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PUBLIC NOTICE

ADDICKS AND BARKER MASTER PLAN REVISION OPEN HOUSE

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) is beginning the process to revise the 2009 Addicks and Barker Reservoirs Master Plan (MP). The USACE defines the 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 USACE will manage the resources for public use and conservation. The current MP, last approved in 2009, needs revision to address changes in regional land use, population, outdoor recreation trends, and the USACE management policy. 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.

Revision of the MP will not address in detail the technical and operational aspects of the project related to flood risk management. The Master Plan study area will include Addicks and Barker reservoirs proper and all adjacent recreational and natural resources properties under Federal Fee ownership.

Due to the impacts of hurricane Beryl the initial public open house was canceled. The rescheduled open house will be held from **4:00 pm to 6:00 pm on August 19, 2024, in the Trini Mendenhall Community Center, 1414 Wirt Road, Houston, TX 77055**. The USACE will provide attendees with the existing Master Plan content, process, and a general schedule. Attendees can view the 2009 Master Plan and current land use classification maps and ask USACE staff questions.

Any comments sent during the original public comment period will still be accepted. The 30-day public comment period will open again on August 19, 2024, and end September 18, 2024. The public can send comments, suggestions, and concerns during this time. **Public participation is critical to successfully revising the 2009 MP.** Information provided at the open house, including the 2009 Master Plan, may be viewed on the USACE website at the following link:

https://www.swg.usace.army.mil/Projects/Addicks-and-Barker-Master-Plan/

Comments must be submitted in writing either at the scheduled open house, mailed to the USACE: David Mackintosh – Chief, Houston Project Office, 1011 Highway 6 South, Suite 101, Houston, Texas 77077 or emailed to: **ceswg-addicksandbarkermp@usace.army.mil**. The public may call the Lake Office to ask questions regarding the MP revision at 281-752-2600.

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