

Permitting Lower Bois d'Arc Creek Reservoir

NCTCOG
Water Resource Council
November 13, 2014

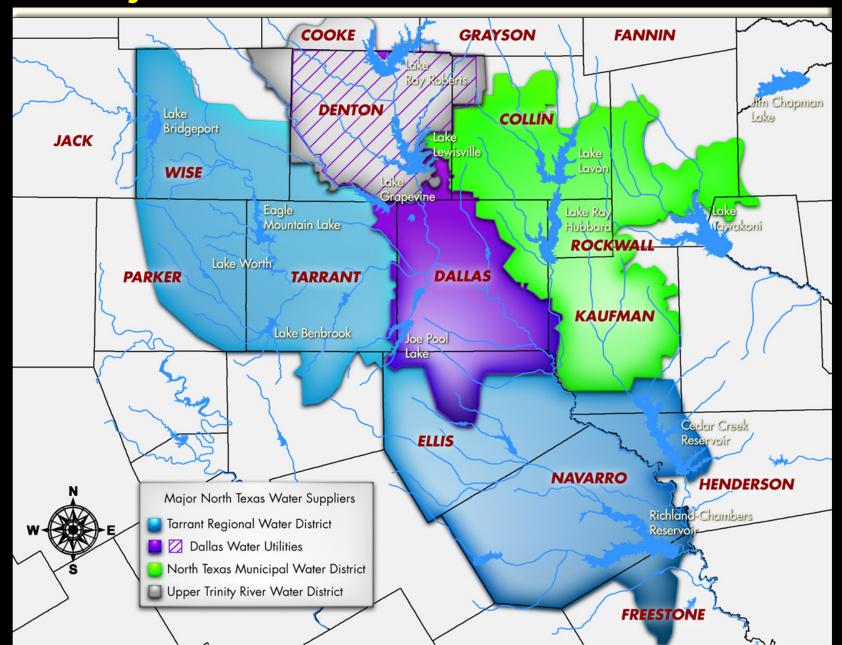
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- 1951 Created by Texas Legislature as a Special District to provide water service
- 1956 Began providing treated water
- 1970s Expanded to wastewater service
- 1980s Expanded to solid waste service

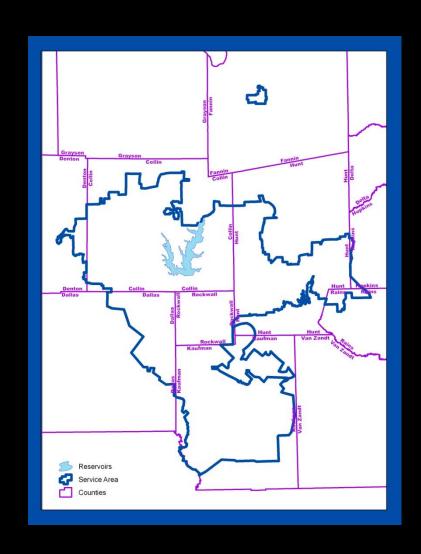


Major North Texas Water Providers



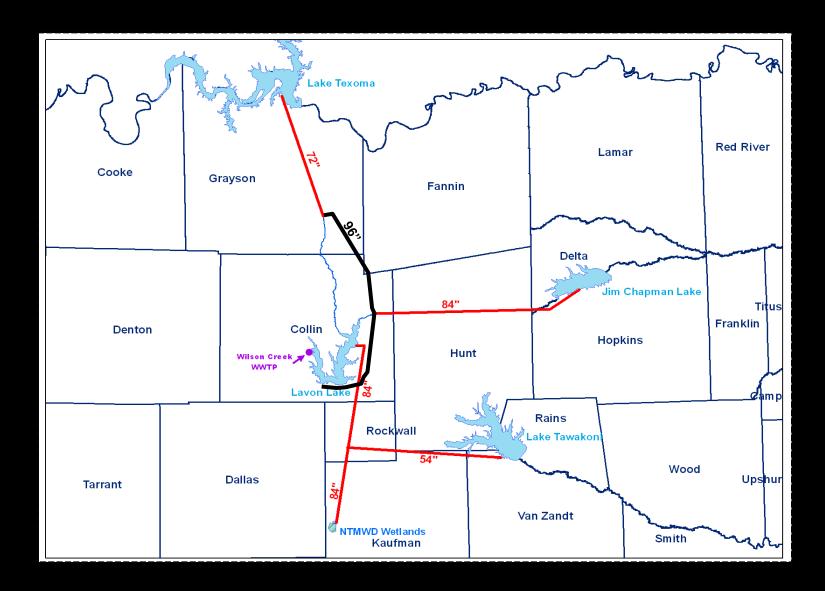


- 13 Member Cities
- 47 Customer Cities, Towns, MUDs, Special Utility Districts and Water Supply Corporations
- 1.6 Million People





