
EAU GALLE PROJECT MASTER PLAN

APPENDIX C PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT

SPRING VALLEY, WISCONSIN

August 2019



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St. Paul District

EAU GALLE PROJECT

MASTER PLAN

APPENDIX C – PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT

1 Introduction

The master planning process recognizes the needs and desires of those persons or agencies associated with the affected Corp's facilities. Coordination and communication with these parties is an integral part of all Master Plans. The following documents the coordination efforts related to the Eau Galle Master Plan.

1.1 Congressional Notification

Congressional representatives from the area were notified of the update to the Master Plan in February 2018. Below is a list of representatives that received letters. Copies of the notification letters can be found at the end of this appendix.

The Honorable Ron Kind
The Honorable Sean Duffy
The Honorable Ron Johnson
The Honorable Tammy Baldwin

1.2 Public Coordination

A public scoping meeting was held on 26 April, 2018 at the Spring Valley Emergency Services Center in Spring Valley, WI. The meeting was advertised via the Corps District webpage, a news release and flyers distributed at Eau Galle Recreation Area.

Comments received during the scoping phase of the Master Plan are included below. Comments focused on several themes:

- **Trail System:** Proper maintenance of trails, additional multi-use trails, additional connectivity.
- **Throughout the Project/Miscellaneous:** Make entire Project area smoke-free, offer additional programs by park rangers, provide additional trash cans, add a disc golf course, add primitive camping near the creek, add a dog park or designated dog area, build a waterslide down the dam, restroom upgrades, offer GPS programs, improve access throughout the Project (e.g., bridge from Northwest Day Use Area to Main Day Use Area), provide additional viewing platforms.
- **Highland Ridge Campground:** Make improvements (e.g., turning area, improved fire pits).
- **Equestrian Campground:** Make improvements (e.g., electricity, showers, potable water, additional parking, pens for horses).
- **Environment/Natural Resources:** Add fish cribs, provide invasive species control on land for plants (buckthorn, Tatarian honeysuckle, burdock, garlic mustard, Himalayan blackberry, creeping Charlie, and white sweet clover) and invertebrate animals (earthworms) and in the lake for fish (common carp), include storm water ponds, and balance recreation needs with the natural environment.
- **Northwest Day Use Area:** Offer kayak and canoes rentals ; add small boat launches, a fish cleaning station, a swimming platform, concessions, a disc golf course, and new and upgraded playground

equipment; improve the volleyball court; and build a basketball court.

- **Lousy Creek Landing:** Add a dock.

Material related to scoping and public engagement can be found at the end of this appendix. Additionally, comments received were transferred to maps of the project area. These potential improvements are shown in Plates 12 – 17 in Appendix B. These are ideas and concepts, and will not be implemented as part of the Master Plan. Rather these will be considered for implementation when the Operational Management Plan is completed.

The Draft Master Plan and Environmental Assessment was released for 30-day public review and comment (April 15 – May 17, 2019). The plan was posted on the Corps public website and a hard copy was available at the Spring Valley Public Library. One comment was received on the draft report and can be found at the end of this appendix.

1.3 Agency Coordination

An agency scoping was held on 26 April, 2018 at the Eau Galle Project Office in Spring Valley, WI. Below is a summary of the meeting.

Agencies that participated in the scoping meeting included:

- Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources
- Spring Valley Police Department
- St. Croix Birders
- St. Croix County
- Boy Scouts of St. Croix Valley

One comment from the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources was received related to improving the fish habitat via fish cribs, fish sticks or tree top drops.

The Wisconsin State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) was provided the Draft Master Plan and environmental assessment for comment. No concerns were raised by the SHPO office.

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1.4 Tribal Coordination

The Corps is responsible for consultation with federally recognized tribes that have historical and cultural associations within the Project area. In accordance with 36 CFR 800.3(f)(2) of the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation's regulation implementing Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, the Corps identified 13 tribes as potentially having historical and cultural associations with the Project's geographic location. An official letter was mailed to the Tribal Historic Preservation Officers (THPO) on January 26, 2018 detailing the Master Plan and requesting tribal comments. Of these 13 THPOs, the Upper Sioux Community and Mille Lacs Band requested to be consulting parties. Information in connection with the Master Plan and environmental assessment continued to be provided to both Tribal communities. No concerns were raised by THPO offices.



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Please check ONE category below that best describes you and your interest in the master plan:

- ☐ General Public
- ☐ Business/Industry
- ☐ Environmental Group
- ☐ Media
- ☐ Federal Government
- ☐ State Government
- ☐ City/County Government
- ☐ Other [please specify]

Please provide your comments in the sections below:

Recreation: _____

Environmental Resources: _____

General: _____

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If you would like to leave your contact information, please complete the following:

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

Phone _____ Email _____

You can email your comments to eau.galle.lake@usace.army.mil or mail them to
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Eau Galle Recreation Area, W501 Eau Galle Dam Rd., Spring Valley, WI 54767



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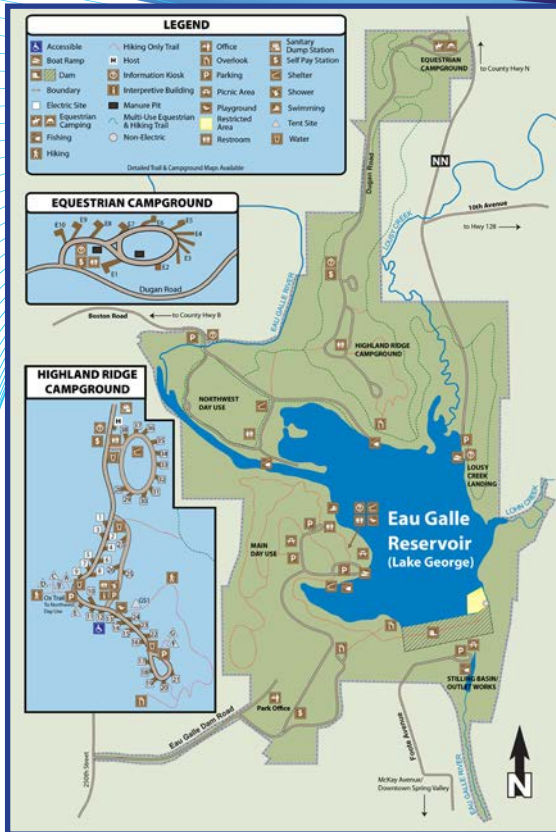
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Eau Galle Project Master Plan | FACTSHEET



Eau Galle Project Master Plan Revision

The Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) St. Paul District is revising the Eau Galle Project Master Plan. The plan, while conceptual in nature, will serve as the vision for both environmental stewardship and recreation as the Corps continues to serve the public in the 21st Century.

About the Eau Galle Project

The Eau Galle Project is located on the Eau Galle River in Spring Valley, WI. It was authorized by the Flood Control Act of 1958 as a result of repeated flooding in the Spring Valley area. The dam was built from 1965-1968 to serve as a flood control project (the reservoir is 640 acres). The reservoir and adjacent areas have been developed for recreational purposes and the conservation of fish and wildlife resources and habitat.

What is a Master Plan?

A Master Plan is a strategic land use and recreation management document that guides the comprehensive management and development of recreational, natural, and cultural resources throughout the life of a water resource project.

Why Revise the Eau Galle Master Plan?

The plan was last updated in 1990 and supplemented in 1999. The Plan is in need of revision to address changes to the environment, outdoor recreation trends and USACE management policy.

The primary goals of the plan include:

- ▶ Establish an overall land use management plan;
- ▶ Identify resource objectives; and
- ▶ Identify associated design and management concepts.

Developed by a Corps interagency team, the plan will include coordination with local, state and federal agencies and tribal representatives, along with input from the public.

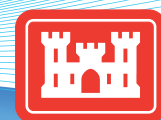
We want your comments

Do you have a thought or comment on the future of Eau Galle Lake Reservoir? We want to hear from you. To view the 1990 Master Plan and to submit your comments electronically go to our website at

<http://www.mvp.usace.army.mil/EauGalleMasterPlan/>.

Note: all comments will become part of the final report so we ask that you avoid using any personal information that you do not want publicly shared. A public scoping meeting will be held on

April 26th 2018, from 6-8pm at the Spring Valley Emergency Services Building.



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Eau Galle Project Master Plan | PUBLIC MEETING

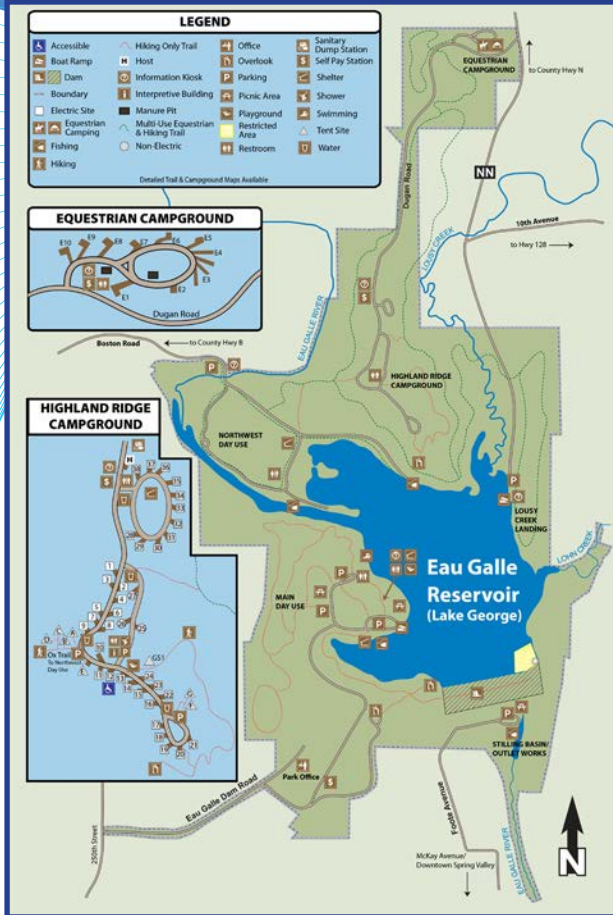
WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers invites you to attend an open house to discuss the Eau Galle Project Master Plan in regards to our recreation site.

PUBLIC MEETING DETAILS:

6 to 8 p.m. on Thursday, April 26, 2018 - includes an open house and presentation

Spring Valley Emergency Services Building
S407 Newman Avenue
Spring Valley, WI 54767



MASTER PLAN:

The plan, last updated in 1990, focuses on what could and should happen over the life of Corps' federal lands at the Eau Galle Project, but is flexible enough to adapt to unforeseen or changing conditions. It also includes all lands (fees, easements or other interests) acquired. The plan does not address water level management.

The purpose of this revision is to bring it into compliance with current Corps' policies and regulations, identify management opportunities and constraints, user needs and characteristics and to balance all of the above while protecting natural resources and providing environmental stewardship for the future.

QUESTIONS?

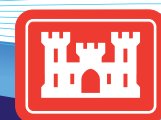
Contact: Brad Labadie, USACE recreation and natural resources section

Phone: (715) 778-5562

Email: eau.galle.lake@usace.army.mil

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Master Plan Update

St. Paul District, Mississippi Valley Division
Public Scoping Meeting
April 26, 2018

