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5-01. GENERAL

A high degree of coordination was maintained with all appropriate federal and state agencies during preparation of the original Master Plan. Because this memorandum is an update of an existing plan, and is for a project that has been in operation for several years, the only agency currently involved with the Corps in the planning and coordination process is the Illinois Department of Natural Resources. A brief summary of agency coordination is contained in the following paragraphs.

5-02. FEDERAL AGENCIES

a. National Park Service. This agency reviewed the proposals for development contained in the original Master Plan and also made a field reconnaissance of the project area. On the basis of this study, comments were furnished in the form of a letter report that presented their findings, conclusions, and recommendations. Because compliance with the recommendations presented would have required increased land acquisition and other significant costs for the project, they were not implemented.

b. The U.S. Fish And Wildlife Service. During the early stages of project planning, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the Corps were in frequent contact to coordinate their respective programs for developing fish and wildlife resources at Carlyle Lake. The recommendations made by that agency have been incorporated in the provisions for conservation of fish and wildlife, as contained in "The General Plan and Cooperative Agreement." Paragraph 6-02b and the Operational Management Plan describe in detail the management program that is being implemented. On going projects impacting wildlife issues are coordinated with regional representatives of the Fish and Wildlife Service.

c. U.S. Public Health Service. After reviewing the provisions for water supply storage as set forth in House Document No. 232, Eighty-fifth Congress, First Session, the U.S. Public Health Service provided a letter of comment which expressed its general concurrence. In addition, this agency collaborated with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, the Illinois Department of Natural Resources and the Illinois Natural History Survey in the investigation of potential pollution of the lake due to contaminants generated by the Boulder Bottoms oil field.

d. Natural Resource Conservation Service. This agency is consulted when land use issues regarding prime farmland and wetlands arise. The Natural Resource Conservation Service certifies land as acceptable for wetland restoration projects.

e. Department of Interior - Bureau of Land Management. All leases for federally-owned minerals at Carlyle Lake are granted and administered by the Department of Interior through the Bureau of Land Management. Although federally-owned minerals are under the administrative jurisdiction of BLM, consent from the managing agency must be obtained prior to granting a lease.

5-03. STATE OF ILLINOIS

Close liaison with the Illinois Division of Waterways, the Illinois Department of Public Health, and the Illinois Department of Transportation was

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maintained through the planning phases of Carlyle Reservoir. Currently, primary coordination efforts are with the Illinois Department of Natural Resources because of their extensive participation in the development and management of Corps owned lands; their ability to establish and enforce State Fish and Wildlife regulations and laws; and their enforcement capability as it relates to the Illinois Boat Registration and Safety Act. Close liaison with this department has been maintained for coordination purposes, the results of which are set forth in this Master Plan in sections 6-02b, and 8-04a.(3) and 8-04a.(7).

The Corps coordinates with the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA) regarding the construction and operation of wastewater treatment facilities, the maintenance of effluent (NPDES discharge permits) and in-lake water quality standards.

5-04. LOCAL GOVERNMENTS

There is considerable coordination with Clinton, Bond and Fayette counties and the municipal governments of Keyesport and Carlyle. As partners, the Corps advises them of general policy regarding public use of the reservoir and tentative plans. In addition, a number of visits to this office have been made by officials of local governments seeking information on these matters. Formal coordination with local government was effected by a series of meetings during early planning and construction of the project. Coordination with local governmental bodies continues to be conducted as actions/plans of mutual interest and/or impacts are developed at Carlyle Lake.

5-05 NON-GOVERNMENT PARTNERS

Non-government partners include the Okaw River Basin Coalition, Ducks Unlimited, Mid-Kaskaskia Association, Carlyle Chamber of Commerce, Carlyle Lake Association, Waterfowl Hunters USA, Mid-Kaskaskia Basin Association, camping and sailing groups, Audubon Society, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, 4-H clubs, and Chambers of Commerce from adjoining towns.

In addition, four marinas are operated on the lake. These marinas provide services to the public that may not otherwise be provided by the federal, state or local governments.

5-06 PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT FOR THE MASTER PLAN UPDATE

Federal, state and local elected officials, organizations, and the public were invited from the start to participate in the update of the Master Plan. Ten public meetings were held in 1993 in the campgrounds, marinas and local cities to cover public interests regarding development and land use around Carlyle Lake. Comments from these public meetings as well as lake feedback forms have been categorized and addressed in Part I-A of the Public Involvement Plan (PIP) included in the Master Plan. Comments concerning recreational developments and land use management were considered for inclusion in the Master Plan if they fell within an authorized purpose, were responsive to a regional need and were suitable to the project.

Copies of the draft plan were distributed to federal, state and local agencies, elected officials, local libraries and interested individuals. A 30 day comment period followed distribution of the draft plan. Two public workshops were conducted to discuss the draft and receive comments. Sixty-five written comments were received during the comment period. Written

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responses were mailed to individuals submitting written comments and are included in Part I-B of the PIP in Appendix V

Copies of the final approved plan may be reviewed at the Carlyle Lake Project Office, Eldon Hazlet State Park Office, the Carlyle Lake Wildlife Management Area Office and local libraries