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FORT WORTH DISTRICT
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FORT WORTH, TEXAS

6 June 1952

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Under authority granted by Congress in the Flood Control Act approved 24 July 1946, a master plan is being prepared for reservoir development and management at

LAVON DAM AND RESERVOIR
EAST FORK OF TRINITY RIVER NEAR LAVON, TEXAS

General features of the proposed plan for a reservoir development and management program for Lavon Reservoir have been formulated. Information relating to this proposed plan is shown in the attached pamphlet, entitled "Lavon Dam and Reservoir, East Fork of Trinity River near Lavon, Texas, General Information, Proposed Reservoir Development and Management Program," dated June 1952.

In order that interested persons may be informed concerning the proposed plan and may have an opportunity to express their views thereon frankly, fully, and publicly, a PUBLIC HEARING will be held by the District Engineer, Corps of Engineers, Fort Worth District, on 10 July 1952, in the Wylie High School Gymnasium, Wylie, Texas, beginning at 10 a.m.


All interested persons are invited to be present or represented at the hearing. Persons interested in the development of the project from a State or regional viewpoint, as well as those persons interested from a local viewpoint, are urged to attend. Information is especially desired as to the extent that Federal, State, or local governmental agencies desire to participate in the development and financing of public park and recreational facilities and in the maintenance, management, and operation of these facilities as provided in Section 4 of the 1946 Flood Control Act, a copy of which is attached.

The purpose of the public hearing is to discuss the proposed plan for development of the recreational aspects of the Lavon Reservoir for the general public, including such items of general public use as park-ing and picnicking areas, drinking water and sanitary facilities, obser-vation and swimming areas, and access roads on Government property.

Oral statements will be heard, but for accuracy of record, all important facts and arguments should be submitted in writing in SEXTUPLICATE, as the record of the hearing will be submitted to the Chief of Engineers with the aforementioned report. Written statements may be handed to the undersigned at the hearing, or mailed to him beforehand.

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1. Cy Sec 4, Flood Control Act of 24 Jul 46
2. Information Pamphlet


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(Public Law 526--79th Congress)
(Chapter 596--2d Session)
(H. P. 6597)

AN ACT

Authorizing the construction of certain public works on rivers and harbors for flood control, and for other purposes.

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SEC. 4. That section 4 of the Act approved December 22, 1944 (Public, Numbered 534, Seventy-eighth Congress), is amended to read as follows:

"The Chief of Engineers, under the supervision of the Secretary of War, is authorized to construct, maintain, and operate public park and recreational facilities in reservoir areas under the control of the War Department, and to permit the construction, maintenance, and operation of such facilities. The Secretary of War is authorized to grant leases of lands, including structures or facilities thereon, in reservoir areas for such periods and upon such terms as he may deem reasonable: Provided, That leases to nonprofit organizations may be granted at reduced or nominal rentals in recognition of the public service to be rendered in utilizing the leased premises: Provided further, That preference shall be given to Federal, State, or local governmental agencies, and licenses may be granted without monetary considerations, to such agencies for the use of all or any portion of a reservoir area, when the Secretary of War determines such action to be in the public interest, and for such periods of time and upon such conditions as he may find advisable. The water areas of all such reservoirs shall be open to public use generally, without charge, for boating, swimming, bathing, fishing, and other recreational purposes, and ready access to and exit from such water areas along the shores of such reservoirs shall be maintained for general public use, when such use is determined by the Secretary of War not to be contrary to the public interest, all under such rules and regulations as the Secretary of War may deem necessary. No use of any area to which this section applies shall be permitted which is inconsistent with the laws for the protection of fish and game of the State in which such area is situated. All moneys received for leases or privileges shall be deposited in the Treasury of the United States as miscellaneous receipts."

