



# ***Law Enforcement Services***

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# Opportunity

- Protect and safeguard critical infrastructure
- Beneficial to all (Public, County, BRA)
- Increased Coordination & Communication
- Structure (Centralized System)
- Resource Utilization



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# Assessment

- Five Positions (1 Sergeant & 4 Lake Rangers)
- Three open positions currently
- Opportunity to assess backfilling of positions
- Other Models
  - SJRA (Interlocal Agreement)
  - LCRA (Interlocal Agreement)
  - USACE (Nationwide Interlocal Agreement)
  - School Districts (Resource Officers)
  - Contract Officers (Security Guards, Licensed Peace Officers)

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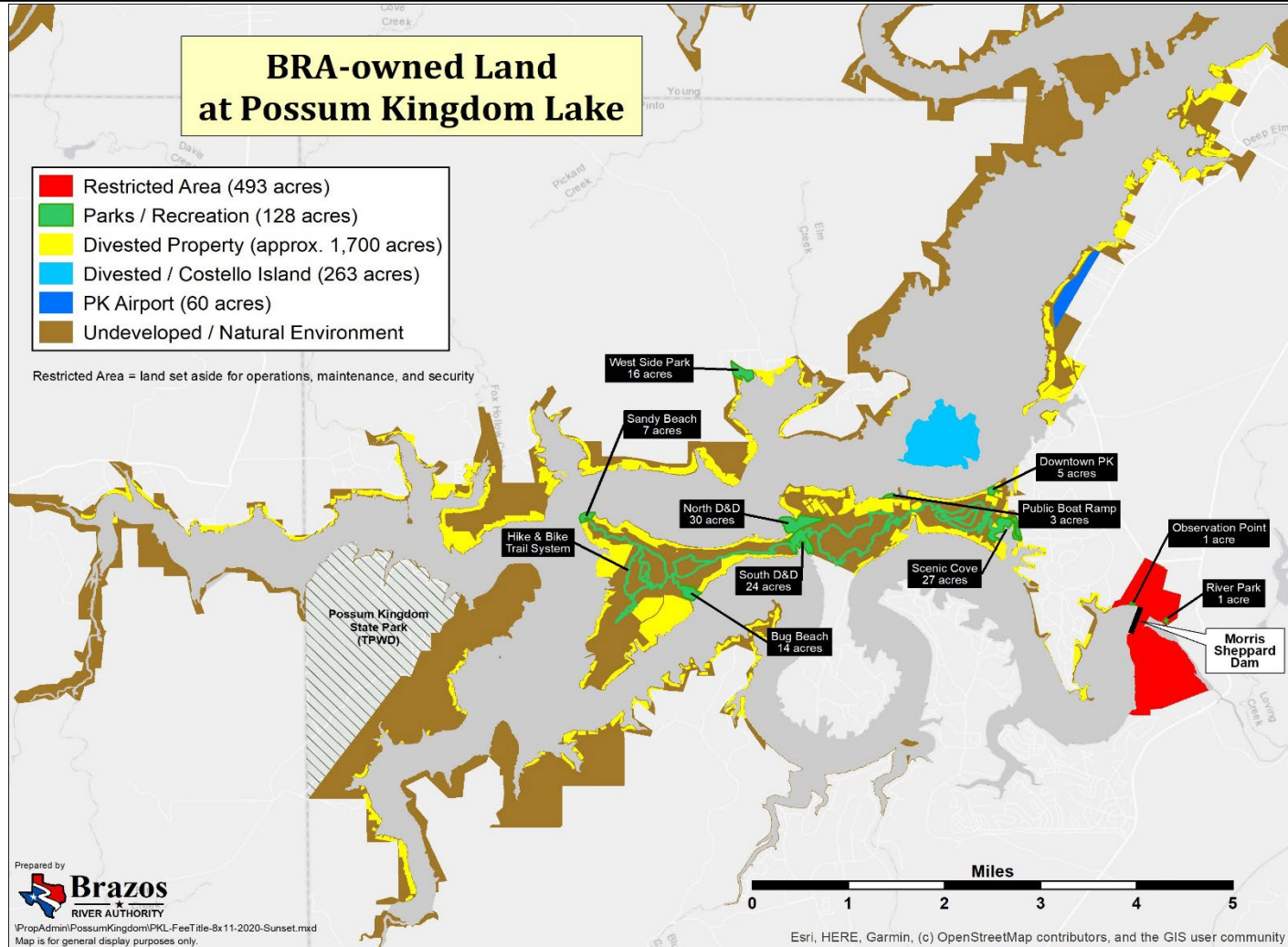
# County Option

- Unification/Enhancement of Law Enforcement
- Service Responsibility
- Limit Liability
- Personnel (recruitment & retainment)
- Cost Control
- Minimal Change
- Resource Efficiency
- Centralized System
- Mirrors other Agencies
- Historical Precedent

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# County Sheriff Office Specific Security Roles

- SO will patrol, respond, and enforce within BRA restricted areas to include Observation Point and BRA offices, shops, or residences within Observation Point.
- SO will patrol, respond, and enforce on Possum Kingdom Lake.
- SO will patrol, respond, and enforce within BRA's restricted RSMU maintenance area on south side of the dam to include emergency spillway, dam, gun range, and shop areas.
- SO will patrol, respond, and enforce within BRA's River Park and ensure no persons have entered upstream of the restricted area
- SO will patrol, respond, and enforce within BRA's decommissioned hydro facility parking lot to ensure no one has entered the restricted area or is on or near the dam.
- SO will patrol, respond, and enforce within BRA's trail system and other Public Use Areas/Parks.





# County Benefits

- Centralized command structure of law enforcement & response to emergencies (fire, water safety, parks/trails)
- BRA provides officer funding to County; requires conformance with terms of Interlocal Agreement
- Conveyance of BRA assets (boat, two patrol vehicles)
- Utilize and have officers respond to other areas of the County.
- Off-season timeframe officer focus can be on other areas as determined by County
- Improved dispatch and clarity on response
- County retains authority, supervision, and direction of officers

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## **BRA Benefits**

- Consolidated law enforcement
- Improved communication; better defined roles between BRA/County/State Game Wardens
- Centralized response to Emergencies (Fire, Flood, Routine calls etc.)
- Ramp up seasonally; (off season County can utilize in other parts of County, if needed)
- Agreement will quantify/define patrol areas to ensure dam security, Public Use Area response, etc.
- Retain presence year-round (Dam security, Water Safety, Parks/Trails)
- Reduce BRA responsibility in the area of law enforcement
- Reduced liability





# Transition

- Existing BRA Rangers – Provide a Choice
- Option: Deputy or Reservoir Programs Coordinator
- County Sheriff supports/knows both Rangers
- Essential Functions/Duties of a Reservoir Programs Coordinator
  - Public Outreach/Education
  - Monitoring & minor maintenance of lands, restricted areas, parks, trails
  - Coordinates Special Events (e.g., Red Bull, Tournaments, July 4<sup>th</sup>, Triathlon)
  - Coordinates Environmental/Natural Resource programs
  - Provides Customer Service to general public
  - Holiday and Weekend Park Upkeep





## Assets

- For enhanced services of critical infrastructure ~ \$185K/Year
- Transfer of assets – two patrol vehicles and one boat
- Ancillary equipment

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# QUESTIONS?



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