NTMWD Raw Water Supply System







Lower Bois d'Arc Creek Reservoir Fannin County, TX

Area: 16,526 acres

Storage: 367,609 ac-ft

Supply: 113 MGD

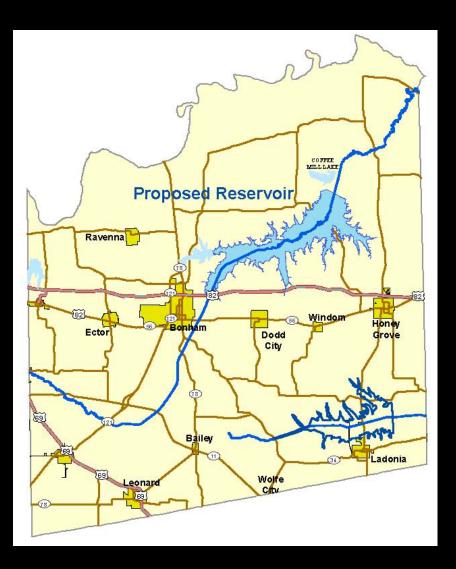
Average Depth: 22 ft

Maximum Depth: 70 ft

Lake Elevation: 534 ft msl

Owner & operator: NTMWD

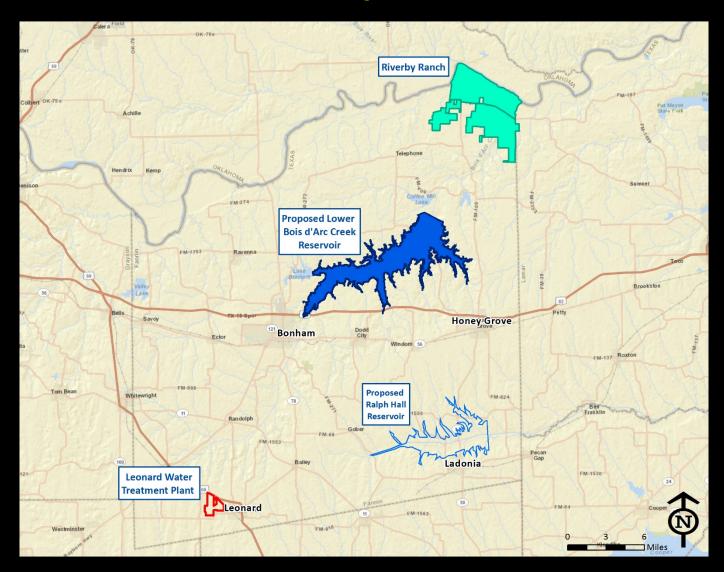
(Not a USACE reservoir)







Lower Bois d'Arc Creek Reservoir Project



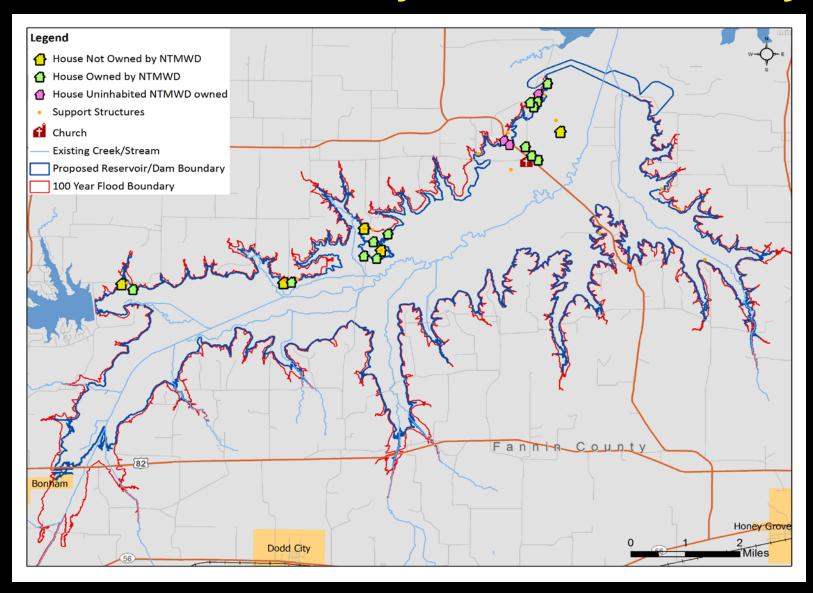




Current Cost Estimates

Project Component	Cost Estimate	Expenditures			
 Reservoir Land Dam Intake PS Conflicts Permitting Mitigation 	\$413 M	\$110 M			
 WTP (70 MGD) & Terminal Storage 	\$249 M	\$.2 M			
 90-inch Raw Water Pipeline 	\$185 M	\$4.4 M			
 High Service PS & Pipeline 	\$145 M	\$0 M			
TOTAL	\$992 M	\$114.6 M			

Lower Bois d'Arc Creek Reservoir Houses inside 100 year flood boundary







Three Purposes of the Reservoir Vital New Source for Fannin County & NTMWD

Provide water for Fannin County

Supplement water supply for NTMWD
 Member Cities & Customers through 2040

Provide recreational opportunities



Benefits To Economic Growth

During Construction:

 Dam and infrastructure will increase local economic activity in Fannin County between \$509 M & \$563 M during construction

Following Construction:

 Ongoing operation & maintenance of new infrastructure will support approximately 24 full-time equivalent jobs & spur approximately \$2 M in new economic activity per year



