



Project: Update the Master Plan for Philpott Lake

Agency Scoping Virtual Public Meeting

December 3, 2020



Community Engagement: How to Participate in our Virtual Meeting

- Please keep yourself on “**MUTE**” to ensure an uninterrupted meeting
- Please maintain professionalism and be courteous to others
- **Comments and Questions** (always open)
 - Use the “**CHAT**” feature throughout the presentation to ask questions
 - The presenters will monitor the chat and provide answers to questions during various open discussion times
- **Audio Participation** (during Q&A sessions)
 - Use the “**RAISE YOUR HAND**” feature if you’d like to verbally ask a question to the presenter
- **Email:** PHILPOTT@usace.army.mil with further questions



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Philpott Lake Mission

“To provide flood control for downstream communities while; producing clean hydroelectric power, offering safe and memorable outdoor recreation experiences, managing environmental resources, meeting downstream water flow requirements, and enhancing public awareness through educational outreach opportunities.”



Overview

The United States Army Corps of Engineers, Wilmington District, (USACE) is updating the Philpott Lake Master Plan (MP).

The MP update will set the stage for how the resources of the lake will continue to be managed in the future.



Overview (Continued)

The Master Plan Update Does Not Include:



Operational Management



Shoreline Use Permitting



Water Control Plan



Reason for the Master Plan Update

- To bring the MP into compliance with current USACE policies and regulations
- To identify changes in usage trends in order to meet the needs of the community
- Re-examine land classifications for future management purposes
- To gain well-informed perspectives on ways to meet both short (5-10 years) and long-term (20+ years) resource and land use goals and objectives

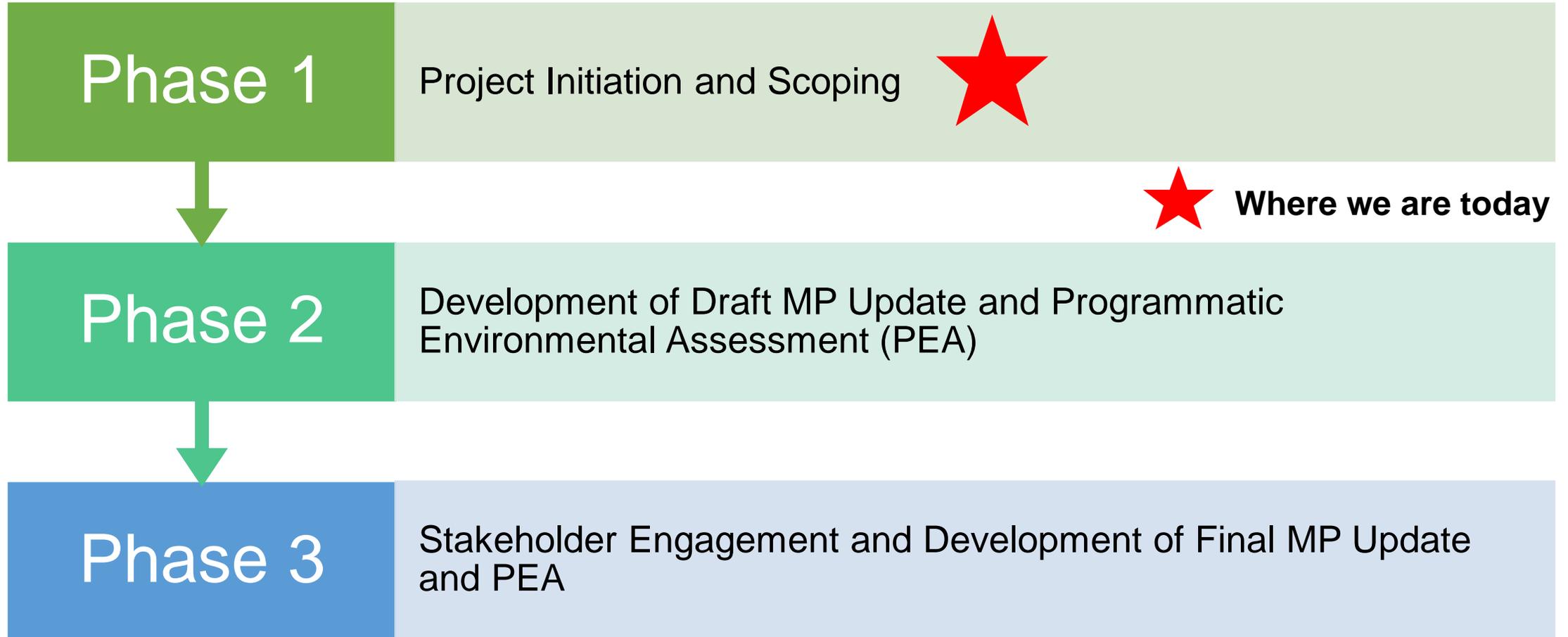


Purpose of the Meeting

- Invite **agencies** to participate in the scoping process and to provide input on the vision of the Philpott MP.
- Review the proposed MP update through the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) process.



