September 26, 2024

Mrs. Dianne Spradling

Lake Fork Sportsman Association

P.O. Box 126

Yantis, TX 75497

RE: Support for aquatic vegetation enhancement projects on Lake Fork reservoir

Dear Mrs. Spradling,

The Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD) supports the efforts of the Lake Fork Sportsman Association (LFSA) in their efforts to enhance aquatic vegetation withing Lake Fork reservoir. The proposed plan to utilize small waterbodies adjacent to Lake Fork to propagate vegetation for the reservoir represents another excellent opportunity to build upon the joint efforts of your organization and TPWD enhancing and diversifying habitat within the reservoir. The Friends of Reservoirs grant would provide funding for aquatic vegetation planting projects above and beyond the means of TPWD alone. TPWD is excited by the prospects of building upon past habitat improvement work coordinated and conducted between LFSA and TPWD that have paved the way for further habitat enhancements.

Lake Fork supports one of the nation’s top bass fisheries, and we owe it to ourselves and our constituents to prolong the fisheries’ reputation in the face of natural reservoir aging. Habitat enhancement within Lake Fork will only become more critical in fisheries management practices, and I applaud and support the LFSA in their proactive efforts to supplement habitat in Lake Fork.

Sincerely,

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