- \$145 M in economic activity through new industrial & commercial activities
- \$70 77 M in annual spending by new, permanent & weekend residents
 - Supporting more than 500 new permanent jobs
- \$16 22 M in annual spending by non-local recreational visitors
- New housing, residents & recreational visitors will contribute:
 - \$1.9 M in county property tax revenues
 \$3.9 M in school property tax revenues

 - \$290,000 in municipal sales tax revenues
 - \$175,000 in hotel occupancy tax revenues
- 3,200 new homes over a 30-year period

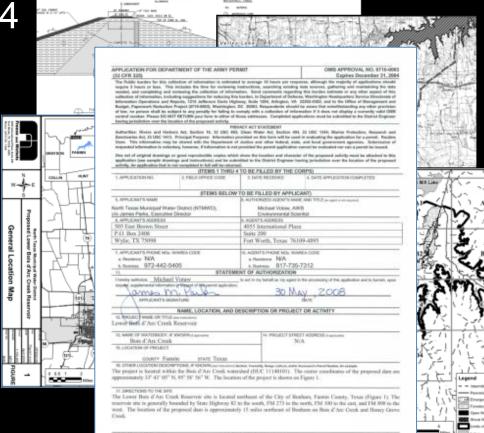


Lower Bois d'Arc Creek Reservoir

Two Major Permits Required

- CWA Section 404
 - USACE

Water RightsTCEQ







- Application submitted June 2008
- EIS Determination March 2009
 - EIS contractor selected August 2009
 - Public & Agency Scoping Meetings December 2009
- Draft EIS expected to be published in early 2015





EIS Scoping Meeting December 8, 2009





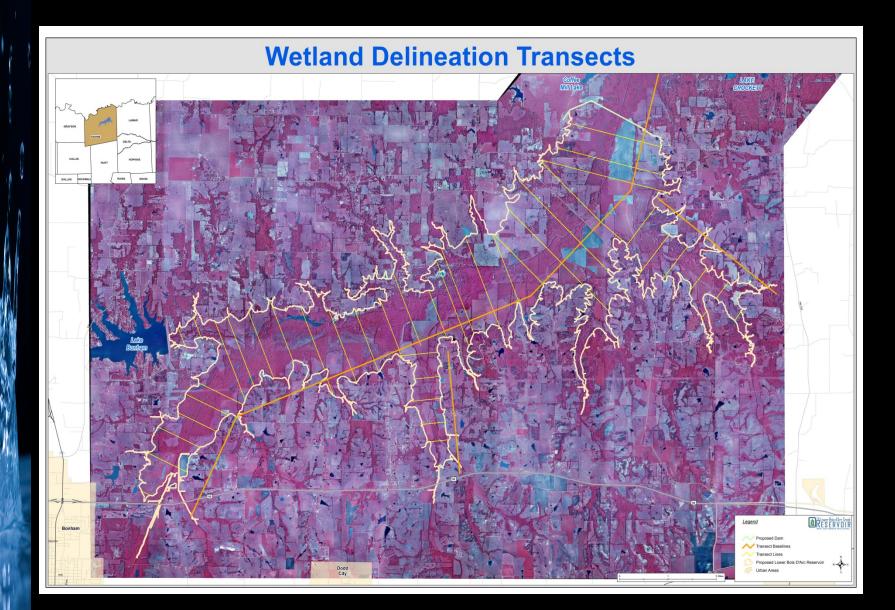
CWA Section 404 Permit Application

Required by USACE

- Jurisdictional Determination Report	\checkmark
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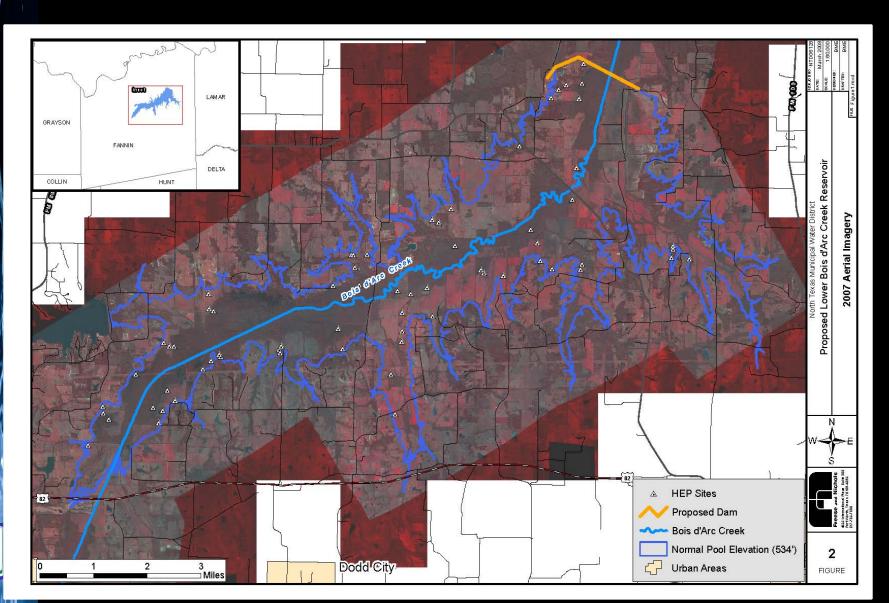
- Habitat Evaluation Procedures Study (HEP)
- Geomorphic Assessment of Stream
- Environmental Report
- Archeological Report
- Environmental Impact Statement early 2015(Draft)

Jurisdictional Determination





Habitat Evaluation Procedures Study







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Habitat Evaluation Procedures Study

Table 2. HEP Field Data Summary: Habitat Variable Measurements at Upland Deciduous Forest Sites.

