

# PATOKA LAKE MASTER PLAN REVISION

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# AGENDA

- Introductions
- Project Background
- What is a Master Plan?
- Stakeholder/Public Participation
- Open Forum – Suggestions/Q&A





# MEETING OBJECTIVES

- Inform the public and stakeholders that a master plan revision has started
- Describe the master plan revision process
- Identify needs, ideas, and concerns lake users have about the master plan revision
- Collect your questions and ask for your participation in providing any pertinent information. This information could include:
  - Management Plans
  - Natural and Cultural Resource Data
  - Visitation and Recreation Data
  - Any previous studies completed
- NEPA Scoping Process
  - Opportunity for Public/agency comments and questions on the potential impacts of proposed federal actions
  - Includes comments from other federal, state, and local governments, and Tribal Nations
- Encourage Participation





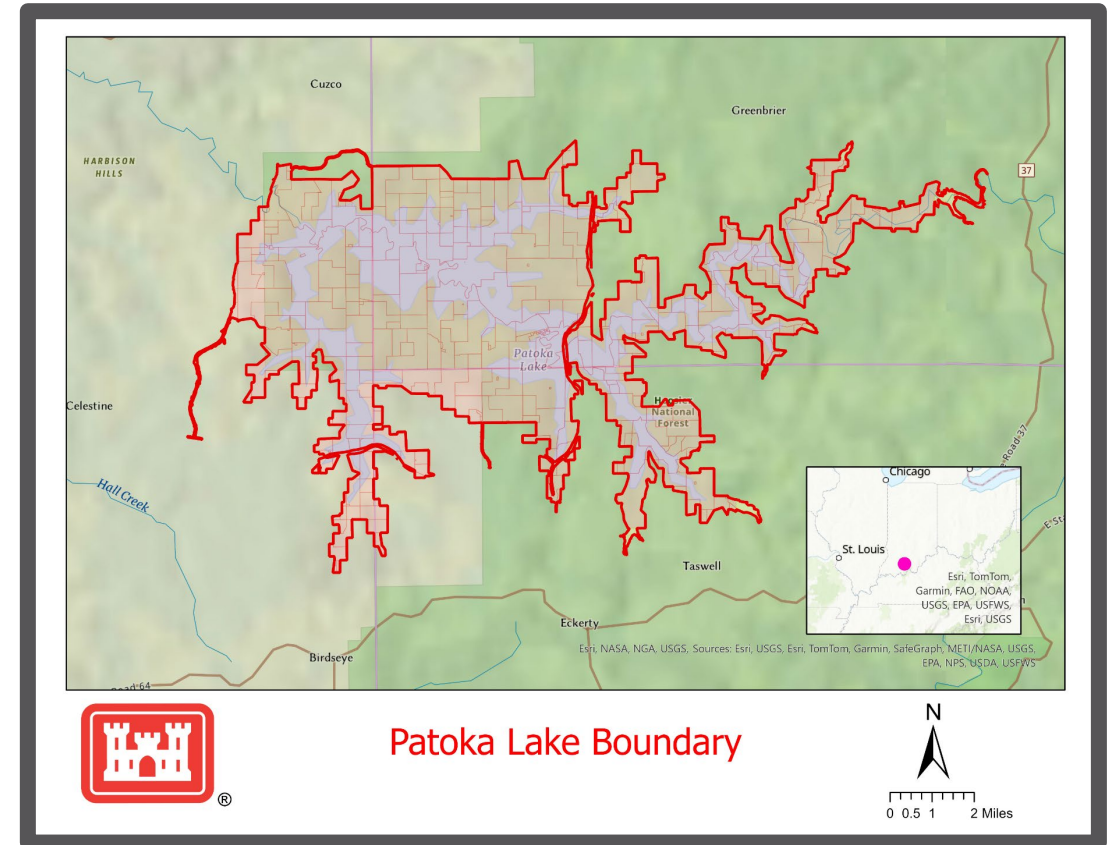
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# ABOUT PATOKA LAKE