The Master Plan Revision Process



National Environmental Policy Act

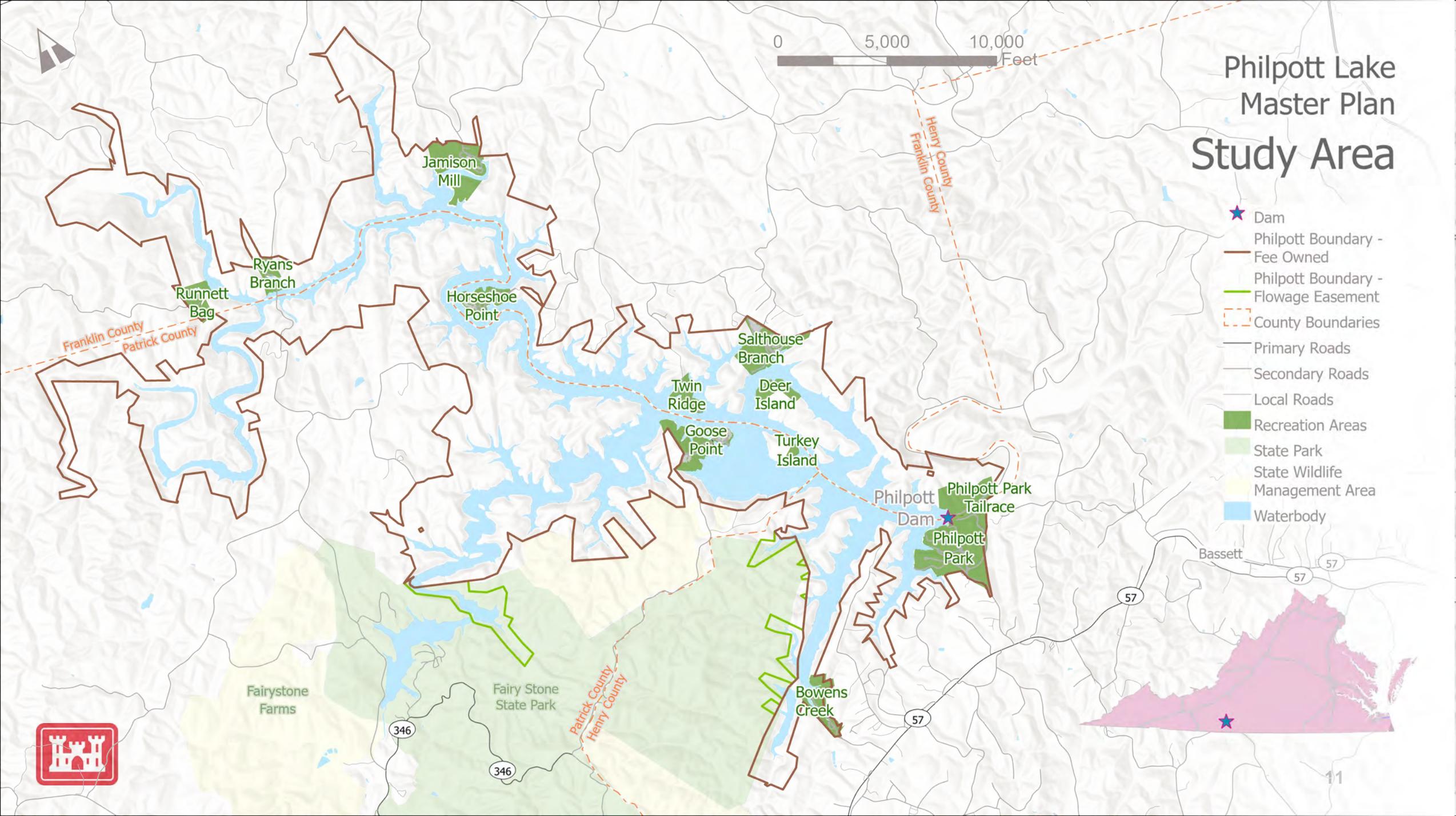
USACE will be preparing a Programmatic Environmental Assessment in compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (as amended), the 2020 update to the Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) guidelines (40 CFR parts 1500-1508), and the Engineer Regulation (ER) 200-2-2 Procedures for Implementing NEPA. The PEA will evaluate the potential environmental effects of the MP Update.



