



## Marvin Nichols Reservoir

The proposed Nichols Reservoir would permanently flood more than 66,000 acres of high-quality wetlands, bottomland hardwood forests, upland forest, and agricultural lands in Red River, Titus, and Franklin Counties, with at least 80% of the water piped over 100 miles to the DFW area. Compensation for lost wetlands and wildlife habitat would require setting aside mitigation land that has been estimated at twice the acreage of the reservoir footprint. The reservoir and its mitigation together are expected to take more than 200,000 acres out of production in a region whose economy is fueled primarily by land-based industries - timber and agriculture. Capital costs to construct the Marvin Nichols Reservoir and deliver water to DFW are currently estimated at \$7.4 billion and could be much higher.

If Marvin Nichols is built, the impact on the region – socially, economically, culturally, and environmentally – will be enormous. Thousands of Texas families will be forced to sell land that in some cases has been in the family for generations, land that provides their livelihoods. Many families will lose their homes, some will see family cemeteries inundated. The number of jobs lost, especially in the timber industry, will be devastating to local communities and school districts. More than 30 miles of the main stem of the Sulphur River and hundreds of miles of feeder streams will be inundated. The impact on wildlife is incalculable.

Marvin Nichols Reservoir first appeared in the Texas Water Plan in 1968 and has been actively pursued since 2001. Fierce opposition from the residents of Northeast Texas, guided by TCA and aided by other organizations, has delayed initiation for 25 years. TCA's program, Preserve Northeast Texas, continues to build opposition to Marvin Nichols Reservoir. Learn more at <https://preservenortheasttexas.org/>



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