

# Jennings Randolph Lake

## Master Plan Update

### Project Town Hall

19 February 2019

#### Agenda:

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6-7pm—Public Review of Development Plan /  
Open Discussion

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7-8pm—Project Presentation / Questions and Answers

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8-9pm—Open Discussion / Alternative Review



# Agenda

- Introductions
- Project Purpose
- JRL Site Reference / Existing Conditions
- Master Plan Goals & Objectives
- Land Classification Recommendations
- National Environmental Policy Act Overview
- Open Feedback Period / Open Discussion

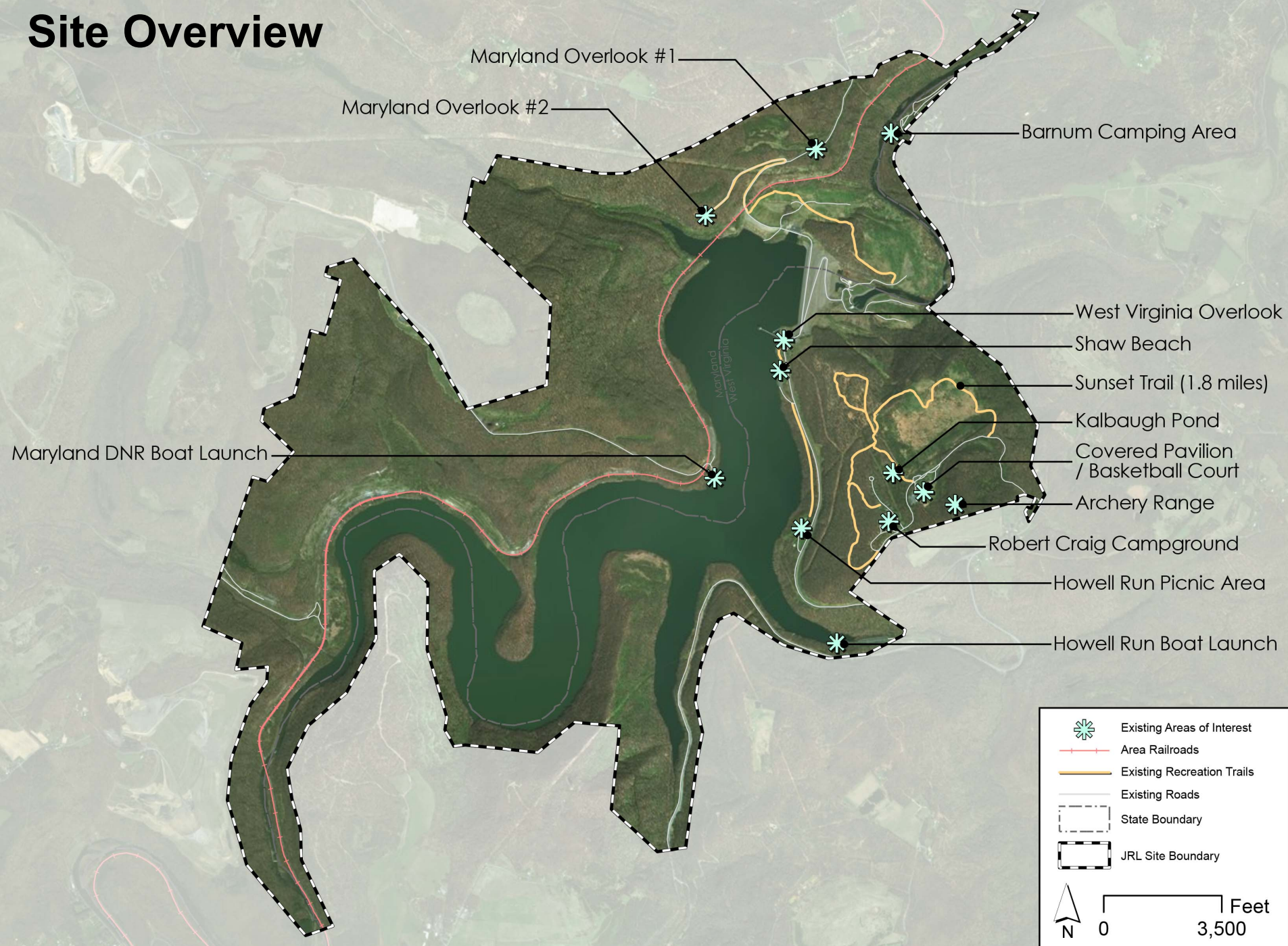
# Project Team

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# Project Purpose

- Complete an update to the Jennings Randolph Lake (JRL) Master Plan.
  - Master Plans summarize existing conditions, serve as an inventory and analysis of land resources, consider implications of alternative development actions, and recommend land use changes to support a preferred development plan.
- The Government is required to update the Master Plan at JRL according to January 2013 updates to the Engineer Regulation (ER) and Engineering Pamphlet (EP) 1130-2-550.
  - The Current JRL Master Plan was completed in 1997.
  - The Government is also required to prepare the appropriate National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) documentation to support the Master Plan.