Presented By

Jon Sobiech, Forester

Brad LaBadie, Natural Resource Specialist



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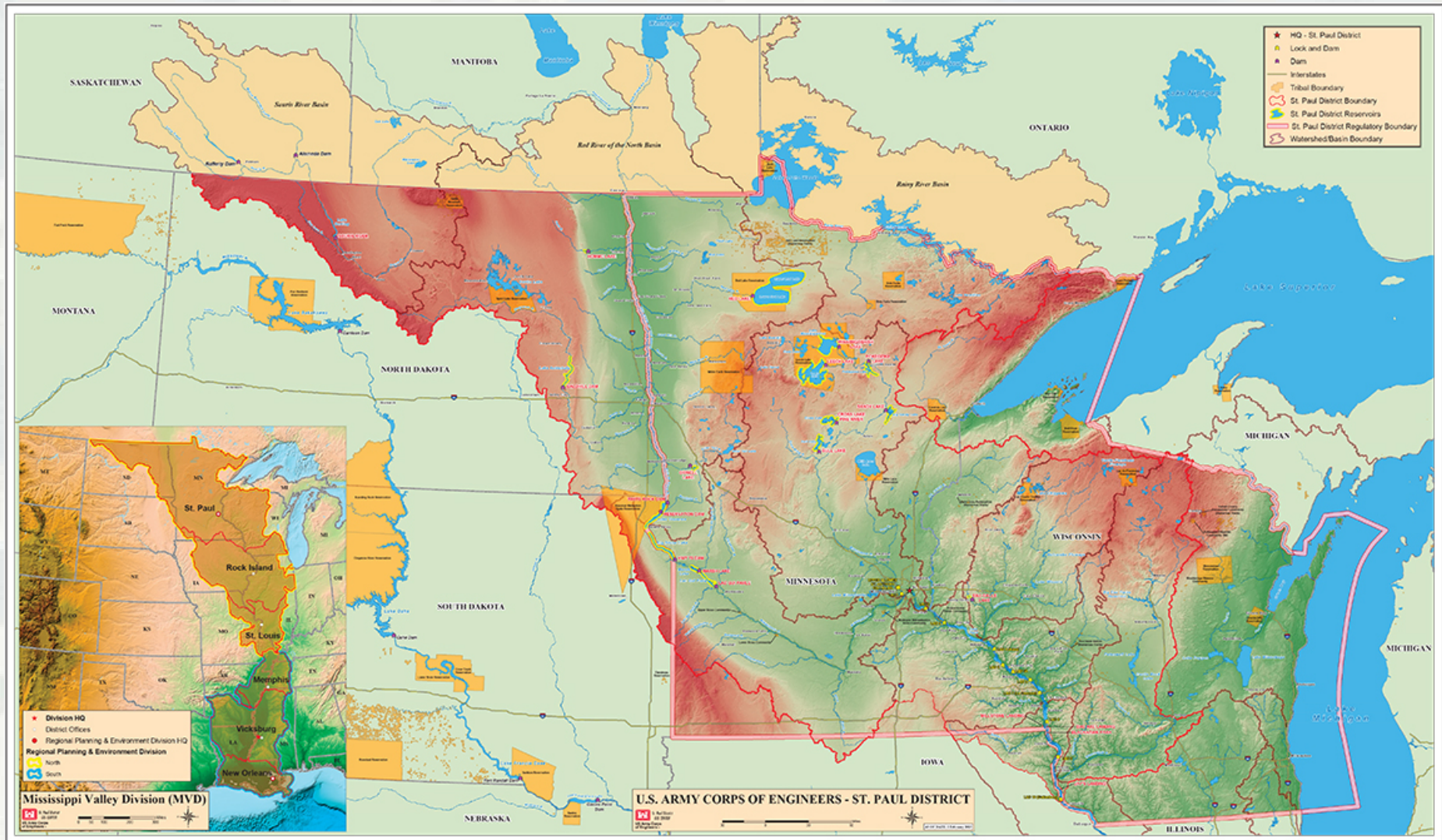


Purpose of this Meeting

- Fully describe the purpose and intent of a Master Plan
- Explain why revision is needed
- Describe the revision process
- Answer questions
- Seek your participation and input



St. Paul District



Spring Valley Flooding and Dam Construction

- **Authorizations**
Flood Control Act of 1958
- **Dam Construction**
1965-1968



Eau Galle Project

Missions

- Flood Control
- Recreation
- Environment



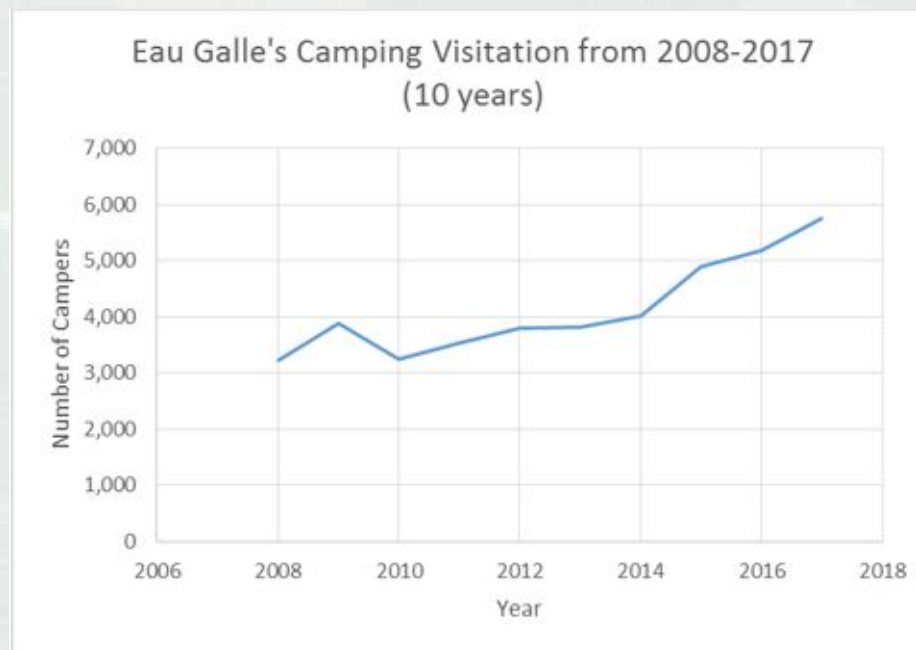
Size

- Project: 648.3 acres
- Conservation Pool: 138.3 acres
- Flowage Easement: 514.1 acres



Visitation

Visitation	Day Use Areas- Main Day Use, Northwest Day Use, Lousy Creek, Stilling Basin	Campgrounds- Highland Ridge, Equestrian Loop	Total
FY17	data not released yet	5,967	?
FY16	44,716	4,986	49,702
FY15	38,086	4,617	42,703
FY14	35,604	3,630	39,234



2017 Campers

State/Province	% Reservations	# Nights	Average # of Nights	# of Occupant	Average # of Occupants
Wisconsin	48%	2,012	2.37	2,812	3.31
Minnesota	34%	1,314	2.21	2,141	3.60
Other	18%	896	x	821	x
	100.00%	4,222	2.40	5,774	3.28

Top Ten Cities with Residents Who Camp at Eau Galle Based on Number of Nights in 2017

	City	# Nights	Avg # Nights	# Occupant	Avg # Occupants per Reservation
1	MENOMONIE, WI	176	2.12	279	3.36
2	RIVER FALLS, WI	137	2.25	189	3.10
3	HUDSON, WI	128	2.10	223	3.66
4	NEW RICHMOND, WI	125	2.02	210	3.39
5	MINNEAPOLIS, MN	122	1.74	237	3.39
6	SAINT PAUL, MN	105	1.88	182	3.25
7	WOODVILLE, WI	105	3.50	106	3.53
8	SPRING VALLEY, WI	76	2.30	133	4.03
9	BALDWIN, WI	73	2.28	92	2.88
10	HAMMOND, WI	62	2.38	76	2.92

Source: www.recreation.gov, 2017



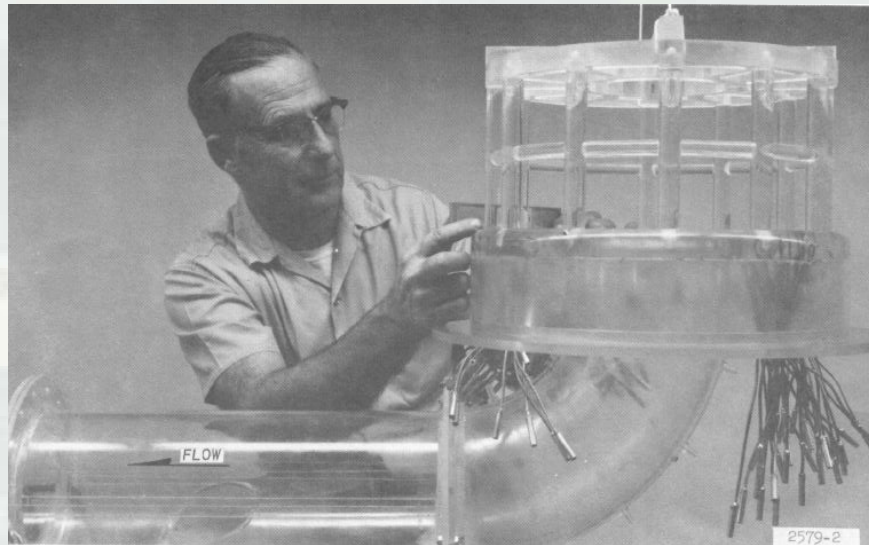
What is a Master Plan?

- ▶ Overall land use management plan
- ▶ Guides comprehensive management and development of:
 - Recreation
 - Natural Resources
 - Cultural Resources



The Master Plan does NOT...

- Address the specifics plan for flood risk management or water level management. (Water Control Plan)
- Provide the details of design or daily project operations (Operational Management Plan (OMP)).

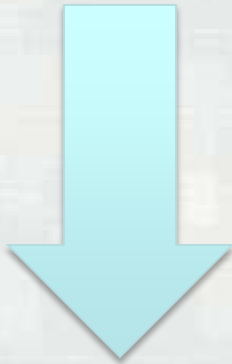


The Master Plan provides ***authority***, NOT ***funding***



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■ Master Plan (MP)



- The “Mother” Planning Document
- Conceptual
- Reviewed every 5 years

■ Operational Management Plan (OMP)

- Detailed
- 5 –year work plan



Why do we need a Revision?

- Existing Master Plan was completed in 1990; Equestrian Campground added in 1999.
- To ensure effective management practices & be responsive to existing & future needs.
- User group changes in the region.
- To better reflect current Corps policies, regulations, & processes.

Past



Present



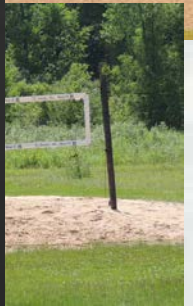
Past



Present



Your input will help shape the
FUTURE!!

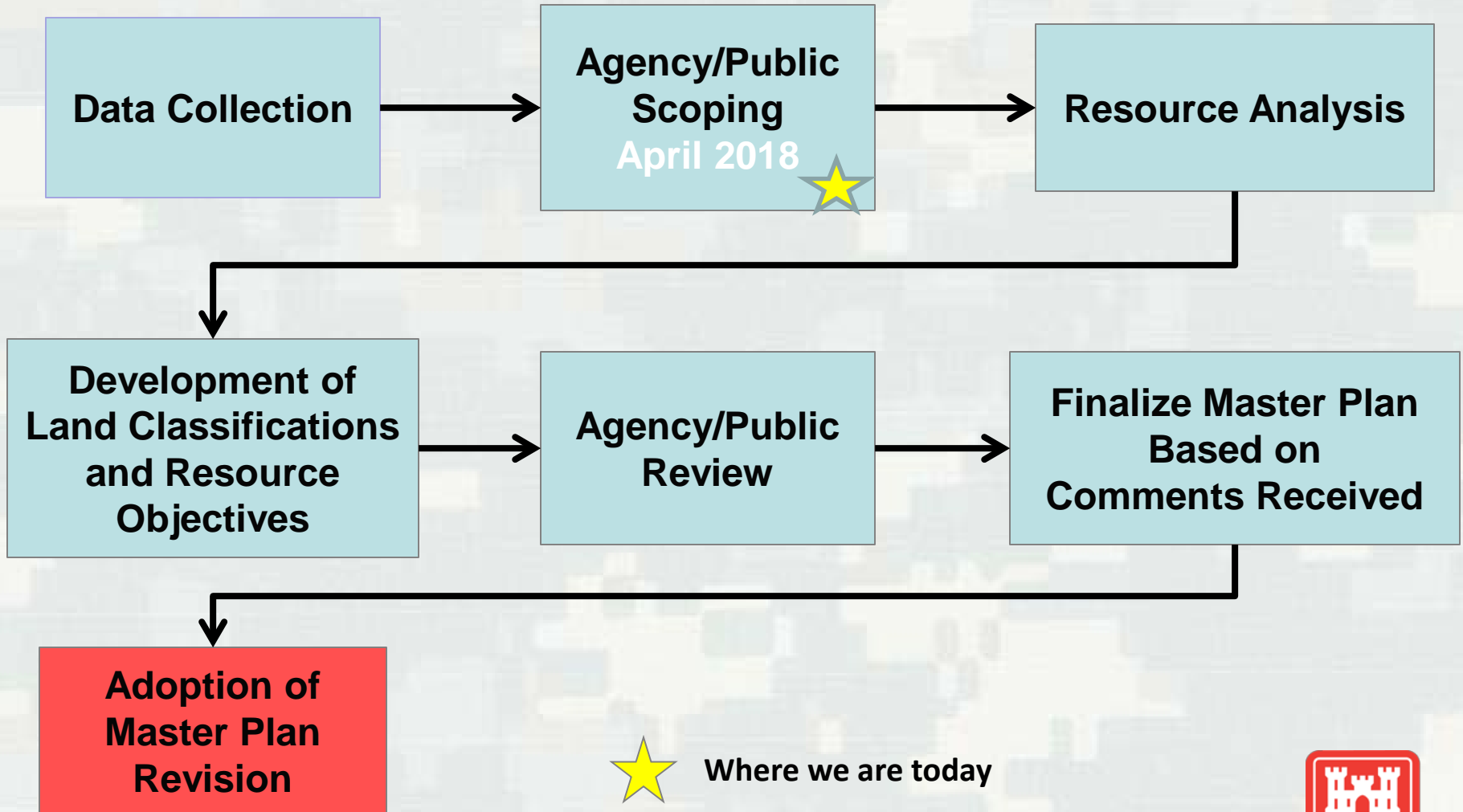


2018 Master Plan Revision Process

- Will be accomplished by a team of Corps employees
- Public, stakeholder and agency input will be carefully considered by the team.

