

CORPS OF ENGINEERS, U. S. ARMY
OFFICE OF THE DISTRICT ENGINEER
FORT WORTH DISTRICT
1127 TEXAS AND PACIFIC BUILDING
FORT WORTH, TEXAS

10 March 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

GRAPEVINE DAM AND RESERVOIR
DENTON CREEK - ELM FORK OF TRINITY RIVER NEAR GRAPEVINE, TEXAS

General features of the proposed plan for a reservoir development and management program for Grapevine Reservoir have been formulated. Information relative to this proposed plan is shown in the attached pamphlet, entitled "Grapevine Dam and Reservoir, Denton Creek - Elm Fork of Trinity River near Grapevine, Texas, General Information, Proposed Reservoir Development and Management Program," dated March 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 15 April 1952, in the Grapevine Public School Auditorium, Grapevine, Texas, beginning at 10:00 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 public viewpoint as well as those persons interested from a local public 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 primary purpose of the public hearing is to discuss the proposed plan for development of the recreational aspects of the Grapevine Reservoir for the general public, including such items of general public use as parking and picnicking areas, drinking water and sanitary facilities, observation and swimming areas, and access roads on Government property. The relocation of State and County roads which will be required as a result of the construction of the project is to be accomplished as a part of the construction program now under way and is not a part of the proposed plan for recreational development to be discussed at the public hearing.

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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Colonel, CE
District Engineer

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

(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

GRAPEVINE DAM AND RESERVOIR
DENTON CREEK - ELM FORK OF TRINITY RIVER NEAR GRAPEVINE, TEXAS

GENERAL INFORMATION
PROPOSED RESERVOIR DEVELOPMENT AND MANAGEMENT PROGRAM
(To Accompany Notice of Public Hearing Dated 10 March 1952)

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

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GENERAL

Grapevine Dam and Reservoir is located on Denton Creek in Tarrant and Denton Counties, Texas. The dam is 11.7 river miles above the confluence of Denton Creek and Elm Fork of the Trinity River, about 2.7 miles northeast of the town of Grapevine, about 20 miles northwest of the city of Dallas, and about 20 miles northeast of the city of Fort Worth. U. S. Highway No. 377 extending north from Fort Worth crosses the upper end of the reservoir approximately 10 miles above the dam. State Highway No. 114 extending between Dallas and Bridgeport passes through the city of Grapevine and lies south of the reservoir area. State Highway No. 121 extending between Fort Worth and McKinney passes through the city of Grapevine and near the south end of the dam. Several existing all weather county roads leading from these state highways provide access to various portions of the reservoir area. A hard surface road will be constructed from State Highway No. 121 across the top of the dam to a point beyond the uncontrolled spillway where a connection will be made with the existing county road.

The Grapevine Reservoir project was authorized under provisions of the River and Harbor Act approved 2 March 1945 (Public Law 14, 79th Congress, 1st Session) for navigation, flood control, and allied purposes. In addition to the Act authorizing the project for its primary purpose, 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, Grapevine Reservoir will have a total capacity of 161,250 acre-feet and an area of 7,380 acres with a shore line of approximately 60 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 numerous interested Federal, State, and local governmental agencies. The plan to be discussed at the hearing is intended to represent the current thinking concerning recreational potentialities of the project. 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 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 National Park Service, the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service, the U. S. Public Health Service, comparable State agencies, and numerous other interested agencies and individuals.

AREAS PROPOSED FOR INITIAL DEVELOPMENT

Crestview 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, and the construction of water supply and sanitary facilities for public use. An observation shelter building is also 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 5 acres are available for this development.

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

Silver Lake Park would be located on the south side of the lake and extends west and south of the south end of the dam. The area includes about 100 acres and lies on both sides of Silver Lake Branch. Because of its varied recreational possibilities, and the fact that this area is near the dam, Silver Lake 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.

Oak Grove Park would be located on the south shore of the lake about one and one-quarter miles west of the dam. The recreational resources of this 140-acre area are sufficiently outstanding and varied for it to be considered as a principal public area. Proposed development includes such facilities as day-use areas, parking areas, picnic and game areas, swimming beach, and boat launching ramp. A commercial concession will be offered to supply rental boats and motors, picnicking supplies, and fishing equipment, as well as boat maintenance and storage facilities for boat owners.

