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Corps of Engineers releases Draft Environmental Assessment on proposed Gaylord Texan Expansion Project

FORT WORTH, Texas – The U. S. Army Corps of Engineers, Fort Worth District has released the draft Environmental Assessment (EA) on the proposed Gaylord Texan Expansion for public comment today. The City of Grapevine, in partnership with Gaylord Entertainment Company (GEC), proposes to expand an existing convention center and several recreational facilities and amenities on Corps owned land at Grapevine Lake. The assessment evaluates three design alternatives for the construction of the resort expansion and recreational facilities and amenities on federal lands.

The federal land in question was leased to the City for park and recreation purposes in 1999. At the time the property was leased, the City and the GEC proposed to construct an 18-hole public golf course on the land in question as a recreational feature complementary to what was then known as GEC's Opryland Hotel and Resort. Now, a variety of recreational facilities and amenities are proposed in lieu of the golf course.

The No Action alternative, whereby no construction would occur on federal lands, was considered. The preferred alternative would result in disturbance to approximately 30.5 acres of Corps owned lands for the building of lake-related recreational facilities and amenities. This includes approximately three acres of wooded land for the convention center expansion. Approximately three acres of wooded areas will be disturbed for the installation of nature trails, walking trails, biking trails and equestrian trails.

The draft EA is available for review in hard copy at the Grapevine Lake Office, 110 Fairway Drive, Grapevine, Texas 76051, Grapevine Public Library, 1201 Municipal Way, Grapevine, Texas 76051, and electronically on the Corps website at www.swf.usace.army.mil . Comments will be accepted from May 23 through June 27. For additional information, contact Heath McLane at Heath.R.McLane@usace.army.mil or (817) 886-1849.

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