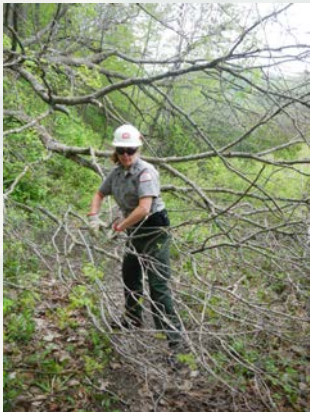


The Master Planning Revision Process



What Major Changes are Needed in the Current Master Plan?

- Prepare new Resource Objectives
- Reclassify all project lands
- Prepare new Resource Plan
- An Environmental Assessment of the Master Plan will be prepared and appended to the plan.



Proposed effective life of a Master Plan is **25 years**.



The Corps' Vision for Eau Galle

The land, water and recreational resources of the Eau Galle Project will be managed to protect, conserve, and sustain natural and cultural resources, especially environmentally sensitive resources, and provide quality outdoor recreation opportunities that complement project resources for the benefit of present and future generations.



Need new Resource Objectives

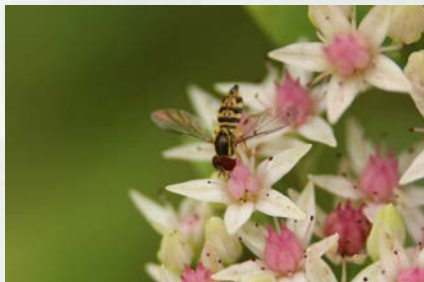
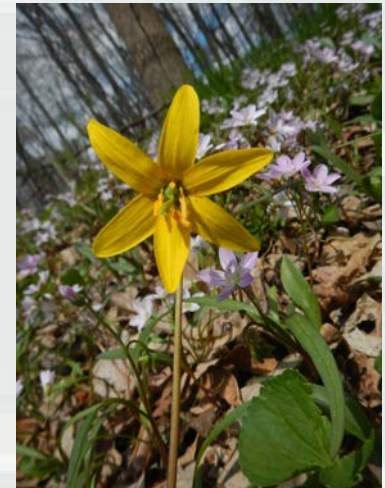
- ▶ That reflect environmental habitat and open space needs
- ▶ That reflect major recreation needs

Identified in the **Wisconsin Statewide Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan (SCORP)** and through **public input**.



Environmental Resource Objectives

- Manage habitats to protect Special Status Species.
- Monitor lands and waters for invasive and exotic species and take action to prevent and/or reduce their spread.
- Identify, protect and/or restore important native vegetation ecosystems.



Environmental Resource Objectives

- Inventory, protect, and interpret cultural resources.
- Evaluate land use requests such as road and utility easements to avoid unnecessary resource damage or negative effects on public use.
- Improve water quality by participating in watershed management efforts primarily through the use of partnerships.



Recreation Resource Objectives

- Improve, modernize, and maintain day use and campground facilities through additional amenities.
- Maintain, improve and/or expand existing trails within the project and connect to adjacent trail systems.
- Carefully monitor public hunting activities to ensure public safety and resource protection.
- Work toward universal accessibility in all aspects of the recreation mission.
- Evaluate recreational experiences using comment cards and other methods.



Recreation Resource Objectives

- Maintain high quality public water access points.
- Ensure proper balance between impacts of visitors and the resources.
- Maintain, design and construct sustainable and resilient infrastructure.
- Improve and expand public outreach and education.



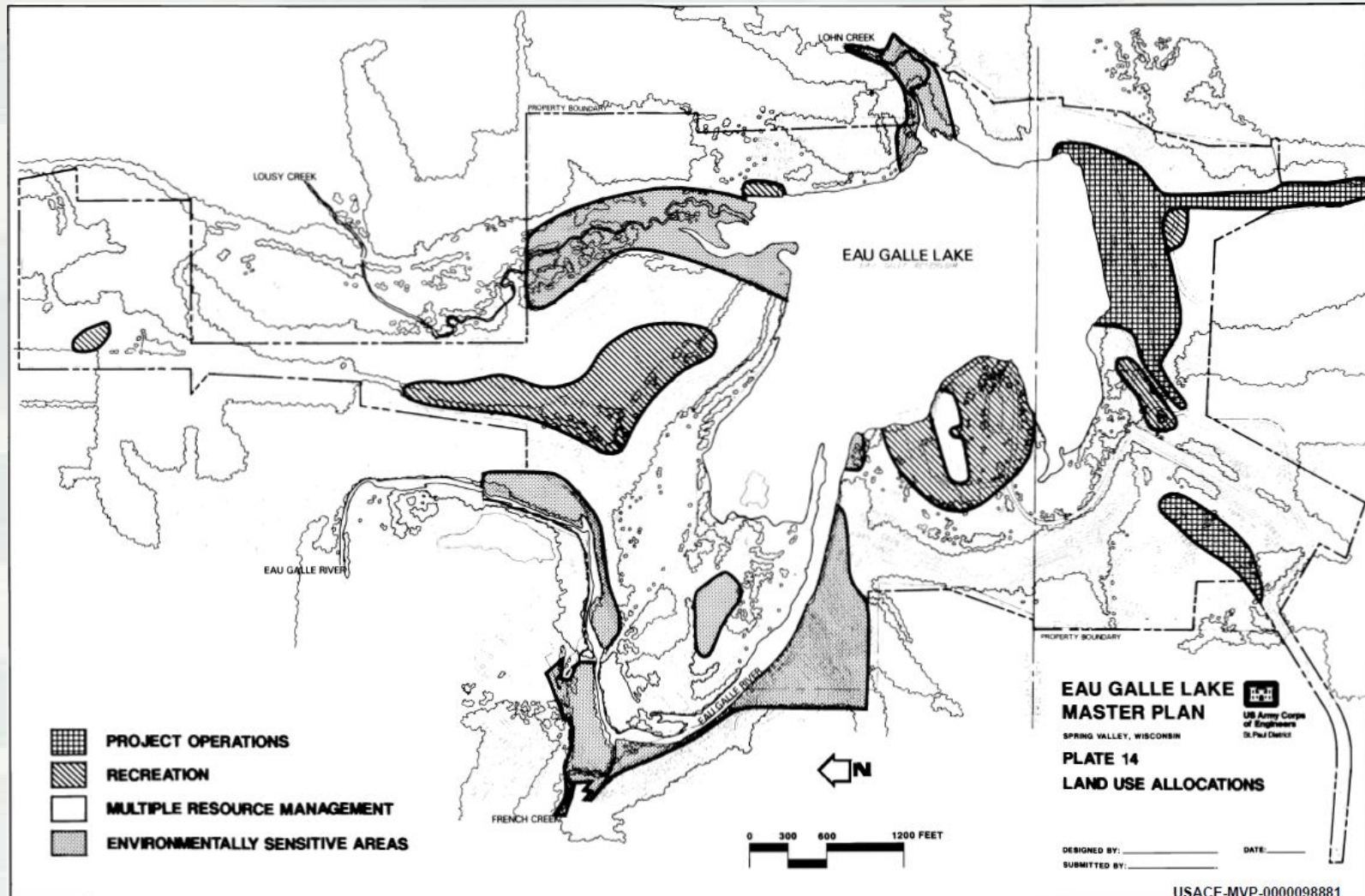
General Resource Objectives

- Comply with all applicable laws, regulations and policies.
- Foster public and employee safety through education, training, research, and proactive visitor assistance activities.
- Maintain regular contact with community members and agency stakeholders and partners.
- Maintain an easily recognized Federal property boundary line and perform periodic inspections.



Eau Galle Project Land Classification

Current Land Classification (1990)



Proposed Land Classifications

Project Operations

High Density Recreation

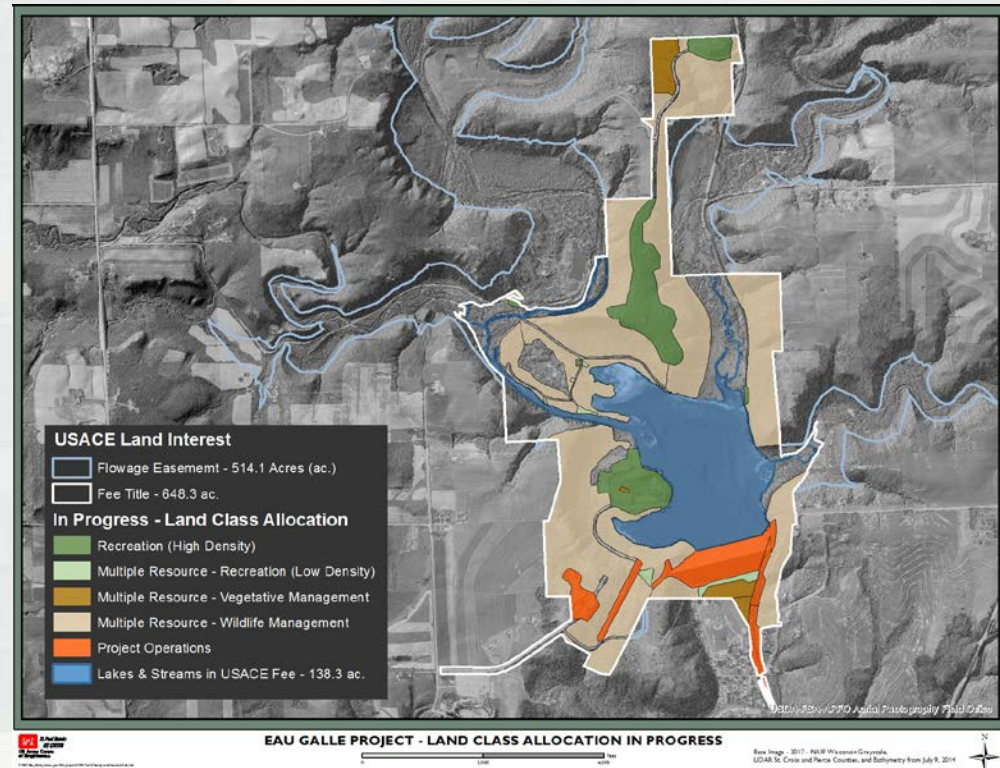
Multiple Resource Management:

- Low Density Recreation
- Wildlife Management
- Vegetative Management
- Future/ Inactive Recreation Lands

Environmentally Sensitive Area

Water Surface

- Open Recreation
- Designated No Wake
- Fish and Wildlife Sanctuary
- Restricted



Land Classification

Project Operations:

- Lands required for the dam, spillway, storage yard, offices, maintenance facilities, and other areas that are used solely for project operations.



Land Classification

High-Density Recreation:

- Land developed for intensive recreational activities by the visiting public, including developed recreation areas and locations for concessions, resorts, marinas, etc.



Land Classification

Multiple Resource Management:

Low-Density Recreation

- Minimal development or infrastructure that support passive public recreation use (e.g. hiking, primitive camping, wildlife observation, hunting, fishing, trails, wildlife viewing, etc.).

Wildlife Management

- Fish and wildlife management activities.



Land Classification

Multiple Resource Management:

Vegetative Management

- Management activities for the protection and development of a specific vegetative cover.

Inactive and/or Future Recreation Areas

- Recreation areas planned for the future or that have been temporary closed. These lands will be classified as multiple resource management in the interim.



Land Classification

Environmentally Sensitive Areas:

- Areas where scientific, ecological, cultural or aesthetic features have been identified. These areas must be considered by management to ensure the sensitive areas are not adversely impacted.



Land Classification

Water Surface:

Restricted

- Water areas restricted for project operations, safety, and security purposes.

Designated No-Wake

- To protect environmentally sensitive shoreline areas, recreational water access areas from disturbance, and for public safety.



Land Classification

Water Surface:

Fish and Wildlife Sanctuary

- Annual or seasonal restrictions on areas to protect fish and wildlife species during periods of migration, resting, feeding, nesting, and/or spawning.

Open Recreation

- Those waters available for year round or seasonal water-based recreational use.



