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OFFICE OF THE DISTRICT ENGINEER
FORT WORTH DISTRICT
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FORT WORTH, TEXAS

27 February 1953

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

GARZA-LITTLE ELM DAM AND RESERVOIR
ELM FORK OF TRINITY RIVER NEAR LEWISVILLE, TEXAS

General features of the proposed plan for a reservoir development and management program for Garza-Little Elm Reservoir have been formulated. Information relating to this proposed plan is shown in the attached pamphlet, entitled "Garza-Little Elm Dam and Reservoir, Elm Fork of Trinity River, in Denton County, Texas, General Information, Proposed Reservoir Development and Management Program," dated February 1953.

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 26 March 1953 in the Lewisville High School Gymnasium, Lewisville, Texas, beginning at 9 a. m.

All interested persons are invited to be present or represented at the hearing. Information is especially desired as to the extent that Federal, State, or local governmental agencies will 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 potentialities of the Garza-Little Elm 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.

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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- 2 Incls:
1. Cy Sec 4, Flood Control Act of 24 Jul 36
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 non-profit 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

GARZA-LITTLE ELM DAM AND RESERVOIR
ELM FORK OF TRINITY RIVER NEAR LEWISVILLE, TEXAS

GENERAL INFORMATION
PROPOSED RESERVOIR DEVELOPMENT AND MANAGEMENT PROGRAM
(To Accompany Notice of Public Hearing Dated 27 February 1953)

Fort Worth District
Corps of Engineers
Fort Worth, Texas
February 1953

GENERAL

Garza-Little Elm Dam and Reservoir is located on Elm Fork of the Trinity River in Denton County, Texas. The dam is about 30.0 river miles above the confluence of Elm Fork with West Fork of the Trinity River. It is about one mile north of Lewisville, and about 22 miles northwest of Dallas. U. S. Highway No. 77 extending north from Dallas passes through Lewisville and crosses the Hickory Creek arm of the reservoir about one-half mile west of the west end of the dam. State Highway No. 121 extending northeast from Fort Worth passes through Lewisville and lies about one mile south of the dam. State Highway No. 24 extending east from Denton crosses the upper reaches of the reservoir project. Existing county roads will provide access to the reservoir from these highways.

The Garza-Little Elm Reservoir project was authorized under provisions of the River and Harbor Act approved 2 March 1945 (Public Law 14, 79th Congress, 1st Session) for flood control and allied purposes. In addition to the act 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 parks 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 conservation pool, elevation 515, Garza-Little Elm Reservoir will have an area of 23,470 acres and a shore line of approximately 183 miles. The reservoir has a controlled storage capacity of 1,016,200 acre-feet, including 526,700 acre-feet of flood control storage, 436,000 acre-feet of conservation storage, and 53,500 acre-feet of sedimentation storage.

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 organizations.

This proposed plan envisions the orderly development of lands along the perimeter of the reservoir for the benefit of the general public. None of these lands have been acquired solely for recreational use but are needed for the construction, operation, and maintenance of the project for its authorized purposes.

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 parks 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 as described below is shown on the attached map. These areas are considered to have the best potential recreational values. 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 were sought in selecting these sites.

AREAS PROPOSED FOR INITIAL DEVELOPMENT

Oak Ridge Park would be located north of the west end of the dam and consists of about 515 acres. Because of its easy access, varied recreational possibilities, and the fact that this area is near the dam, Oak Ridge Park is being considered as a principal public area. Proposed facilities for day-use activities such as picnicking and games, boat launching, and swimming are planned for the area. A commercial concession is also proposed for this area to serve the needs of the public for rental boats and storage, fishing accessories, and picnicking supplies.

Fairview Observation Point would be located on the high ground in Oak Ridge Park. Included in the proposed plan are an access road, parking areas, water supply, and sanitary facilities for free public use. An observation shelter building is proposed for construction when justified by sufficient public use. Within the shelter would be posted bulletins and maps describing the project.