Forest Hills area would be located about two and one-half miles west of the dam on the south shore of the lake. The plan proposes day-use areas, parking areas, picnic facilities, swimming beach, and a public boat launching ramp. About 245 acres will be available for development.

Meadowmere Park would be located on the south shore of the lake about four miles west of the dam. This area would be developed during both the initial and future stages. This area of about 575 acres has possibilities for accommodating a variety of public-use activities. This area has potentialities for recreational development on a large scale, and for this reason it would be designated as a principal public area. The plan proposes the development of house trailer parking and overnight camping facilities in the initial stage.

Walnut Grove Park would be located on the south shore of the lake about five miles west of the dam. The area lies generally southeast of Walnut Grove School site and north of Kirkwood Branch. It is proposed to develop this area for both general public use and organized camping for nonprofit organizations such as the Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, civic and church groups, and other organizations. The extensive shore line offers possibilities for several swimming beaches and boat launching facilities. There is a satisfactory site for a commercial concession to supply the needs of the public for rental boats, motors, picnic supplies, etc. Proposed improvements include swimming beaches, facilities for launching and storing rowboats and small motorboats, picnic facilities, and simple shelters that may be either portable or constructed to withstand infrequent inundation. About 350 acres will be available.

Surveyors Landing would be located on the north shore of the lake about six and one-half miles west of the dam. About 40 acres will be available for development with facilities for boat launching and picnicking.

Murrell Park would be located on the north shore of the lake about three miles west of the dam. This area offers potentialities for the development of all types of day-use facilities and should be considered as a principal public area. Proposed improvements consist of such facilities as day-use areas, parking areas, 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 250 acres will be available for this development.

Guess Branch Organized Camp Area would be located on the north shore of the lake about two and one-half miles west of the dam. This area of 150 acres is proposed for lease to nonprofit organizations, such as the Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, civic and church groups interested in sponsoring outdoor recreation programs.

Rockledge would be located on the north shore of the lake adjacent to the upstream face of the north end of the dam. An existing hard surface public road will give convenient access to the lake for boat launching. Proposed improvements include boat launching ramp, picnic units, walks, and observation terrace.

Midvale Park would comprise the Government-owned land located downstream from the dam on both sides of Denton Creek. Although this area of 740 acres contains the outlet channel and uncontrolled spillway, a large part of the land is suitable for public-use activities. The plan proposes facilities for day-use areas, parking areas, picnicking, games, stream-bank fishing, house trailer parking and overnight camping.

AREAS PROPOSED FOR FUTURE DEVELOPMENT

Friendly Coves would be located on the south shore of the lake about one mile west of the dam. A boat harbor will be formed immediately north of this area and the shore line will be indented with three protected coves that would be used for boating and fishing. About 150 acres will be available for development with facilities for day use, parking, picnicking, games, boat launching, and swimming.

Lakewood Organized Camp Area would be located on the south shore of the lake about two miles west of the dam. This area is proposed for lease to nonprofit organizations such as the Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, civic and church groups, and organizations requiring a large area for the conduct of their outdoor recreation programs. Proposed improvements include a swimming beach, facilities for launching and storing rowboats and small motor boats, picnic facilities, and simple shelters. About 375 acres will be available for this development.

Meadowmere Park is described under the areas proposed for initial development. The plan proposes the development of picnic and play areas, swimming beaches, boat launching ramps, parking areas, and concession privileges in the future stage.

Rocky Point Organized Camp Area would be located on the north side of the lake about five miles west of the dam. This area of 170 acres is proposed to be set aside for lease to nonprofit organizations such as church groups, Boy Scouts, Four H Clubs, etc. Proposed improvements include a swimming beach, facilities for launching and storing rowboats and small motor boats, picnic facilities, and simple shelters.

Twin Coves Organized Camp Area would be located on the north shore of the lake about four miles west of the dam. This area of 215 acres is proposed to be set apart for lease to nonprofit organizations for such uses as described in paragraph above. Proposed improvements include picnic facilities, swimming beach, simple shelters, and facilities for launching and storing rowboats and small motor boats.

Blackjack Ridge would be located on the north shore of the lake about two miles northwest of the dam. This area of about 125 acres has potentialities for a general day-use development including such facilities as picnic and game areas, boat launching ramp, and swimming beach. If indicated by public demand as needed, a food and drink concession would be included in the development. This concession would manage the rental of boats and motors to the general public. Limited space is available for house trailer parking and overnight camping.