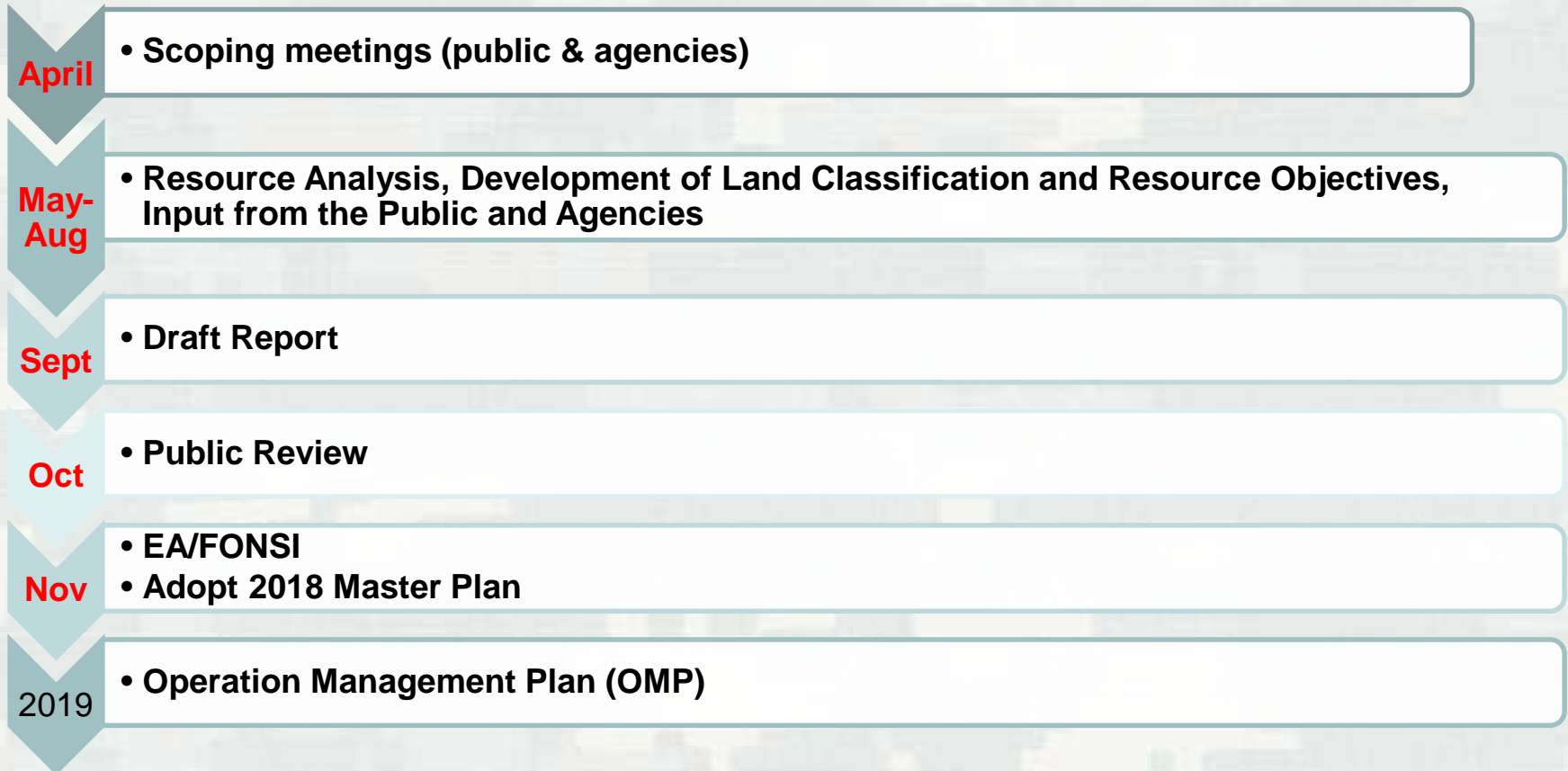
2011-2016 WI SCORP

Projected Trends in Wisconsin Outdoor Recreation Activities

Increasing Demand 	Adventure racing	Popular as both an individual and a group activity.
	Driving for pleasure	An easy activity for the aging baby boomer generation.
	Developed/RV camping	Baby boomers are a continued driving force for this growth.
	Kayaking	Cheaper entry points have attracted more participants.
	Visit a dog park	Urban residents continue to demand more of these areas.
	Soccer outdoors	Youth growth is still strong in urban areas.
	BMX biking	X Games popularity may be driving this growth.
	Climbing	Indoor climbing walls have led to an outdoor resurgence.
	Stand up paddling/paddleboarding	A fast growing water sport sweeping the country.
	Triathlon (on- and off-road)	Varying distance events have allowed for growth.
	Off-highway vehicle driving	Post recession growth continues.
	Gardening or landscaping for pleasure	The "grow local" concept is taking hold at many levels.
Stable Demand 	Walk for pleasure	Market saturation does not allow for large growth.
	Running or jogging	Gen Y is replacing the baby boomers for this activity.
	Water parks	Recession may have caused this growth to slow.
	Motorboating	Still easy access in a water-based state.
	Day hiking	Popular with many generations.
	Golf	Time constraints do not allow for growth.
	Tent camping	Continues to be stable, but growth is illusive.
	Snowboarding	May have peaked after 20 years of growth.
	Trail running	A stable niche activity with Gen Y.
	View/photograph wildlife	An easy activity that spans generations.
	Bicycling (road and non-paved)	Popular with many generations – access is still key.
	Snowshoeing	After large growth, this has stabilized.
Decreasing Demand 	Hunting	Continues to struggle with generational loss and private access.
	Inline skating	A large decrease in the last six years, the bottom may be near.
	Skateboarding/skate parks	Gen M is free-skating with longboards.
	Horseback riding on trails	Recession impacts have caused this to decrease with no rebound.
	Softball	Baby boomers continue to leave this sport.
	Downhill skiing	Gen Y does not have the numbers to replace aging baby boomers.



Project Schedule 2018



How can you help?

Please, provide your comments on how you would like to see the natural and recreational resources:

- Visit our website at: <http://www.mvp.usace.army.mil/EauGalleMasterPlan/>
- Send us an e-mail at: eau.galle.lake@usace.army.mil
- Fill out a comment card now or take it home and send later
- Drop off comments at the Eau Galle Project Office



The End

Please use our remaining time to visit with staff members, ask questions and help us produce an excellent Master Plan



Questions?



Please tell your friends! We want to hear your thoughts and ideas.





DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
ST. PAUL DISTRICT, CORPS OF ENGINEERS
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ST. PAUL, MN 55101-1678

26 January 2017

Regional Planning and Environment Division North

Ms. Edith Leoso
Tribal Historic Preservation Officer
Bad River Band of the Lake Superior Chippewa
P.O. Box 39
Odanah, Wisconsin 54861

Dear Ms. Leoso,

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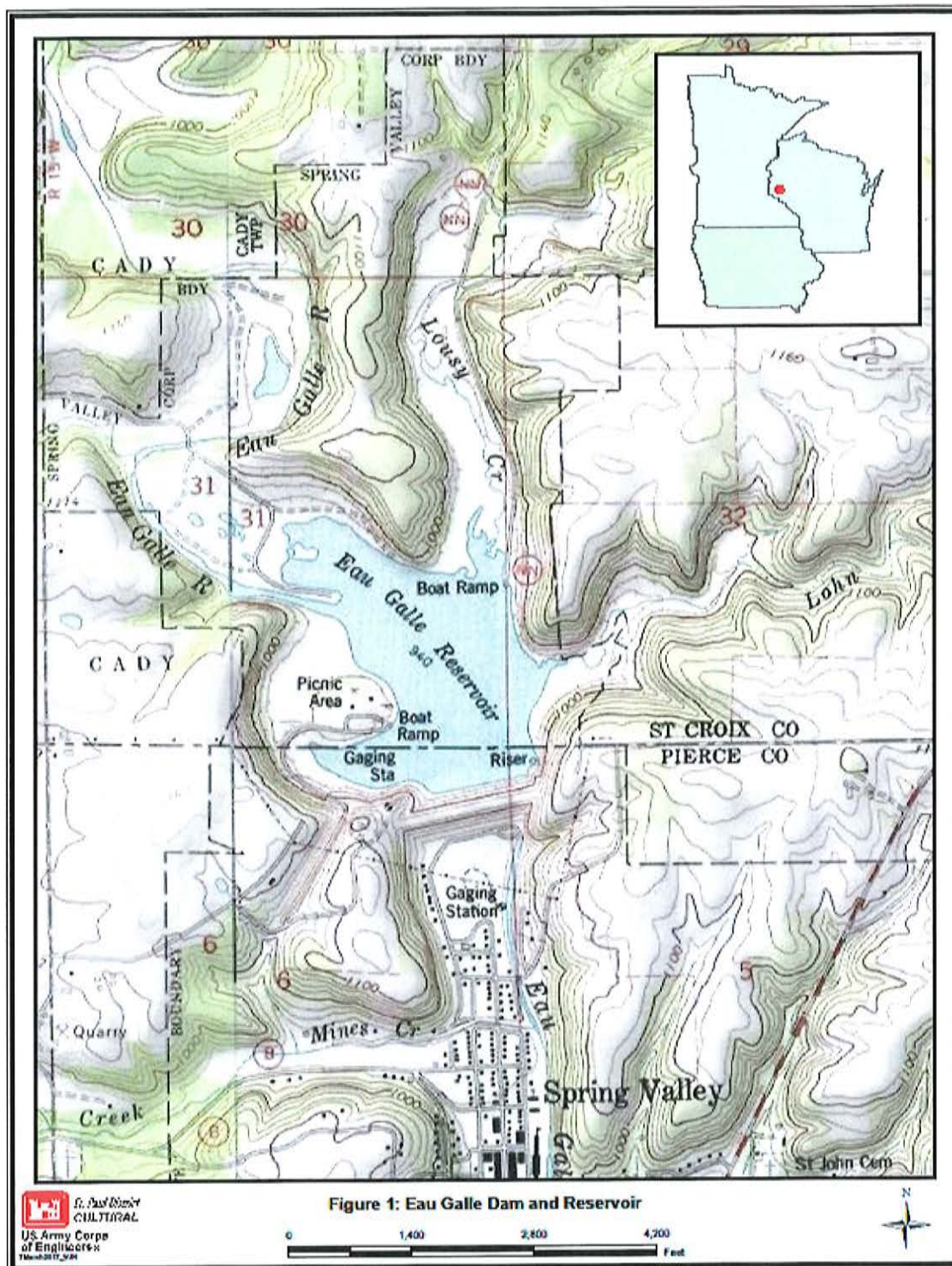
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The Corps is inviting your Tribe to serve as a consulting party. If your tribe is interested in being a consulting party for the planning activities associated with the Master Plan and/or the HPMP, please contact Vanessa Alberto, project archaeologist, at Vanessa.J.Alberto@usace.army.mil or Jonathan Sobiech, project biologist, at Jonathan.J.Sobiech@usace.army.mil.

Sincerely,

Terry J. Birkenstock
Deputy Chief, Regional Planning and
Environment Division North





REPLY TO
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Lac du Flambeau, Wisconsin 54538

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Sincerely,

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Mr. Brian Bisonette
Tribal Historic Preservation Officer
Lac Courte Oreilles Band
13394 W. Trepania Road
Hayward, Wisconsin 54843

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Ms. Amy Burnette
Tribal Historic Preservation Officer
Leech Lake Band
6530 Hwy 2 NW
Cass Lake, MN 56633

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Mr. David Grignon
Tribal Historic Preservation Officer
Menominee Indian Tribe
P.O. Box 910
Keshena, Wisconsin 54135

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Ms. Natalie Weyaus
Tribal Historic Preservation Officer
Mille Lacs Band
43408 Oodena Drive
Onamia, Minnesota 56359

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Mr. Noah White
Tribal Historic Preservation Officer
Prairie Island Indian Community
5636 Sturgeon Lake Road
Welch, Minnesota 55089

Dear Mr. White,

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Mr. Marvin Defoe
Tribal Historic Preservation Officer
Red Cliff Band
88385 Pike Road
Bayfield, Wisconsin 54814

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Ms. Wanda McFaggen
Tribal Historic Preservation Officer
St. Croix Chippewa Indians of Wisconsin
24663 Angeline Avenue
Webster, Wisconsin 54893

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Ms. Samantha Odegard
Tribal Historic Preservation Officer
Upper Sioux Community
P.O. Box 147
Granite Falls, MN 56241

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Tribal Historic Preservation Officer
White Earth Band
P.O. Box 418
White Earth, Minnesota 56591

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Ms. Cheyanne St. John
Tribal Historic Preservation Officer
Lower Sioux Community
39527 Reservation Highway 1
Morton, Minnesota 56270

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March 23, 2018

Regional Planning and Environment Division North

The Honorable Tammy Baldwin
709 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

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2330 Rayburn HOB
Washington, DC 20515

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The Honorable Ron Kind
1502 Longworth House Office Building
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From: Seibert, Kasey L - DNR [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, May 7, 2018 2:50 PM
To: DLL-CEMVP Eau Galle
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Eau Galle Project Master Plan comments

Hello,

The Wisconsin DNR would recommend to include fish habitat structure installation within the plan. There is currently a lack of offshore deepwater habitat as well as nearshore woody habitat. Fish cribs, fish sticks or tree drops would be very beneficial for the fishery and would increase angler satisfaction and participation. Also, does the Master Plan include any part of the Eau Galle River below or above the lake?

Thanks!

We are committed to service excellence.

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Kasey Seibert
Senior Fisheries Biologist
Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources

St. Croix, Pierce and western Dunn counties

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From: Seibert, Kasey L - DNR <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, June 20, 2018 4:15 PM
To: LaBadie, Bradley R CIV USARMY (US)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] RE: Eau Galle Project Master Plan comments
Attachments: Eau Galle Lake Depth2018 fish cribs.jpg

Hi Brad,

Thanks for the maps! I've attached the bathymetric map with some recommended locations for fish cribs. Generally we place them in cluster of 8-10 cribs in depths ranging from 12-20 ft which makes them deep enough to not be an obstruction and shallow enough for anglers. I tried to avoid where I thought the channel flows through. The black spots are where I would recommend crib clusters, which would be around 50 cribs total. I would be more than happy to help with any other planning in the future with fish habitat! Also, regarding the water draw of the dam, are there plans for monitoring or changing the depth at which the water is drawn to allow for a more hypolimnetic draw which would decrease the water temp in the Eau Galle River below the dam to provide better thermal regimes for trout? The water temperatures sampled during our trend sampling each year seem to be warmer than in the past but that may be due to other factors as well. Just thought that I would check...