Cover Type: Upland Deciduous Forest

Species: Barred Owl, Carolina Chickadee, Downy Woodpecker, Eastern Turkey, Fox Squirrel

Habitat Variable	Sample Site Number							
	1	2	3	4	5	20		
% tree canopy closure	85	50	45	85	95	50		
% tree canopy closure of hard mast producers >10" dbh*	0	0	35	10	70	50		
% tree canopy closure of soft mast producing trees	60	50	10	90	20	5		
% canopy closure deciduous trees in stand	85	25	45	85	80	50		
% canopy closure of overstory trees	40	40	35	85	70	50		
Average dbh of overstory trees (in)	15	12	18	8	15	16		
Average height of overstory trees (ft)	30	35	35	35	60	60		
# per acre of snags <10" dbh	200	3	90	10	10	1		
# per acre of snags >6" dbh	40	3	0	2	0	1		
% shrub crown cover	20	20	15	5	90	45		
% herbaceous canopy cover	95	25	15	60	0	30		
Average height of herbaceous canopy cover in summer (in)	18	12	12	14	0	6		
# per acre of trees >20" dbh	0	0	30	0	0	0		
Distance to grain (yd)	660	660	660	660	660	660		
Basal Area: area of exposed woody stems if cut horizontally at 4.5 ft height (ft²/ac)	120	140	60	80	5	160		
Average dbh of hard mast producing trees that are >10" dbh (in)	0	0	18	0	40	16		
# per hectare of hard mast producing trees >10" dbh	0	0	124	0	99	8		
% of shrub crown cover comprised of soft mast producing shrubs	100	5	90	100	15	30		
% of forest canopy comprised of evergreens	0	25	0	2	20	0		





Geomorphic Assessment Of Streams





Environmental Report



Proposed Lower Bois d'Arc Creek Reservoir Fannin County, Texas

ENVIRONMENTAL REPORT

VOLUME II

Supporting an Application for a 404 Permit for Lower Bois d'Arc Creek Reservoir

June 2008

Submitted to:

USACE, Tulsa District

Applicant:

North Texas Municipal Water District

Prepared by:







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ARCHAEOLOGICAL SURVEY OF THE PROPOSED

LOWER BOIS D'ARC CREEK RESERVOIR

FANNIN COUNTY, TEXAS

Texas Antiquities Code Permit 5950

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Cultural Resources Report 2013-DRAFT November 05, 2013

HISTORICAL BUILDINGS

ARCHAEOLOGY

NATURAL SCIENCES

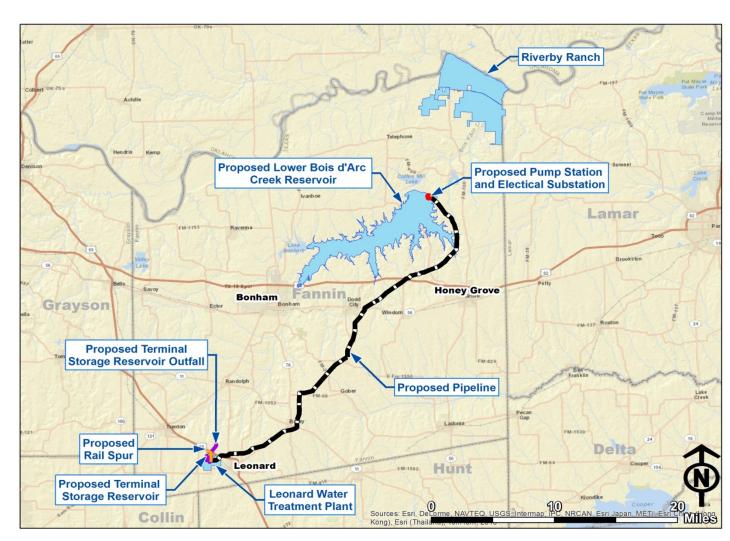




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Final Pipeline Alignment, Intake Pump Station, and Terminal Storage Location







Leonard Water Treatment Plant

Site:

- Located west of Leonard
- Capacity: Phase I 70 MGD;
 Ultimate 280 MGD
- Storage Reservoir 420 MG

Scope accomplished to date:

- Property purchased
- Facilities master plan underway

Schedule:

- Detail Engineering (2.5 years)
- Construction (2.5 years)