GENERAL POLICIES OF MANAGEMENT

Policies formulated by the District Engineer with regard to recreational, biological, and agricultural land management at Grapevine 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.

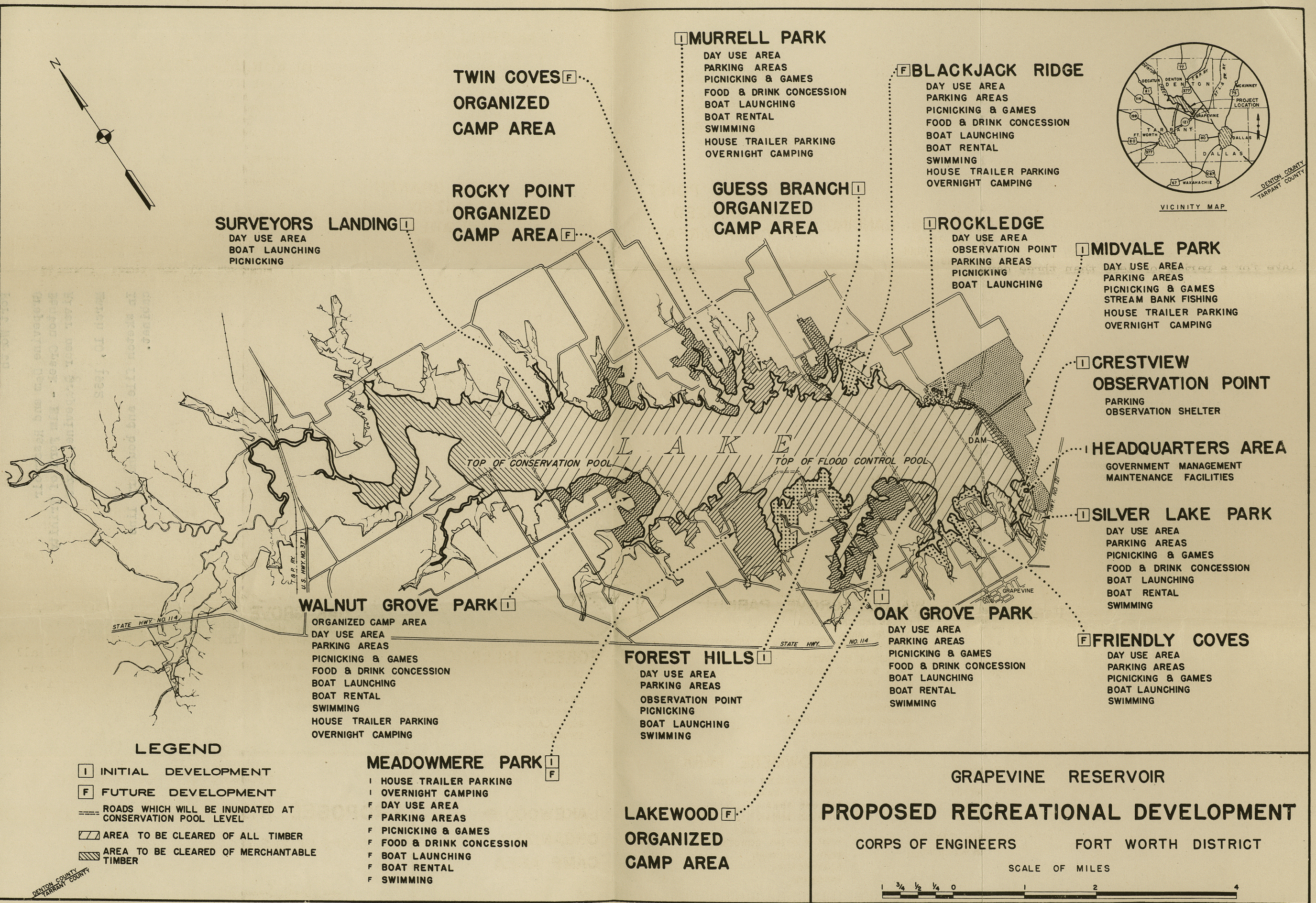
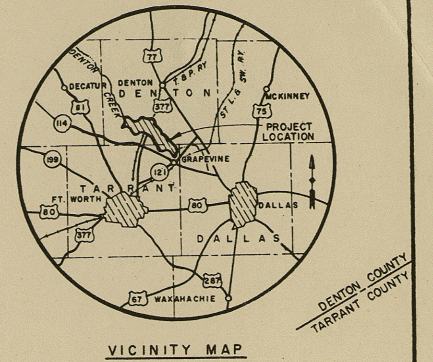
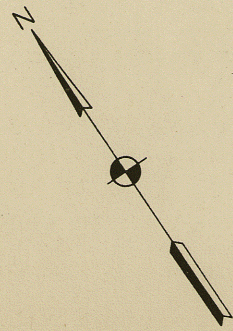
Boats of all classes will be operated in areas considered safe for boating under rules and regulations considered necessary to obviate unsafe boating practices. Permits, issued free of charge, will be required for each boat placed on the lake, except those placed on the lake for a period of less than 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 shore-line 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 Grapevine Reservoir will remain a permanent attraction.