# Site Overview



# USACE Management Goals

**Goal A** Provide the best management practices to respond to regional needs, resource capabilities and capacities, and expressed public interests consistent with authorized project purposes.

**Goal B** Protect and manage natural and cultural resources through sustainable environmental stewardship programs.

**Goal C** Provide public outdoor recreation opportunities that support project purposes and public interests while sustaining project natural resources.

**Goal D** Recognize the unique qualities, characteristics, and potentials of the project.

**Goal E** Provide consistency and compatibility with national objectives and other state and regional goals and programs.

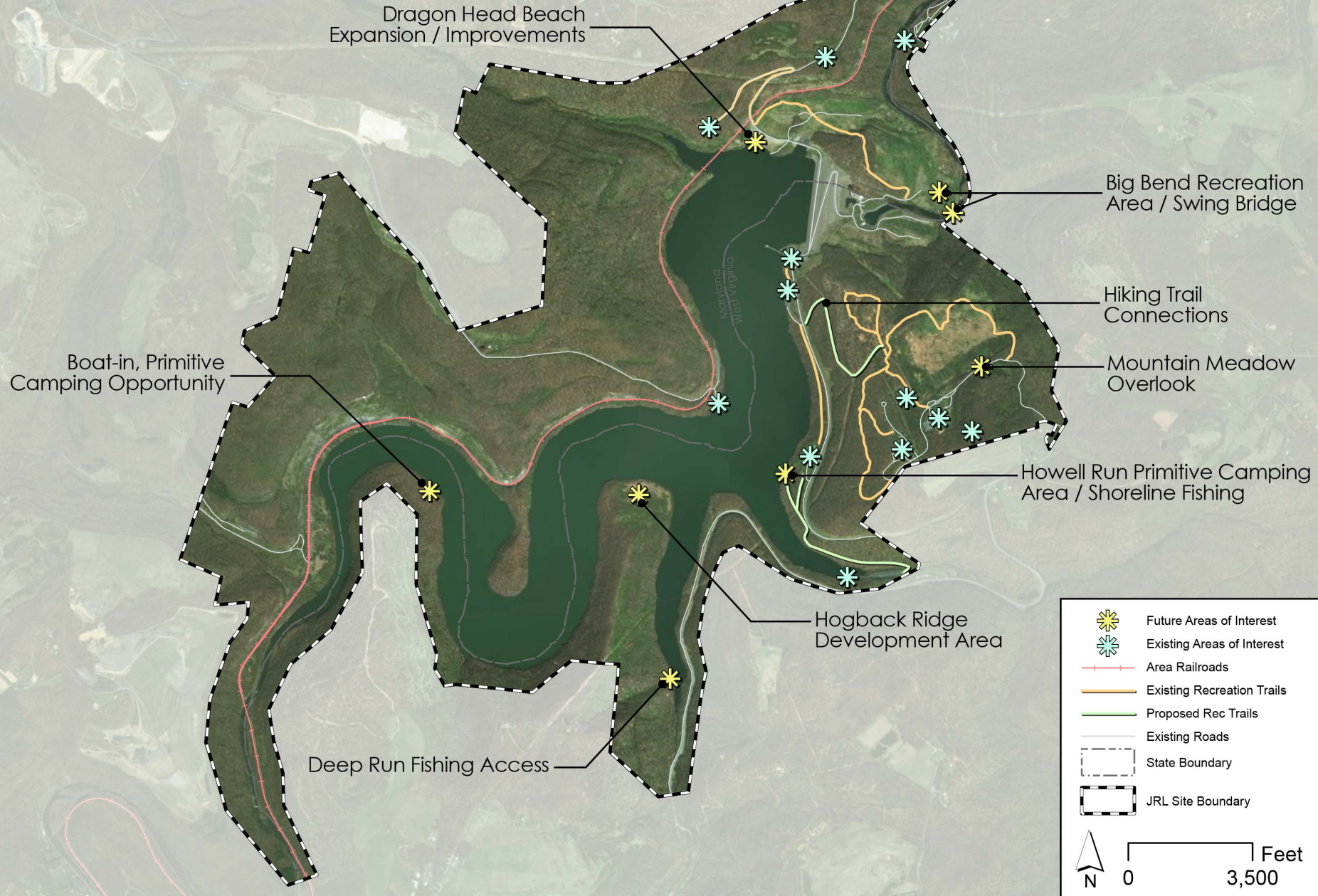
# Master Plan Goals

## (Resource Objectives)

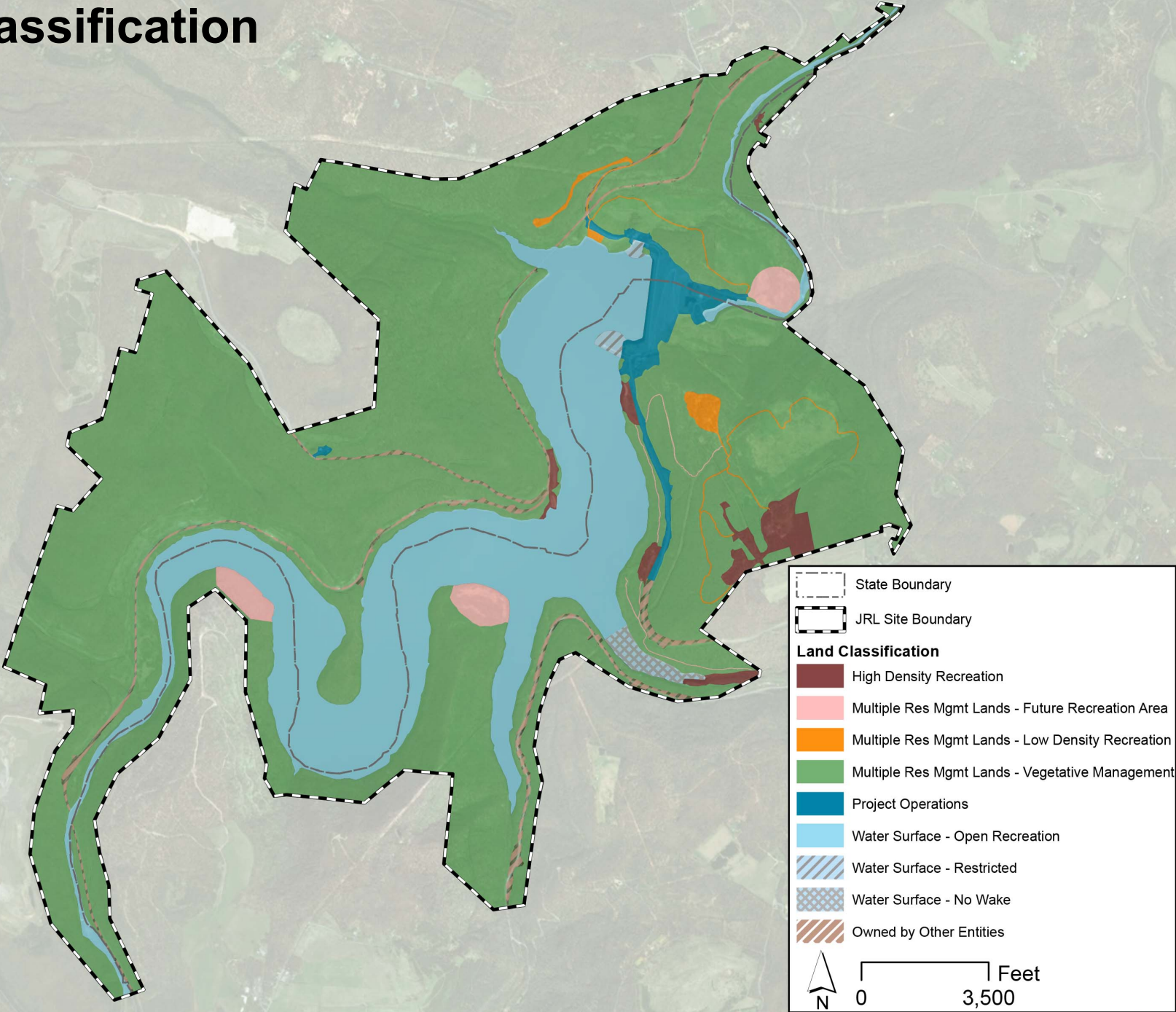
1. Improve infrastructure and utilities.
2. Enhance existing recreation sites and amenities.
3. Expand recreational opportunities in key areas.
4. Invest in key operational and support facilities.



