

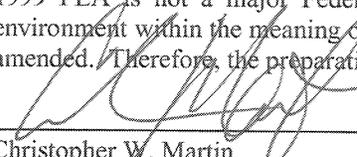
**FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT
ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT
HIDDEN COVE PARK/MARINA
LEWISVILLE LAKE, DENTON COUNTY, TEXAS**

Description of Action. The United States Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) has assessed potential impacts to the environment that may result from the changes of the Water-Related Recreation Development EA (2000 EA) at Lewisville Lake dated July 2000 associated with modifying the marina and recreational site locations proposed at Hidden Cove Park leased by the City of The Colony. This Environmental Assessment (EA) and Draft Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) apply only to the changes of the 2000 EA of USACE property in association with Hidden Cove Park/Marina activities. Aspects of the Hidden Cove Park/Marina project in the Lewisville Lake 2000 EA placed the proposed marina site on the southwest side of Hidden Cove Park and included a 350 wet slip marina, boat repair facility, 3 lane boat ramp, 75 unit parking lot, 2 courtesy docks, a 60 unit RV and boat dry storage, 2 swim beaches, bicycle trail, 3 fishing piers, 2 basketball courts, 3 sand volleyball courts, a gazebo, group camp facilities, 2 lift stations, a 75 room lodge with 2 conference center/banquet rooms, 25 cabin units, paddleboat/canoe rental area, kiddie wading pool, concession expansion, 25 tent camping sites, wastewater expansion, water well, environmental bathroom, rustic lodge and 20 RV camp sites. The proposed action would move the location of the original proposed marina site from the southwest shore of Hidden Cove Park east approximately 4500 feet to the southeast shore of the park with additional features including a ship store, 13 courtesy slips and dockside restaurant, 248 covered and 300 uncovered dry boat storage spaces, 175 additional rooms at the lodge/hotel with a pool and restaurant facility, 30 additional RV camp sites, 6 group bunkhouses and 300 unit parking lot for marina proper.

Anticipated Environmental Effects. Three alternatives were considered in the EA including the proposed action, no modification to the 1999 PEA plan and a no action alternative.

Implementation of the preferred alternative would result in the disturbance of approximately 20.4 acres of USACE property. Construction of the marina would impact Waters of the U.S. along the shoreline and bottom of Lewisville Lake. Other potential disturbances on USACE property would include short-term discharge of dredged or fill material, potential for increased erosion during construction, and potential inputs of small amounts of oil and grease from construction related equipment. Following construction, soils would be protected from erosion and re-vegetated with native grass species. The preferred alternative would not have any significant negative impacts to the existing geology, soils, groundwater, wetlands, flood storage, socioeconomic amenities, or parklands within USACE property. The preferred alternative is not likely to adversely affect plant or animal species that are proposed or listed as threatened or endangered within USACE property. Existing cultural resources sites on USACE property would be avoided. Construction related activities would be closely monitored to ensure protection of unknown cultural resources and threatened and endangered species. Adverse impacts to Waters of the U.S. located off of USACE property will be addressed by the Regulatory Branch of the USACE under Section 404 of the Clean Water Act. The impacts to terrestrial habitats would be mitigated according to the ratios in the 1999 PEA. The total mitigation area calculated for the proposed project is 70.95 acres. The on-site mitigation plan would include two key components: (1) native tree, shrub, and herbaceous plantings in uplands within Hidden Cove Park; and (2) aquatic/wetland vegetation plantings in a cove in Hidden Cove Park.

Based on review of information contained in this EA, it is concluded that the proposed modification to the 1999 PEA is not a major Federal action, which would significantly affect the quality of the human environment within the meaning of Section 102(2)(c) of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, as amended. Therefore, the preparation of an Environmental Impact Statement is not required.



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