Philpott Lake Master Plan Study Area

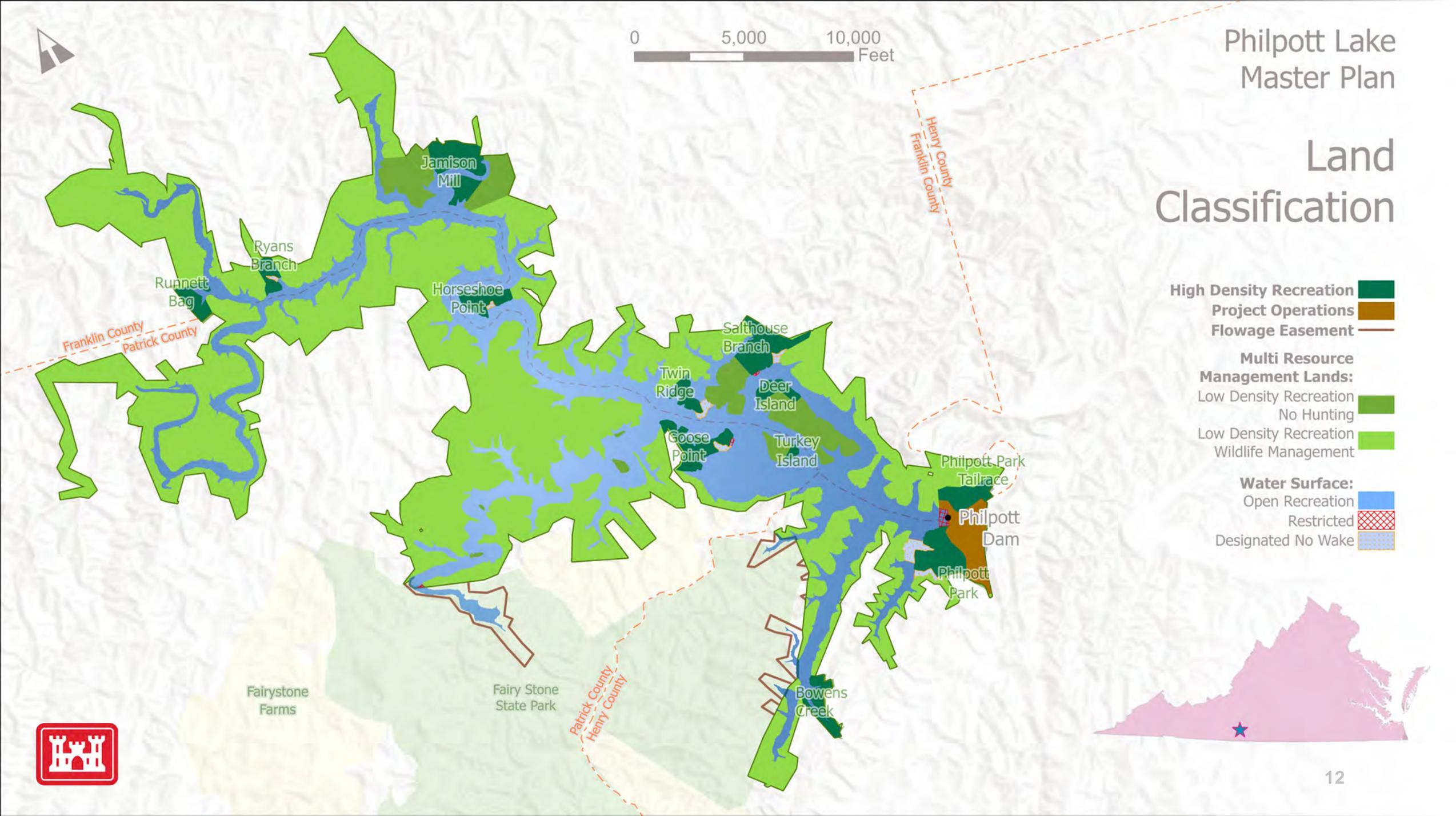


- Dam
- Philpott Boundary - Fee Owned
- Philpott Boundary - Flowage Easement
- County Boundaries
- Primary Roads
- Secondary Roads
- Local Roads
- Recreation Areas
- State Park
- State Wildlife Management Area
- Waterbody