Headquarters Area would be located on the upstream side at the west end of the dam. This area will contain the necessary buildings and facilities for operation of the project by the Government.

Cooper's Creek Park would be located on the Hickory Creek Arm of the lake, west of U. S. Highway 77, about 2 miles northwest of the west end of the dam. This area, containing about 125 acres, should have considerable use due to easy access. The plan proposes facilities for picnicking and games, boat launching and swimming. A commercial concession is proposed for this area to serve the needs of the public for rental boats and storage, fishing accessories, and picnicking supplies.

Seventy Seven Landing would also be located on the Hickory Creek Arm of the lake, east of U. S. Highway 77, about 3 miles northwest of the west end of the dam. This area, containing about 75 acres, should be popular

due to easy access. Facilities planned include parking areas, picnic units, and a boat launching ramp.

Oakland Park, containing about 250 acres, would be located on the north side of the Hickory Creek arm about 2 miles north of the dam. Due to its location, shore line, and possibilities for a wide variety of recreational use it is considered one of our principal public use areas. Planned facilities for day-use activities include picnicking and games, boat launching, and swimming. A commercial concession is also proposed to serve the needs of the public for rental boats and storage, fishing accessories, and picnicking supplies. The plan also proposes facilities for overnight camping and house trailer parking.

Westlake Park would be located on the west side of the lake about 2 miles north of the dam. This area is also being considered as a principal public use area due to its location, size, and extensive shore line. 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 and storage, fishing accessories, and picnicking supplies. The plan also proposes facilities for overnight camping and house trailer parking. About 790 acres will be available for development.

Willow Grove Beach would be located on the west side of the Elm Fork arm of the lake about 4 miles north of the dam. This area of about 115 acres is planned essentially as a day-use area, and will include such facilities as picnic and game areas, a boat launching ramp, and swimming beach. At the present time there is offered to the general public rental boats and motors, storage and repair service, and fishing supplies.

Rocky Shore Recreation Area would be located on the east side of the Elm Fork arm about $4\frac{1}{2}$ miles north of the dam. This area is proposed essentially as a day-use area and should be popular due to its long shore line. The plan proposes facilities for picnicking and games, boat launching, and swimming. About 70 acres will be available for development.

Anglers Point, an area of about 45 acres, would be located on the west side of the Little-Elm arm of the lake about 7 miles north of the dam. This area is proposed essentially as an access point for launching boats. Parking areas would be provided as well as limited picnicking facilities.

Elm Grove Park would be located on the east side of Little Elm arm of the lake about $6\frac{1}{2}$ miles north of the dam. This area of about 100 acres, has potentialities for general day-use development including facilities for picnic and game areas, a boat launching ramp, and swimming beach. A commercial concession is also proposed to serve the needs of the public for rental boats and storage, fishing accessories, and picnicking supplies.

Stewart's Creek Park, containing about 170 acres, would be located on the Stewart Creek arm of the lake about a mile north of the east end of the dam. Proposed facilities include picnic and game areas, a boat launching ramp, and swimming beach. A commercial concession would be offered to serve the needs of the public for rental boats and storage, picnicking supplies, and fishing accessories.

East End Hill would be located on the Stewart Creek arm of the lake about one-half mile north of the east end of the dam. It is proposed that this area would be used chiefly as an access point to the lake. A boat launching ramp would be provided and limited picnicking facilities constructed. About 135 acres will be available for development.

Spring Valley Park would be located down-stream from the dam. This large area will contain the outlet and spillway channels, and the State fish hatchery now located below Garza dam. Even with these facilities existing there will be sufficient space for picnicking and games, stream bank fishing, and overnight camping and house trailer parking.