Thank you!

We are committed to service excellence.

Visit our survey at [Blockedhttp://dnr.wi.gov/customersurvey](http://dnr.wi.gov/customersurvey) to evaluate how I did.

Kasey Seibert
[REDACTED]

-----Original Message-----

From: LaBadie, Bradley R CIV USARMY (US) [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, June 20, 2018 8:47 AM
To: Seibert, Kasey L - DNR [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Eau Galle Project Master Plan comments

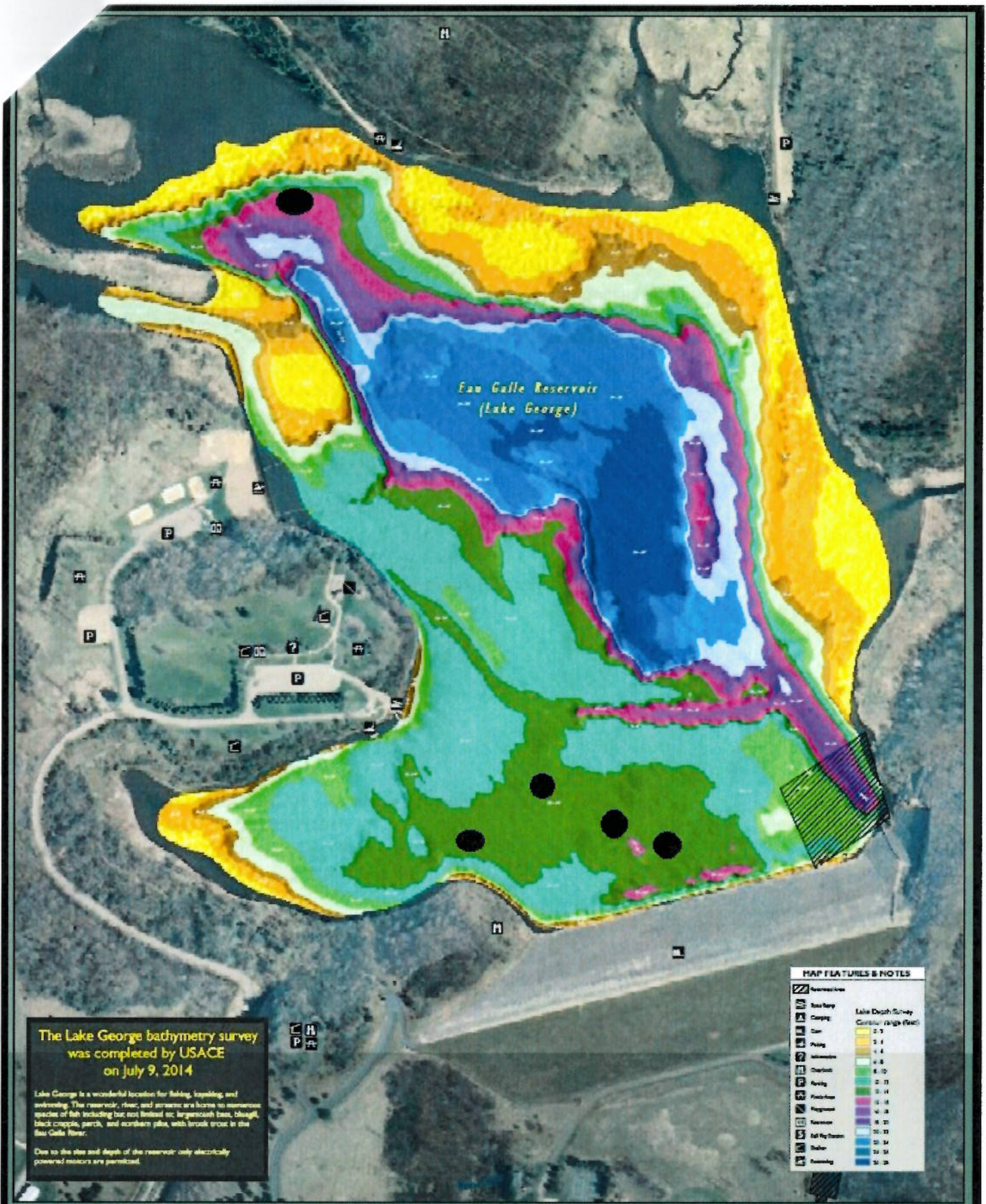
Here is the boundary line map so you can see what parts of the river are within Corps property.

Thanks,
Brad LaBadie
Eau Galle Project
[REDACTED]

-----Original Message-----

From: Seibert, Kasey L - DNR [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, June 19, 2018 7:13 AM
To: LaBadie, Bradley R CIV USARMY (US) [REDACTED]
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] RE: Eau Galle Project Master Plan comments

Hi Brad,



EAU GALLE PROJECT - LAKE GEORGE DEPTH SURVEY

PLATE 9



Scale: 1 inch = 200 feet

Base Image: 2010 Wisconsin WRCO Orthophoto Overlaying LIDAR Shaded Relief from Parks County

LaBadie, Bradley R CIV USARMY (US)

From: Katie Shipman [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, August 23, 2018 1:22 PM
To: DLL-CEMVP Eau Galle
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Eau Galle Equine Trails

Hello!

My name is Katie Shipman and I am an equestrian who uses the Eau Galle Spring Valley Wisconsin horse trails on a regular basis.

I am very interested in seeing the equestrian camp ground improved with electrical hookups and be coming exclusively equestrian only for camping.

I would also love to see more improvements with erosion and maintenance on the equestrian trails to keep them open and active throughout the riding season. I am also very interested in assisting with said improvements. I have been out this year helping to maintain and clear Loop Trails for the Eau Galle Campground.

We love that these trails are maintained and that it's on a volunteer basis however I would hate to see these trails become used for ATV or mountain bike trails as they tend to erode the soil faster.

Thank you for taking the time to read my email. I am very interested in being kept up to date on the status and any needs for these trails. Please feel free to email me.

Sincerely,
Katie Shipman

LaBadie, Bradley R CIV USARMY (US)

From: Jen Marie [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, August 23, 2018 9:41 AM
To: DLL-CEMVP Eau Galle
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] changes

I am a long time goer of the Eau galle Rec park. The one thing they can bring back is the yellow bouy line. That line has provided many hours and hours of fun for both parents and children. Im aware that it was maybe a saftey issue to have it there, but ive heard from a lot of people that they woulf like it back. Also, when I was a kid there was a water slide. That was great too! More benches in the sand area closer to the water on both sides would be great and update the shower at the top by the parking lot. Thank You, cant wait to see changes and or things added!

Jen Reitz

LaBadie, Bradley R CIV USARMY (US)

From: Gena Garton [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, August 23, 2018 12:32 PM
To: DLL-CEMVP Eau Galle
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Horse trails and camping

There is a growing population of equine owners looking for interesting place to ride and camp with their horses/mules/donkeys. This would be a wonderful addition to the park.

Gena M Garton

LaBadie, Bradley R CIV USARMY (US)

From: MYRA KERSCHBAUM [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, August 23, 2018 12:33 PM
To: DLL-CEMVP Eau Galle
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Horse trails

Just want to you let you know that my family love and cherish the trails in Eau Galle.. we do hope they stay open and will help in the future if needed to keep things up!

Myra Kerschbaum

[REDACTED]

LaBadie, Bradley R CIV USARMY (US)

From: Jill Wurdell [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, August 23, 2018 4:01 PM
To: DLL-CEMVP Eau Galle
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Eau Galle Trails

Hello,

I am writing to let you know how much I have enjoyed the horse trails this year! I was just recently introduced to Eau Galle by my fellow riders. Having such a nice place to ride close to home with great trails is such a blessing!

I hope that the rumors of them possibly being closed to horses is not true. My large group of horse friends uses the trails on a regular basis and are very concerned! We all love riding there!

Thank you for keeping such a nice park and allowing us to use it!

Sincerely,
Jill Wurdell

To: Birkenstock, Terry J CIV USARMY CEMVP (US) <Terry.Birkenstock@usace.army.mil>; EVANS, Craig O CIV USARMY CEMVP (US) <craig.o.evans@usace.army.mil>; Sterling, Andrea L CIV USARMY CEMVP (US) <Andrea.L.Sterling@usace.army.mil>
Subject: St. Paul District Contact Form: Eau Galle rec. park, In Spring Valley wi.

This message was sent from the St. Paul District website.

Message From: Deb Peterson

Response requested: No

Message:

I have been hearing rumors that Eau Galle park might get closed to horses. I would like you to know that I was there today riding. It is a beautiful place to ride. I have been riding there for classes to 25 years. My father would tell me stories about the dam being built. He was from Spring Valley and he worked the corp of engineers. He helped built the dam. He was very proud of the dam and the park. And that I could enjoy it by riding my horses there. I hope that the rumors are untrue and that I can enjoy the park for many more years. Thank you.

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LaBadie, Bradley R CIV USARMY (US)

From: Michelle [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, August 24, 2018 9:57 PM
To: DLL-CEMVP Eau Galle
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] I am in support of keeping the park trails as is for equestrian use.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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LaBadie, Bradley R CIV USARMY (US)

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, August 24, 2018 8:10 AM
To: DLL-CEMVP Eau Galle
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Horse trails

Hello,

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I'm not sure what is going on with the horse trails, but I heard they may closed?

I remember riding those trails as a child with my father, during group rides and my husband proposed to be on them. We truly enjoy these trails and they hold a big spot in my heart. I only get to ride them a few times a year, but hope to more as my after college life gets easier!

If they're being closed because we dont use them enough, we can definitely make it over more. Were willing to help get groups to clean them as well.

If by chance this is just rumor, know we do love these trails and hope they stay open.

Thank you for listening,

Brooke

[REDACTED]

LaBadie, Bradley R CIV USARMY (US)

From: Kelle Myers [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, August 24, 2018 4:46 AM
To: DLL-CEMVP Eau Galle
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Horse trails

Hello,
Just letting you know how much your Park is appreciated by me and my fellow equestrian riding friends.
It is a jewel of a spot, and I enjoy the wonderful trails and camping you offer to our horse community.

Keep up the great work. The saddle clubs love your park and want them available for years to come.

Thank you,
Kelle Myers

[REDACTED]

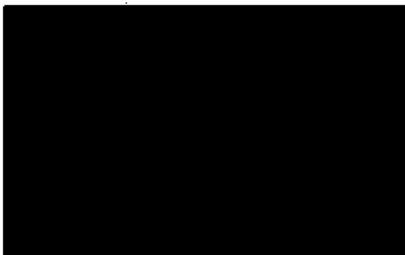
LaBadie, Bradley R CIV USARMY (US)

From: Luck Saddlery <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, August 23, 2018 5:19 PM
To: DLL-CEMVP Eau Galle
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Eau Galle Equestrian trail use

I would like to whole heartedly express my interest and appreciation of the privilege it is to be able to enjoy riding our horses on these trails. We treasure every opportunity we have to ride these great trails without having to travel to MN and other neighboring states to ride. I hope WI realizes and appreciates the enormous contribution horse people make to the economy in so many aspects from income and property taxes to purchases of vehicles, equipment feed and care for their horses. These investments continue all year and are not seasonal. It takes much more than a pair of hiking boots or a bike to enjoy this pastime. I hope WI DNR ,Representatives, parks and trail system planners will realize what a valuable asset it is to have horse people live, ride and travel to our state to enjoy this ecofriendly pastime.

Thank you for supporting equestrian trails in WI.

Paulette Adair



LaBadie, Bradley R CIV USARMY (US)

From: Ashley King <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, August 23, 2018 5:31 PM
To: DLL-CEMVP Eau Gallie
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Horse Trails

Would really like to see the horse trails stay!

Thank you,
Ashley King

LaBadie, Bradley R CIV USARMY (US)

From: Katherine Turpin [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, August 23, 2018 6:08 PM
To: DLL-CEMVP Eau Galle
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Horse trails are important!

Hello!

I am a horse owner whose summer and fall hobby is visiting different parks to trail ride and camp with my equines and friends.

These parks and trails are beloved by many, even if you don't hear about it from them. Please keep them open and maintained (and free of ATVs).

Thanks so much ~ hope to see you on a trail someday!

Warmly,
Katherine Turpin
[REDACTED]

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LaBadie, Bradley R CIV USARMY (US)

From: rhodes_natalie [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, August 23, 2018 7:57 PM
To: DLL-CEMVP Eau Galle
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Eau galle horse trails

Just wanted to say that we use the horse trails on a regular basis and the campground at least once a year... we would love to see more horse trails put in! The trails that are in place right now are great and would love to have more horse back riding available to us.

[REDACTED]

LaBadie, Bradley R CIV USARMY (US)

From: Shelby Larson [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, August 23, 2018 8:24 PM
To: DLL-CEMVP Eau Galle
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Horse trails

Hello, I just wanted to let you know how much my family and friends love your horse trails. We are out there at least every other week in the summer. I have seen the improvements already this year and I can't wait to see what else is coming.

