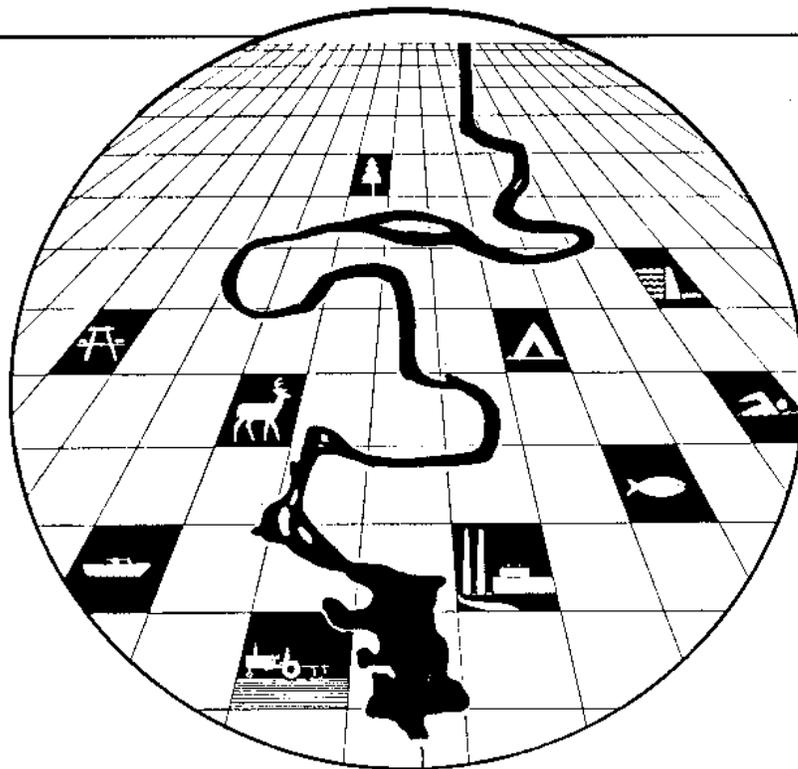


NICKAJACK RESERVOIR PLAN

Implementation



IMPLEMENTATION

This plan sets forth a strategy for the management of reservoir land and identifies suitable uses for each tract of land. To move from the plan to actual integrated resource management will require continuous coordination of TVA's property administration functions and resource management activities.

PROPERTY ADMINISTRATION

In relation to TVA property administration, the plan provides guidance for responding to requests for the use of TVA land. All inquiries about or requests for the use of TVA land on Nickajack Reservoir should be made to TVA's Central Land Resources District office (Manager, Property Management, Post Office Box 606, 1101 Congress Parkway, Athens, Tennessee 37303; (615) 745-1783 or (615) 632-2088). Requests will generally fall into one of four categories: (1) a proposed land use that agrees with the tract designation in the plan; (2) a proposed land use that does not agree with the plan tract designation but is otherwise consistent with TVA policy or legal authority; (3) public service uses not specifically considered during the development of the plan; or (4) a proposed land use that does not agree with the plan designation and is also precluded by TVA policy or legal authority.

Proposals that fall into the fourth category would normally be rejected at the district office level. For each of the other three categories of requests, the applicant will be required to demonstrate the public benefits of the request, the need for TVA reservoir land, and the capability of the tract to support the requested use. The applicant must also provide information about the proposed investment schedule, capital improvements, and other information typically required of any applicant for use of TVA land.

Category 1

When a proposal is in agreement with the tract designation, the request will be reviewed in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act and other legal authorities. The reservoir data base will allow such reviews to proceed more quickly and at a lower cost.

Category 2

If a proposed land use is consistent with TVA policies but is not congruent with the tract designation, the applicant will be directed to consider other tracts identified for the proposed use. If the applicant finds none of the alternatives to be satisfactory, he or she may be given the opportunity to provide justification that a modification to the plan is warranted and in the best public interest.

For such requests that are not congruent with the plan tract designation, TVA staff will use the reservoir data base and information provided by the applicant to determine if the requested site is physically capable of supporting the proposed use. If the capability evaluation reveals

that the tract does not have the physical characteristics necessary to support the proposed use, the request will be denied. If the tract is found to be capable of supporting the proposed use, an interdisciplinary TVA team will conduct a suitability review that will include, in addition to public input, an assessment of potential impacts on the environment and adjacent land uses, surrounding plan tract designations, land management goals, reservoir plan objectives, and socioeconomic conditions. Public input will be a key component of this suitability analysis. If the request is found to be suitable, it will be coordinated within TVA following established land use review procedures. Any requests involving a departure from the planned use(s) will require the approval of the TVA Board of Directors.

Category 3

Public service uses (highways, utility corridors, etc.) can seldom be identified during the planning process and must therefore be evaluated once a specific proposal is presented to TVA. Such requests will be considered on any of the plan tracts and will be evaluated in the same manner as Category 2 requests.

RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

In terms of resource management, the plan establishes general strategies for managing the tracts. Specific on-the-ground management activities will be more clearly defined by TVA program staffs responsible for implementing the designated use(s). The programs, in conjunction with district office staff, will plan for the management of each tract by developing two levels of workplans:

1. The programs will develop a 3-year operational plan that describes specific resource management activities, identifies budget and personnel requirements to carry out the management activities, and develops a priority ranking of the activities based on available budget and personnel.
2. The program and district staffs will jointly develop a detailed 1-year workplan for the upcoming fiscal year. The workplan establishes a schedule and quality control specifications for the activities to be completed in the fiscal year. It also identifies project or activity leaders responsible for ensuring that the management activities are completed properly, on time, and within budget.

The workplans will (1) reflect the goals and objectives of the plan and (2) incorporate all specific development and management provisions noted in the tract descriptions and elsewhere in the plan. Important resource data and specific development constraints are noted in many of the tract descriptions. The definitions of planned uses also set limits on what can and cannot be done on plan tracts.

Implementation plans developed for those tracts identified for more than one use will reflect consideration and integration of all the designated uses. All the uses on multiple-use tracts are of equal importance, and each involved program shares the responsibility for reaching agreement on appropriate management activities.

Following development of the workplans and coordination with appropriate staffs, it will be the joint responsibility of the district Property Management staff and the appropriate program staffs to see that management activities are implemented on schedule and within allocated budgets.

TVA's Property Management and Administration Department will monitor regional and local environmental, social, and economic changes that may indicate a need for updating or revising portions of the reservoir management plan. The plan is intended to be used for 8 to 10 years, at the end of which TVA will initiate a review of land uses on the entire reservoir. During this review, input from the public and TVA staff will be used to identify necessary revisions to the reservoir plan and to make policy recommendations. The reservoir resource data base will be updated on a regular basis to ensure that information is kept current and accurate.