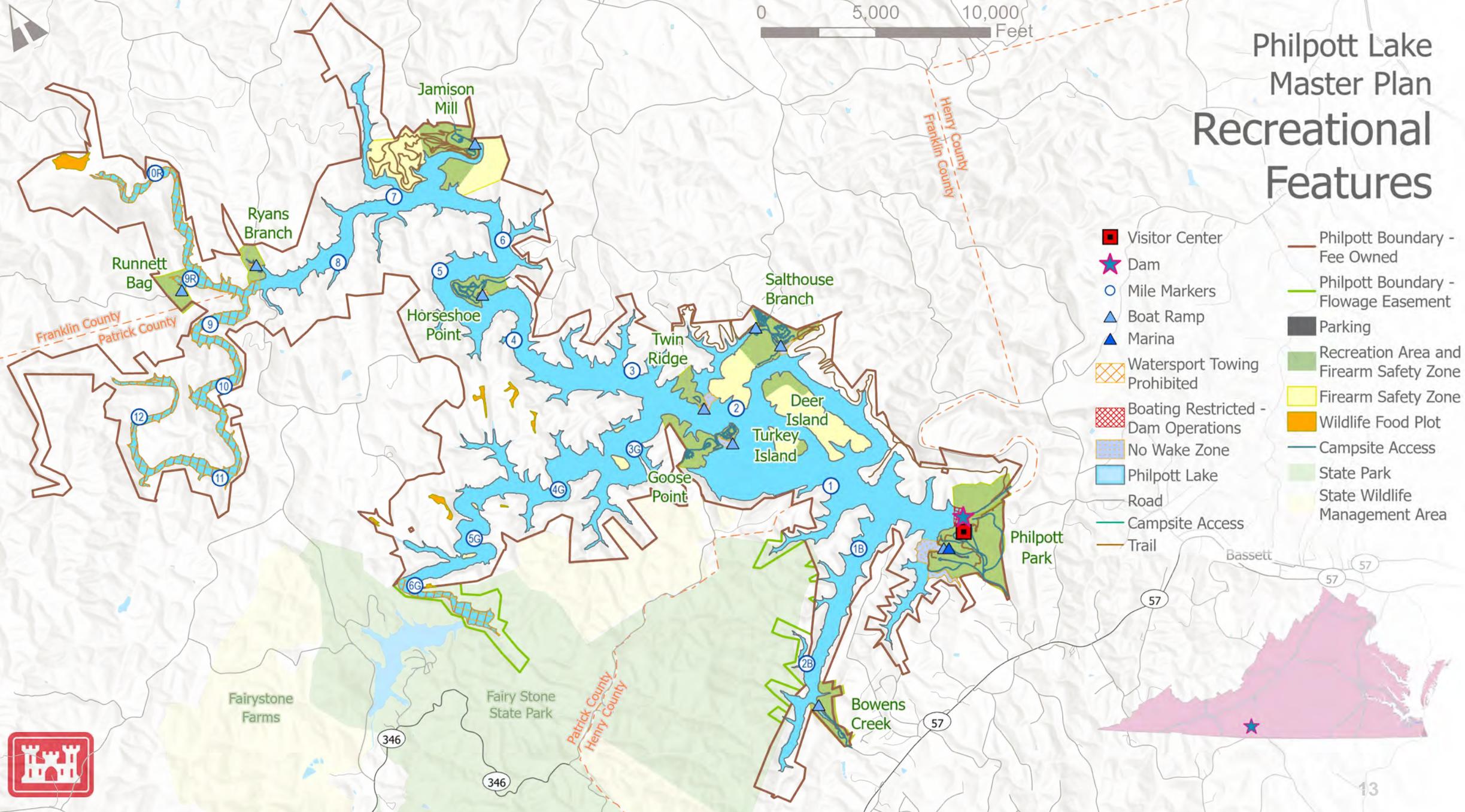


Philpott Lake Master Plan

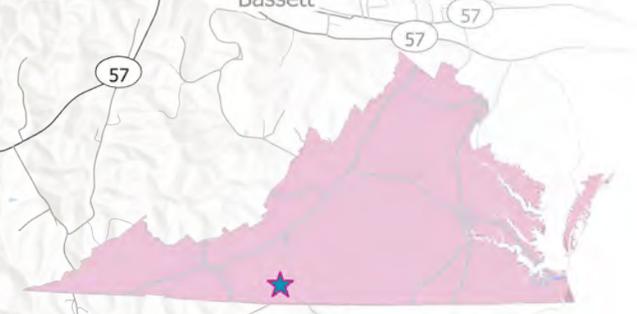
Land Classification



Philpott Lake Master Plan Recreational Features



- Visitor Center
- ★ Dam
- Mile Markers
- ▲ Boat Ramp
- ▲ Marina
- Watersport Towing Prohibited
- Boating Restricted - Dam Operations
- No Wake Zone
- Philpott Lake
- Road
- Campsite Access
- Trail
- Philpott Boundary - Fee Owned
- Philpott Boundary - Flowage Easement
- Parking
- Recreation Area and Firearm Safety Zone
- Firearm Safety Zone
- Wildlife Food Plot
- Campsite Access
- State Park
- State Wildlife Management Area



Questions for Agencies

- What is your vision for Philpott Lake over the next 5-20 years?
- What issues are most important to you as we update our land management plan?
- What could be done to enhance resource management objectives?

