



**DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY**

MOBILE DISTRICT, CORPS OF ENGINEERS

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ATTENTION OF:

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PUBLIC NOTICE**

**14 September 2009**

**PUBLIC NOTICE  
U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS**

**NOTIFICATION OF PUBLIC SCOPING MEETING  
ASSOCIATED WITH PREPARATION OF ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT (EIS)  
FOR PROPOSED LAMAR COUNTY WATER SUPPLY LAKE, LAMAR COUNTY, ALABAMA.**

TO ALL CONCERNED: The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps), Mobile District, has received an application for a Department of the Army Permit pursuant to 404 of the Clean Water Act (33 USC 1344) for a proposed 2,040-acre water supply lake. An Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) is being used as a basis for ensuring compliance of this project with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA).

**A PUBLIC SCOPING MEETING will be held from 4:00 – 7:00 p.m. on October 15, 2009, at the Lamar County Courthouse, Third Floor Courtroom, 44690 Highway 17, Vernon, Alabama, to obtain public comments on Lamar County Commission’s proposal to construct a dam and 2,040-acre lake on Yellow Creek, just north of the City of Vernon. The purpose of the proposed lake is for public water supply for Lamar County and the surrounding areas. Construction of the project as proposed would require impacts to approximately 1,660 acres of wetlands and 31.2 miles of streams. The project is in the initial stages of planning. The Corps invites full public participation to promote open communication on the issues surrounding the proposal. The scoping process is a key part of the public outreach and involvement phase. All Federal, State, and local agencies, and other persons or organizations that have an interest are urged to participate in the NEPA scoping process. The public meeting will be held to receive public input and comment which will be used to assist in the identification of significant issues associated with the proposed water supply lake. The Corps will serve as the lead Federal agency in the preparation of the EIS.**

