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Planning, Programs and
Project Management Division
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Notice of Availability of Environmental Assessment

In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969, as amended, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Louisville District (District) is requesting public comment on the *Draft Environmental Assessment (EA) for the Caesar Creek Lake Master Plan Update*, the *Draft EA for the Clarence J. Brown Lake Master Plan Update*, and the *Draft EA for the West Fork Lake Master Plan Update*.

Master Plans are strategic land-use management documents that guide the comprehensive management and development of all project recreational, natural, and cultural resources throughout the life of the water resources project. It is U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) policy that each master plan be reviewed on a periodic basis and be revised as required. The existing Master Plans for Caesar Creek Lake, Clarence J. Brown Lake, and West Fork Lake were completed in 1991, 1971, and 1979, respectively. None of these documents have been comprehensively revised since these times, and all of these lakes are within the Miami River Watershed within Ohio.

The District is proposing to update the existing Caesar Creek Lake, Clarence J. Brown Lake, and West Fork Lake Master Plans. Each update would provide a comprehensive description of the respective project, a discussion of factors influencing resource management and development, an identification and discussion of special problems, a synopsis of public involvement and input to the planning process, and descriptions of past, present, and proposed development. The purpose of each EA is to consolidate and update information on Master Plan implementation and provide an opportunity for public involvement in the decision-making process.

The District has determined that allowing any of the Master Plan updates to be implemented would not constitute a major Federal action significantly affecting the quality of the human environment within the meaning of the NEPA of 1969, as amended, and therefore, an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) is not required for any of the Master Plan updates.

To view a copy of each draft EA and Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) please follow the links listed below:

Caesar Creek Lake:

<https://go.usa.gov/xlFrWM>

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Clarence J. Brown Lake:

<https://go.usa.gov/xfrWYZ>

West Fork Lake:

<https://go.usa.gov/xfrWYJ>

To request a paper copy of any of these documents or to submit comments, contact: USACE, Louisville District, by mail at: CELRL-PMC-PL, P.O. Box 59, Rm 708, ATTN: Steele McFadden, Louisville, KY 40201 or by email to: Steele.Mcfadden@usace.army.mil

Comments regarding any of the EAs received by **August 10, 2020** will assist in the agency's evaluation of the project changes and will be reflected in the project record.

Sincerely,



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