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- Patoka Lake is in southern Indiana with the dam situated about thirteen miles northeast of Jasper, Indiana, 118.3 miles above the mouth of confluence of the Patoka and Wabash Rivers
- Inundates portions of Dubois, Orange, and Crawford counties in Indiana
- Groundbreaking in 1972
- Open to public in 1980
- 17,439 land acres
- 8,800 water acres
- 113 shoreline miles
- Drainage Area is 168 square miles
- Nearly 600,000 visitors annually
- Supplies drinking water to 11 Southern Indiana Counties





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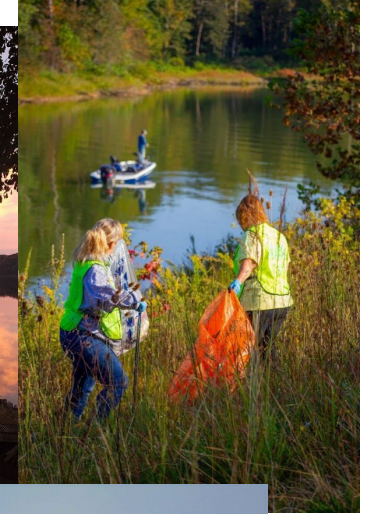
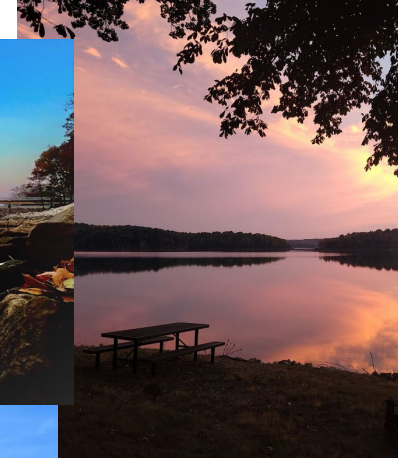
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U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Operated Facilities:

- Control Tower, Dam, Dike, Spillway
- 2 Recreation Areas

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Outgranted Facilities  
Operated by Indiana Department of Natural Resources:

- 9 Recreation Areas
- 2 Marinas
- 12 Boat Ramps
- 1 Beach
- 562 Campsites



More information can be found at: [Patoka Lake > Great Lakes and Ohio River Division > Projects \(army.mil\)](#)





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# PATOKA LAKE CURRENT CONDITIONS

- Over 16,000 land acres managed by IDNR
- Majority of recreation facilities managed by IDNR
- Ongoing inspection and maintenance of boundary
- Updating Water Control Manual

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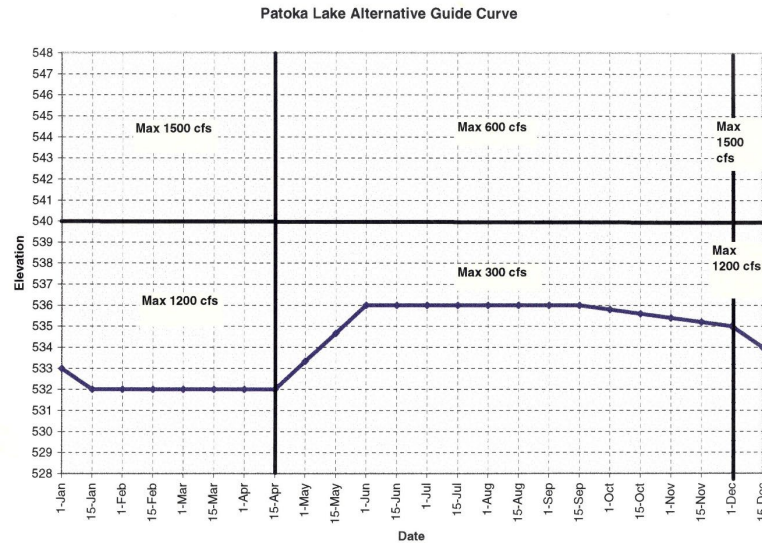


Plate 10 Recommended Plan

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# WHAT IS A CORPS MASTER PLAN?