AREAS PROPOSED FOR FUTURE DEVELOPMENT

Eagle Point Recreation Area would be located on the Hickory Creek arm of the lake about one mile northwest of the west end of the dam. This area of about 70 acres should be popular since it is just east of U. S. Highway 77. Proposed facilities would include parking areas, picnic units, and a boat launching ramp.

Hickory Creek Organized Camp Area would be located on the north side of the Hickory Creek arm of the lake about 3 miles northwest of the west end of the dam. This area of about 190 acres is proposed for lease to non-profit organizations such as the Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, civic and church groups, and organizations desiring to conduct outdoor programs. Proposed improvements include a swimming beach, facilities for storing and launching rowboats, picnic facilities, and simple shelters.

Thirty Acres Peninsula, an area of about 415 acres, would be located on the west side of the Elm Fork arm of the lake about $4\frac{1}{2}$ miles north of the dam. This area has potentialities for day-use development with facilities for picnic areas, game areas, and a boat launching ramp.

Big Sandy Peninsula would be located on the west side of the Elm Fork arm of the lake about 6 miles north of the dam. This area of about 330 acres is proposed for development as a day-use area. Proposed improvements include a swimming beach, facilities for storing and launching small boats, picnic facilities, and short-term camping grounds.

Millionaire Island Organized Camp Area would be located on the west side of the Elm Fork arm of the lake about $8\frac{1}{2}$ miles northwest of the dam. This area of about 220 acres is proposed for lease to non-profit organizations

such as the Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, civic and church groups, and organizations desiring to conduct outdoor programs. Proposed improvements include a swimming beach, facilities for storing and launching small boats, picnic areas, and simple shelters.

Eastwood Organized Camp Area, an area of about 330 acres, would be located on the east side of the Elm Fork arm of the lake about 10 miles north of the dam. The same development and facilities are proposed for this area as for Millionaire Island Organized Camp Area.

Anchor Bell Cove would be located on the east side of Elm Fork arm of the lake about $6\frac{1}{2}$ miles north of the dam. This area of about 25 acres would be provided mainly as an access point, having limited picnicking facilities and a boat launching ramp.

Sunset Cove, an area of about 70 acres, would be located on the east side of Elm Fork arm of the lake about 6 miles north of the dam. This area would provide the same development and facilities as Anchor Bell Cove, just described.

Narrow Lake Landing would be located on the west side of the Little Elm arm of the lake about $6\frac{1}{2}$ miles north of the dam. This area of about 65 acres would provide facilities for launching boats, picnicking, and overnight camping.

Doe Branch Park, an area of about 195 acres, would be located on the north side of the lake at the confluence of Little Elm and Doe Branch creeks about 8 miles north of the dam. Proposed facilities would include picnic and game areas, a boat launching ramp, house-trailer parking areas, and overnight camping grounds.

Panther Creek Landing would be located on the north side of the lake at the confluence of Doe Branch and Panther creeks about $8\frac{1}{2}$ miles north of the dam. It would consist of about 115 acres and is proposed essentially as an access point to the lake. Facilities that would be provided include parking areas, a boat launching ramp, and picnic areas.

Cottonwood Creek Park, an area of about 170 acres, would be located on the east side of the Cottonwood Creek arm of the lake about $4\frac{1}{2}$ miles north of the dam. This area has potentialities for general day-use development including such facilities as picnic and game areas, a boat launching ramp, and swimming beach.

GENERAL POLICIES OF MANAGEMENT

Policies formulated by the District Engineer with regard to recreational, biological, and agricultural land management at Garza-Little Elm 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.

