

Appendix E

**Agency & Public
Coordination**

Rend Lake Master Plan Update

PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT PLAN

Public Workshop & Website Development

A public workshop will be held using an "open house" format, allowing time for participants to review specific information about the Master Plan update process, ask questions and provide written comments to the Corps of Engineers staff attending the meeting.

The meeting will be held on December 12, 2017, from 5-7 pm, at the Rend Lake Visitor Center, located at 11981 Rend City Road, Benton, IL 62812

Persons attending the workshop will sign-in upon arrival. A table with sign-in sheets will be provided and staffed by a Corps employee. The sign-in sheets will include: Name, organization, e-mail address & phone number. A one page fact sheet about the master plan update process and schedule will be provided to all persons. Also, comment cards will be available.

A brief power-point presentation about the Master Plan update process and schedule will be given at the beginning of the workshop.

Display boards will be set up around the room, where Corps employees will be stationed to answer questions and encourage attendees to complete comment cards.

A centralized location will be provided to collect completed comment cards. Also, attendees will be provided with instructions for returning comment cards via mail and encouraged to visit the Master Plan update website, where comments can also be submitted.

After the workshop, comment cards will be reviewed and pertinent comments recorded and tallied for further evaluation and appropriate action.

In coordination with Public Affairs, a link on the St. Louis District, USACE website will be developed that includes information about the Master Planning process, schedule for completion and instructions on how to provide comments. The current Rend Lake Master Plan (2009) will be posted for public review. Once the Plan is updated and approved, it will also be posted for public review.



NEWS RELEASE

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For Immediate Release:
Date: 29 November 2017
Release No.: 18- 09

Contact:
Jackie M. Taylor, 618-724-2493
rendinfo@usace.army.mil

Public Meeting to be held regarding the Rend Lake Master Plan Update

Benton, IL – The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Rend Lake Project, will hold a public workshop regarding the Master Plan update for the project. The public is invited to attend the workshop, which will provide information on the Master Plan update process and afford the opportunity to receive input from the public about their issues and concerns regarding the future management of Rend Lake.

The Master Plan addresses outdoor recreation and environmental stewardship activities occurring on lands owned by the Corps of Engineers at Rend Lake. The Master Plan does not address shoreline management, water control or water quality, since these activities are included in other Corps of Engineers operating plans.

Stakeholder input is extremely important to this process update. The current Master Plan, along with comment forms and additional information concerning the updates, will be available on the “St. Louis District website at <http://www.mvs.usace.army.mil/>. The public workshop will be held using an "open house" format, allowing time for participants to review specific information about the Master Plan update process, ask questions and provide written comments to the Corps of Engineers staff attending the meeting.

The workshop will be held on December 12, 2017, from 5-7pm, at the Rend Lake Visitor Center, located at 11981 Rend City Road, Benton, Illinois 62812. For more information feel free to contact Dawn Kovarik at 618-724-2493.

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Rend Lake Master Plan Update Comment Card

*Please respond to the questions below and provide additional comments you have about the Master Plan update or on issues you would like to have addressed in the updated Master Plan for Rend Lake. Please feel free to take an extra form and send it back by **January 31, 2018**, to the address at the bottom of this form or on the Rend Lake Master Plan Website: <http://www.mvs.usace.army.mil>*

Your Name/Organization: _____

Address: _____

E-mail: _____ **Phone:** _____

How would you like to see Rend Lake in 20 years? _____

What about Rend Lake is most important to you? What is the least important to you?

What changes, if any, would you like to see at the lake? _____

Additional comments on the Master Plan update or about issues that should be studied:

Comments may be submitted via mail, in person, or through the website.