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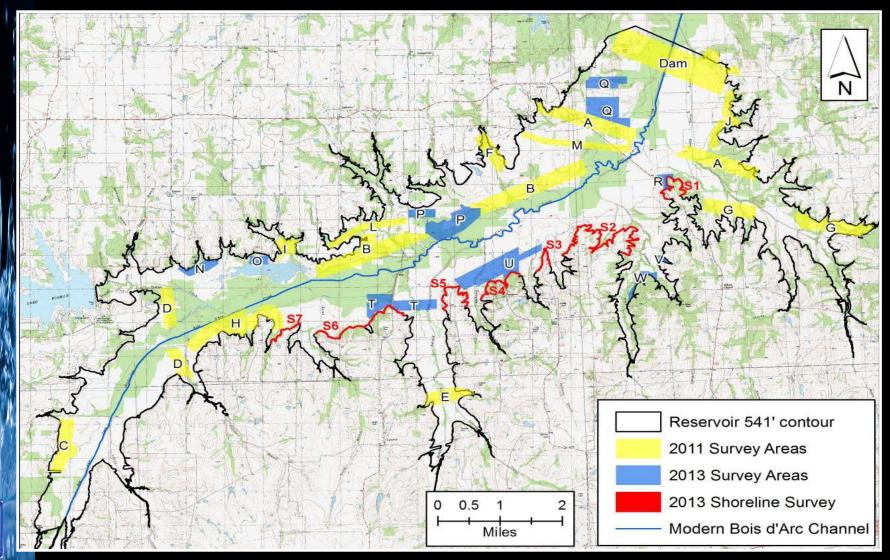




- Investigation
 - 22% of 22,590 acre reservoir site
 - Surveyed 4,500 acres
 - Walked 40 miles of creek channels 500 acres
 - 5,423 shovel tests
 - 35 trenches
 - 4 stream bank profiles
- Findings
 - 38 historic structures none recommended for NRHP
 - 61 sites none recommended for NRHP
 - 31 prehistoric sites
 - 26 historic sites (includes Wilks Cemetery)
 - 4 prehistoric/historic sites
 - 9 sites recommended for further testing

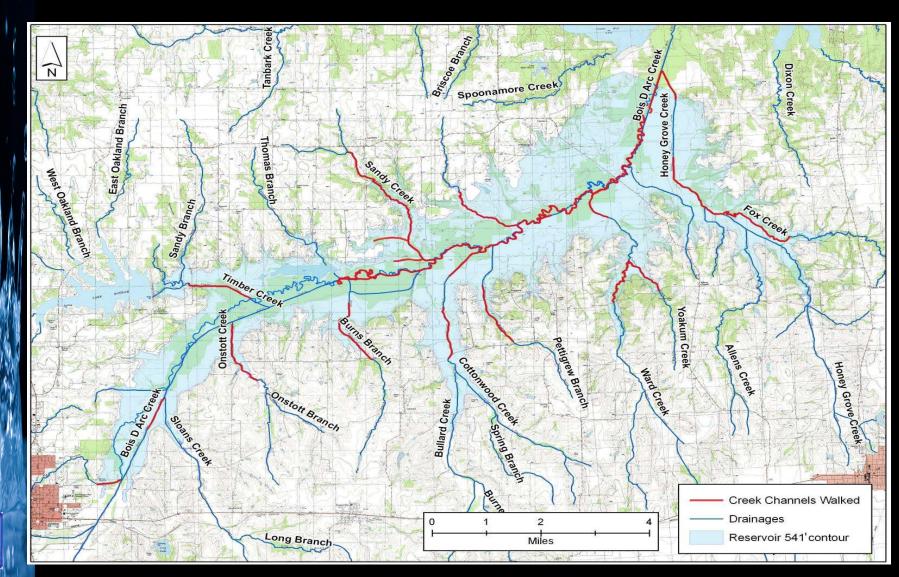


Archaeological Study





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Archaeological Study Trenching







