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## Corps of Engineers to host JRL master plan scoping meeting

**JENNINGS RANDOLPH LAKE, W.Va.** — The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers invites the surrounding communities to participate in a scoping meeting on Oct. 29 to share ideas, comments and feedback on the Jennings Randolph Lake Master Plan revision and process.

The scoping meeting on Oct. 29 will be held from 6 to 9 p.m. at the Mineral County Health Department, located at 1080 Co Route 220/5 in Keyser, West Virginia.

The Corps is in the process of updating the Master Plan for the Jennings Randolph Lake Project and is preparing an Environmental Assessment (EA) in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 to assess the impact of the Master Plan revision to the human and natural environment.

The draft EA is expected to be publicly released in spring 2019. The public can provide comments or information that may be pertinent to this assessment until November 16, 2018 by mail, email or online.

All updates regarding the Master Plan revision, public meeting information and ways to submit comments or questions may be found on the following site:

<http://www.nab.usace.army.mil/JRL-Master-Plan-Revision/>.

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### **About the Jennings Randolph Lake Master Plan Revision**

JRL was authorized by the Flood Control Act of 1962, and was constructed, and is managed, by USACE for the purposes of flood risk management, recreation, water supply and environmental stewardship. The JRL project consists of a rolled earth and rockfill dam, rising 296 feet from the lake bottom. USACE operates and maintains six recreation areas at JRL, including a campground, three overlooks, a picnic area, a beach, and a boat launch.

The primary goals of the Jennings Randolph Lake Master Plan revision are to prescribe an overall land-use management plan, resource objectives and associated design and management concepts for the Jennings Randolph Lake Project. The revised Master Plan will be a project-centered document designed to provide a framework for consistent, responsible decision-making for the next 15 to 25 years for Jennings Randolph Lake.

Master Plans have no set timeframe for revisions, but they are developed to have an effective lifespan of 15 to 25 years. The current Master Plan for Jennings Randolph Lake dates back to 1997. The revision is also a part of a larger, Corps-wide effort to bring master plans up to date across the country.

The Master Plan revision will not change the technical operations of the lake as related to its primary missions of flood risk management, water quality, low flow augmentation, water supply and recreation.