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Approved July 24, 1946

LAVON DAM AND RESERVOIR
EAST FORK OF TRINITY RIVER, NEAR LAVON, TEXAS

GENERAL INFORMATION
PROPOSED RESERVOIR DEVELOPMENT AND MANAGEMENT PROGRAM
(To Accompany Notice of Public Hearing Dated 6 June 1952)

Fort Worth District
Corps of Engineers
Fort Worth, Texas
June 1952

GENERAL

Lavon Dam and Reservoir is located on the East Fork of the Trinity River in Collin County, Texas. The dam is 55.9 river miles above the confluence of the East Fork and the main stem of the Trinity River, about 3 miles northeast of the town of Wylie, about 1 mile west of the town of Lavon, and about 22 miles northeast of the city of Dallas. State Highway No. 78 extending northeast from Dallas passes within one-half mile of the dam between Wylie and Lavon and parallels the east shore of the Pilot Grove Creek arm of the reservoir between Lavon and Farmersville. State Highway No. 24 extending between Farmersville and McKinney crosses the upper end of the reservoir area, about 9 miles above the dam. Several existing county roads leading from these highways provide access to various portions of the reservoir.

The Lavon Reservoir project was authorized under provisions of the River and Harbor Acts approved 2 March 1945 (Public Law 14, 79th Congress, 1st Session) and 24 July 1946 (Public Law 525, 79th Congress, 2nd Session) for flood control and water conservation. In addition to the Acts authorizing the project for its primary purposes, the Flood Control Act approved 22 December 1944, as amended by the Flood Control Act approved 24 July 1946, authorized the Chief of Engineers to construct, maintain, and operate public park and recreational facilities in reservoir areas under the jurisdiction of the Department of the Army and to permit the construction, maintenance, and operation of such facilities.

At the top of the contemplated conservation pool, Lavon Reservoir will have a total capacity of 105,000 acre-feet and an area of 11,080 acres with a shore line of approximately 83 miles.

The plan which will be presented at the hearing is based on studies made by representatives of the Fort Worth District in collaboration with various non-governmental agencies, persons, and various interested Federal, State, and local governmental agencies. The plan results from experience gained by developing similar projects and from an understanding of the opportunities for recreation, education, and conservation of human resources of the area.

The general features of the plan are presented at this time. The PUBLIC HEARING is being held to determine if the plan meets the needs and desires of the public for land and water recreation and to determine the extent that Federal, State, or local governmental agencies will participate in the development of the plan.

The actual development of the recreation areas outlined in this plan will depend upon the demand and need therefor, the availability of funds for construction of the needed facilities, and the interest and cooperation of Federal, State, and local governmental agencies in establishing public park and recreational facilities on Government-owned lands and constructing necessary connecting access roads on lands adjacent to the project boundary.

SELECTION OF AREAS TO BE DEVELOPED

The location of areas selected for development is shown on the attached map. These areas are considered to have the best potential recreational values. This determination was made after consideration of the advice and desires of the U. S. National Park Service, the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and the U. S. Public Health Service, comparable State agencies, and numerous other interested agencies and individuals.

AREAS PROPOSED FOR INITIAL DEVELOPMENT

Prospect Hill Observation Point would be located on the upstream side of the right abutment of the dam. The plan proposes the improvement of an existing road and parking area, as well as the construction of additional parking space. Also included in the proposed plan are water supply and sanitary facilities for free public use. An observation shelter building is proposed for construction when justified by a sufficient volume of public use. Within the shelter would be posted bulletins and maps describing the project. About 3 acres are available for this development.

Headquarters Area would be located adjacent to the upstream side of the dam near its west end. This area will contain the necessary buildings and facilities for operation of the project by the Government, including a Government boat dock.

Avalon Park would be located on the west side of the lake and extends west and north of the west end of the dam. The area includes about 137 acres. Because of its varied recreational possibilities and the fact that this area is near the dam, Avalon Park should be considered as a principal public area. The plan proposes facilities for day-use activities such as picnicking and games, boat launching, and swimming. A commercial concession is also proposed for this area to serve the needs of the public for rental boats, boat storage and repair, fishing accessories, and picnicking supplies.

Clearlake Park would be located on the west shore of the lake about $1\frac{1}{2}$ miles north of the dam. Most of the area lies in the form of a peninsula which would extend out into the lake. Proposed development includes facilities such as parking areas, picnicking and play areas, a boat launching ramp, and swimming beach. A commercial concession will be offered to supply rental boats and motors, picnicking supplies, and fishing equipment, as well as boat maintenance and storage services for boat owners. / About 103 acres would be available.