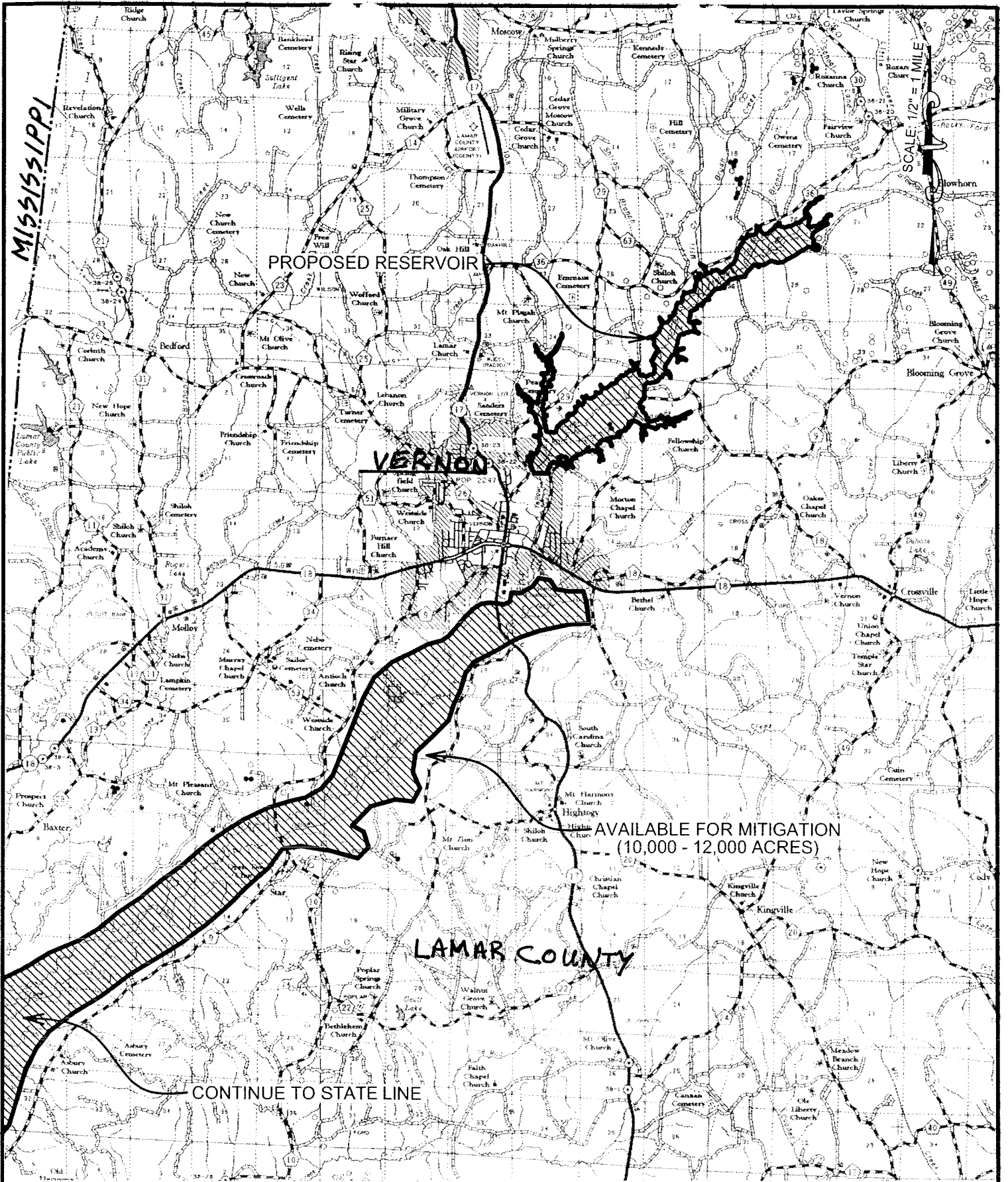
The EIS will analyze the social, economic, and environmental impacts to the local area resulting from the proposed projects and alternatives. The decision whether to issue a permit will be based on an evaluation of the probable impact, including cumulative impacts, of the proposal on the public interest. That decision will reflect the national concern for both protection and use of important resources. The benefit which reasonably may be expected to accrue from the proposal must be balanced against its reasonably foreseeable detriments. All factors and their cumulative effects relevant to the proposal will be considered, including conservation, economics, aesthetics, general environmental concerns, wetlands, cultural values, fish and wildlife values, flood hazards, floodplain values, land use, navigation, shoreline erosion and accretion, recreation, water supply and conservation, water quality, energy needs, safety, food and fiber production, mineral needs, property ownership, general the needs and welfare of the people, alternatives, secondary and cumulative impacts, socioeconomic impacts, environmental justice (effect on minorities and low-income groups) (Executive Order 12898), and protection of children (Executive Order 13045).

**PUBLIC NOTICE: Public Scoping Meeting Notification for Lamar County Lake EIS**

To evaluate the impacts of these proposals the Corps is soliciting comments on the proposal from the public; Federal, State and local agencies and officials; Indian Tribes; and other interested parties. For accuracy and completeness of the record, all data in support of or in opposition to the proposed work should be submitted in writing setting forth sufficient detail to furnish a clear understanding of the reasons for support or opposition. Comments will be considered to determine whether to issue, modify, condition or deny a permit.

If you are unable to attend the Scoping Meeting but wish to provide initial **input and comment which will be used to assist in the identification of significant issues associated with the proposed water supply lake**, you may provide written comments, with reference to **LAMAR COUNTY LAKE PROPOSAL**, to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Mobile District Regulatory Division, Post Office Box 2288, Mobile, Alabama 36628-0001, Attention: Mr. Michael Moxey, Inland Team Leader.

