

McNARY MASTER PLAN REVISION

Public Meetings

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AGENDA

- Project Area
- What is a Master Plan?
- Why Revise The Master Plan?
- Primary Components of a Master Plan
- What's Changed
- Recreation, Wildlife, and Cultural Resources
- Revision Process and Public Involvement





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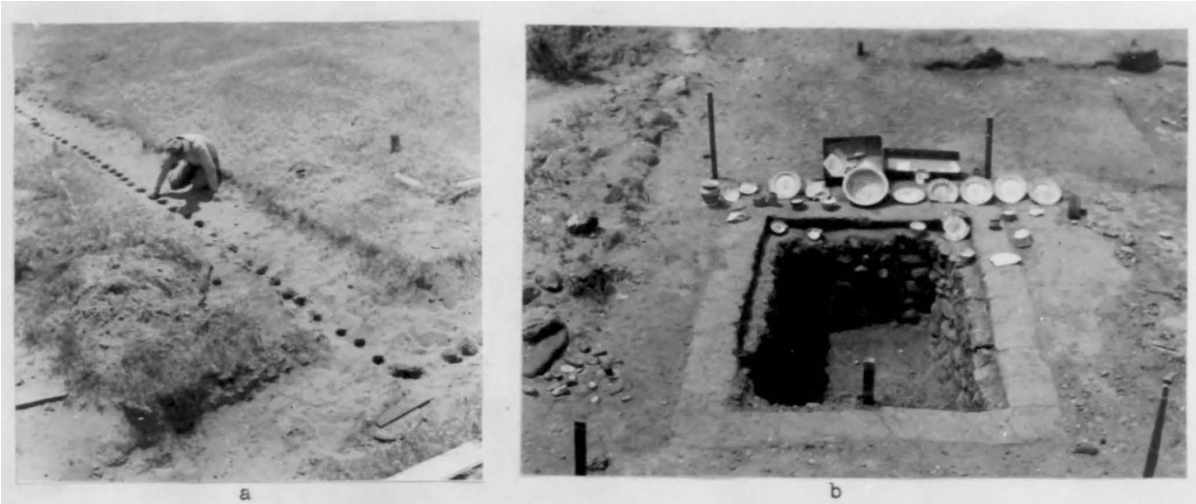
McNARY PROJECT AREA MAP

- This is the general project area
- Includes lands managed by USACE from just downstream of McNary Dam, up the Columbia and Snake Rivers. Ending near Island 12 on the Columbia River and just below Ice Harbor Dam on the Snake River



WHAT IS A MASTER PLAN?

- A high-level document that guides how USACE manages lands
- Focus is stewardship of **natural** and **cultural** resources and provision of high-quality outdoor **recreation** facilities and opportunities
- Life-span is roughly **20 years**





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WHAT DOES A MASTER PLAN NOT COVER?



- Hydropower operations
 - Spill
 - Fish passage
 - Dam breaching
- Navigation
- Flood risk management
- Economic development
- Details of design or administration of the lands
- Shoreline management plans (MSMP)



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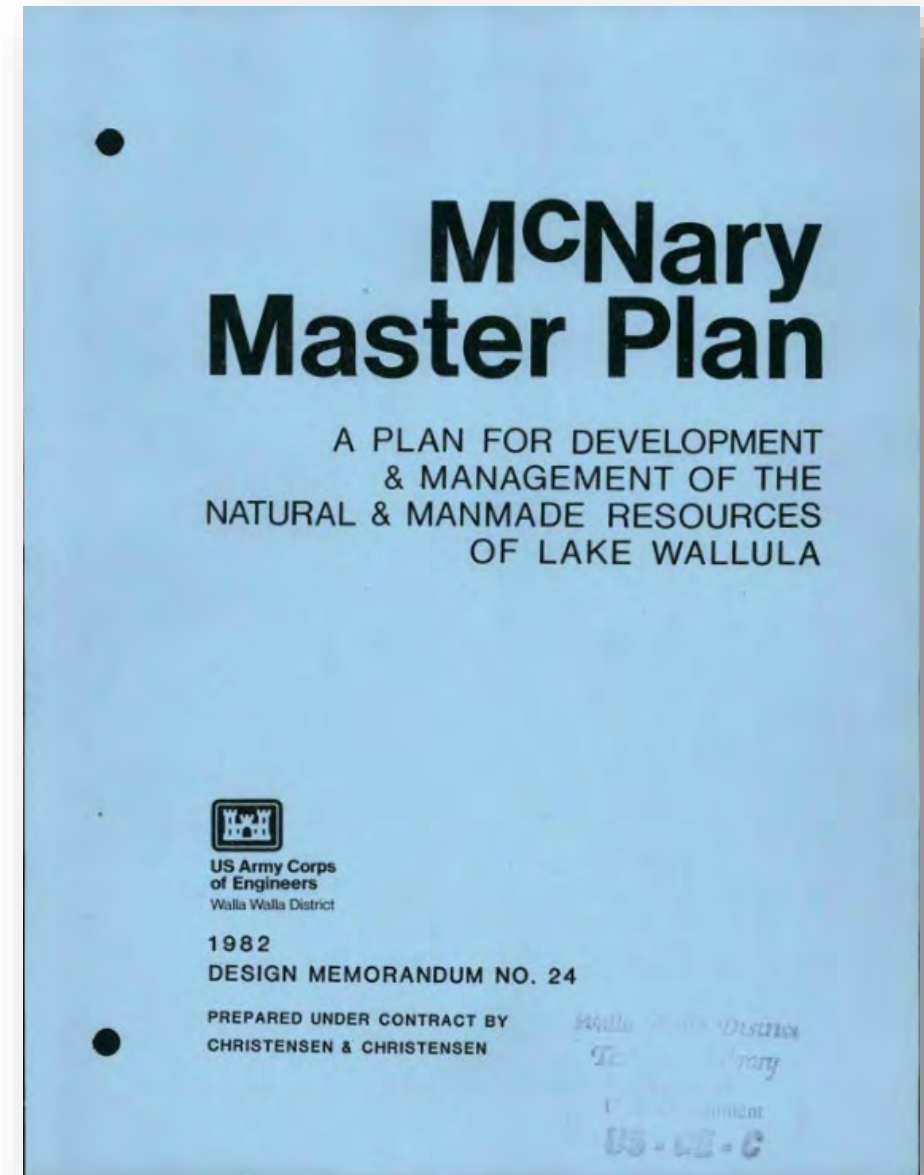