Archaeological Study Stream Bank Profile



Archaeological Study Prehistoric Artifacts









Archaeological Study Historic Artifacts



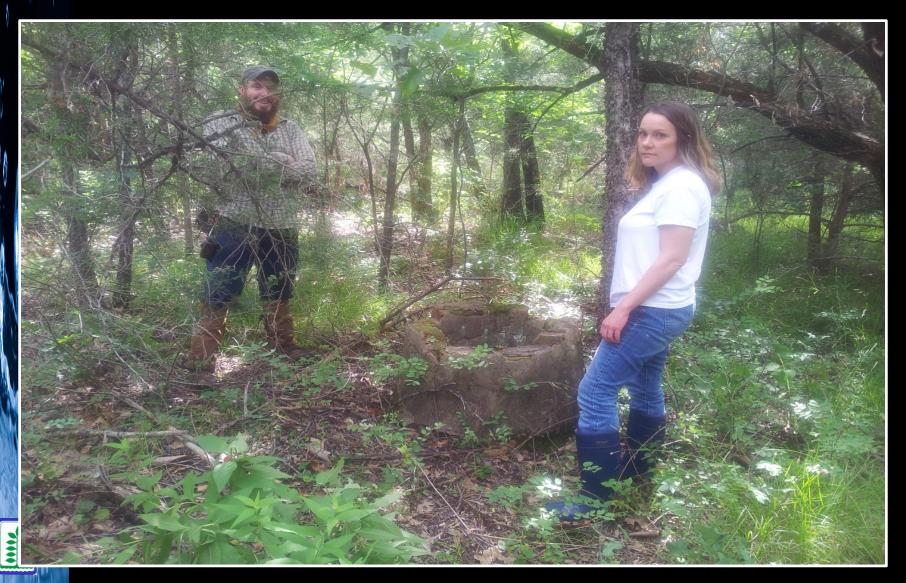








Archaeological Study Historic Site



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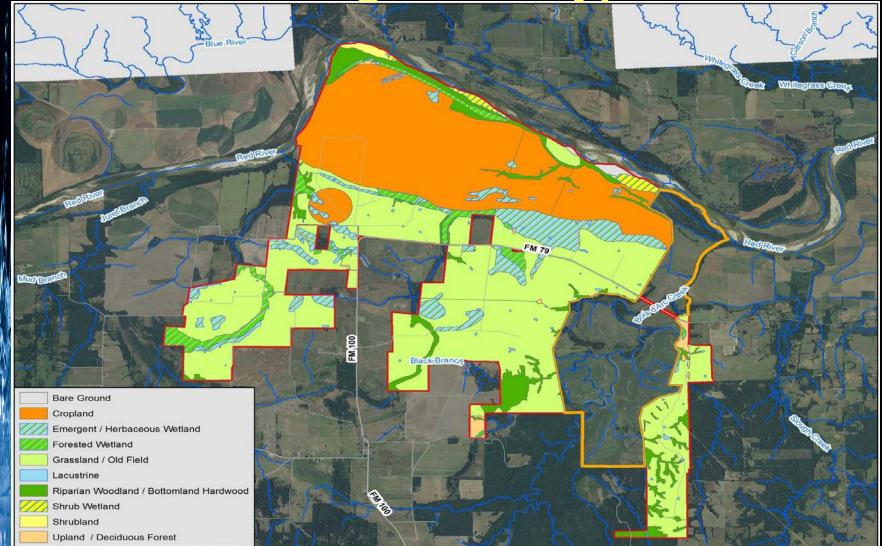
Riverby Ranch







Riverby Ranch
Existing Cover Types







Baseline Habitat Units at Riverby Ranch

<u>Cover Type</u>	Average HSI Values	Area (acres)	Habitat Units (HUs)		
Upland Deciduous Forest	0.58	78	45		
Riparian Woodland / Bottomland Hardwood	0.38	840	317		
Forested Wetland	0.38	452	171		
Emergent / Herbaceous Wetland	0.24	1,377	337		
Grassland / Old Field	0.41	5,413	2,234		
Cropland	0.44	3,858	1,690		
Shrubland	N/A	41	N/A		
Shrub Wetland	N/A	98	N/A		
Bare Ground	N/A	36	N/A		
Lacustrine (Open Waters)	N/A	34	N/A		
TOTAL:		12,228	4,794		

^{*}Does not include any of the Wetland Reserve Program habitat (approximately 2,700 acres) within the ranch that will remain enrolled in perpetuity.

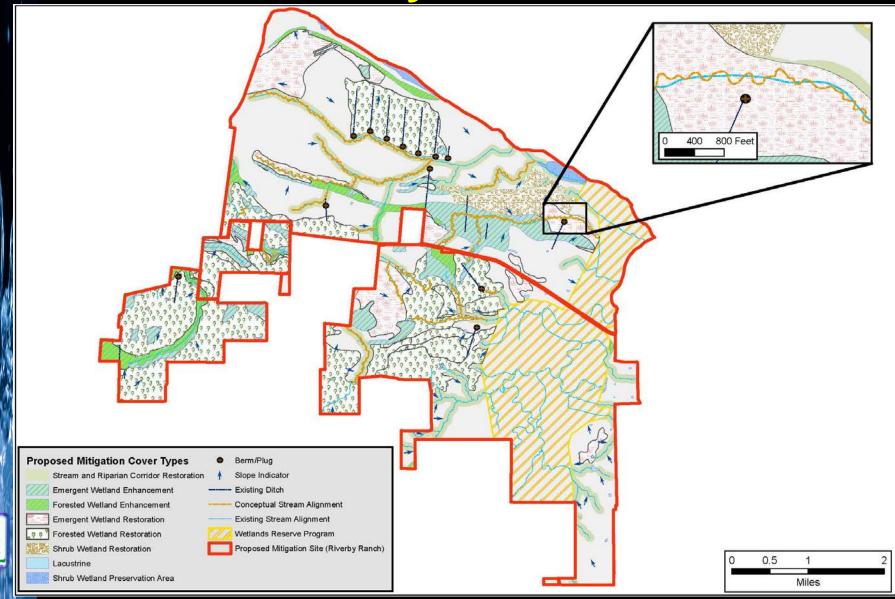




Mitigation Measures Utilized to Achieve Ecological Uplift

- Establishing conservation easements in perpetuity
- Removing cattle and stopping existing farming practices
- Earthwork/Stream Restoration
 - Restoring stream meanders and riparian corridors
 - Restoring stream and wetland hydrology
- Revegetation Planting of native trees, shrubs, and herbaceous species
- Controlling invasive/non-native species
- Once implemented, these measures all provide for improvements (i.e., ecological uplift) to fish and wildlife habitat, which was estimated using the USFWS's Habitat Evaluation Procedures (HEP)

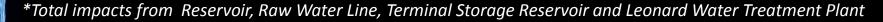
Proposed Future Cover Types at Riverby Ranch





Proposed Mitigation for Impacts to Waters of the U.S.