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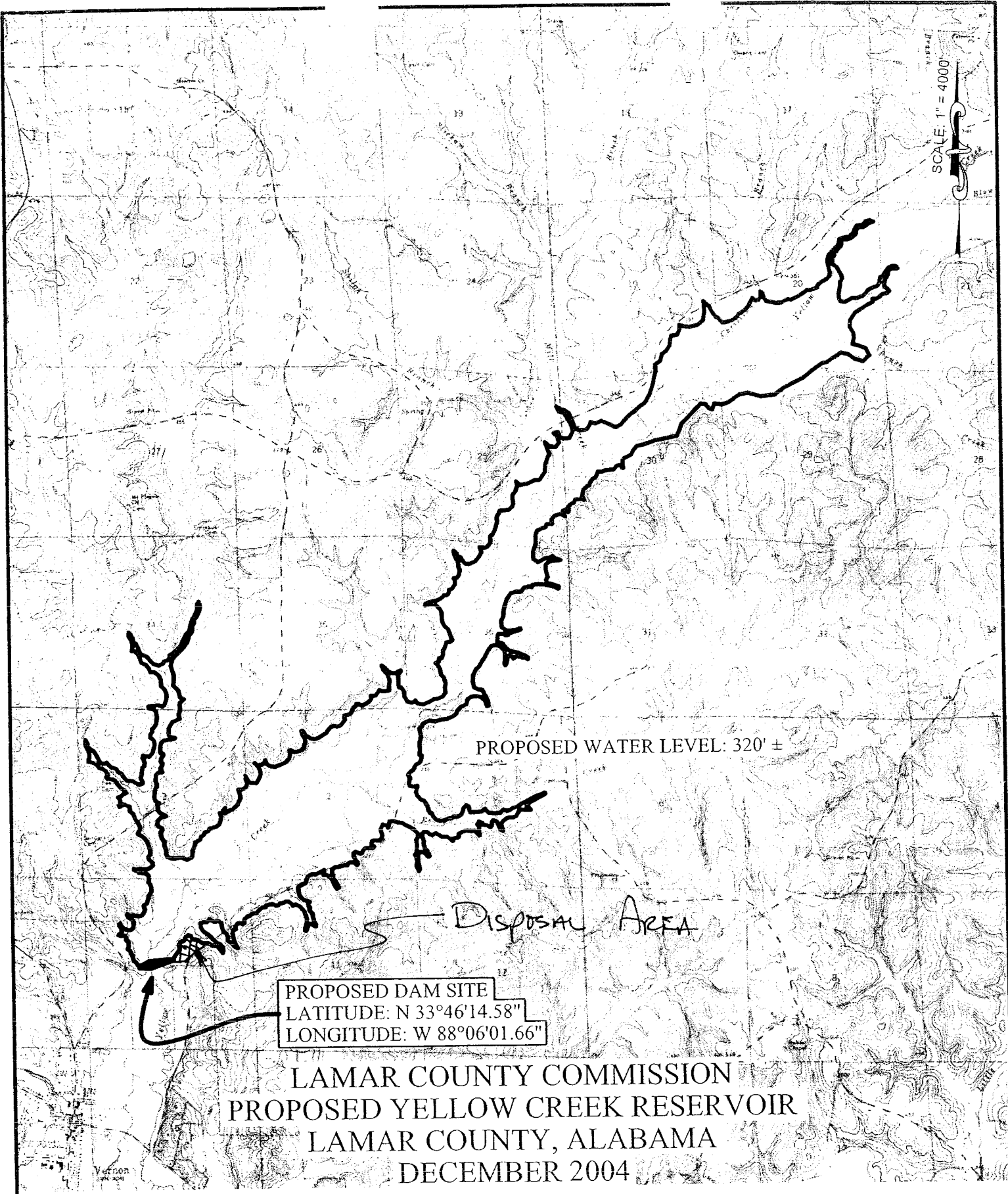


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SCALE: 1" = 4000'

PROPOSED WATER LEVEL: 320' ±

PROPOSED DAM SITE  
 LATITUDE: N 33°46'14.58"  
 LONGITUDE: W 88°06'01.66"

DISPOSAL AREA

LAMAR COUNTY COMMISSION  
 PROPOSED YELLOW CREEK RESERVOIR  
 LAMAR COUNTY, ALABAMA  
 DECEMBER 2004



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