*Complete comment card, fold, tape
edges, apply postage and mail to:*

or

*Visit this website to submit comments:
<http://www.mvs.usace.army.mil>*

**Rend Lake Project Office
11981 Rend City Road
Benton, IL 62812**

Rend Lake -Master Plan Update - 2018
Mailing List

Company	City, State, Zip
	Christopher, IL 62822
	Sesser, IL 62884
	Whittington, IL 62897
	Makanda, IL
Ameren	West Frankfort, IL 62896
Benton West City Economic Development Corporation	Benton, IL 62812
Benton/West City Chamber of Commerce	Benton, IL 62812
Big Muddy Longbeards Chapter	Wayne City, IL 62895
City of Christopher	Christopher, IL 62822
City of Benton	Benton, IL 62812
City of Bonnie	Bonnie, IL 62816
City of Christopher	Christopher, IL 62822
City of Marion	Marion, IL 62959
City of Mt. Vernon	Mt. Vernon, IL 62864
City of Sesser	Sesser, IL 62884
Village of Valier	Valier, IL 62891
Village of West City	West City, IL 62812
County Board Chair	Pinckneyville, IL
County Board Chair	Marion, IL 62959
SIU Department of Forestry	Carbondale, IL 62901
DuQuoin Tourism Office and Chamber of Commerce	DuQuoin, IL 62832
Ewing Northern Fire Protection District	Ewing, IL 62836
Franklin County Highway Department Engineer	Benton, IL 62812
Franklin County 4-H	Benton, IL 62812
Franklin County Board	Benton, IL 62812
Franklin County Emergency Management	Benton, IL 62812
Franklin County Farm Bureau	Benton, IL 62812
Franklin County Historical Society	Benton, IL 62812
Franklin County Quail Unlimited 720	Benton, IL 62812
Franklin County Sheriff's Department	Benton, IL 62812
Franklin Regional Economic Development Council	Benton, IL 62812
Garden Gate Club	Benton, IL 62812

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Greater Egypt Regional Planning and Development Commission	Marion, IL 62959
Gun Creek Quail Unlimited	Benton, IL 62812
Gun Creek Quail Unlimited	Benton, IL 62812
IDOT - Region 9	Carbondale, IL 62859
Illinois Department of Natural Resources	Olney, IL 62450
Illinois Department of Natural Resources	Benton, IL 62812
Illinois Department of Natural Resources	Marion, IL 62959
Illinois Department of Natural Resources	Mt. Vernon, IL 62864
Illinois Department of Natural Resources	Bonnie, IL 62816
Illinois Department of Natural Resources	Whittington, IL 62897
Illinois Native Plant Society	Carbondale, IL 62903
Illinois Quail Unlimited	Scheller, IL 62883
Illinois State Police Public Affairs Office	DuQuoin, IL 62832
Illinois Trail Riders	Edwardsville, IL 62903
Jefferson County Fire Protection District	Mt. Vernon, IL 62864
Jefferson County Highway Department	Mt. Vernon, IL 62864
Jefferson County Area Chamber of Commerce	Mt. Vernon, IL 62864
Jefferson County Board	Mt. Vernon, IL 62864
Jefferson County Sheriff's Department	Mt. Vernon, IL 62864
John A. Logan College	Carterville, IL 62818
Man Tra Con Corporation	West Frankfort, IL 62896
National Wild Turkey Federation	Buckner, IL 62819
Rend Lake Area Tourism Council	Benton, IL 62812
Rend Lake College	Ina, IL 62846
Rend Lake Conservancy District	Benton, IL 62812
Rend Lake Marina	Benton, IL 62812
Rend Lake Waterfowl Taskforce	Mt. Vernon, IL 62864

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Sesser Chamber of Commerce	Sesser, IL 62884
Sesser Valier Outdoorsmen Club	Sesser, IL 62884
Shawnee Chapter Audubon Society	Carbondale, IL 62901
Southern Illinois Chapter Audubon Society	Carbondale, IL 62901
Southern Illinois Economic Development	Carbondale, IL 62903
Spring Garden Highway Commissioner	Ina, IL 62846
University of Illinois Master Gardners	Murphysboro, IL 62966
US Fish & Wildlife Service Crab Orchard	Marion, IL 62959
US Forest Service Shawnee National Forest	Harrisburg, IL 62884
USDA Natural Resource Conservation Service	Mt. Vernon, IL 62864
USDA Natural Resource Conservation Service	Benton, IL 62812
USDA Rural Development	Marion, IL 62858
West Frankfort Business Incubator	West Frankfort, IL 62896
Williamson County Tourism Bureau	Marion, IL 62959
Mt. Vernon Convention and Visitors Bureau	Mt. Vernon, IL 62864
Illinois Department of Natural Resources	Kimmundy, IL 62854
Christopher Area Betterment Association	Christopher, IL 62822