Type of Water of the	Amount I	mpacted*	Amount of	Mitigation	Net Gain (+) / Net Loss (-)			
<u>U.S.</u>	Acres	HUs	Acres	HUs	Acres	HUs		
Emergent Wetland	(-)1,223	(-)514	(+)3,879	(+)1,276.2	(+)2,656	(+)762.2		
Forested Wetland	(-)4,602	(-)1,150.5	(+)3,952	(+)2,266.1	(-)650	(+)1,115.6		
Shrub Wetland	(-)49	(-)23	(+)423	(+)224.3	(+)374	(+)201.3		
Open Waters	(-)87	N/A	(+)15,273 ¹	N/A	(+)15,186	N/A		
Streams (linear ft.)	(-)65	1,024	(+)48	6,375	(-)164,649			







Proposed Mitigation for Impacts to Terrestrial Habitat

Terrestrial Resource Type	Amount Impacted*	Amount of Mitigation	Net Gain (+) / Net Loss (-)
Upland Deciduous Forest (HU)	(-) 1,046	(+) 665	(-) 381
Riparian Woodland / Bottomland Hardwood (HU)	(-) 433	(+) 855	(+) 422
Shrubland (acre)	(-) 64	(+) 41	(-) 23
Grassland / Old Field (HU)	(-) 2,886	(+) 2,393	(-) 493

^{*}Total impacts from Reservoir, Raw Water Line, Terminal Storage Reservoir and Leonard Water Treatment Plant





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Boring Locations at Dam Site





Boring at Dam Site





Core Sample from Boring



Core Sample from Boring B-66 Rock Core from 55' - 60'



Planned Activities CWA Section 404 Permit

- Continued discussions:
 - USFS
 - Parks and Wildlife
 - TxDot
 - Fannin County
 - USACE
 - EPA Tour of Project Site scheduled for November 25, 2014
 - Draft EIS expected early 2015





TCEQ Water Rights Application

- Submitted December 2006
- Administratively Complete June 2007
- Interbasin Transfer Meetings September 2007
- Supplemental Application
 - 401 Application (TCEQ must certify state water quality standards will be met for any CWA Section 404 Permits) – October 2008



2014 Activities – TCEQ Water Rights Permit

- Hired Conservation Experts and Enhanced Conservation Plan
- Met with protestants
 - National Wildlife Federation
 - Sierra Club
 - Texas Parks and Wildlife
 - Bois d'Arc MUD
 - Landowners
- SOAH Jurisdictional Hearing November 10, 2014
- Contested Case Hearing April 20-29, 2015



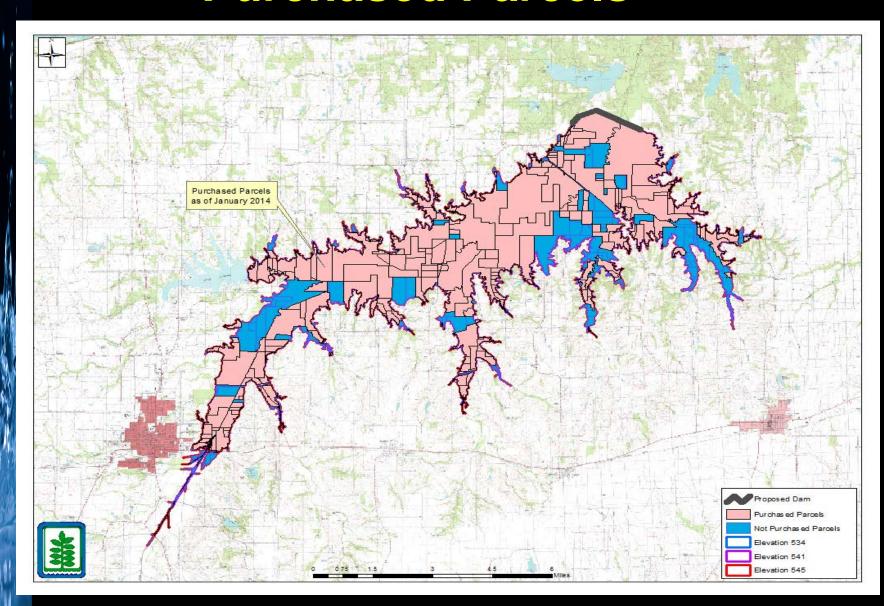


- NTMWD Board initially approved Nov. 2007
- Reservoir site property needed 22,590 acres
- Acquisitions to date 18,560 acres (82%)
- Riverby Ranch mitigation area 14,959 acres
- North (Leonard) WTP site 841 acres