Lakeland Park would be located on the east shore of the lake about 5 miles north of the dam. This area offers potentialities for the development of a wide variety of day-use facilities and should be considered a principal public area. Proposed improvements would consist of day-use areas, parking areas, a boat launching ramp, swimming beach, picnic areas, and areas for overnight camping and house trailer parking to meet the requirements of the public. A commercial concession will be offered to

supply rental boats, picnicking supplies, and fishing accessories, as well as maintenance and storage services for boat owners. About 105 acres will be available for this development.

Lavonia Park would be located on the east shore of the lake adjacent to the east end of the dam. The area comprises about 422 acres and because of its comparatively large size and varied possibilities for recreational use, it should be considered a principal public area. The plan proposes facilities for day-use activities, picnicking and games, boat launching and house trailer parking, and swimming. A commercial concession is also proposed for this area to serve the needs of the public for rental boats, boat storage and repair, fishing accessories, and picnicking supplies.

Woodvale Recreation Area would be located below the downstream face of the dam on both sides of the river. The plan proposes facilities for day-use activities, picnicking and games, stream-bank fishing, house trailer parking, and overnight camping. About 575 acres are available.

AREAS PROPOSED FOR FUTURE DEVELOPMENT

East Fork Park would be located on the south shore of the East Fork arm of the lake about $1\frac{1}{2}$ miles west of the west end of the dam. The plan proposes day-use areas, parking areas, picnicking facilities, a public boat launching ramp, and a swimming beach. About 53 acres would be available for development.

Ticky Creek Recreation Area would be located on the west shore of the lake about $4\frac{1}{2}$ miles north of the dam. The plan proposes day-use areas, parking areas, picnicking facilities, a public boat launching ramp, and a swimming beach. About 35 acres will be available for development.

Little Ridge would be located on the east shore of the lake about 2 miles north of the dam. The plan proposes day-use areas, parking areas, picnicking facilities, a public boat launching ramp, and a swimming beach. The area includes about 75 acres.

Price Creek Landing would be located on the east shore of the lake about $1\frac{1}{2}$ miles north of the dam. About 50 acres would be available for day use, picnicking, and boat launching.

GENERAL POLICIES OF MANAGEMENT

Policies formulated by the District Engineer with regard to recreational, biological, and agricultural land management at Lavon Reservoir will be designed to make the lake and Government-controlled lands surrounding the lake available to the general public to the fullest extent compatible with an orderly and planned management.

A high standard of public health and sanitation will be maintained. Potable water for domestic use will be provided and comfort stations

will be located at strategic locations within the approved public use areas. Garbage disposal will be provided.

Certain areas have been proposed for initial development. The development of other areas is proposed only in the event that the additional development represents an orderly and needed expansion. Lands suitable for agricultural or grazing purposes, which are not included for recreational or related development, will be leased for those purposes. The use of such lands for agricultural or grazing purposes will be in accordance with a sound land-use program in which the services and cooperation of the Soil Conservation Service will be utilized to the fullest extent possible.

The lake shore will be retained in its present natural state insofar as is consistent with making ample facilities available to the public. While owners of lands adjacent to the reservoir area may expect access to the lake, this ownership does not convey any preferential rights to the use of Government-owned land nor do such owners have the prior right for lease thereof for access or recreational purposes. Access to the lake will be provided entirely in the light of desirable public use.

Commercial enterprises, operated by concessionaires on Government-owned land, will be allowed to the extent necessary to meet the reasonable needs of the public, and will be conducted only under terms of leases or licenses granted for that purpose. Such leases or licenses will be granted in a fair and impartial manner and for a period of sufficient length to encourage adequate development.

The Corps of Engineers, in regulating facilities provided on the lake or surrounding Government-owned lands, has the purpose of insuring that adequate and suitable facilities will be provided to meet reasonable demands. It is proposed therefore to require that plans for all structures built on leased sites in the reservoir area be subject to the approval of the District Engineer. Also, the schedule of prices for services and facilities offered to the public by concessionaires will be subject to this approval. Every effort will be made to insure that the proper types of developments will be provided at a reasonable cost.