**Mailing List for Master Plan
(Partners Stakeholders)**

	Christopher, IL 62822		
	Lake Moses		
	P. O. Box 631		
	17631 St. Highway 37		
	Giant State Park		
	13470 Hope Ln		
Amerin			
Benton	500 W Main St		
Benton			
Benton American Legion	Benton, IL 62812		
Benton Best Holiday Trav-L-Park	14297 State Hwy 37		
Benton Fire Protection	Benton, IL 62812		
Benton KOA Campground	1500 N Du Quoin St		
Benton KOA Kampground	Benton, IL 62812		
Benton News			
Benton West City Economic Council	Benton, IL 62812		
Benton/West City Chamber of Commerce	Benton, IL 62812		
Big Muddy Longbeards Chapter	RR 2, Box 197A		
Blasdel	3 South Park Ave, Suite A		
Buckner Fire Dept	Buckner, IL 62819		
Bureau of Land Management	Milwaukee District Office, Division of Natural Resource Management		
Burton's Café	Whittington, IL 62897		
Cabins in the Woods	Sesser, IL 62884		
Cement Finishers Local 143	Champaign, IL 61822		
Christopher Chamber of Commerce	Christopher, IL 62822		
City of Akin	Akin, IL		
City of Benton	Benton, IL 62812		
City of Bonnie	Bonnie, IL		
City of Buckner	Buckner, IL 62819		
City of Christopher	Christopher, IL 62822		
City of Coello	Coello, IL 62825		
City of DuQuoin	DuQuoin, IL 62832		
City of Ewing	Ewing, IL 62836		
City of Freeman Spur	Freeman Spur, IL 62841		
City of Ina	Ina, IL 62846		

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City of Logan	Logan, IL 62856		
City of Marion	Marion, IL 62959		
City of Mt. Vernon	Mt. Vernon, IL 62864		
City of Orient	Orient, IL 62874		
City of Royalton	Royalton, IL 62983		
City of Sesser	Sesser, IL 62884		
City of Thompsonville	Thompsonville, IL		
City of Valier (village)	Valier, IL 62891		
City of West City (village)	West City, IL 62812		
City of West Frankfort	West Frankfort, IL 62896		
City of Whittington			
City of Zeigler	Zeigler, IL 62999		
Continental Resources of Illinois Inc	P. O. Box 602		
Cooperative Wildlife Research Laboratory	251 Life Science II		
County Board Chair	3764 State Rts 13-127		
County Board Chair	200 West Jefferson		
Coy & Wilma's One Stop	14405 N. Rend City Rd.		
Coy and Wilma's One Stop	Sesser, IL 62884		
Department of Forestry	1205 Lincoln Drive		
Du Quoin	20 N. Chestnut		
Elk Prairie Township			
Ewing Northern	115 W Main St		
Ewing Northern Fire Protection District	Ewing, IL 62836		
F. B. McAfoos	13998 St. Hwy 34		
Franklin - Williamson County	Franklin Heights Plaza		
Franklin County	202 W Main St		
Franklin County 4-H	Benton, IL 62812		
Franklin County Board	Benton, IL 62812		
Franklin County Board	Benton, IL 62812		
Franklin County Emergency Management			
Franklin County Farm Bureau	711 N. Du Quoin		
Franklin County Historical Society			
Franklin County Press			
Franklin County Quail Unlimited 720	10808 Forest Baptist Ch. Rd		
Franklin County Sheriff's Department	Benton, IL 62812		
Franklin Regional Economic Development Council	Benton, IL 62812		
Garden Gate Club	Benton, IL 62812		

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Great Plains Oil, Inc	P. O. Box 369		
Greater Egypt Regional Planning and Development Commission	Marion, IL 62959		
Gun Creek Chapter	P.O. Box 604		
Gun Creek Quail Unlimited	7946 Park St. Rd		
Harbor Lite	Whittington, IL 62897		
IDNR	One Natural Resources Way		
IDOT - Region 9	1508 W. Grand		
Illinois Department of Health	2309 W Main St # 106		
Illinois Department of Natural Resources	Olney, IL 62450		
Illinois Department of Natural Resources	Benton, IL 62812		
Illinois Department of Natural Resources	11731 State Highway 37		
Illinois Department of Natural Resources	9053 Rt 148, Suite B		
Illinois Department of Natural Resources	4295 N. 1000th St		
Illinois Department of Natural Resources	13995 Game Farm Road		
Illinois Department of Natural Resources	8450 Montclair Ave	IL	62864-0000
Illinois Department of Natural Resources	Department of Fisheries	IL	62274-0438
Illinois Department of Natural Resources	503 E. Main	IL	62959-3061
Illinois Department of Natural Resources	Office of Agriculture, Engineering & Grants	IL	62706
Illinois Department of Natural Resources	P. O. Box 206	IL	62706
Illinois Department of Natural Resources	300 W. Jefferson St.	IL	62706
Illinois Department of Natural Resources	11731 State Highway 37	IL	62706
Illinois Department of Natural Resources	11731 State Highway 37	DC	20515
Illinois Department of Natural Resources	11731 State Highway 37	DC	20515
Illinois Department of Natural Resources	10885 E. Jefferson Rd.	DC	20510
Illinois Department of Natural Resources	11094 Ranger Rd	DC	20510