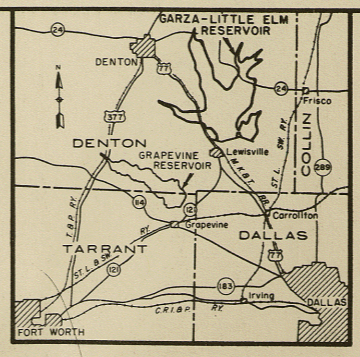
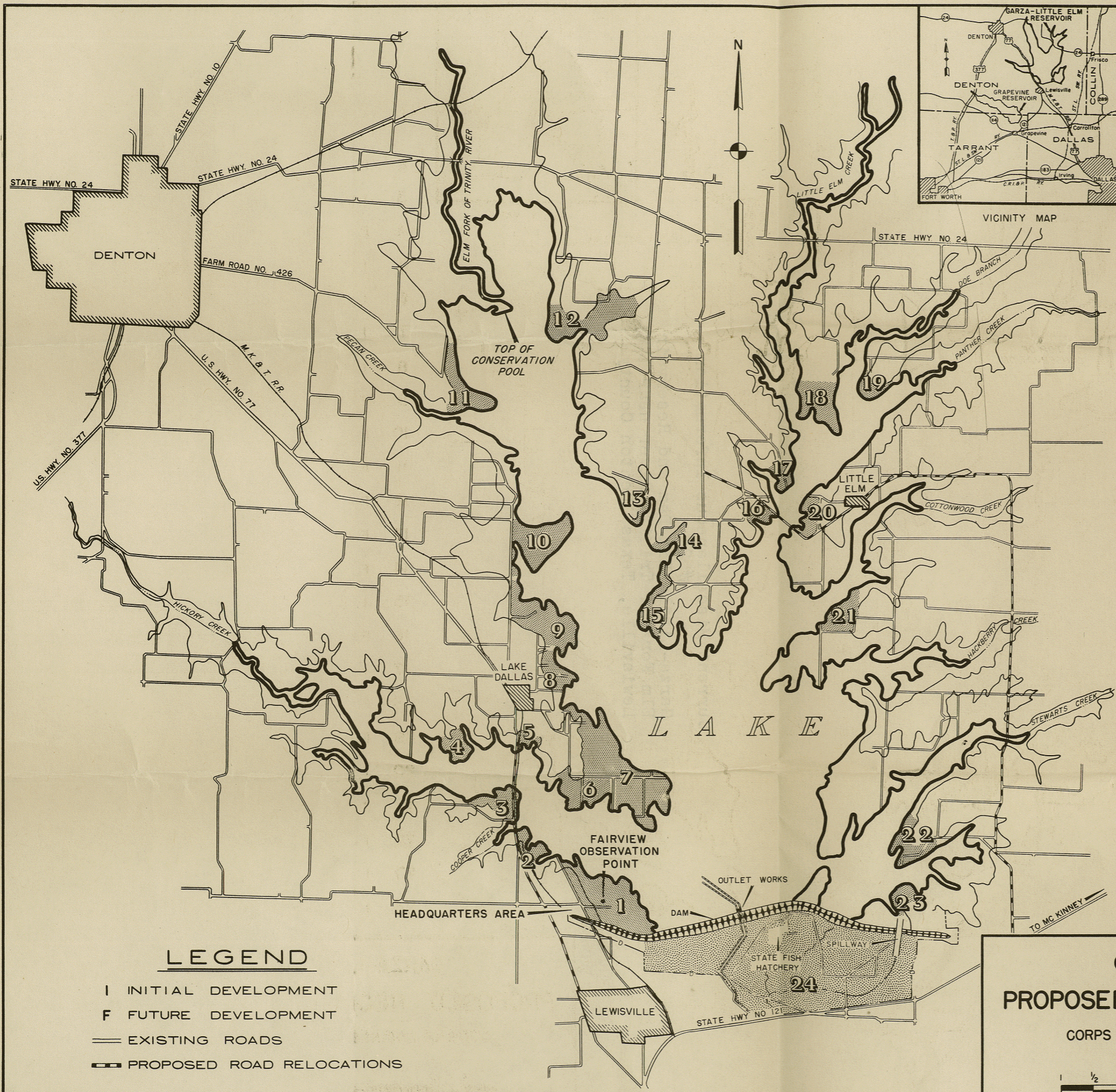
Boats of all classes will be operated in areas considered safe for boating under rules and regulations considered necessary to obviate unsafe boating practices. Permits, issued free of charge, will be required for each boat placed on the lake, except those placed on the lake for a period of less than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



