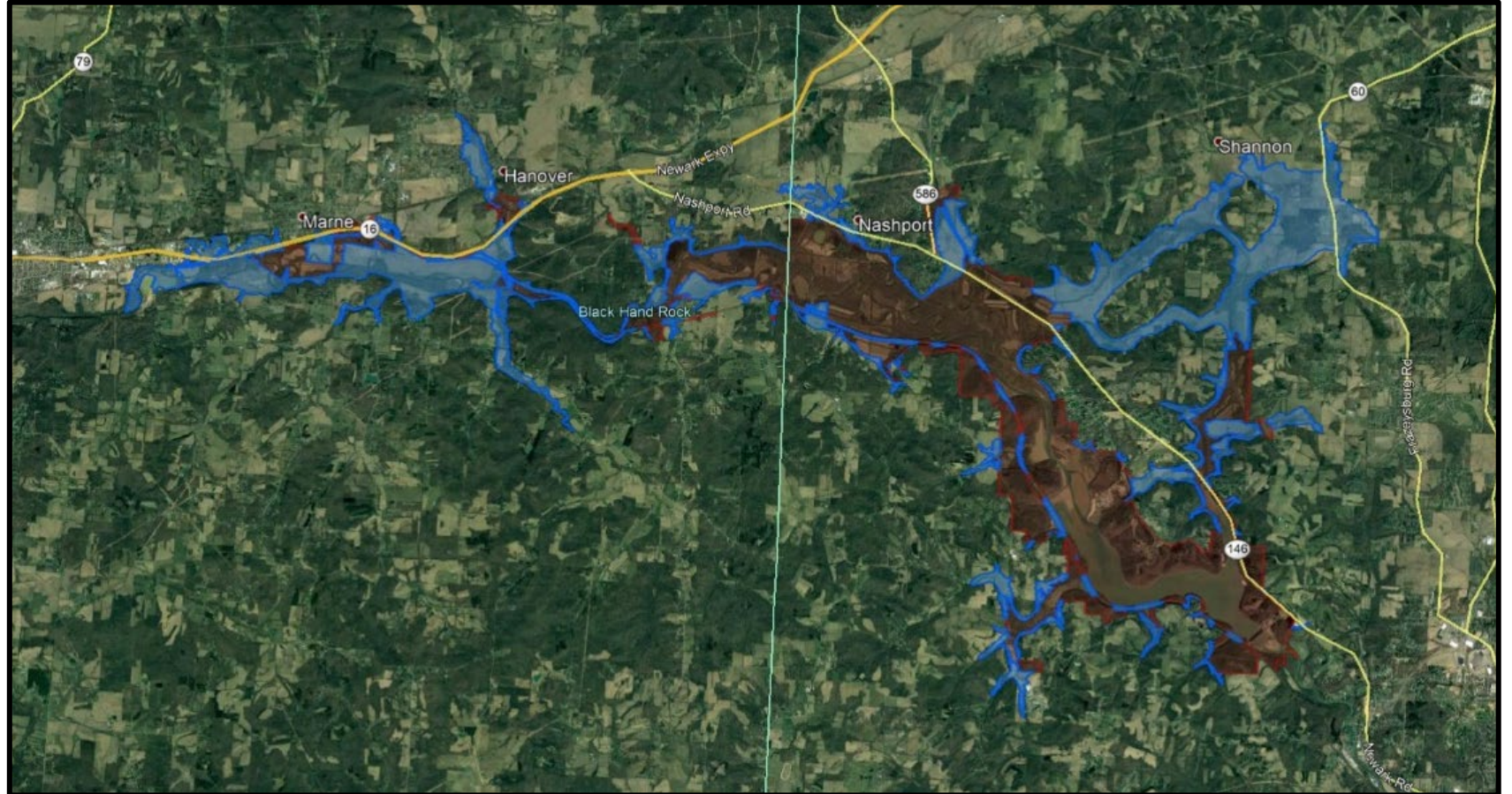


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