

# March 2025 Papio Dams Update

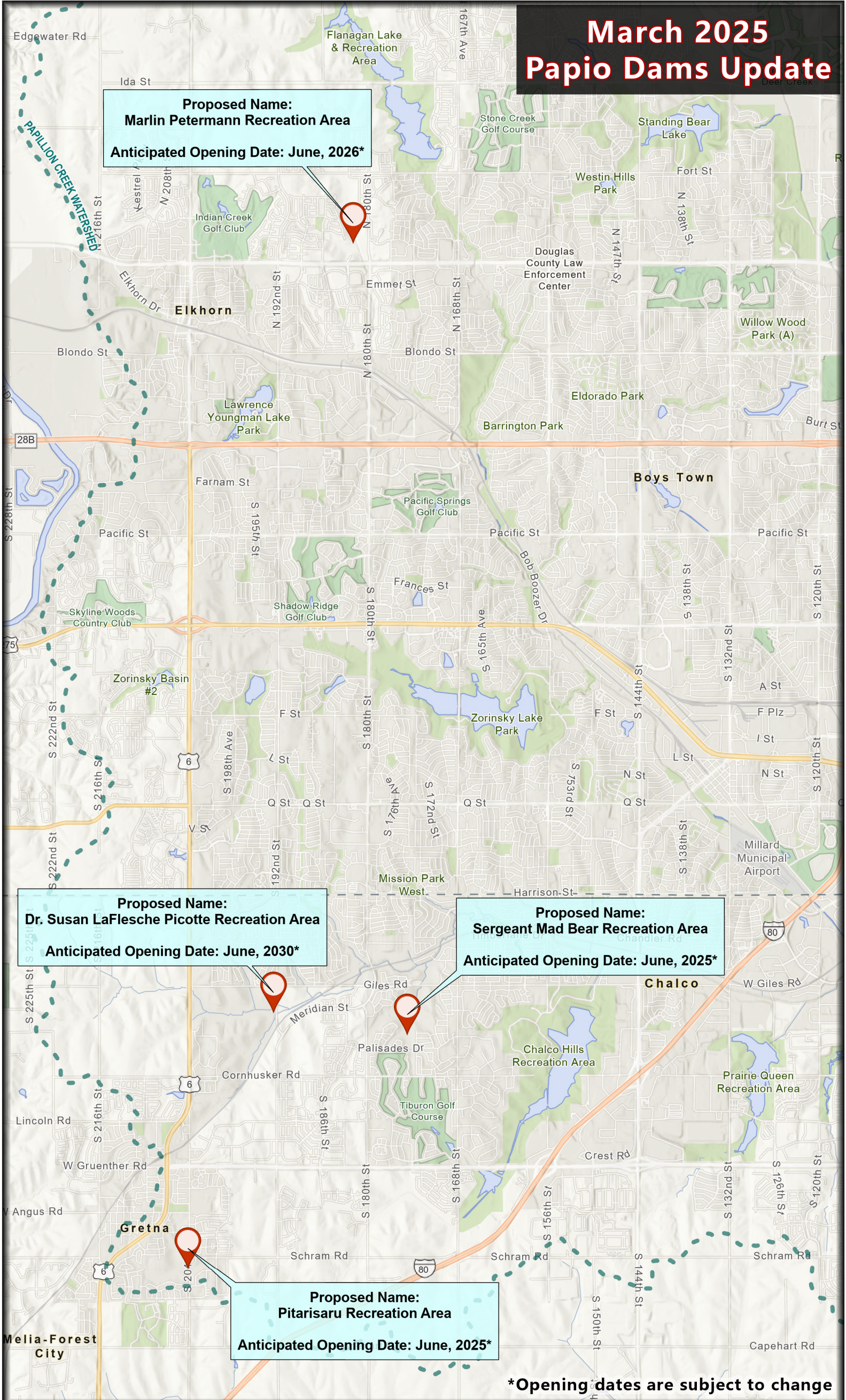
**Proposed Name:**  
**Marlin Petermann Recreation Area**  
**Anticipated Opening Date: June, 2026\***