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WHY REVISE THE MCNARY MASTER PLAN?

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- Former Master Plan was completed in 1982, and it has exceeded its useful life
- The 1982 Master Plan focused on more intensive land uses like recreation and project operations
- 1982 land classifications don't meet current Corps regulations
- National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) requirements have changed, and now require an Environmental Assessment to be completed
- Sustainably manage resources for future generations





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WHAT MAJOR CHANGES WERE NEEDED?

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- Discuss what has happened at McNary since 1982
- Prepare new resource objectives based on resource inventories and assessments
- Reclassify Project lands
- Catalog all land management units with descriptions and photos
- Discuss current challenges such as invasive species control, encroachments, and budgeting impacts on Corps missions



PRIMARY COMPONENTS OF A MASTER PLAN

Resource Objectives – Clearly written statements that set forth measureable and attainable current and future management and development activities that support the goals of the Master Plan.

Land Classifications – The primary use for which the project lands are managed. Lands are zoned for development and resource management consistent with authorized project purposes.





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LAND CLASSIFICATIONS

Current (Old) Land Classifications	New Land Classifications
Project Operations: <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Project Structures- Port Terminal- Industrial Use and Access	Project Operations
Recreation: Intensive Use - Initial	High Density Recreation
----- Recreation: Low Density Use Recreation: Intensive Use - Future Wildlife Management: Intensive Wildlife Management: Moderate	Multiple Resource Management <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Low Density Recreation- Future and Inactive Recreation Areas- Wildlife Management
Natural Area	Environmentally Sensitive Area
Not Classified	-----



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LAND CLASSIFICATIONS

Environmentally Sensitive Areas (ESAs) –

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



WHAT'S CHANGED?

- Total acreage changes
- Shifting acreage – from more intensive uses to less intensive uses
- Shifting priorities – intensive management to sustainable management

Land Classification	1982 Acres	2023 Acres
Project Operations	1143.4	617.9
High Density Recreation	1286	1360.4
Environmentally Sensitive Area	159.5	1148.6
MRM – Wildlife Management	2631.3	3600.6
MRM-Vegetative Management	0	115
MRM – Low Density Recreation	1160.6	678.4
MRM – Future or Inactive Recreation Area	544.7	57.2
Not Classified	21.4	---
TOTAL	6946.9	7578.1

Truly balanced management of recreational, natural, and cultural resources for greatest benefit to all



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RECREATION GOALS



- More sustainable management
- Landscapes less dependent on irrigation
- Accommodate modern recreational vehicles
- Achieve Corps missions with shrinking budgets
- Keep people safe and provide universal access to wide-ranging recreational opportunities



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WILDLIFE GOALS

- More sustainable management
- Landscapes less dependent on irrigation
- Achieve Corps missions with shrinking budgets
- Enhance regional ecosystems through increase in sustainable native habitat acreage
- Meet mitigation requirements
- Provide primitive outdoor recreation and wildlife-related opportunities to the public
- Invasive species control





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CULTURAL GOALS



- Increase sustainable native habitat acreage and use of native species
- Landscapes less dependent on irrigation
- Meet responsibilities to protect cultural resources on Corps lands
- Engage in meaningful coordination with Tribes

REVISION PROCESS AND TIMELINE

How can you help:

- Please, provide your comments on how you would like to see the natural, cultural, and recreational resources at McNary managed in the future.
- Public input will be collected through the following means:
 - In person at this meeting
 - USPS or email
 - or the Master Plan website

What happens with your input?

- Comment period is open July 10 – Aug 10, 2023
- The Corps will consider all comments regarding the McNary Master Plan





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QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS



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