Additionally, I work for the Sheriff's Office and our Mounted Posse used the northwest day use area for a photoshoot for our fundraiser. The pictures are amazing and when the calendar is printed I will bring you a copy.

Thank you again for such a great place to ride.

Sincerely,

Shelby Hilden

LaBadie, Bradley R CIV USARMY (US)

From: Domagala Law [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, August 23, 2018 10:24 PM
To: DLL-CEMVP Eau Galle
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Horse trails and camping

I live in Baldwin, WI and love the horse trails and camping at Eau Galle. It's not only my favorite local spot to ride, it's a favorite of the group of 10 female riders that I ride with on a regular basis. Please keep equestrian use as a high priority for the park.

Love, peace and joy,
Laura (Domagala) Conard
[REDACTED]

LaBadie, Bradley R CIV USARMY (US)

From: MYRA KERSCHBAUM [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, August 28, 2018 9:23 AM
To: LaBadie, Bradley R CIV USARMY (US)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Re: Horse trails

We would LOVE electrical at the horse camp..
Don't get anything you don't ask for!! Thanks!!!❤

Myra Kerschbaum

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

On Aug 28, 2018, at 16:13, LaBadie, Bradley R CIV USARMY (US) <Bradley.R.Labadie2@usace.army.milmailto:Bradley.R.Labadie2@usace.army.mil> > wrote:

Yea, we have some exciting things happening with the horse recreation at Eau Galle. There is a new group of volunteers that have been very helpful this summer improving the trails. We don't have a lot of staff so volunteer groups like this are critical with helping to maintain and improve the trails. If you or friends are interested in helping out check out the horse volunteers Facebook page called Eau Galle Equestrian Trails - Highland Ridge Equestrian Campground. They post trail updates and volunteer work days.

The other exciting news is that a contract for installing a nice vault toilet in the Equestrian Campground will be going out for bids very soon. Replacing the portable toilets will be a huge improvement.

If you or your friends have any suggests for the Master Plan we will be accepting comments until the end of this week.

LaBadie, Bradley R CIV USARMY (US)

From: Nicole Oosten [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, August 29, 2018 10:22 AM
To: DLL-CEMVP Eau Galle
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Comments of the Master Plan Project

1. Changes if they can be made would make a swimming area accessible to the campground. Also more water testing done in the reservoir. This past summer my family got sick twice after swimming. Notice a huge amount of green algae water and some dead fish. Lots of trash as well on the beach and in the water.

2. Basically what I explained in question 1 with water testing and cleaning.

3. I can't think of any at the moment.

4. Important benefits to My family and myself are healthy environment to swim in. I notice on the Wisconsin beaches website that you don't update how your beaches are. That might help as well. Thank you

Nicole Oosten

LaBadie, Bradley R CIV USARMY (US)

From: Spagirlcaira [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, July 27, 2018 8:34 PM
To: DLL-CEMVP Eau Galle
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Recent stay at highland ridge

Hey there!

Just wanted to give some feedback - we recently stayed at Highland Ridge campground from July 16 - 27. The facilities are amazing. And the stay was good.

But I wanted to give some constructive criticism and ask for help for future disabled campers. My husband is disabled. We camp, even though there are days he requires a wheelchair to maneuver, because he loves it. We have permanent mobility license plates. For the entire time we were there, the ADA site was reserved and used by campers neither with disability plates or displayed disability placards. We were in site 7, with a very hard struggle up and down for his chair. I try to give the benefit of the doubt to campers in the ADA site, but I watched both of them ride by on unadapted bikes. As we pulled out, another camper set up in the ADA site, also not displaying any sort of disability tag. This makes it frustrating for those of us with mobility issues, especially when Your own regulations require those sites be reserved for campers with disabilities.

In addition, I asked the camp host for accommodations on helping my husband shower (he needs help with several adls) when we arrived and was told "why can't you do that in your camper - I guess if you have to, just put a sign on the bathroom door. But don't take too long." We camp a lot. We've asked for this accommodation before (especially when we don't have sewer at the site), and this was the only time I've ever felt like I shouldn't have asked.

We've used these facilities before. The campground is wonderfully taken care of. Our kids absolutely loved the free library and the playground. I really wish you were up to par on the ADA side as well.

Thank you for hearing my concerns,

Caira Benson
Wife/caregiver to Eric Benson
[REDACTED]

LaBadie, Bradley R CIV USARMY (US)

From: Sharon Hartsuiker [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, July 31, 2018 3:38 PM
To: DLL-CEMVP Eau Galle
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Project Masterplan

First, I would like to say how much my family enjoys the park and lake. You guys do a fabulous job keeping it very nice and clean.

There are a couple of things I would like to see added to the Park:

Down by the spill-way, a fishing platform. Before they put the riprap in it was easy to go down the hill to fish. Our family always enjoyed it. It is too difficult now for us to walk down.

Also by Lousy creek landing there is a floating dock but no way to walk out on it. This would be a good place also for a fishing area.

Once again, we love the park and spend lots of time there. We buy a yearly pass and will continue to do so. Thank you for all your hard work keeping it so nice!

Sincerely
Sharon Hartsuiker
[REDACTED]

LaBadie, Bradley R CIV USARMY (US)

From: Dylan Frautschi [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, August 17, 2018 4:04 PM
To: DLL-CEMVP Eau Galle
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Disc golf course proposal video

Hello, Tyler and I attended the community meeting regarding your Master Plan and the link below shows our proposal for the course by video. As far as tee pads concrete is always the best, good nets \$300-400 apiece. We are saying make it a good one so people actually do come visit just for that. I'm willing to help do some work and I believe Tyler would help and I'm sure some others in town or nearby.... I had my own 9-hole course in my old backyard so know it's an effort, I think we found a good place that wouldn't need too much work, just initially, a couple new paths to mow, and some neighborhood helpers a couple times a year to tamp down the couple of thick spots... please watch the attached video and see links for further information...

VIDEO: Blocked<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HtaEfv6ORZc&t=1s>

Concrete tee pads: Blocked<https://www.discgolf.com/disc-golf-education-development/disc-golf-course-design/concrete-tee-pad-installation/>

Sample nets:

Low end:

Blocked<https://discgolfbaskets.com/products/dynamic-discs-patriot-permanent-disc-golf-basket?variant=4976080945186>

Good medium:

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Excellent:

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Courses (Lots of interest in this! This one could be on the map.):
dgcoursereview.com <Blocked<http://dgcoursereview.com>>

Thanks for your consideration -
Dylan Frautschi

LaBadie, Bradley R CIV USARMY (US)

From: Laura Carlson [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, August 31, 2018 8:13 AM
To: DLL-CEMVP Eau Galle
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Eau Galle Master Plan input

Hi-

I attended the open house earlier this summer to listen to other's comments and provide input. I also linked the notice seeking public input on the Spring Valley community facebook page and collected comments. Based on this I have this input to the comprehensive Plan-

The Eau Galle recreation is a wonderful park with a super staff. All that is there and what you do is appreciated. I grew up in the Ellsworth area and remember the park as the special place we went to at the end of the 4H year to celebrate. It is one of the few parks in Pierce County that offers trails, beaches, fishing, playgrounds and shelters. When looking for land to buy and build a house and farm I was hoping to find land near Spring Valley to be near this park. Now that our family is settled here we have enjoyed the park at parties, gone swimming on the hot days, stayed at the camp ground and enjoyed riding on the trails.
The park is a local gem.

Before we moved to this area we lived on the north side of the Twin Cities and I enjoyed the forest near Hinkley and the Lake Elmo park preserve. They both offer riding trails and horse camping as well. If you are unfamiliar with their offerings I'd encourage the staff to visit those sites.

Trail riders tend to cover a lot of trail in a day. Likely at least 8 miles with the more adventurous and fit covering 12-15 miles. For a week-end full of riding about 25 miles would be best. If there is a way for Eau Galle to develop more miles of trails or link to trails outside the park to increase the miles of trails it would likely interest new and different riders.

While I have ridden a bit more aggressively in the past when enjoying the sport of eventing (a fast running and jumping sport) I would train in the Lake Elmo park preserve and take advantage of the good sandy soil and rolling terrain that I could gallop on. The wider trails with good visibility also helped when traveling at speed so the horse wouldn't spook at the sudden appearance of a fellow rider, biker or hiker. The trails in Eau Galle are quite rocky, hilly and have low visibility. More or different riders would be attracted by flatter terrain and wider trails. Some horses (and riders) wouldn't be able to ride the more challenging terrain in Eau Galle. You may want to check with the Mn Horse Council to understand what parks and types of trails are attracting the highest number of riders. When I visited them it seemed that many trail riders liked the wider, flatter and less challenging trails. These also favor young and old riders and riding in friend or family groups.

For horse trails to be shared they must be wide enough and provide enough visibility that the horse can see the approaching party and they can see the horse from a good distance. People unfamiliar with horses are totally unaware of what spooks a horse and creates a dangerous situation. Shiny, flashy or loud objects will spook them as well as reaching out to them as they pass or running at them. Establishing trail rules for safety is very important. The current trails are not likely a good shared trail option as the ones I am thinking of are quite hilly, narrow with no long sight lines.

If there is a way to add more miles of trails that are wider and flatter they would likely attract new riders and with enough miles to fill a weekend they may utilize the equestrian camping option which few parks offer.

Comments regarding other park features-

A fishing dock that could be walked to from the camping area would be great

A platform to swim to and jump from at the beach would be wonderful and maybe keep kids from climbing on the floating barriers

A dog park area would be a nice addition and they are now very popular near the cities

Private showers at the beach to wash off well

A trail connecting Spring Valley with the park would allow local youth and families to enjoy the beach, fishing and trails without having to drive a car in so they would likely visit much more frequently. A trailway that is bike/stroller/wagon friendly would be great.

These are condensed from the comments made to my FB post. People think the park is great but also seem unaware of all that it offers. While I know that the park can't officially "advertise" it would be great if there was more awareness of the shelters, trails and amenities you do have as people were suggesting things that you already have ;-0 if you can't directly advertise it seems that a "friends of Eau Galle" group could help promote the park with you. Thanks for this opportunity and avenue to provide comments and suggestions.

Sincerely,

Laura Carlson

SV resident w/i 10 miles of the park

LaBadie, Bradley R CIV USARMY (US)

From: Valerie Ruelle [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, August 31, 2018 4:51 PM
To: DLL-CEMVP Eau Galle
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Trails

I am interested in the expansion of the horse trails.

Val Ruelle

LaBadie, Bradley R CIV USARMY (US)

From: Lisa Bigaouette [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, August 31, 2018 6:10 PM
To: DLL-CEMVP Eau Galle
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Eau Galle Rec area

Hello Would like to send a couple ideas for the Eau Galle Recreation area:

I am an avid horseback rider and would love to see more horseback riding trails. I am currently heavily involved in our County 4-H horse program. There are over 75 kids in ranging in ages from 11 -19 in this program all active in riding horses. They would love a safe place to ride and camp that is close by. Many truck trailer combo's can get large and oversized parking would be amazing. Right now there is very limited space and not too many trails to attract groups to go riding. This is a beautiful area and if horse riding trails were added, I know the kids would be willing to donate some time to help clear and maintain trails.

Electricity would be a bonus next to campsites and of course showers somewhere near by.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Bigaouette
[REDACTED]

LaBadie, Bradley R CIV USARMY (US)

From: Laura Funk <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Friday, August 31, 2018 11:03 PM
To: DLL-CEMVP Eau Galle
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Eau Galle use

We come there from Bay City, WI to use the beautiful beach and ride the horse trails. We have also camped with our horses there and enjoyed that. We would love to see more horse trails.
Laura Funk
[REDACTED]

LaBadie, Bradley R CIV USARMY (US)

From: James Verdouw [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, August 31, 2018 10:57 AM
To: DLL-CEMVP Eau Galle; LaBadie, Bradley R CIV USARMY (US)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Eau Galle Project Master Plan feedback

Below are comments/suggestions for the Master Plan project.

Scout and Family Activity suggestions:

- * Add Canoe, Kayak, Paddleboard rentals (or free to borrow). Nearby Nugget Lake has a nice rental program in place and seems popular with users of that park.
- * Add Frisbee Golf course
- * Add non-motorized biking course/trails in Main Day Use area
- * Expanded hiking trails
- * Construct a continuous trail loop around entire lake, connecting Highland Ridge Campground to dam, to Main Day Use Area, to Boston Road Day Use Area and then back to campground.

Equestrian Use:

- * Continued trail maintenance, renovation, and expansion
- * Construct a continuous trail loop around entire lake, connecting Highland Ridge Campground to dam, to Main Day Use Area, to Boston Road Day Use Area and then back to campground.
- * Add bridge over creek connecting Main Day Use to Boston Road entrance
- * Add Day Use Parking area adjacent to equestrian campground
- * Add vault toilets to equestrian campground
- * Add electrical service to equestrian campground campsites
- * Add pavilion in center area of equestrian campground
- * Add horse corral areas in select campsites
- * Add Trail Signage/Distance Markers on all trails

Lake improvements

- * Dredging
- * Increase lake water level (very shallow in spots)
- * Additional fish stocking (walleye)
- * Add fish cribs
- * Add floating dock at Lousy Creek Landing

James Verdouw
[REDACTED]



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St. Paul District

Eau Galle Project Master Plan | COMMENT CARD

- 1 If you were in charge of the Eau Galle Project what improvements would you make? Where would you make them?