# Opportunity Areas



# Land Classification



# Master Plan Goals

## (Resource Objectives)

<b>Prior Land Classifications*</b>	<b>Acres</b>
Project Operations**	178
Recreation	450
Multiple Resource Management	3,358
Low Density Recreation	3,357
Wildlife Management	1
Total	3,986

<b>Current Land Classifications</b>	<b>Acres</b>
Project Operations	78
High-Density Recreation	74
Multiple Resource Management	2,869
Future Recreation	65
Low Density Recreation	22
Vegetative Management	2,782
Water Surface	965
No Wake	18
Restricted	12
Open Recreation	938
Total	3,986

*\* Note that according to a record published in 1999, 1,022 acres were disposed after the original project land acquisition. Thus, the prior land classifications represent the total project acreages after disposal.*

*\*\* The 1997 Master Plan was completed before the 1999 record of land disposal. The 1997 Master Plan designated 1,200 acres as Project Operations. Due to the nature of the land disposal, there is an assumption that the 1,022 acres fell within the Project Operations Classification, thus reducing the Prior Project Operations Classification from 1,200 acres to 178 acres. The Multiple Resource Management Classification was also updated to reflect the 1999 record of net total project acreages, 3,986 acres, after disposal.*

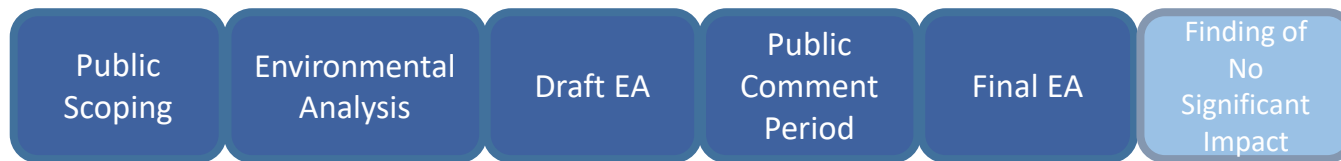
# National Environmental Policy Act

The National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969 requires federal agencies to evaluate and document potential environmental impacts of proposed major actions. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) has determined an Environmental Assessment (EA) is the appropriate level of documentation to assess the action's affect on the quality of the human, natural, and cultural environment.

Topics studied in the EA include:

- Water Resources
- Soil Resources
- Biological Resources
- Land Use and Recreation
- Air Quality
- Greenhouse and Climate Change
- Cultural Resources
- Geology and Topography
- Hazardous Materials and Wastes
- Noise
- Socioeconomics and Environmental Justice
- Traffic and Transportation
- Utilities

