

# WE MUST ACT NOW TO STOP MARVIN NICHOLS RESERVOIR

The proposed Marvin Nichols Reservoir is gaining momentum. Preserve Northeast Texas is fighting to Stop Marvin Nichols and protect the region from one of the biggest transfers of private land to public in modern history. The reservoir would take away private land, jobs, and water from Northeast Texas. We cannot let Dallas-Fort Worth trample on our rights and our land.

Water providers in the Dallas-Fort Worth area are projecting a strain on the region's future water supply. Yet, rather than look to their own community to meet growing water needs, the region has decided the solution is flooding 66,000 acres of private land in Northeast Texas to build a reservoir, with 80% of the water pumped back to the DFW Metroplex.

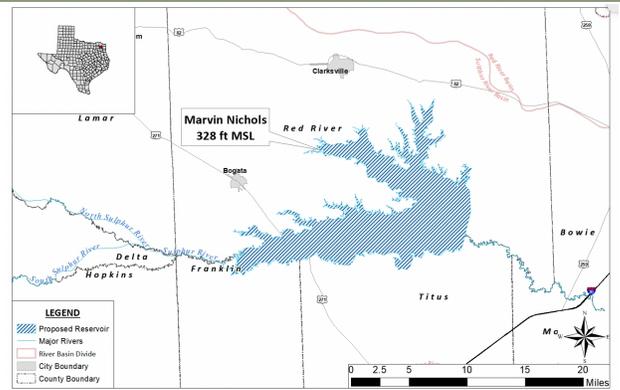
The proposed Marvin Nichols Reservoir is on the main stem of the Sulphur River in Red River, Titus, and Franklin Counties, flooding 66,000 acres of heritage farmland, hardwood forest, and wetlands. The impacts will be felt across the entire region. An estimated 130,000 additional acres would be removed from private land ownership for mitigation required by the federal government.

The estimated cost of the project is an astonishing \$4.4 billion and expected to climb higher. This project would negatively impact wildlife habitat, force property owners off thousands of acres of family lands, drown resources that would devastate the timber and agriculture-based economy in the region, and inundate archaeological and historic sites and cemeteries.

## IMPORTANT FACTS

While Northeast Texas has a healthy and skilled workforce, work on the reservoir is expected to be largely done by out-of-town labor.

Over half of the land to be taken is bottomland hardwood forest or other forested wetlands and upland forest. Not only does this hurt us in the pocketbook, but our wildlife habitat and natural beauty will suffer significant loss.



At least 80 percent of the water produced by the proposed reservoir would be piped to the DFW Metroplex, rather than being available for local use. What's more, water usage reports say that the DFW Metroplex has sufficient resources for household and business needs – our water would be used primarily to water their lawns and fill their swimming pools.

An estimated 200,000 acres will be removed from private land ownership in Northeast Texas if the Marvin Nichols Reservoir is built.

Thousands of Texans will be forced to leave their land, some of which has been in their families since the 1800s.