The Master Plan is a 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.

- Conceptual
  - Visionary
  - Adheres to Federal laws including the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA)
  - Lifespan of 15- 25 years
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- The current Master Plan was completed in 1974.



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# PUBLIC LAW 89-72

- Initially enacted in 1965
- 50/50 Federal and Non-Federal Partnership for Planning and Development
- Non-Federal Sponsor is responsible for 100% Operational Costs
- Normally operates with only one Sponsor



# WHAT WILL THE MASTER PLAN REVISION INCLUDE?

- Identify issues, needs, and opportunities
- Provide land classifications and resource management objectives
- Provide for protection of environmentally and culturally sensitive areas
- NEPA documentation will be integrated in the master plan revision
  - 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





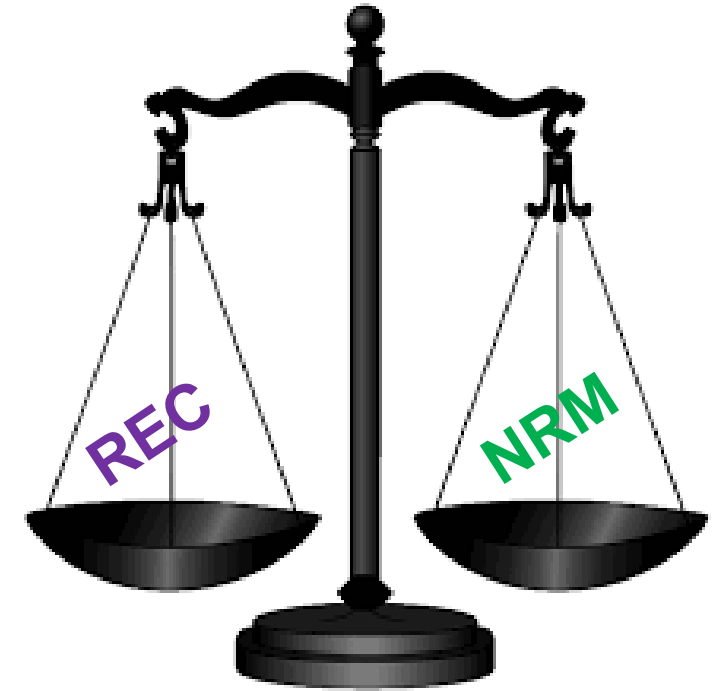
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# MASTER PLAN GOALS

- The MP establishes **1** Project Vision:
  - 1) Character of Project
  
- The MP focuses on **2** Corps Missions:
  - 1) Public Outdoor Recreation (REC)
  - 2) Natural Resource Management (NRM)  
(environmental stewardship & cultural resource management)
  
- The MP generates **3** Guiding Products:
  - 1) Land and water classification maps
  - 2) Resource objectives
  - 3) Conceptual resource plan



**Flood Control**



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# PATOKA LAKE MASTER PLAN REVISION TEAM



Accomplished by a team of Corps employees --- Partnering with you!

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- Operations Project Manager – Joe Staigl
- Planner – Tammy Markert
- Biologist – Jonathan Matthews
- Archaeologist – Jared Barrett
- Office Of Counsel – Tyler Belcher
- GIS Specialist – Julia Gailor
- Real Estate Specialist – Karen Schaeffer
- Public Affairs Specialist – Kelsie Hall
- Operations PM – David Chambers

