

Help Bring Back Lake Wichita

Photo courtesy of Jake Van Donge

What Happened to the Lake

Lake Wichita is the third oldest lake in Texas, built in 1901, and was once renowned as the gem of north Texas. It has served the local area as a water supply and provided social, economic, and recreational benefits to our community. As a manmade lake it has outlived its expected lifespan and is no longer providing many of the traditional benefits it once did. With the right plan, and proper investment of time and resources, Lake Wichita can be restored and again provide numerous benefits to our community for many decades to come.

What is Being Done

On May 7, 2013, the Wichita Falls City Council appointed and charged the Lake Wichita Study Committee to develop goals and recommendations for recreation and non-recreation uses with consideration being given to, but not limited to: Water usage, Shoreline usage, Public Safety, Maintenance, and Commercial development. The committee has worked diligently investigating the best possible scenarios for the Lake, reviewing historical information, researching permitting, and researching citizen wants and needs. Much of their work can be found at: www.wichitafallstx.gov/index.aspx?nid=1593

What is Next

The project partners are trying to raise the funds to hire a consulting firm to conduct the background work and prepare the Corps of Engineers 404 permit so that the lake can be excavated, deepened, and even contoured in a way that makes it last longer through drought. Dirt cannot be removed until we have this permit in hand!

How You Can Help

Show your support by helping spread the word and following us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/ourlakeourlife. You can also help by making a tax-deductible donation to the Lake Wichita Chapter of Friends of Reservoirs (see below) or to the City of Wichita Falls Lake Wichita Improvement Fund at the City Parks and Recreation Office; you can contact Wichita Falls Parks and Recreation at 940-761-7490.

Project Partners



Wichita Falls Area
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Please make check or money order to **"Wichita Falls Area Community Foundation"** and send to the below address OR donate online at www.wfacf.org/donations.php and enter "Lake Wichita" in the "Other" box. Your donation is tax-deductible and a letter will be sent thanking and acknowledging your donation for your tax records. Your donation will only be used for Lake Wichita.

Wichita Falls Area Community Foundation

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