TWIN COVES **F**
**ORGANIZED
 CAMP AREA**

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

BLACKJACK RIDGE **F**
 DAY USE AREA
 PARKING AREAS
 PICNICKING & GAMES
 FOOD & DRINK CONCESSION
 BOAT LAUNCHING
 BOAT RENTAL
 SWIMMING
 HOUSE TRAILER PARKING
 OVERNIGHT CAMPING

**ROCKY POINT
 ORGANIZED
 CAMP AREA** **F**

GUESS BRANCH **I**
**ORGANIZED
 CAMP AREA**

ROCKLEDGE **I**
 DAY USE AREA
 OBSERVATION POINT
 PARKING AREAS
 PICNICKING
 BOAT LAUNCHING

SURVEYORS LANDING **I**
 DAY USE AREA
 BOAT LAUNCHING
 PICNICKING

MIDVALE PARK **I**
 DAY USE AREA
 PARKING AREAS
 PICNICKING & GAMES
 STREAM BANK FISHING
 HOUSE TRAILER PARKING
 OVERNIGHT CAMPING

**CRESTVIEW
 OBSERVATION POINT** **I**
 PARKING
 OBSERVATION SHELTER

HEADQUARTERS AREA
 GOVERNMENT MANAGEMENT
 MAINTENANCE FACILITIES

SILVER LAKE PARK **I**
 DAY USE AREA
 PARKING AREAS
 PICNICKING & GAMES
 FOOD & DRINK CONCESSION
 BOAT LAUNCHING
 BOAT RENTAL
 SWIMMING

WALNUT GROVE PARK **I**
 ORGANIZED CAMP AREA
 DAY USE AREA
 PARKING AREAS
 PICNICKING & GAMES
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OAK GROVE PARK **I**
 DAY USE AREA
 PARKING AREAS
 PICNICKING & GAMES
 FOOD & DRINK CONCESSION
 BOAT LAUNCHING
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FRIENDLY COVES **F**
 DAY USE AREA
 PARKING AREAS
 PICNICKING & GAMES
 BOAT LAUNCHING
 SWIMMING

FOREST HILLS **I**
 DAY USE AREA
 PARKING AREAS
 OBSERVATION POINT
 PICNICKING
 BOAT LAUNCHING
 SWIMMING

MEADOWMERE PARK **I** **F**
 HOUSE TRAILER PARKING
 OVERNIGHT CAMPING
 DAY USE AREA
 PARKING AREAS
 PICNICKING & GAMES
 FOOD & DRINK CONCESSION
 BOAT LAUNCHING
 BOAT RENTAL
 SWIMMING

LAKWOOD **F**
**ORGANIZED
 CAMP AREA**

LEGEND

- I** INITIAL DEVELOPMENT
- F** FUTURE DEVELOPMENT
- ==== ROADS WHICH WILL BE INUNDATED AT CONSERVATION POOL LEVEL
- ▨ AREA TO BE CLEARED OF ALL TIMBER
- ▩ AREA TO BE CLEARED OF MERCHANTABLE TIMBER