**Proposed Name:**  
**Dr. Susan LaFlesche Picotte Recreation Area**  
**Anticipated Opening Date: June, 2030\***

**Proposed Name:**  
**Sergeant Mad Bear Recreation Area**  
**Anticipated Opening Date: June, 2025\***

**Proposed Name:**  
**Pitarisaru Recreation Area**  
**Anticipated Opening Date: June, 2025\***

\*Opening dates are subject to change





## Reservoir Naming Suggestions-Public Input

### WP-1

1. Andrew J. Poppleton Recreation Area (former Mayor of Omaha/lawyer/landowner)
2. Roettele Recreation Area (Carl Roettele founder of Ro\*Tel)
3. Blackbird Lake (Omaha Tribe Chief)

WP-2- No specific suggestions were submitted for WP-2

### WP-4

1. Beithir Recreation Area (Scottish word for dragon)
2. Bar Copper Recreation Area
3. Ms. Nelly May Grierson Recreation Area (teacher/principal in Gretna)
4. Forest City Recreation Area
5. Lake Forest Glade (a nod to Lakeview and Forest Run)
6. Lilypad Pond
7. Serenity Glen
8. Gretna Glen (or Gretna Glade)

### DS-19

1. Brockman Recreation Area (longtime landowner in project area)
2. **Marcelyn M. Hurst Recreation Area**
3. **Skitter Toe Echo Park**
4. **Lake Hurst Recreation Area**
5. **Farmer's Daughters Memory Park**

### General Naming Suggestion for any one of the 4 reservoirs

1. Lewis Lake (in honor of William R. Lewis)
2. Kyle McAcy (in honor of Nebraska State Patrol Officer)
3. Garnet Recreation Area (letters that make up Gretna)
4. Deerson Recreation Area (first Mayor of Gretna)
5. OGL Recreation Area (Omaha, Gretna and Lincoln)
6. Great Life Recreation Area (Gretna's tag line)
7. Gandy Dancer Recreation Area (early railroad workers)
8. Crossbuck Recreation Area (term for X shaped warning sign at crossings)
9. Name Reservoirs Common Birds (Hawk, Flicker, Blue Heron, Goldfinch)
10. White Eagle Recreation Area (Chief of Ponca Tribe)

## **Agenda Item 11.A. West Papillion Basin #1, Marlin Petermann Recreation Area**

### **WP-1**

The Board of Directors recommend that the West Papillion Regional Basin Number 1 be named Marlin Petermann Recreation Area and in conjunction with the Nebraska State Historical Society, the Papio-Missouri River NRD will provide an appropriate marker recognizing the accomplishments of Marlin Petermann.

## **Agenda Item 11.B. West Papillion Basin #2, Sergeant Mad Bear (Kuruks Tîčaris) Recreation Area**

### **WP-2**

The Board of Directors recommend that the West Papillion Regional Basin Number 2 be named Sergeant Mad Bear Recreation Area and in conjunction with the Nebraska State Historical Society, the Papio-Missouri River NRD will provide an appropriate marker recognizing the accomplishments of Sergeant Mad Bear.

## **Agenda Item 11.C. West Papillion Basin #4, Pîtarîsâru Recreation Area**

### **WP-4**

The Board of Directors recommend that the West Papillion Regional Basin Number 4 be named Pîtarîsâru Recreation Area and in conjunction with the Nebraska State Historical Society, the Papio-Missouri River NRD will provide an appropriate marker recognizing the accomplishments of Pîtarîsâru.

## **Agenda Item 11.D. Dam Site 19, Dr. Susan La Flesche Picotte Recreation Area**

### **DS-19**

The Board of Directors recommend that the Dam Site Number 19 be named Dr. Susan LaFlesche Picotte Recreation Area and in conjunction with the Nebraska State Historical Society, the Papio-Missouri River NRD will provide an appropriate marker recognizing the accomplishments of Dr. Susan La Flesche Picotte.