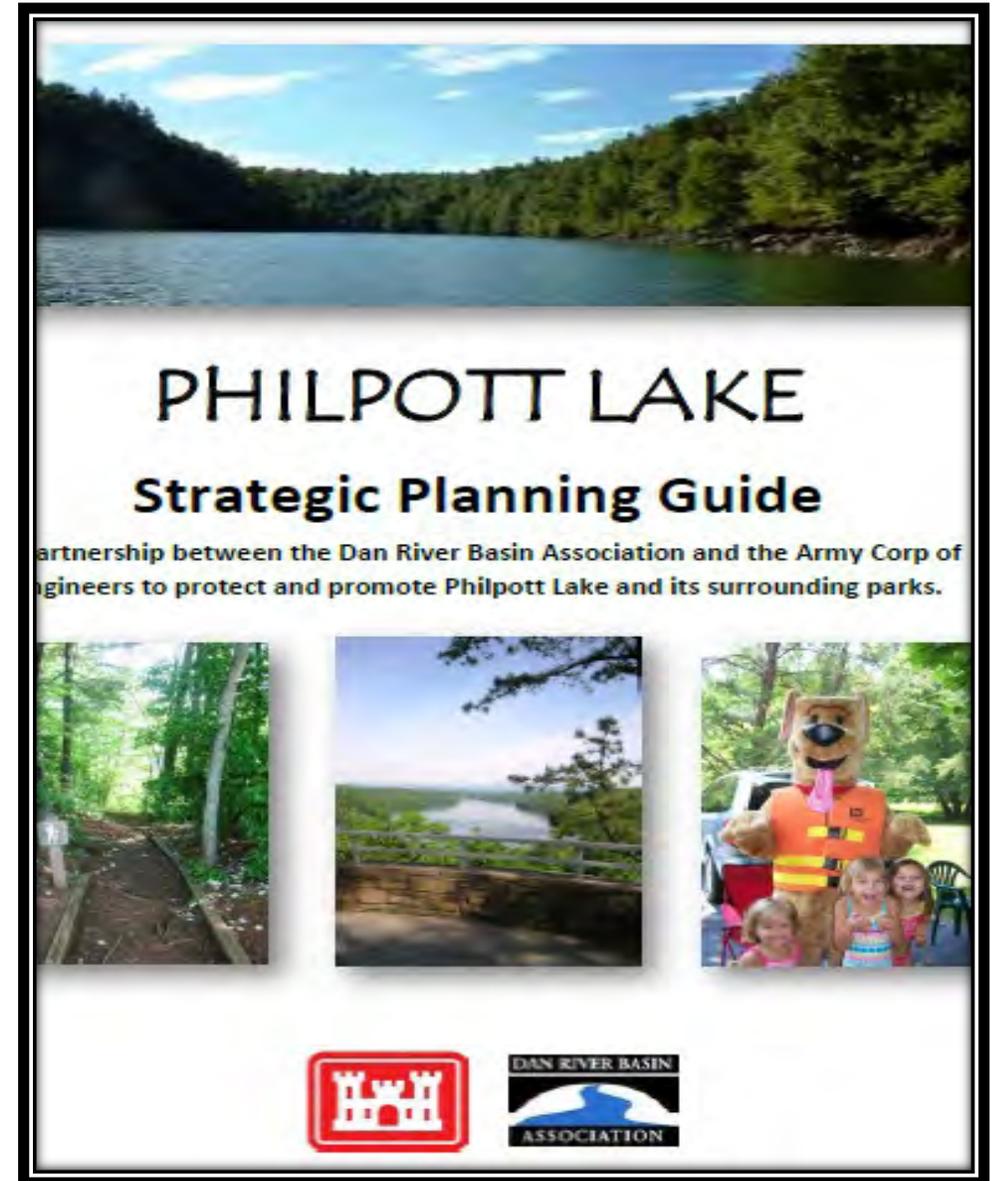


Partnerships to Meet Management Goals

Partnering is an essential tool that allows USACE to more effectively manage recreational and environmental resources

- Wildlife Management
- Promotion of Parks and Related Recreation
- Trail System Connectivity

What opportunities for partnerships should be pursued during the next stages of the project?



Project Schedule

PHILPOTT LAKE MASTER PLAN PROJECT SCHEDULE*



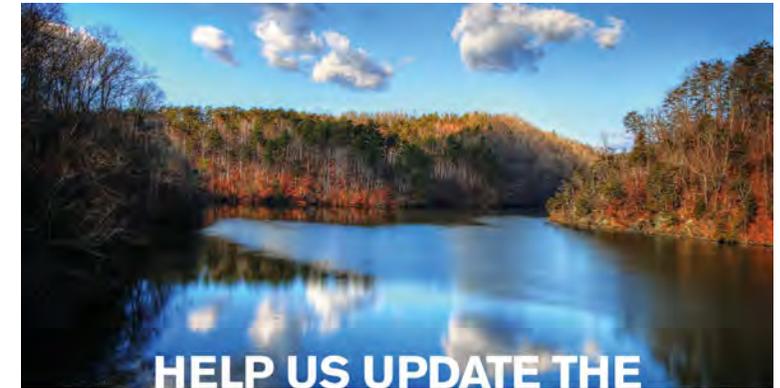
 Public Meeting

*dates are subject to change



Ways to Participate

- Visit our Project Web Page
 - Review all project materials online:
<https://www.saw.usace.army.mil/Locations/District-Lakes-and-Dams/Philpott/Philpott-Lake-Master-Plan-Update/>
- Attend our Virtual Public Meetings
 - *Meeting 1:* Inform the public of the Master Plan (MP) process and gather information about their perspectives on management needs and operations
 - *Meeting 2:* Facilitate a forum for the discussion of project related interests
- Provide Feedback in our Survey
 - Survey 1 is open November 19 - December 17, 2020
<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/PhilpottLakeMPSurvey1>
- Participate in the Open Comment Period
 - 30-day review period (Summer 2021) for MP and Programmatic Environmental Assessment (PEA) documents



PHILPOTT LAKE MASTER PLAN

