

## **PUBLIC NOTICE**

**CORPS OF ENGINEERS** 

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Date: March 25, 2019

**TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:** On April 27, 2018, the Little Rock District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers issued a public notice requesting comments on the official District exclusion of the White Oak Bayou watershed (12-digit Hydrologic Unit Code (HUC) 111102070401) from the service areas of previously approved and any future approved compensatory mitigation banks and in-lieu fee programs, unless the bank or in-lieu fee program is located within the White Oak Bayou watershed. The White Oak Bayou watershed is located in Pulaski County, Arkansas, and makes up less than 5 percent of the larger Lower-Arkansas Maumelle watershed (8-digit HUC 11110207). No objections to this action were received during the public notice comment period of April 27 to May 22, 2018.

Therefore, the District has decided to exclude the White Oak Bayou watershed from being included in the service areas of previously approved and any future approved compensatory mitigation banks and in-lieu fee programs, unless the bank or in-lieu fee program is located within the White Oak Bayou watershed. Several mitigation banks approved by the District already include this exclusion from their service areas. Those existing banks that currently include the White Oak Bayou watershed in their service areas will be modified to exclude the watershed. This decision compliments a previous decision that requires all compensatory mitigation for a permitted project located in the White Oak Bayou watershed to remain within the watershed.

If additional information is desired regarding this decision, please contact Mr. Jim Ellis, telephone number: (501) 324-5295, mailing address: Little Rock District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Regulatory Division, PO Box 867, Little Rock, Arkansas 72203-0867, email address: Jim.D.Ellis@usace.army.mil

**Enclosures** 