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Illinois Department of Natural Resources	One Natural Resources Way	IL	62948
Illinois Department of Natural Resources	P.O. Box 100	IL	62864
Illinois Department of Natural Resources	503 E. Main	IL	62864
Illinois Department of Natural Resources	11731 State Highway 37	IL	62864
Illinois Federation for Outdoor Resources	P. O. Box 5	IL	62884
Illinois Native Plant Society	Carbondale, IL 62903	IL	62896
Illinois Quail Unlimited	102 N. Scheller Ln		
Illinois State Police	DuQuoin, IL	IL	62959
Illinois State Representative	Benton, IL 62812	IL	62832-1602
Illinois Trail Riders	4873 Indian Hills Drive	IL	62903
Jefferson	1600 S 10th St	IL	62903
Jefferson County	750 Fairfield Rd	IL	62012
Jefferson County Area Chamber of Commerce	200 Potomac Blvd	IL	62035
Jefferson County Board		IL	62025
Jefferson County Development Corp.	200 Potomac Blvd	IL	60504
Jefferson County Sheriff's Department	Mt. Vernon, IL 62864	IL	62895
John A. Logan College	Cartersville, IL 62818	IL	62401
Klaesner's First Stop	14759 N Rend City Rd	IL	62819
L B's Campground	5272 Peach Orchard Rd	IL	62424
Laborers Local 773	Marion, IL 62959	IL	62812
Lake Contracting Inc.	4650 Stone Church Rd.	IL	62812
Lake Cove Hotel	Whittington, IL 62897	IL	62812
Land For Learning	P.O. Box 208	IL	62883
League of Illinois Bicyclists	2550 Cheshire Dr.	IL	62254
Lions Club	Benton, IL 62812	IL	62816
Lipe & Associates	901 N. Du Quoin	IL	62812
Man Tra Con Corporation	West Frankfort, IL 62896	IL	62040
Mt. Vernon Chamber of Commerce	Mt. Vernon, IL 62864	IL	62864
Mt. Vernon Convention and Visitor's Bureau	P. O. Box 1708	IL	62898
National Wild Turkey Federation	4967 N. 2000th St	IL	62816
Old Bates Campground	Sesser, IL 62884	IL	62864
Operators Local 318	Marion, IL 62959	IL	62836

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Pheasant Hollow Winery	Whittington, IL 62897	MO	63031
Regional Director	8551 North Prairie Ridge Rd.	IL	62864
Regional Director	P. O. Box 114	IL	62220
Rend Lake Area Tourism Council		IL	62884
Rend Lake Area Tourism Council		IL	62958
Rend Lake College	Ina, IL 62846	WI	53201
Rend Lake College	Ina, IL 62846	IL	62702
Rend Lake College	Administration 127	IL	62812
Rend Lake Conservancy District	Benton, IL 62812	IL	62959
Rend Lake Conservancy District	11228 Marcum Branch Rd	IL	62448
Rend Lake Conservancy District	11228 Marcum Branch Rd	IL	62864
Rend Lake Conservancy District	11228 Marcum Branch Rd	IL	62012
Rend Lake Conservancy District	12575 Golf Course Dr	IL	62450
Rend Lake Marina	Benton, IL 62812	IL	62812
Rend Lake Marina	8955 West Dam Ln.	IL	62706
Rend Lake Waterfowl Taskforce	303 East Dee	IL	62837
Rend Lake Waterfowl Taskforce	RR 1, Box 145B	IL	62702
Rend Lake Waterfowl Taskforce	12605 N. Benton Rd.	IL	62812
Rend Lake Waterfowl Taskforce	2329 Arnold Dr.	IL	62812
Rend Lake Waterfowl Taskforce	513 S. 10th St.	IL	62812
Rend Lake Waterfowl Taskforce	P.O. Box 206	IL	62816
Rend Lake Waterfowl Taskforce	10102 E. Bonnie Rd.	IL	62897
Rend Lake Waterfowl Taskforce	15941 E. Bakerville Rd	IL	62702
Rend Lake Waterfowl Taskforce	16416 N. County Line Rd.	IL	62702-1271
Rend Lake Waterfowl Taskforce	1315 Sandy Dr.	IL	62812
Rend Lake Waterfowl Taskforce	113 S. 32nd St.	IL	62812
Rend Lake Waterfowl Taskforce	618 St. Clair Ave.	IL	62918
Risley & Sons	12413 Water Rd	IL	62864
Seasons Lodge and Condominiums	Whittington, IL 62897	IL	62812
Sesser	302 W Franklin St	IL	62812
Sesser	910 S. Park St	IL	62812
Sesser Area	PO Box 367	IL	62812
Sesser Chamber of Commerce	Sesser, IL 62884	IL	62897
Sesser Fire Protection	Sesser, IL 62884		62959
Sesser Subway	Sesser, IL		62959
Sesser Valier High School	4626 St. Highway 154	IL	
Sesser Valier Outdoorsmen Club	Sesser, IL 62884	IL	62846