Lower the dyke - it seems excessive
More Flow - the water is stagnant

- 2 What do you like or what changes would you make to improve plant communities, fish habitat or wildlife habitat at Eau Galle.

The water is really bad & weeds have
overtaken the lake.

- 3 What are some outdoor recreation opportunities that should be continued, expanded, added or eliminated at Eau Galle?

N/A

- 4 What are the important benefits of Eau Galle to you and your family?

a Nice place to kayak

NOTE: All comments will become part of the final report so we ask that you avoid using any personal information that you do not want publicly shared.

If you would like to leave your contact information, please complete the following:

Name _____
Address _____
City _____ State _____ ZIP _____
Phone _____ Email _____

You can email your comments to eau.galle.lake@usace.army.mil or mail them to
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Eau Galle Recreation Area, W501 Eau Galle Dam Rd., Spring Valley, WI 54767

► Comments will be accepted until **August 31st, 2018.**

Questions?

Contact **Brad LaBadie**, Park Ranger

651-290-5716



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- 1 If you were in charge of the Eau Galle Project what improvements would you make? Where would you make them?

~~See attached~~

- 2 What do you like or what changes would you make to improve plant communities, fish habitat or wildlife habitat at Eau Galle.

Increase the water level in the lake. Levels are really low and even with canoe we hit bottom in several areas over the past few years. Any way to restock the lake with other fish such as walleye? We love this lake just extreme on the fish as not many seem to be left.

- 3 What are some outdoor recreation opportunities that should be continued, expanded, added or eliminated at Eau Galle? Added trails, added bridge to connect the whole area, specially main day use to Boston Road use, Connect trails over the dam once again. Clean up brush along creek on Boston Rd use area for fishing and canoe access. Add canoe or kayak rentals. Add more horse friendly parking expand horse activities, such as trail riding competitions.

- 4 What are the important benefits of Eau Galle to you and your family? Very important to our community in many aspects! The lake for canoe, and fishing, the trails for their beauty of untouched look and all natural. We are at the park almost daily and love the quietness of it all. Boy Scouts always have great adventures with family involved events.

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Questions?

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651-290-5716

- 1 If you were in charge of the Eau Galle Project what improvements would you make? Where would you make them?

Build a bridge connecting main day use area to Northwest day use area by the beach.

- 2 What do you like or what changes would you make to improve plant communities, fish habitat or wildlife habitat at Eau Galle.

Invest in methods to control algae growth.

- 3 What are some outdoor recreation opportunities that should be continued, expanded, added or eliminated at Eau Galle?

- Add mountain bike trail system. Look at River Falls trail for an example.
- Eliminate any gun hunting
- Horse trail needs erosion control or eliminate. Trails close when wet.

- 4 What are the important benefits of Eau Galle to you and your family?

- Beach
- Lake
- Trails

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ADD MORE FISH TO THE LAKE
AND ADD A NICE FISHING ~~DOCK~~ DOCK
AT THIS LANDING

- 2 What do you like or what changes would you make to improve plant communities, fish habitat or wildlife habitat at Eau Galle.

ADD MORE FISH!!!

- 3 What are some outdoor recreation opportunities that should be continued, expanded, added or eliminated at Eau Galle?

FISHING!!

- 4 What are the important benefits of Eau Galle to you and your family?

FISHING

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BETTER DESIGNED ROUND FIRE RINGS. IN THE
CAMP GROUND.
SPRAY AND KILL THE POISON IVY.

- 2 What do you like or what changes would you make to improve plant communities, fish habitat or wildlife habitat at Eau Galle.

- 3 What are some outdoor recreation opportunities that should be continued, expanded, added or eliminated at Eau Galle?

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Add nicer fire pits to all sites like the st. Pic uses

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make the horse day use area across from camp ~~ground~~ ^{ground} better than the ones that's there maybe showers ~~at~~ ^{near} bathrooms better. Have Horse area for horse people only, not regular sites with electric. Level sites, pavilion or bathrooms. make trails for horses and maintain trails better. Have Horse area for horse people only, not regular campers mixed in. Wheelchairs with tires that don't need air. Cut all the grass in campground don't leave areas uncut Looks bad, and isn't useable!

- 2 What do you like or what changes would you make to improve plant communities, fish habitat or wildlife habitat at Eau Galle?

Control the trails better with more maintenance ^{useable!} widen some trails that have knec knockers trees to close and do some soil erosion prevention. ~~put~~ ^{put} in bathrooms vault toilets by the picnic area. ~~Put~~ ^{Pump} regularly the toilets you have until you get new vaults toilets.

- 3 What are some outdoor recreation opportunities that should be continued, expanded, added or eliminated at Eau Galle?

expand the horse trails, ^{label parking lots better for horse} or for cars ~~or~~ ^{or} boat area. add electric to horse area with pit toilets or add a shower too. use property across from that area for horse day use property so trailers can get in and out easier

- 4 What are the important benefits of Eau Galle to you and your family?

Love the hills the water crossing. There isn't many bugs on trails. Easy to get to. great for a short camping stay - Place is slower more relaxed. The horse camp should just be for horse people only. non horse people don't understand what can spook a horse.

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Don't add bikes to horse trails doesn't do well with horses.

LaBadie, Bradley R CIV USARMY (US)

From: Michelle Erdman [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, April 23, 2018 10:35 AM
To: DLL-CEMVP Eau Galle
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Eau Galle Master Plan

Hi, I am unable to attend the Master Plan meeting, however, I would like to voice support for enhanced trail maintenance. The property has a wonderful set of trails defined, but hiking them is quite difficult. Would it be possible to explore options to mark and clear the trails around the lake?

Michelle M. Erdman [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

4/26 Public meeting



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Please provide your comments in the sections below:

Recreation: people seem to think this is all about recreation
↳ lake, park,

Environmental Resources:

Be sure the emphasis does not overemphasize concern for plants
& animals. E.g. pollinators, birds, tree diversity. Water quality
and level of important to wild life & humans down stream
from the lake
Control of invasive plant species

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Please provide your comments in the sections below:

Recreation: 1) 9-hole disc golf course

2) primitive camping near creeks

Environmental Resources:

General:

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Name Tyler Subby

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Please provide your comments in the sections below:

Recreation: Kayaks, launches at boat landing and beach
Fish cleaning station, ~~boat~~ mountain bike/snowshoe trails, shelters
at beach and river access, tubing area in river day use

Environmental Resources: Cement fish cribs

General: Bridge across River

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Name: Tyler Thorne

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Please provide your comments in the sections below:

Recreation: It would be nice to have a floating swim platform
add baseball field

Environmental Resources: It would like to see vegetation control in the lake
It makes for somewhat difficult fishing the way it is
Maybe add walleye

General: _____

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Name Sean Lybelf

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Recreation: Boat + Canoe rentals
= Better Fire Pits
Bring back 1st Come sites

Environmental Resources: _____

General: _____

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Name Walsh site 8 4/27

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Please provide your comments in the sections below:

Recreation: _____

Environmental Resources: Walleye Stock

General: _____

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Please provide your comments in the sections below:

Recreation: I would like to see a bridge access to the beach.
I would like to see new + more playground equipment
I would like to see basketball + volleyball area for older kids + adults

Environmental Resources: _____

General: more horse trails
more ranger lead games, programs, movies etc.

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If you would like to leave your contact information, please complete the following:

Name Anita Cokey

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2 What do you like or what changes would you make to improve plant communities, fish habitat or wildlife habitat at Eau Galle.

Increase water flow through vertical side gate of dam to lower temperature of river below. Today's USGS website (7/19/18) indicates an 81°F water temperature at Spring Valley. That's about 10-20°F above what you should expect in summer on a trout stream.

3 What are some outdoor recreation opportunities that should be continued, expanded, added or eliminated at Eau Galle?

4 What are the important benefits of Eau Galle to you and your family?

Recreation

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Have rentals- kayaks, small boats, etc. (umbrellas)
paddle boards, volleyballs + cabanas

Make the entire area SMOKE FREE! Yuck!

Have a pet area- dog park maybe?

- 2 What do you like or what changes would you make to improve plant communities, fish habitat or wildlife habitat at Eau Galle.

You are doing a great job! lots of fish
+ animals.

- 3 What are some outdoor recreation opportunities that should be continued, expanded, added or eliminated at Eau Galle?

Please continue the equestrian trail / campground! It
is a very popular local attraction!

The beach + volleyball courts are fun.

Kids
love the
playground
+ grills

- 4 What are the important benefits of Eau Galle to you and your family?

Close to home. Great playground + beach.

Plenty of parking. Beautiful area.

"Self pay" is kind of a pain - but we buy
a pass so it's no big deal.

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Name Katie Fenerhelm

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Still My Basin



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Garbage Cans

- 2 What do you like or what changes would you make to improve plant communities, fish habitat or wildlife habitat at Eau Galle.

Garbage Cans

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Add dock back on Lousy Creek
landing

2 What do you like or what changes would you make to improve plant communities, fish habitat or wildlife habitat at Eau Galle.

no improvement needed

3 What are some outdoor recreation opportunities that should be continued, expanded, added or eliminated at Eau Galle?

4 What are the important benefits of Eau Galle to you and your family?

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NN Stilling Basin



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Dock on NN Side of Lake

- 2 What do you like or what changes would you make to improve plant communities, fish habitat or wildlife habitat at Eau Galle.

None

- 3 What are some outdoor recreation opportunities that should be continued, expanded, added or eliminated at Eau Galle?

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- 4 What are the important benefits of Eau Galle to you and your family?

Taking kids fishing

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Trash can near spillway

- 2 What do you like or what changes would you make to improve plant communities, fish habitat or wildlife habitat at Eau Galle.

the north part of the river
(near the beach) is pretty gross

- 3 What are some outdoor recreation opportunities that should be continued, expanded, added or eliminated at Eau Galle?

firepit at old lookout

- 4 What are the important benefits of Eau Galle to you and your family?

All of it - all of the natural beauty

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Stilly Bz



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Add a park to the spillway
and a water slide down the dam :)
(with pool at the end)

- 2 What do you like or what changes would you make to improve plant communities, fish habitat or wildlife habitat at Eau Galle.

Add food sources

- 3 What are some outdoor recreation opportunities that should be continued, expanded, added or eliminated at Eau Galle?

Food and scavenger hunts (and snacks)

- 4 What are the important benefits of Eau Galle to you and your family?

It's a fun place we go when we need
something to do

♥ °. °.

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Stillin Basis



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Trash cans!

- 2 What do you like or what changes would you make to improve plant communities, fish habitat or wildlife habitat at Eau Galle.

Easier access to rock ledge

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Outlaw bug zappers in
campground

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- 3 What are some outdoor recreation opportunities that should be continued, expanded, added or eliminated at Eau Galle?

Playground Slides too high off ground!
(at landing)

- 4 What are the important benefits of Eau Galle to you and your family?

Nature

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Disk Golf course - Park/Beach
set up dock at Boat landing by camp ground.
It is currently stranded South of boat landing.

- 2 What do you like or what changes would you make to improve plant communities, fish habitat or wildlife habitat at Eau Galle.

- 3 What are some outdoor recreation opportunities that should be continued, expanded, added or eliminated at Eau Galle?

Disk Golf
Better toilets at NW Day use area.

- 4 What are the important benefits of Eau Galle to you and your family?

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~~Wider~~ wider
paths

By the rock
litter

- 2 What do you like or what changes would you make to improve plant communities, fish habitat or wildlife habitat at Eau Galle.

like: the view
unlike: litter

- 3 What are some outdoor recreation opportunities that should be continued, expanded, added or eliminated at Eau Galle?

- 4 What are the important benefits of Eau Galle to you and your family?

Wider paths No litter

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U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Eau Galle Recreation Area, W501 Eau Galle Dam Rd., Spring Valley, WI 54767

► Comments will be accepted until **August 31st, 2018**

Date: No Thanks

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651-290-5716

Eau Galle Project Master Plan | COMMENT CARD

- *Post emergency #s* **trail markers* *-post farmer #5*
- 1 If you were in charge of the Eau Galle Project what improvements would you make? Where would you make them?
- Electricity in horse camp* *- safe water crossing* *- Day camp near camping area*
 - hidden trails / gravel / erosion control* *- shower area*
 - boat launches* *- covered picnic areas*
 - fishing docks* *- pit toilets* *- expand area trails*
- 2 What do you like or what changes would you make to improve plant communities, fish habitat or wildlife habitat at Eau Galle.

Wild flowers
Prairie areas

- 3 What are some outdoor recreation opportunities that should be continued, expanded, added or eliminated at Eau Galle?
- Ranger programs for 4-H / youth*
 - GPS program (Geo trackers)*
 - Plant identification*
- 4 What are the important benefits of Eau Galle to you and your family?
- Close proximity* *- camping*
 - Horse trails* *- swimming*
 - water area* *- boating*

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If you would like to leave your contact information, please complete the following:

Name *Lynn Erickson*

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- 1 If you were in charge of the Eau Galle Project what improvements would you make? Where would you make them?

