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# MARK TWAIN LAKE MASTER PLAN

## CLARENCE CANNON DAM AND MARK TWAIN LAKE MONROE CITY, MISSOURI

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### CHAPTER 7 AGENCY AND PUBLIC COORDINATION

Public involvement and coordination within the Corps and with other affected agencies and organizations is a critical feature required in the updating of the Clarence Cannon Dam and Mark Twain Lake Project Master Plan. Throughout the process the Corps involved the public, and coordinated with Federal, state, and local agencies, and communities. The Master Plan revision process was initiated during the late winter of 2015.

Coordination and input meetings were held with other Federal, State and Local agencies, special interest groups, and the general public to identify project issues and concerns to guide the master plan development. Many different means have been utilized to obtain public and agency input into the master planning process, these included:

- **Web Page:** The Clarence Cannon Dam and Mark Twain Lake Master Plan page invited comments using an online comment form; fact sheets were posted along with a copy of the 2004 Master Plan Update.
- **Focus Groups:** Letters were mailed to local groups, agencies, congressional representatives and local governments inviting participation in meetings and requesting comment.
- **News Releases:** Mailed to local and state newspapers, television, and radio stations in March 2015 in preparation for the public meeting. Additionally, interviews with several newspapers, radio stations and air time on local television stations were conducted.
- **Comment Boxes and One-on-One Communication:** Questionnaires and master planning fact sheets were distributed to the public at the M.W. Boudreaux Visitor Center and the Mark Twain Lake Project Office.

#### 7.1. PUBLIC OPEN HOUSE SUMMARY AND COMMENT PERIODS

A public open house meeting was conducted in April of 2015 at the M.W. Boudreaux Visitor Center to solicit comments on the Clarence Cannon Dam and Mark Twain Lake Project Master Plan revision. Written comments on the plan were received through 25 April 2015. Key agency partner meetings were held during April of 2015 to make plan revisions as well.

The Draft Master Plan update was completed in August 2015. This revised plan will be posted on the Mark Twain Lake Project Master Plan website for 30 days to allow the public to, once again, provide comments. A news release was sent out, as well as letters to various partners, stakeholders, political leaders, and public members that had previously provided comments, advising them of the documents release for a public review period and how to access the document.

A mailing list was developed and added to throughout the master planning process. Informational master plan letters and newsletters were prepared and sent out during each major phase of the process. The Draft Master Plan has been placed on the Mark Twain Lake Internet homepage for review purposes. Federal, state and local political office holders with jurisdiction within the Mark Twain Lake Project service area have been kept informed and given opportunities to comment throughout the master planning process.

## **7.2. SUMMARIZATION OF PUBLIC COMMENTS RECEIVED**

Written comments were collected from the public during the public open house in April of 2015. Additional written comments were received through the comment form on the Mark Twain Lake Project Master Plan website as well as comment boxes and through the mail. Comments were received on a variety of topics with the following examples identified: additional equine and/or multi-purpose trails and associated amenities at various locations, additional full service campsites within campgrounds, rehabilitation of the Ray Behrens Boat Ramp, request for a resort and advertisement of a Notice of Availability with a 50 year lease, water quality, invasive species, and general support for the Mark Twain Lake Project. All public comments received are attached as an appendix to this document.