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Shawnee Chapter	P. O. Box 73	IL	62901-6504
Sierra Club	899 Rowan Rd		62958
Southeastern Illinois Electric Co	Eldorado, IL 62130	IL	62901
Southern Illinois Chapter	P. O. Box 222	IL	62901
Southern Illinois Economic Development	Carbondale, IL 62903	IL	62952
Southern Illinois University	Carbondale, IL 62901	IL	62812
Southern Illinois University Carbondale	1206 Touch of Nature Road	IL	62812
Southern Illinois University Carbondale	105 East Pleasant Hill Rd	IL	62812
Southern Regional Director	186 W City Limits Rd	IL	62214
Spring Garden	15809 E. Michigan Rd	IL	62812
Squirrel's Nest Campground	Sesser, IL 62884	CO	80160
State Representative	300 Capitol Building	IL	62812
State Representative	265-S Stratton Building	IL	62884
State Senator	103-D Capitol Building	IL	62812
State Senator	M-122 Capitol Bldg	IL	62884
The Custard Stand	Sesser, IL	IL	62897
University of Illinois Master Gardners	Murphysboro, IL 62966	IL	62884
US Fish & Wildlife Service	8588 Route 148		
US Fish & Wildlife Service	8588 Route 148	IL	62864
US Forest Service	50 Hwy. 145 South	IL	62884
US Representative	2269 Rayburn House Office Building	IL	62897
US Representative	513 Cannon House Office Building	IL	62958
US Senator	713 Hart Senate Office Building	IL	62812
US Senator	332 Dirksen Senate Office Building		
USDA	221 Withers Drive	IL	62812
USDA	711 N. DuQuoin	IL	62812
USDA Rural Development	Marion, IL 62858	IL	62812
VFW	West Frankfort, IL 62896	IL	62959
VFW Post 2671	Benton, IL 62812	IL	62864
Wayne Fitzgerald State Park	Whittington, IL 62897	IL	62846
West Frankfort	201 E Nolen St	IL	62812
West Frankfort Business Incubator	West Frankfort, IL 62896	IL	62884

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West Frankfort Chamber of Commerce	West Frankfort, IL 62896	IL	62812
Whittington Woods Campground	Whittington, IL 62897	IL	62812
Williamson County	1602 Sioux Drive	IL	62864
		IL	62836
	16115 N. Hawthorne Dr	IL	62812



DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
ST. LOUIS DISTRICT CORPS OF ENGINEERS
1222 SPRUCE STREET
ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI 63103-2833

REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF:

Executive Office

Honorable Mike Bost
300 East Main Street
Hunter Building, Suite 4
Carbondale, Illinois 62901

Dear Representative Bost,

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, St. Louis District is beginning work to update the Rend Lake Project Master Plan. The purpose for updating the plan is to bring it into compliance with current USACE policies and regulations, update visitor use trends, and obtain public input to ensure future activities are accomplished in an environmentally sustainable manner.