GRAPEVINE RESERVOIR

PROPOSED RECREATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

CORPS OF ENGINEERS FORT WORTH DISTRICT

SCALE OF MILES

DENTON COUNTY
 TARRANT COUNTY

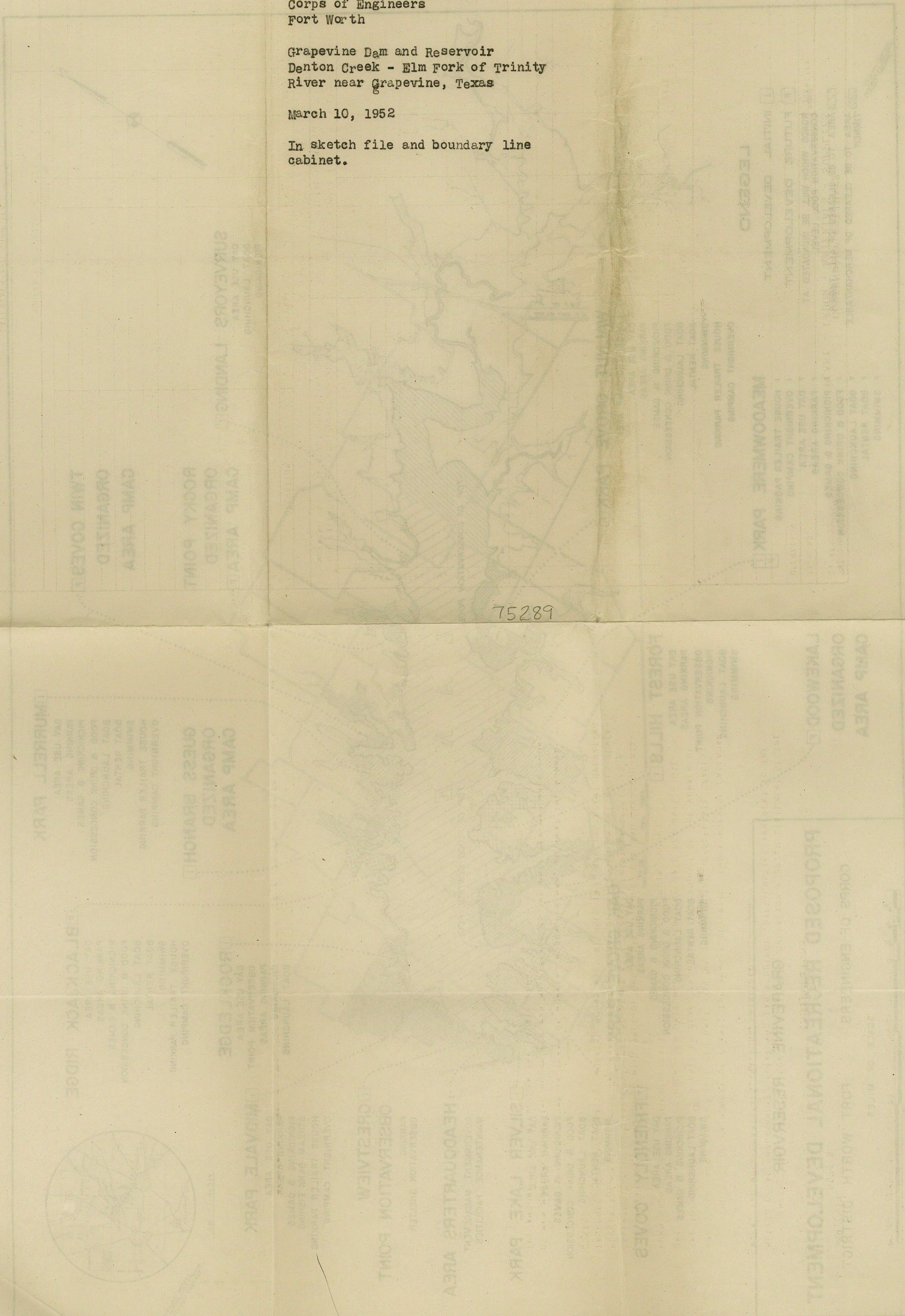
Current Miscellaneous Information

Notice of Public Hearing
Corps of Engineers
Fort Worth

Grapevine Dam and Reservoir
Denton Creek - Elm Fork of Trinity
River near Grapevine, Texas

March 10, 1952

In sketch file and boundary line
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- LEGEND**
- SWIMMING
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