



REPLY TO  
ATTENTION OF

**DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY**  
NASHVILLE DISTRICT, CORPS OF ENGINEERS  
P.O. BOX 1070  
NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE 37202-1070

**MAY 1 2013**

Project Planning Branch

To All Interested Parties:

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps), Nashville District is initiating scoping under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) to evaluate the impacts of a proposed Pates Ford Marina Expansion Project, DeKalb County, Center Hill Dam and Reservoir, Tennessee. The proposed project consists of the construction of 12 cabins, associated sewer septic system, and paving of an existing parking lot within the approved lease area. Tree removal, ground disturbance and subsurface ground disturbance would be required to construct and install the 12 cabins and associated sewer septic systems. Vicinity and location maps are included for project orientation and location (Figures 1 and 2).

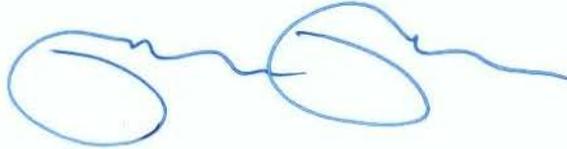
In accordance with NEPA and applicable implementing regulations, an Environmental Assessment (EA) will be prepared to evaluate viable alternatives for this proposal as an integral part of this planning study. Project alternatives being considered include; approve the proposed development plan for construction of the proposed project, approve the proposed development plan for construction with special conditions to minimize potential impacts, and disapprove the proposed plan which is considered the no action alternative. We are soliciting public and agency comments concerning environmental issues that should be addressed in the course of the NEPA process, and encourage public comments regarding plans and proposals which may impact or influence community resources. The EA will provide the basis for a decision whether to proceed with preparation of an Environmental Impact Statement or a Finding of No Significant Impact.

This letter also serves to initiate public involvement requirements of Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended. Section 106, implemented by regulations at 36 CFR 800, requires the Corps to consider the effects of its undertakings on historic properties. If required, appropriate architectural and archeological investigations will be conducted within those areas affected by the proposed activities and resulting findings will be coordinated with the Tennessee State Historic Preservation Officer, Tribal Nations, and other consulting parties. Additional permits would also be required prior to construction including but not limited to coverage under the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System general storm water permit for construction activities.

Please provide any comments concerning issues to be addressed in the EA prior to June 1, 2013. Responses should be mailed to the address listed above or emailed to the addressor listed below.

Your participation is greatly appreciated. If you have any questions, please contact Matthew Granstaff, Biologist, at (615) 736-7857, or email address at [Matthew.L.Granstaff@usace.army.mil](mailto:Matthew.L.Granstaff@usace.army.mil).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, consisting of two large, overlapping loops followed by a horizontal line and a short tail.

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Chief, Project Planning Branch