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This effort will require coordination with Federal, State and Local government agencies as well as non-government organizations, stakeholders, and members of the public. An initial public meeting will be held at the Rend Lake Project Office on 12 December 2017, from 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm. The meeting is an open-house format designed to gather input and information from the public to develop a first draft of the Master Plan. The office is located at 11981 Rend City Road, Benton, IL 62812.

I would like to extend a personal invitation for you and/or your representative to participate in the workshop. Should you have any questions, and to confirm your attendance, please contact Chris Pulliam at (314) 331-8016 or via email at Christopher.B.Pulliam@usace.army.mil. Thank you for your continued support.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Bryan K. Sizemore".

Bryan K. Sizemore
Colonel, U.S. Army
District Commander



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REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF:

Executive Office

Honorable Terri Bryant
2929 Broadway Suite 3
Mt Vernon, IL 62864

Dear Representative Bryant,

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, St. Louis District is beginning work to update the Rend Lake Project Master Plan. The purpose for updating the plan is to bring it into compliance with current USACE policies and regulations, update visitor use trends, and obtain public input to ensure future activities are accomplished in an environmentally sustainable manner.

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ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI 63103-2833

REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF:

Executive Office

Honorable Tammy Duckworth
8 South Old State Capitol Plaza
Springfield, Illinois 62701

Dear Senator Duckworth,

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Bryan K. Sizemore
Colonel, U.S. Army
District Commander



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1222 SPRUCE STREET
ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI 63103-2833

REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF:

Executive Office

Honorable Dick Durbin
250 West Cherry Street
Suite 115-D
Carbondale, Illinois 62901

Dear Senator Durbin,

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, St. Louis District is beginning work to update the Rend Lake Project Master Plan. The purpose for updating the plan is to bring it into compliance with current USACE policies and regulations, update visitor use trends, and obtain public input to ensure future activities are accomplished in an environmentally sustainable manner.

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REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF:

Executive Office

Honorable Dale Fowler
2 North Vine Street
6th Floor
Harrisburg, Illinois 62946

Dear Congressman Fowler,

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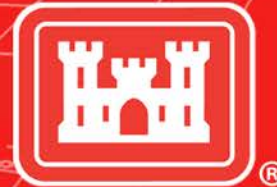
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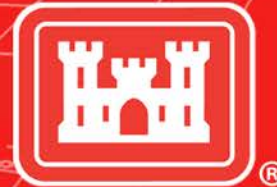


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Public Input Session



What is a Master Plan?

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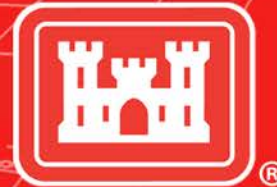
Why is the Master Plan being Updated?

- Outdated – Current Master Plan – 2009
- Bring into compliance with current policies & regulations
- Update visitor use trends
- Existing mapping outdated
- Obtain agency, stakeholder and public input
- Ensure future activities are accomplished in environmentally sustainable manner



What is included in the Master Plan?

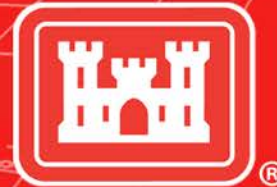
- Natural and Social Environments
- Fish & Wildlife Management
- Outdoor Recreation Opportunities
- Economics
- Land & Water Classification
- Cultural & Historical Resources
- Aesthetics
- Public Health & Safety



What is NOT included in the Master Plan?

- Shoreline Management
- Water Control

*These activities are included in other
Corps of Engineers operating plans*



What is the schedule for updating the Master Plan?

- Dec 2017 – Jan 2018: Obtain agency & Public Input
- Jan 2018 – Jul 2018: Develop Draft Master Plan
- July 2018: Draft Plan Available for Public Review
- Aug 2018 – Dec 2018: Finalize Plan & Obtain Approval



How To Provide Input/Comments

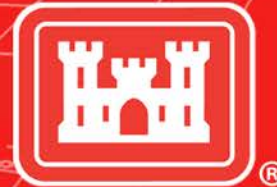
- Fill out Comment Card During Public Workshop
- Fill out Comment Card and Mail it in
- Visit Website and Provide Your Comments

<http://www.mvs.usace.army.mil/>

**Comments must be received by
January 31, 2018**



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Thank You!