VISIT OUR PROJECT WEBPAGE

Visit the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Wilmington District website to access all resources related to this master plan effort.

<https://www.saw.usace.army.mil/Locations/District-Lakes-and-Dams/Philpott/Philpott-Lake-Master-Plan-Update/>

- OR -

Scan QR code with camera app to link directly to the project webpage.



Connect with us on Facebook to stay informed of project updates:
@USACE.Wilmington

JOIN OUR VIRTUAL PUBLIC MEETING ON 12/3

Tune in safely from the comfort of your own home and join our WebEx call. We will provide an introduction on the master plan process and gather information from the public about your perspective of management needs and operations.

December 3, 2020
18:00 - 19:00 (6:00 - 7:00 PM)

Join WebEx Meeting
<https://us01attna1mch1.scrbex.com/join?attid=philpottlakeupdate&pwd=1117575b4c291cd72a3c7647c5465>

Access Code: 172.317.8650
Password: p2uUyE3ps3
To Join by Phone: +1-415-655-0001 US Toll

TAKE OUR COMMUNITY SURVEY

An online survey, focusing on Philpott Lake Master Plan Update's community priorities and preferences, is available from Thursday, November 17, 2020 until Thursday, December 19, 2020.

Take the Survey:
<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/PhilpottLakeMPSurvey1>

- OR -

Scan QR code with camera app to link directly to the survey.