Add a few more trails for horses
Create a "Fun yard" - arena area for horses
Horse camping area - add electric + showers
Be sure the water crossings are safe.
Additional parking for Horse Trailers

Trail markers
Emergency Sites.

- 2 What do you like or what changes would you make to improve plant communities, fish habitat or wildlife habitat at Eau Galle.

Get rid of invasives - buck thorn, honey suckle
Educational signs for wildlife/plants

- 3 What are some outdoor recreation opportunities that should be continued, expanded, added or eliminated at Eau Galle?

Rental of canoes/kayaks

- 4 What are the important benefits of Eau Galle to you and your family?

Horse Trails! We use them often!

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If you would like to leave your contact information, please complete the following:

Name Jean D'Angelo

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LaBadie, Bradley R CIV USARMY (US)

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, April 23, 2018 10:11 PM
To: DLL-CEMVP Eau Galle
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Mountain bike trails

I think we should look into building some mountain bike trails. This area is beautiful and would add another activity to an already great place for family and friends to gather.

LaBadie, Bradley R CIV USARMY (US)

From: Diane and Rich [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, April 28, 2018 7:07 PM
To: DLL-CEMVP Eau Galle
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Walking path extension

I graduated from Spring Valley in 1964. After my 30 years of absence from here, I returned and now find SV my retirement home community. Beautiful. I often wondered about the feasibility of having a walking path from below the dam to the top onto the observation area. This would connect the folks of the village more conveniently to that area rather than traveling around by vehicle. I have heard that such a path was in the initial blueprint.

I was unable to attend the meeting on 4/26. Thank you. Richard O'Connell

LaBadie, Bradley R CIV USARMY (US)

From: Lisa Smith [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, May 10, 2018 6:03 PM
To: DLL-CEMVP Eau Galle
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Public comment

Please continue to maintain the horse trails they are wonderful to ride on! One of my favorite places to trail ride!
Would even be willing to pay an annual fee if needed. Thank you!

LaBadie, Bradley R CIV USARMY (US)

From: Jacklyn Panning [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, May 18, 2018 6:03 PM
To: DLL-CEMYP Eau Galle
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Comment Card Master Plan Suugestions

Good day! I have recently heard you are taking comments from groups of people as to how we feel as individuals the park could be improved if there were some funds to do it. I have to say that all my comments are from an equestrian stand point but thought I would share.

First, Eau Galle is one of my favorite places to ride! I love the difficult terrain, the single pass and the winding, climbing paths! I also really like the option of equestrian camping or the day use area.

The only thing I don't like about a couple areas of the trails is how many rocks there are. It's very very difficult terrain for the horses and they struggle greatly on those areas...because of how rocky it is. My suggestion would be to remove the majority of those from those areas. I am not sure if some peet gravel could be brought in instead so those steep hills won't wash away or something else but due to those rocks we can't use that area of the park. At least barefoot horses can't.

The option for horse camping is wonderful....but very primitive. I think more people would use that area if there were electric and water at each site. Also if there was some type of regular bathroom/shower facilities there in the center that would be ideal. The port a potty's there now are very unclean and often too full of waste. You can't even breath in there when you have to use them. It's like the worst part of the whole park is the port a potty situation. Not just at horse camp but everywhere. I would rather go in the woods then use those.

Also this is a very tall order, but in the horse camp area, it would be sooooo wonderful to have small individual pens for the horses instead of hi ties. Horses get tangled in those overnight and wrapped around the other side and some freak out. Maybe not at all the sites but half would be awesome.

Ok thank you for all that you do to keep this park passable and updated! It's a wonderful place and again...one of my favorite places to ride.

Sincerely
Jackie Panning

LaBadie, Bradley R CIV USARMY (US)

From: Loch, Patrick G CIV USARMY CEMVP (US)
Sent: Monday, June 25, 2018 9:10 AM
To: LaBadie, Bradley R CIV USARMY (US)
Subject: FW: St. Paul District Contact Form: Smoking

Brad,

Please see below, do we have a tobacco policy for that area?

Patrick L.

-----Original Message-----

From:.mvp-admin@dma.mil [mailto:mvp-admin@dma.mil]
Sent: Saturday, June 23, 2018 12:57 PM
To: CEMVP-PA MVP <cemvp-pa@usace.army.mil>
Subject: St. Paul District Contact Form: Smoking

This message was sent from the St. Paul District website.

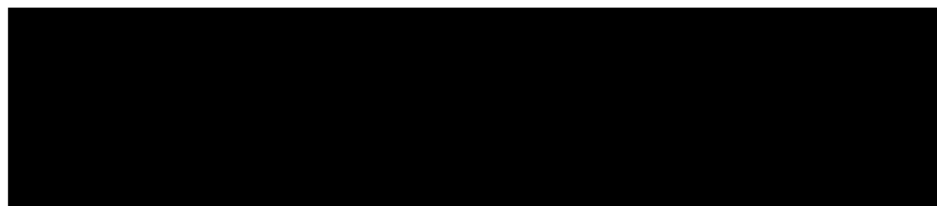
Message From: Katie Feuerhelm

Email: 

Response requested: No

Message:

It would be great if you did not allow smoking at the Eau Galle Lake Beach in Spring Valley. Thank you!



LaBadie, Bradley R CIV USARMY (US)

From: Potter, David F CIV USARMY CEMVP (US)
Sent: Wednesday, June 6, 2018 11:45 AM
To: LaBadie, Bradley R CIV USARMY (US)
Cc: Goergen, Lexi B CIV USARMY CEMVP (US); Opat, Kacie M CIV USARMY CEMVP (US)
Subject: SAC - opportunities for bicycling (UNCLASSIFIED)

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Brad-

Had an inquiry on whether or not there are any trails for bicycling at Eau Galle. Do you know of any? Could this follow part of the 5K run? Are there any maps showing trails that bikes can go on?

dp

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LaBadie, Bradley R CIV USARMY (USA)

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, April 25, 2019 1:54 PM
To: DLL-CEMVP Eau Galle
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Eau Galle Project

1

Keep wetlands in tact with boardwalk wooden or other walk paths elevated..
Stream Improvement below damn for fishing:

Water quality clean and safe for swimming.
Educational use / programs

2

Stream improvement
Only naturally occurring plants
Clean water
ID on special plants

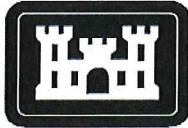
3

Nature hikes
Educational environment
Healthy family activities

4

Clean high quality recreational water

Thank you! Margy Balwierz.



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Public Notice

Project: Eau Galle Project Master Plan

Date: April 15, 2019
Expires: May 17, 2019

In Reply Refer to:
Regional Planning and
Environment Division North

- 1. Project Proponent.** St. Paul District, Corps of Engineers, 180 Fifth Street East, Suite 700, St. Paul, Minnesota 55101-1678.
- 2. Project Authority.** The proposed actions were authorized under the authority of the Flood Control Act of 1958 (Public Law 85-500).
- 3. Project Location.** The proposed action would be located in Pierce and St. Croix Counties, Wisconsin (Figure 1).

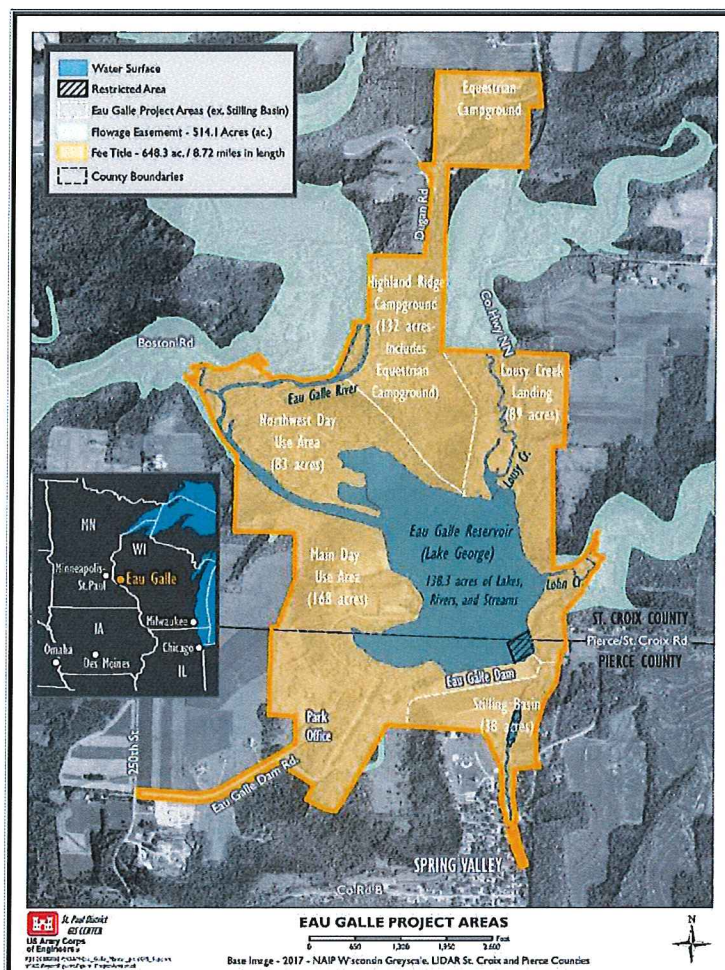


Figure 1. Eau Galle Project Area.

4. Summary of the Proposed Project. The Eau Galle Project Master Plan is a strategic land-use document that will serve as a vital tool for the responsible stewardship of resources to benefit present and future generations. This plan provides guidance and facilitates appropriate management, use, development, enhancement, protection, and conservation of the natural, cultural, and man-made resources located at the Eau Galle Project. This document will guide and articulate the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' responsibilities pursuant to applicable federal laws, policies, and regulations. The Master Plan is a dynamic, operational document projecting what could and should happen over the life of the project and is flexible based upon changing conditions. The Master Plan deals with concepts, rather than details of design or administration. Detailed management and administrative functions are addressed in each section's operational management plan, which implements the concepts of the Master Plan into operational actions.

The Master Plan is being developed by an interdisciplinary Corps' team and considers coordination with local, state, federal agencies and tribal representatives. By definition, Master Plans for Corps reservoirs are land and recreational use management plans that do not address the technical aspects of water level management, water quality, shoreline management, or operation and maintenance of project operations facilities. To ensure consideration of natural and cultural resources, the Corps also prepared an Environmental Assessment (EA) to identify and evaluate potential impacts. The previous Eau Galle Project Master Plan was approved in 1990. A supplement to the plan was completed in 1999.

5. Coordination.

a. General. By way of this public review process, the proposed action is being coordinated with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources and local agencies. Coordination occurred with the Tribal Historic Preservation Office for 13 tribes.

b. Federal. A Draft Environmental Assessment and Finding of No Significant Impact has been prepared and is being coordinated in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act. Coordination with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service will occur by way of this review process.

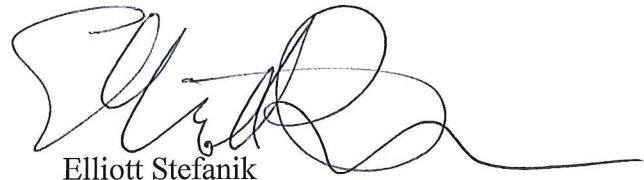
6. Summary of Environmental Impacts. Use of the revised Master Plan would help define the approval process for future actions affecting project lands. For specific actions that are identified in the Master Plan, the approval process would still require adequate NEPA consideration prior to initiating construction.

Because of the wide variety of possible future management recommendations or tasks that could be proposed, an additional evaluation to determine consistency with the stated site objectives and further NEPA consideration would be required as these tasks are undertaken.

The implementation of the Master Plan would not result in any irreversible environmental conditions. The Master Plan is a land-use planning document intended to benefit productivity of land at Eau Galle in the long-term. While any future maintenance and construction activities may temporarily disrupt wildlife and human use in project areas, negative long-term impacts are expected to be minimal or non-existent on all ecosystems associated with the Master Plan.

7. Report. The draft report and environmental assessment that describes the project and the environmental impacts in detail is available to the public and can be viewed at <https://www.mvp.usace.army.mil/EauGalleMasterPlan/>.

8. Review and Comment. Any comments on the Draft Report and Environmental Assessment should be provided before the expiration date of this notice. Persons submitting comments are advised that all comments received will be available for public review, to include the possibility of posting on a public website. Questions on the project or the Environmental Assessment should be directed to Jon Sobiech at (651) 290-5428 or at jonathan.j.sobiech@usace.army.mil. Please address all correspondence on this project, including formal comments on the Environmental Assessment, to District Commander, St. Paul District, Corps of Engineers, ATTN: Regional Planning and Environment Division North, 180 Fifth Street East, St. Paul, Minnesota 55101-1638.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'E. Stefanik', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Elliott Stefanik
Deputy Chief, Regional Planning and
Environment Division North