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Major Themes & Items Identified through Public Input Rend Lake Master Plan – Update 2018

- Bike Trail Connectivity
- More full hook-up campsites
- Land/water interface facilities to provide access for boaters to use land-based amenities (i.e. picnic shelter, picnic sites, campsites, restrooms, restaurants)
- Better water hazard marking for boaters
- Open the resort at the State Park
- Replace/renovate restrooms and make them ADA compliant
- Increased siltation within watershed – multi-agency approach
- Consider bicycle and paddle boat rentals
- Interpretive and educational programs at the VC are very important to our customers – especially local residents
- Partnerships that foster improved tourism opportunities
- Improve and increase shoreline fishing opportunities
- Provide fish cleaning stations
- Group areas are well liked and important – Improvements to these areas would be a good investment and improve customer satisfaction
- Many campsites need to be leveled and renovated to meet customer service standards. Larger pads and larger impact areas
- Need fewer reservation sites and more first-come, first-served sites
- More individual or shared water hookups for campsites
- Correct Safety hazards created by drop-offs around camp pads
- 28-day site reservations are perceived by many campers as un-fair, since these sites are always reserved – by many of the same people
- The configuration and unevenness of campsites severely inhibits use by larger recreational vehicles
- FISH CLEANING STATIONS

- We need to ensure site renovations are compliant with customer service standards
- Add Wi-Fi in campgrounds
- Tree maintenance & tree replacement plan
- The bike trail is a major recreational feature for Rend Lake – this needs to be marketed and used to encourage partnership initiatives
- More water hookups
- Better ventilation in showers and comfort stations
- Roads in campgrounds are too narrow and have too sharp of turns for larger RV's.

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	Mulkeytown, IL
	Sesser, IL 62884
	Whittington, IL 62897
	Makanda, IL 62958
Ameren	West Frankfort, IL 62896
Benton West City Economic Development Corporation	Benton, IL 62812
Benton/West City Chamber of Commerce	Benton, IL 62812
Big Muddy Longbeards Chapter	Wayne City, IL 62895
City of Christopher	Christopher, IL 62822
City of Benton	Benton, IL 62812
City of Bonnie	Bonnie, IL 62816
City of Christopher	Christopher, IL 62822
City of Marion	Marion, IL 62959
City of Mt. Vernon	Mt. Vernon, IL 62864
City of Sesser	Sesser, IL 62884
Village of Valier	Valier, IL 62891
Village of West City	West City, IL 62812
County Board Chair	Pinckneyville, IL 62274
County Board Chair	Marion, IL 62959
SIU Department of Forestry	Carbondale, IL 62901
DuQuoin Tourism Office and Chamber of Commerce	DuQuoin, IL 62832
Ewing Northern Fire Protection District	Ewing, IL 62836
Franklin County Highway Department Engineer	Benton, IL 62812
Franklin County 4-H	Benton, IL 62812
Franklin County Board	Benton, IL 62812
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Greater Egypt Regional Planning and Development Commission	Marion, IL 62959
Gun Creek Quail Unlimited	Benton, IL 62812
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IDOT - Region 9	Carbondale, IL 62859
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Illinois Native Plant Society	Carbondale, IL 62903
Illinois Quail Unlimited	Scheller, IL 62883
Illinois State Police Public Affairs Office	DuQuoin, IL 62832
Illinois Trail Riders	Edwardsville, IL 62903
Jefferson County Fire Protection District	Mt. Vernon, IL 62864
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John A. Logan College	Carterville, IL 62818
Man Tra Con Corporation	West Frankfort, IL 62896
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US Fish & Wildlife Service Crab Orchard	Marion, IL 62959
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SUBJECT: Congressional and Official Invitation Letters to attend the August 23rd Rend Lake Master Plan Update
Open House.

All text is identical. Included for review and approval are letters for:

1. Representative Mike Bost
2. Senator Dick Durbin
3. Senator Paul Schimpf
4. Senator Tammy Duckworth
5. Representative Dave Severin
6. Congressman Dale Fowler
7. Representative Terri Bryant
8. Illinois Department of Natural Resources
Director Wayne Rosenthal



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REPLY TO

August 2, 2018

Office of Congressman Mike Bost
Attn: Nick Rafael
300 E. Main St.
Suite 4
Carbondale, IL 62901

Dear Mr. Rafael,

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Office of Senator Tammy Duckworth
Attn: Kevin Brook
411 E. Willow St.
Carbondale, IL 62901

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Office of Senator Richard Durbin
Attn: Lauren Bonner
250 W. Cherry
Suite 115D
Carbondale, IL 62901

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