

Hello BCLP friends,

Even though we still don't have a date for the next Public Scoping Meeting with the Corps of Engineers, the Bear Creek Lake Reallocation Study continues to move forward. Don't assume the project is going away just because we haven't heard anything in a while. Thank you for your continued patience and vigilance!

Upcoming Events:

Volunteer event (hosted by BCLP)- Saturday, September 23, 8:00-noon at Pelican Point in BCLP. Registration is required and lunch will be provided. Volunteers will help with replanting and mitigation from flood damage. Info and registration are here: <https://www.lakewood.org/Government/Departments/Community-Resources/Parks-Forestry-and-Open-Space/Park-Programs-and-Events/National-Public-Lands-Day>

Note: If you don't see a registration form on the info page, email bclp@lakewood.org.

BCLP Master Plan Open House- Wednesday, September 27; 5:30-7:30 PM at the Visitor Center in the Park. More about the master planning process (including results of the community survey) can be found here: <https://www.lakewoodtogether.org/bearcreekplan>. Remember, this is separate from the Feasibility Study for expanding the reservoir.

Finally, if you have not submitted a comment for the Feasibility Study, please do. Many aspects of feasibility will be determined by the Corps, but your input is also needed.

Information and talking points on how to submit a comment are here: <https://savebearcreeklakepark.org/take-action/>.

During the first public scoping meeting, Chief of Project Management Greg Johnson said, "There is some special emphasis on social well-being considerations in the decision-making process that came out of the Assistant Secretary of the Army within the last calendar year, so it is being elevated to a higher level of consideration versus just pure economics anymore."

Since then, additional federal guidance has further strengthened the role of public input in the Study. **"We need the public's opinions to take into consideration values on "softer" or more difficult to quantify resources, such as those that affect the social, mental and physical health of a community. The public has and will continue to be included in the decision making process as the study moves forward."** (Bear Creek Study Team).

Finally, for the past year, we've been archiving emails/newsletters on our website. If you're new to this group, or you'd like to review previous updates, visit <https://savebearcreeklakepark.org/updates/>.

Happy trails,

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