Enclosure

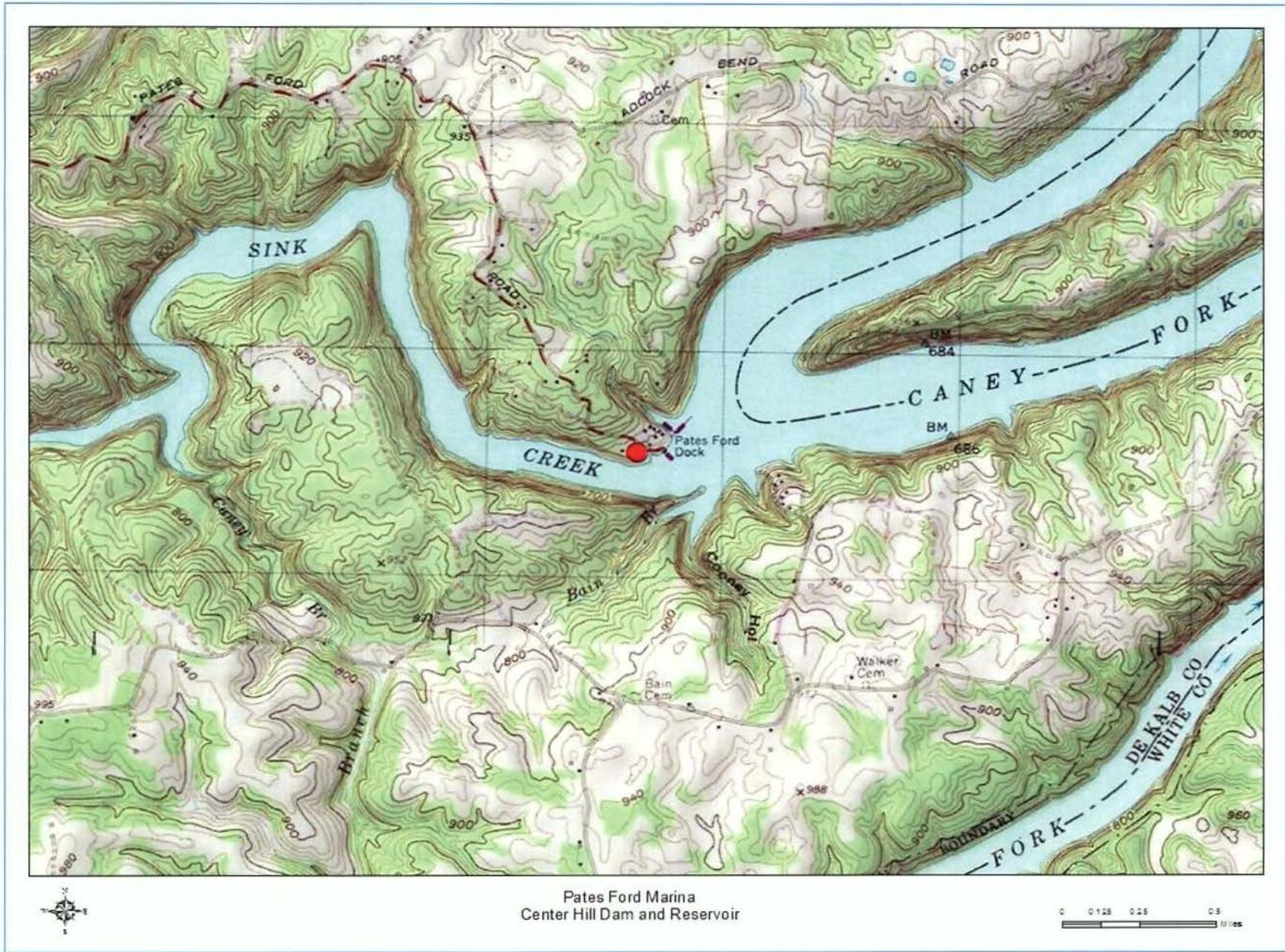


Figure 1. Topographical Map depicting the Location of Proposed Project, Pates Ford Marina Expansion

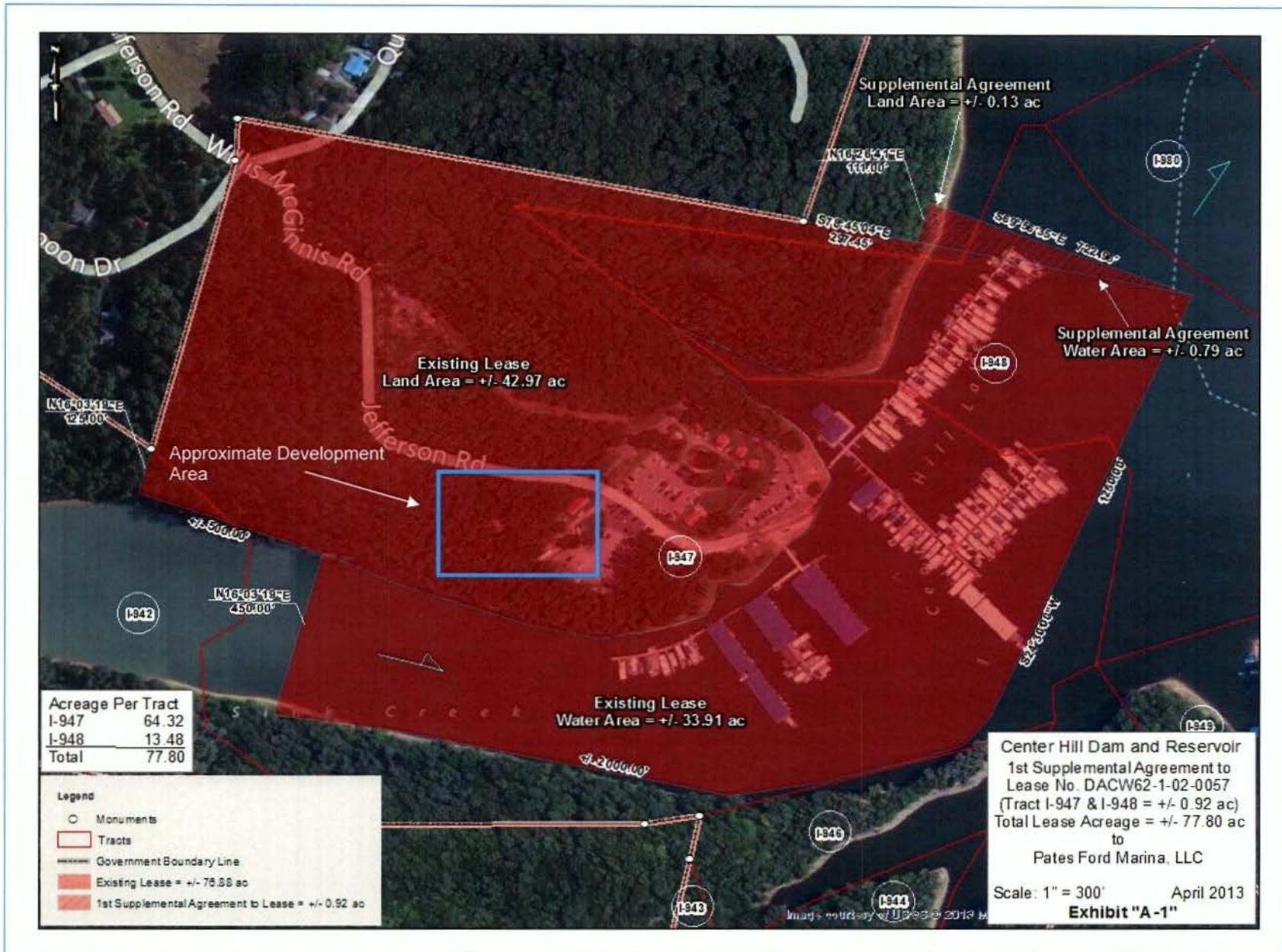


Figure 2. Pates Ford Marina Project Footprint.