## NEPA Timeline



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# Proposed Action

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## **Proposed Action**

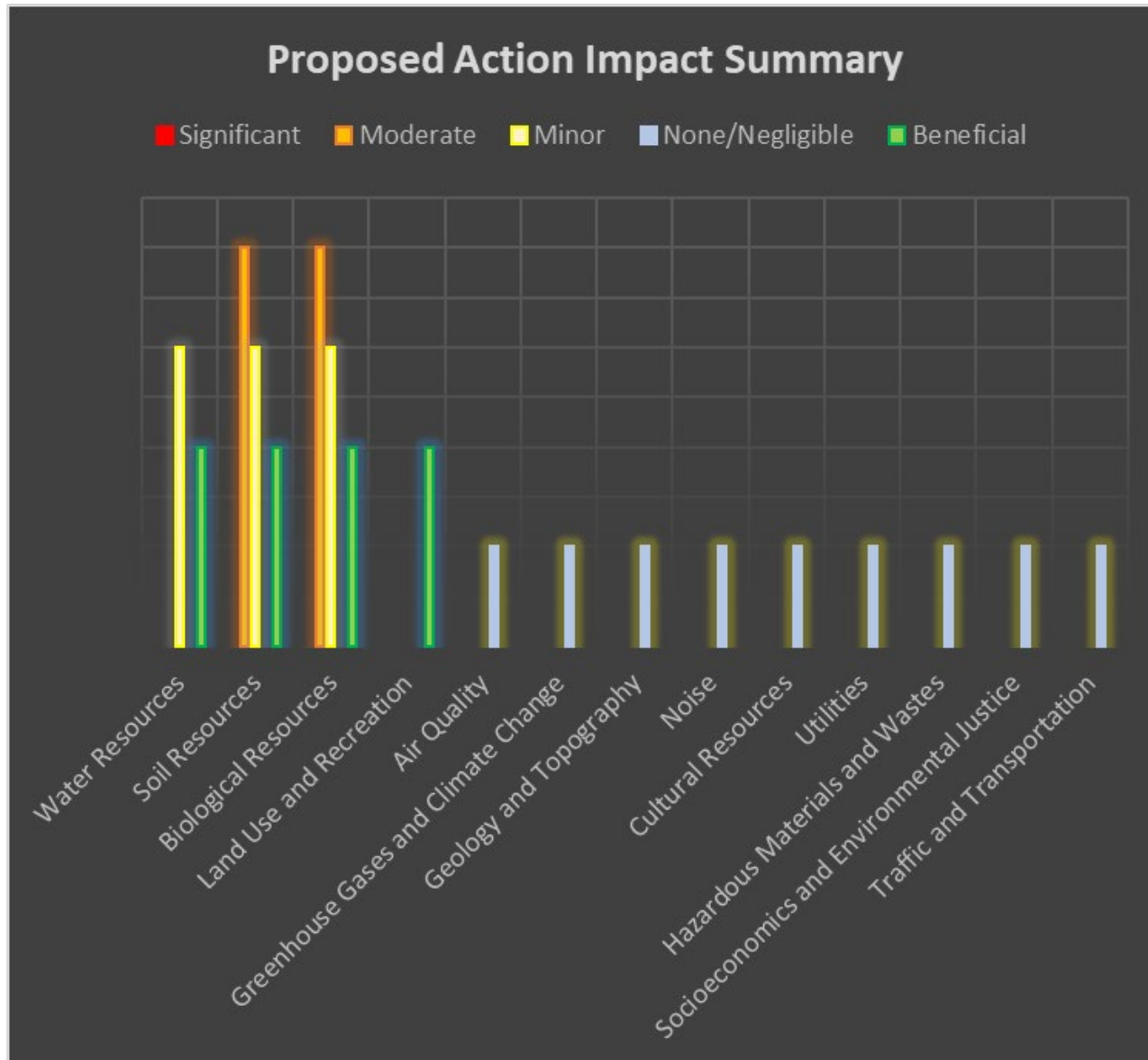
Under the Proposed Action, the USACE would implement the 2019 Master Plan for JRL and associated changes in land management in compliance with USACE regulations and guidance. This alternative would revise JRL's land classifications to USACE standards and include resource objectives that reflect current and projected needs compatible with regional goals. Required changes associated with the Proposed Action include:

- Reclassifications of land,
- Classification of the water surface, and
- Adoption of new resource management and recreation objectives.

## **No Action Alternative**

The No Action Alternative serves as a basis for comparison to the anticipated effects of the other action alternatives. Under the No Action Alternative, the USACE would take no action and would not adopt the 2019 Master Plan. The operation and management of Jennings Randolph Lake would continue as outlined in the current 1997 Master Plan. No new land use classifications would occur and a framework for future development at Jennings Randolph Lake would not occur.

# Summary of Potential Environmental Effects



# We Want Your Comments!

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## Comments on the Draft EA document can be submitted:

- **In Writing** on the comment forms provided at this meeting
- **By Email or Phone** to Major Terrence Harrington at [terrence.g.harrington@usace.army.mil](mailto:terrence.g.harrington@usace.army.mil) or (410) 962-1846
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# Project Schedule

- Open House #1: 24 September 2018, 6-9pm
- Open House #2: 29 October 2018, 6-9pm
- Pre-Draft Master Plan & Environmental Assessment (EA) Submittal (to USACE): 16 November 2018
- Draft Master Plan & EA Submittal (Public Review): 24 January 2019
- **Public Review—Town Hall Meeting: 19 February 2019**
  - **Public Comments Requested No Later Than: 28 February 2019.**
- Prefinal Master Plan & EA Submittal: 10 March 2019
- Final Master Plan & EA Submittal: 1 May 2019
- EA Administrative Record: 31 May 2019

# Questions or Comments?



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