The survey takes less than ten minutes to complete. Please take a few minutes to share your thoughts and concerns as your feedback will help the planning team with this master plan update.

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Project Information Sheet



The Wilmington District of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) has commissioned CATLIN Engineers and Scientists (CATLIN) and its primary subcontractor Moffatt & Nichol (M&N) to update the *Philpott Lake Master Plan*.

Purpose of the Project

The purpose of this project is to update the *Philpott Lake Master Plan* and its utilization and management of project lands. The plan was last updated in 1982; this new update will follow USACE's six-step planning process, while maintaining compliance with current USACE Master Plan regulations, policies and criteria. The master planning process will incorporate both agency and community input to devise the best long-term strategy.

Public Participation and Stakeholder Engagement

This planning process will involve key stakeholder participation across local, regional, and state agencies, and community members who live and work in the Philpott Lake area. It is the project team's intention to come to a consensus on not only updating the master plan, but also creating a plan which will be mutually beneficial to the agencies and community alike, while best serving the conservation of these project lands.

Master Plan Expected Outcomes

The Master Plan will provide guidance for the coordinated utilization and management of Philpott Lake's project lands. Additionally, the Master Plan will update the long-term land management goals and objectives and provide recommendations on outdoor recreational opportunities, management of environmental resources, and management of downstream river flow. The Master Plan will recommend a land classification approach for the administration and conservation of resources. Lastly, the Master Plan will update and revise, as needed, the associated design and feasible best management practices.

Involvement in the Process

As the master planning process evolves, there will be several opportunities for community input including two virtual meetings and an open-comment review period. The first virtual public scoping meeting will inform the general public of the master plan process and gather information from the general public about their perspective of management needs and operations. The second virtual public meeting will facilitate a forum for the discussion of project related

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interests. The public will have the opportunity to review both the draft Master Plan and Programmatic Environmental Assessment (PEA) report and provide feedback during a 30-day review period on the [project website](#). The plans will also be posted on the project website and copies will be available for review at the Philpott Lake Visitors Center and local libraries.

Schedule

The goal is to finalize the *Philpott Lake Master Plan Update* by late Summer, 2021. This master plan update, alongside the Programmatic Environmental Assessment (PEA) and Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) reports, will provide Philpott Lake staff long-term goals and objectives for land and the management of resources.

Contact Information

Please contact **Chris Powell, Operations Project Manager**, via email Christopher.C.Powell@usace.army.mil or by phone at 276-629-4512 ext. 8224 should you have any questions, comments, or concerns.



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Ways to Stay Involved

Attend our Virtual Public Meetings

The first Virtual Scoping Meeting will be to inform the general public of the master plan process and to gather information from the general public about their perspective of management needs and operations. This first Virtual Public Meeting will be held on Thursday, December 3, 2020 from 18:00 - 19:00 (6:00 - 7:00 PM). To attend this meeting virtually, please click [here](#). Meeting ID: 172 317 8650 Password: p2u3kUyF3pu3

To join by Phone: +1-415-655-0001 US Toll

The second Virtual Public Meeting is tentatively scheduled for early Summer, 2021. Once preliminary drafts of the Master Plan (MP) and Programmatic Environmental Assessment (PEA) have been reviewed by U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) and comments have been incorporated to the satisfaction of the USACE, this Virtual Public Meeting will facilitate a forum for the discussion of project related concerns. Please check back to the project webpage or follow us on Facebook.

Provide Feedback in the Philpott Lake Master Plan Update: Survey 1

An online survey, focusing on Philpott Lake Master Plan Update's community priorities and preferences, is available from Thursday, November 19, 2020 until Thursday, December 17, 2020. The survey takes less than ten minutes to complete. Please take a few minutes to share your thoughts and concerns as your feedback will help the planning team with this master plan update.

Get social

Connect with us on social media by following USACE Wilmington on Facebook and Twitter.

Click the image to view more details about our upcoming public meetings and how to stay updated on the Philpott Master Plan



Submit comments or contact us here

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Take a Virtual Tour of the Project Site

Integrating site visit photos with an ArcGIS Story Map, the project team created this interactive experience for all to virtually discover the many aspects of Philpott Lake.

[Click here to take a virtual tour of the site.](#)

<https://www.saw.usace.army.mil/Locations/District-Lakes-and-Dams/Philpott/Philpott-Lake-Master-Plan-Update/>



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Questions and Comments?

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