## & YOU!

Stakeholders

General Public

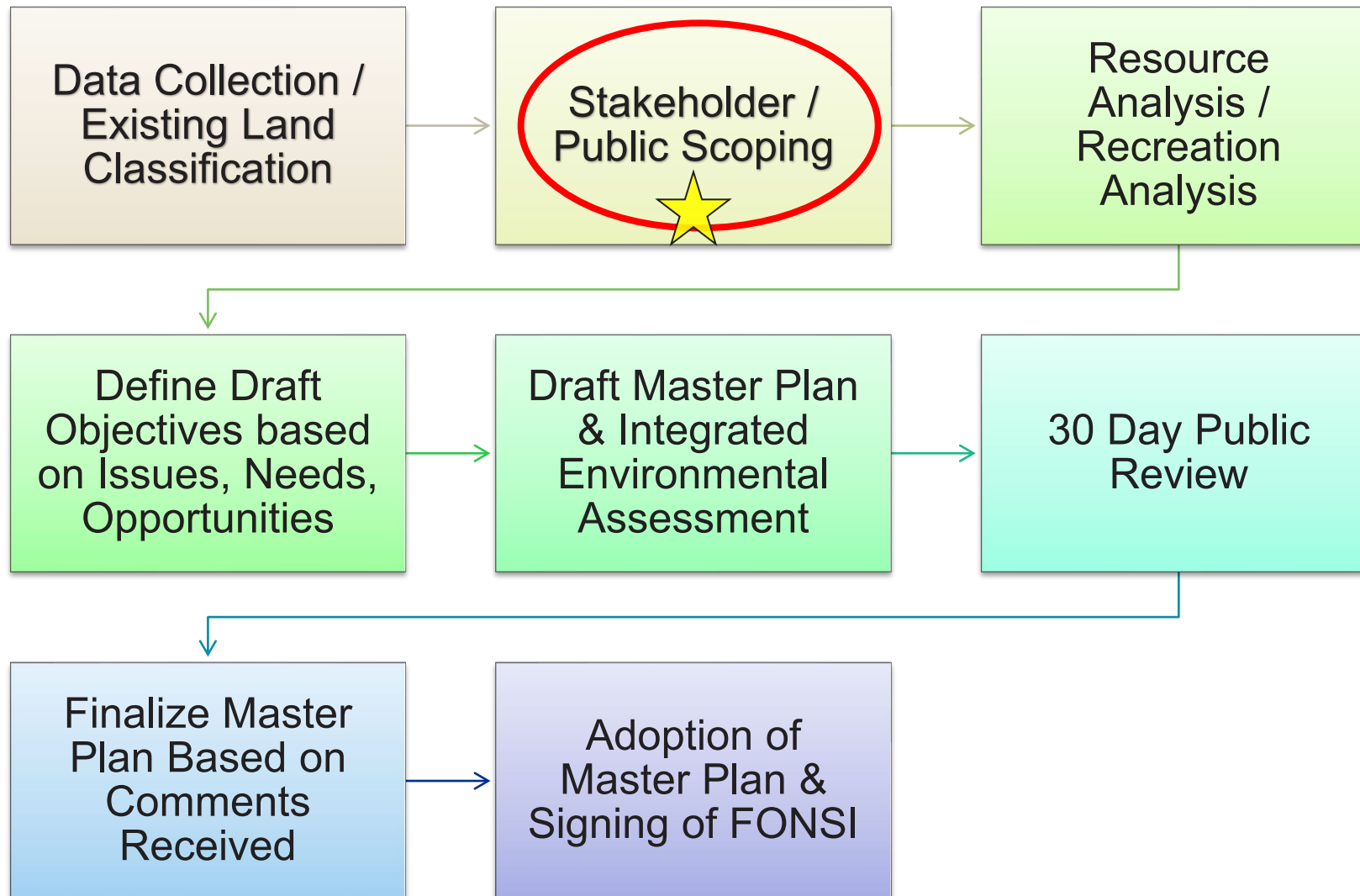
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# MASTER PLANNING PROCESS





# RESOURCE OBJECTIVES

- Statements to support the Master Plan goals
- Consistent with authorized project purposes, Federal laws, directives, regional needs, resource capabilities, and expressed public interests
- Must maximize project benefits, meet public needs, and foster environmental sustainability