Boats of all classes will be operated in areas considered safe for boating under rules and regulations considered necessary to obviate unsafe boating practices. Permits, issued free of charge, will be required for each boat placed on the lake, except those placed on the lake for a period of less than three days at any one time. Permits will be issued by the Project Engineer, Administration Building, at the dam site. These permits are not intended to restrict the use of the lake, but are intended to encourage use of the lake in an orderly and safe manner.

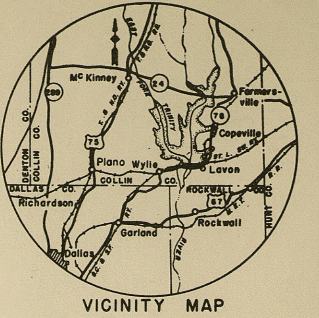
Hunting and fishing at the reservoir will be in accordance with applicable State and Federal laws and regulations. The enforcement of

these regulations will be the responsibility of State Game Wardens and the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service. In the interest of public safety and the proper operation and maintenance of the project, hunting will be permitted in certain specified areas only and will be with shotgun only. Fishing will be permitted in the reservoir, along the shoreline areas under the control of the Corps of Engineers, and in the river channel downstream from the outlet works but not from or in the immediate vicinity of the dam and appurtenant works.

Subject to availability of funds, roads on Government-owned lands will be constructed or improved to the extent required to serve development areas and accommodate visitors at the project and trails will be provided in areas where constant public use indicates their desirability.

Enforcement of civil and criminal laws in the project area will remain the responsibility of duly constituted officers of Federal, State, and local governmental agencies. The Corps of Engineers, through the Project Engineer and his assistants, will cooperate fully with all law enforcement officers including State officers responsible for enforcement of laws pertaining to game and fish, forestry conservation, public health and sanitation, and prevention of pollution.

By planned and controlled recreational development, as outlined herein, it is hoped to provide an atmosphere of restful relaxation induced by surroundings of natural beauty, and to insure that the recreational resources of the Lavon Reservoir will remain a permanent attraction.



LAKELAND PARK [I]

- DAY USE AREA
- PICNICKING & GAMES
- FOOD & DRINK CONCESSION
- BOAT LAUNCHING
- BOAT RENTAL
- HOUSE TRAILER PARKING
- OVERNIGHT CAMPING
- SWIMMING

LITTLE RIDGE [F]

- DAY USE AREA
- PICNICKING
- BOAT LAUNCHING
- SWIMMING

[F] PRICE CREEK LANDING

- DAY USE AREA
- PICNICKING
- BOAT LAUNCHING

[I] LAVONIA PARK

- DAY USE AREA
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[I] WOODVALE RECREATION AREA

- DAY USE AREA
- PICNICKING & GAMES
- STREAM BANK FISHING
- HOUSE TRAILER PARKING
- OVERNIGHT CAMPING

[I] PROSPECT HILL OBSERVATION POINT

- PARKING AREAS
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[I] HEADQUARTERS AREA