NAMES OF AREAS SELECTED

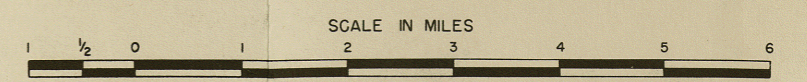
- 1 I OAK RIDGE PARK
FAIRVIEW OBSERVATION POINT
- 2 F EAGLE POINT RECREATION AREA
- 3 I COOPER'S CREEK PARK
- 4 F HICKORY CREEK ORG. CAMP AREA
- 5 I SEVENTY SEVEN LANDING
- 6 I OAKLAND PARK
- 7 I WESTLAKE PARK
- 8 I WILLOW GROVE BEACH
- 9 F THIRTY ACRES PENINSULA
- 10 F BIG SANDY PENINSULA
- 11 F MILLIONAIRE ISLAND ORG. CAMP AREA
- 12 F EASTWOOD ORGANIZED CAMP AREA
- 13 F ANCHOR BELL COVE
- 14 F SUNSET COVE
- 15 I ROCKY SHORE RECREATION AREA
- 16 F NARROW LAKE LANDING
- 17 I ANGLERS POINT
- 18 F DOE BRANCH PARK
- 19 F PANTHER CREEK LANDING
- 20 I ELM GROVE PARK
- 21 F COTTONWOOD CREEK PARK
- 22 I STEWART'S CREEK PARK
- 23 I EAST END HILL
- 24 I SPRING VALLEY PARK

LEGEND

- I INITIAL DEVELOPMENT
- F FUTURE DEVELOPMENT
- EXISTING ROADS
- ▬ PROPOSED ROAD RELOCATIONS

**GARZA-LITTLE ELM RESERVOIR
PROPOSED RECREATIONAL DEVELOPMENT**

CORPS OF ENGINEERS FORT WORTH DISTRICT



PROPOSED ROAD RECONSTRUCTION
 EXISTING ROADS
 FUTURE DEVELOPMENT
 INITIAL DEVELOPMENT

LEGEND

Current Miscellaneous Information
 # 24
 Garza-Little Elm Dam and Reservoir
 Elm Fork of Trinity River near
 Lewisville, Texas Denton County

SCALE OF MILES
 COUNTY OF ENGINEERS
 CIVIL ENGINEERING

PROPOSED RECREATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

GARZA-LITTLE ELM RESERVOIR

- 24 1 SWING VALLEY PARK
- 23 1 EAST END HILL
- 22 1 STEWARTS CREEK PARK
- 21 1 COLUMBIA CREEK PARK
- 20 1 ELM GROVE PARK
- 19 1 WATKINS CREEK PARK
- 18 1 BOE BRANCH PARK
- 17 1 WISCONSIN POINT
- 16 1 MARLOW LAKE PARK
- 15 1 ROCKY SHORE RECREATION AREA
- 14 1 SPRING COLE
- 13 1 WATSON BELL COLE
- 12 1 WESTWOOD ORGANIZED CAMP AREA
- 11 1 MILLIONAIRE ISLAND ORG. CAMP AREA
- 10 1 BIG SANDY BEACH
- 9 1 THIRTY ACRES BEACH
- 8 1 MILTON GROVE BEACH
- 7 1 WESTLAKE PARK
- 6 1 OAKLAND PARK
- 5 1 SEVEN SEVEN PARK
- 4 1 WICKOBY CREEK ORG. CAMP AREA
- 3 1 COOPER'S CREEK PARK
- 2 1 WATKINS POINT RECREATION AREA
- 1 1 OAK RIDGE PARK

APPENDIX TO PLAN