EP 1130-2-550

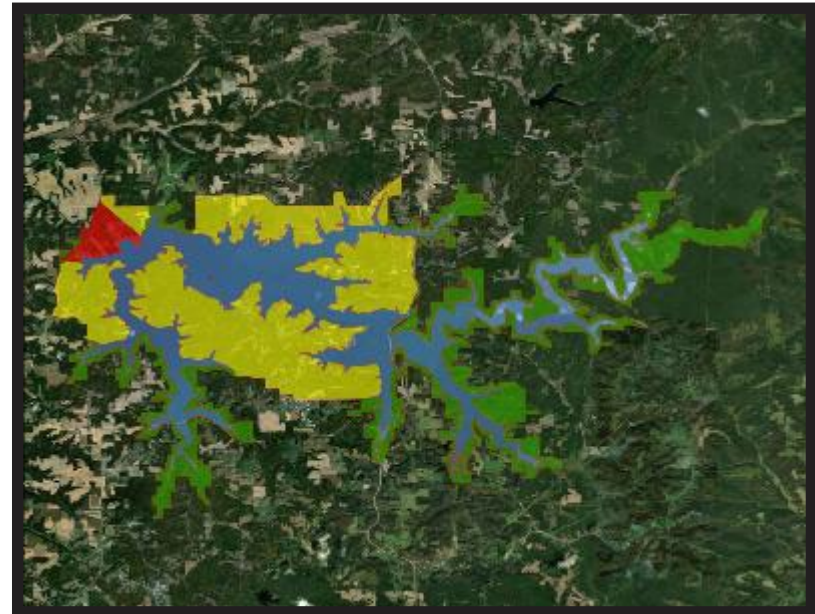


# LAND CLASSIFICATIONS

- Project Operations
- High Density Recreation
- Mitigation
- Environmentally Sensitive Areas
- Multiple Resource Managed Lands
  - Low Density Recreation
  - Wildlife Management
  - Vegetative Management
  - Future/inactive Recreation

**Allocations** – The purpose for which land was obtained (does not change)

**Classifications** – The primary use for which project lands are managed (adjusted/modified based on changing conditions)



1974 Patoka Lake Land Classification Map



# WATER SURFACE CLASSIFICATIONS

- Restricted
- Designated No-wake
- Fish and Wildlife Sanctuary
- Open Recreation





# RESOURCE PLAN

- Management area name and/or number
- Land Classification and justification
- Management agency
- Location/Acreage
- Maps of areas
- Description and use
- Resource objectives
- Development needs
- Special Considerations



The Resource Plan describes conceptually **HOW** the project will be managed.







# WHAT IS NOT PART OF A MASTER PLAN?

- 1) Focus on facility design details or details of daily project administration.
- 2) Address water level management and flood control as a separate manual is used to regulate water storage and discharge.
- 3) Plan or approve changes to the management of allowable private activities as set forth in ER 1130-2-406 (docks and vegetation modification).
- 4) Technical aspects of:
  - Water management for flood risk management
  - Regional water quality
  - Water supply
  - Shoreline management
  - Water level management







# COMPLETING THE MASTER PLAN

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

Milestone	Schedule
Public Notification for Scoping	April 2024
Public Comment Period	24 Apr– 26 May 2024
Draft Master Plan/Integrated EA Complete/Notification	Apr 2024
Public Comment Period (30 days)	March 2025
Final Master Plan / Execution of Finding of No Significant Impact	Sep 2025



# HOW TO SUBMIT COMMENTS

- **Comments and General Questions can also be sent by email or regular mail to:**

**[DLL-CELRL-Patoka-MasterPlan@usace.army.mil](mailto:DLL-CELRL-Patoka-MasterPlan@usace.army.mil)**

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- **Submit Comment Button** @ <https://www.lrd.usace.army.mil/Mission/Projects/Article/3717198/patoka-lake-master-plan-update/>



# QUESTIONS?



Your Participation is Important!

[Patoka Lake Master Plan Update > Great Lakes and Ohio River Division > Projects \(army.mil\)](#)