- GOVERNMENT MANAGEMENT
- MAINTENANCE FACILITIES

[I] AVALON PARK

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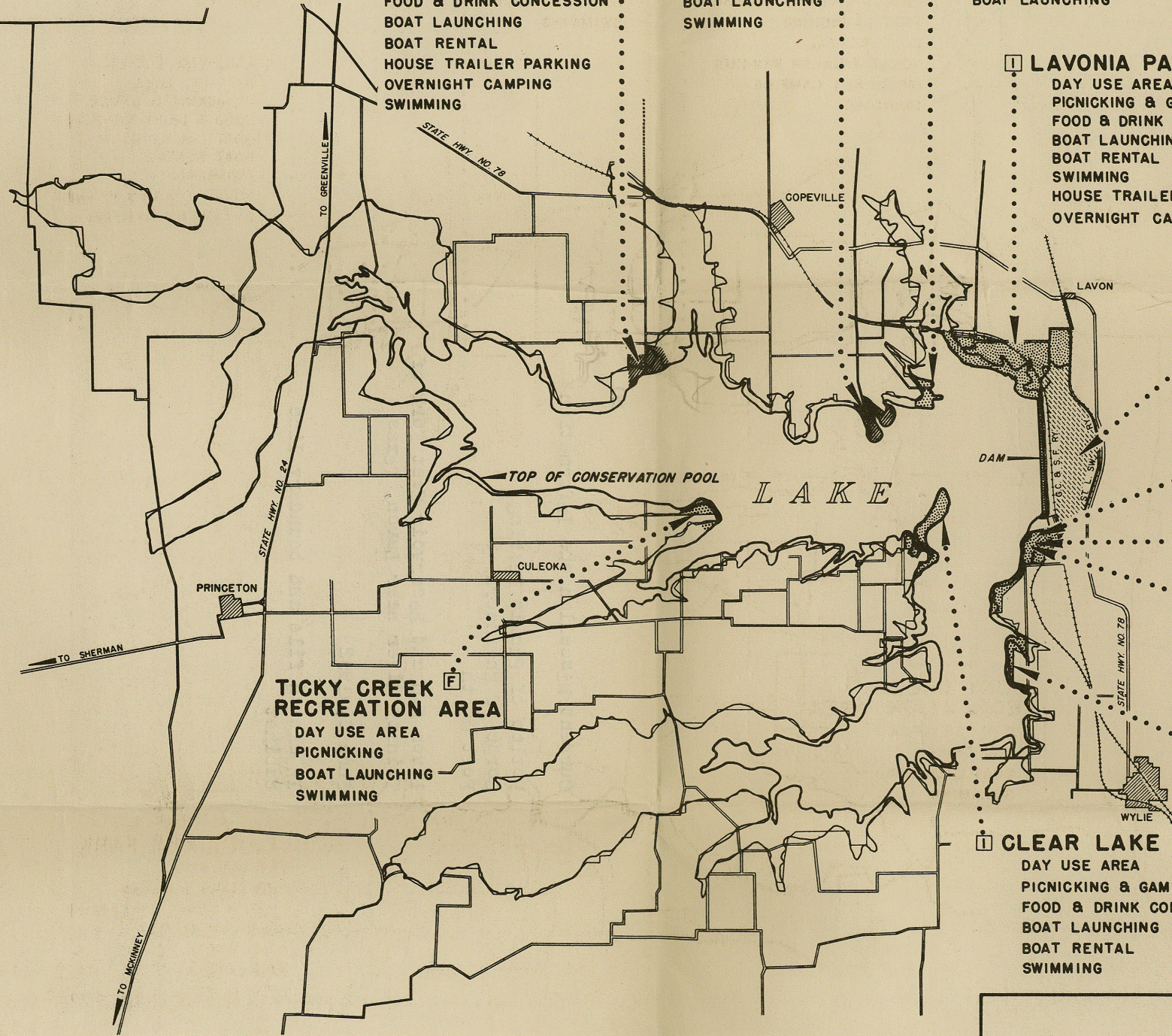
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[I] CLEAR LAKE PARK

- DAY USE AREA
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TICKY CREEK RECREATION AREA [F]

- DAY USE AREA
- PICNICKING
- BOAT LAUNCHING
- SWIMMING



LEGEND

- [I] INITIAL DEVELOPMENT
- [F] FUTURE DEVELOPMENT

LAVON RESERVOIR

PROPOSED RECREATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

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SCALE IN MILES



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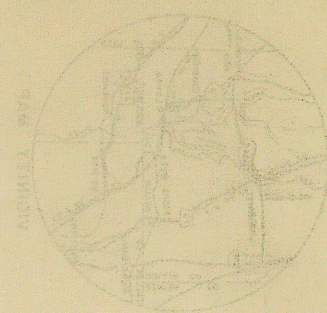
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Lavon Dam and Reservoir East Fork of
Trinity River near Lavon, Texas

June 6, 1952

In sketch file and boundary line
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