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Stump Lake Park Master Plan

In October of 2008, the Red River RC&D Council was approached by the Nelson County Park Board to assist them in developing a master plan of Stump Lake Park. Stump Lake Park is a regional park that serves people from throughout the eastern part of North Dakota as well as people from out of state and Canada. The park offers many activities including softball, baseball, tennis, volleyball, miniature golf, roller-skating, hiking, camping, horseshoes, picnics, dancing, fishing, boating, and various other water sports.

Stump Lake Park requested technical assistance from the Red River RC&D Council to assist them to develop a master plan of the park so that they would have a base map of all the current recreational facilities located in the park. They will also use the master plan to prepare for future expansions in the park. The request for reserved campsites has a waiting list of 47 families, so the park was looking at using the master plan to develop potential locations for additional campsites. With the current threat of Stump Lake rising and for future flood predictions, the park will also use the master plan to locate areas in which historical buildings could be relocated if threatened by Stump Lake.

In order to fulfill the request of technical assistance, the Red River RC&D Council acquired the services of Gary Wells, NRCs Landscape Architect, from Lincoln, Nebraska. Gary conducted a site visit of the park in December of 2008 and over the winter he analyzed aerial photography, LIDAR (Light Detection and Ranging), and other remote sensing information to come up with a rough draft plan for a spring visit to the park. Gary conducted another site visit on April 28, 2009 to ground truth the information he gathered over the winter. The Nelson County Park Board's planning committee met Gary on site to view the rough draft plan and provide additional information & suggestions. The final master plan & expansion options were delivered to the Nelson County Park Board by the Red River RC&D Council at the June 4, 2009 Nelson County Park Board meeting. The Red River RC&D is glad to make things happen for the park and looks forward to assisting them in their future expansions.

If you are interested in learning more about Stump Lake Park & its abundant recreational activities, please visit their website at <http://www.stumplakepark.com/>. If you would like more information on the master plan project, please contact the Red River RC&D Council office at 701-352-0127.



Gary Wells, NRCs Landscape Architect, reviewing master plan rough draft with Stump Lake Park Board Planning Committee members Bert Elgin, and Ron Houdek in April 2009.

Project Partners:

- ◆ Nelson County Park Board
- ◆ Natural Resources Conservation Service
- ◆ Red River RC&D Council



The pavilion that is threatened by the rising lake waters.

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The development of the Stump Lake Park Master Plan has generated three additional projects since June of 2009, that the Red River RC&D is currently assisting with:

- ◆ Stump Lake Campground Implementation - The Red River RC&D is assisting financially to construct a campground with 27 new campsites.
- ◆ Stump Lake Park Campground Map - The Red River RC&D is developing a campground map for the park staff to provide to visitors when entering the park and for use on their website.
- ◆ Stump Lake Pavilion National Register of Historic Places Application - The Red River RC&D is providing technical assistance to the Nelson County Park Board in preparing the National Register of Historic Places Application for the Stump Lake Pavilion.