Lower Bois d'Arc Creek Reservoir **Purchased Parcels**







Impact on Local Taxing Authorities

- Taxes paid to Fannin County by NTMWD
 - Tax Years 2008 2010 \$272,043.77
 - Tax Year 2011 \$171,436.66
 - Tax Year 2012 \$166,884.20
 - Tax Year 2013 \$174,046.25
- Taxes paid to Lamar County by NTMWD
 - Tax Year 2010 \$145.20
 - Tax Year 2011 \$2,047.52
 - Tax Year 2012 \$2,037.04
 - Tax Year 2013 \$2,222.77



Senate Bill 525 - 82nd Legislature

 Grants Fannin County zoning authority over "the area within 5,000 feet of where the shoreline of the Lower Bois d'Arc Creek Reservoir would be if the reservoir were filled to its storage capacity"

 Effective upon passage of SB 525 (April 29, 2011)



Local Government Code Section 231.133

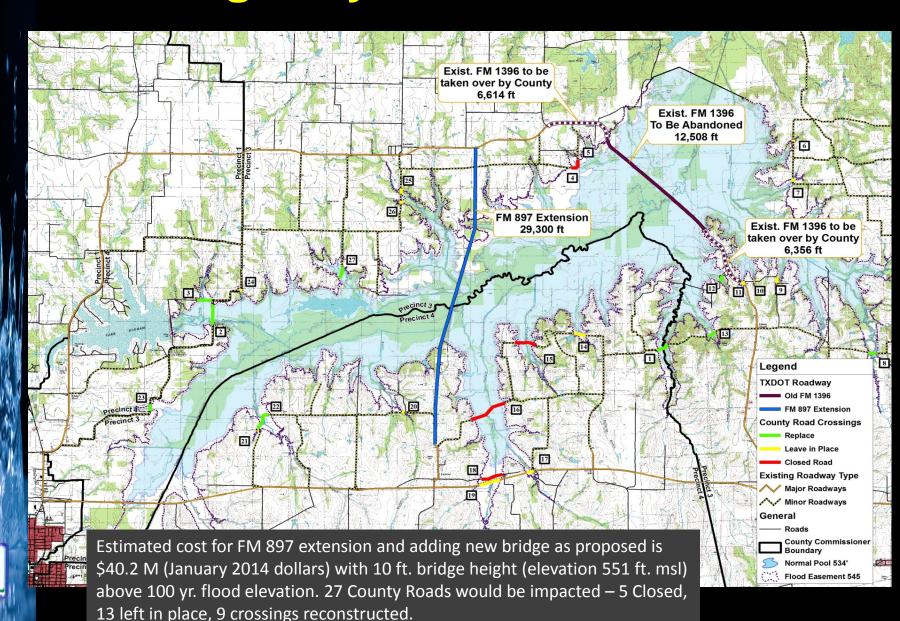
- (a) The commissioners court of a county in which an area subject to this subchapter is located may regulate in that area:
- (1) the height, number of stories, & size of buildings & other structures;
- (2) the percentage of a lot that may be occupied;
- (3) the size of yards, courts, & other open spaces;
- (4) population density;
- (5) the location & use of buildings, other structures, & land for business, industrial, residential, or other purposes;
- (6) the placement of water & sewage facilities, parks, & other public requirements



- Roads (Hwy. 1396 & County Road crossings)
- Reservoir clearing plan
- Utilities
 - Power lines
 - Telephone lines
 - Natural gas lines
 - Bois d'Arc MUD pipelines
- Lake Bonham
 - Dam protection
 - Emergency spillway enhancement



Highway 1396 Relocation





Major Scope Items:

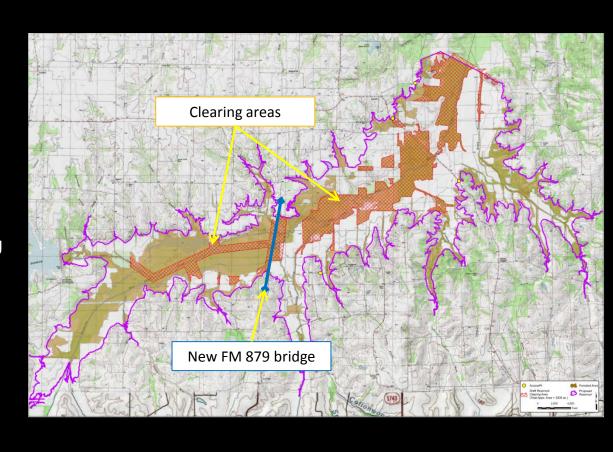
- Clear 3200 acres of timber
 - Enhance creation of fish habitat
 - Improve human access to shore locations
 - Reduce hazards to boating safety and fishing from large floating debris
- To be undertaken during 2 years preceding impoundment

Scope accomplished to date:

 Initial layout for permitting

Schedule:

- Engineering (1 year)
- Construction (2 years)





LBCR Overall Timeline

Activity	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Environmental																	
Studies & Permitting																	
Land & Easement																	
Acquisition																	
Dam & Reservoir																	
Design																	
Pipeline, Pump																	
Station & WTP Design																	
Dam & Reservoir																	
Construction																	
WTP & Pipeline																	
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Reservoir																	
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Delivering Water																14	



