

Public Notice - Tennessee Valley Authority
No Practicable Alternative for
RV Campground in the 1% Annual Chance, 100-year Floodplain

August 13, 2026

Notice is hereby given that the Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA) is proposing to approve under Section 26a a recreational vehicle campground at Tennessee River Mile 138.0-138.2, in Decatur County, Tennessee. TVA is preparing an categorical exclusion checklist (CEC #37651) for the proposed RV campground. Among other facilities addressed in the CEC, the proposed RV campground lies within the Tennessee River 1-percent annual-chance (100-year) floodplain, and is therefore subject to analysis under Presidential Executive Order 11988, Floodplain Management. The approximate location of the proposed RV campground is shown in the attached figure by the red line.

This low-lying property is completely within the 1% AC floodplain, and the owners do not possess other lands that lie outside of the 1% AC floodplain that would be practicable to locate an RV campground. Therefore, TVA has determined that there is no practicable alternative to locating RV campground within the 1% AC floodplain.

Additional activities proposed at the campground include river bank shaping to allow for access from the campground to the river and construction of an access road. The bank shaping would not bring in fill from offsite. Road and culvert construction would be done in such a manner that upstream flood elevations would not be increased

All practicable design measures to minimize harm to the floodplain, as well as minimize flood risk to and from the RV campground have been identified by TVA. These measures include:

1. For all electrical services permitted on the Campground Parcel, a disconnect must be located at or above the 382.3-foot contour that is accessible during flooding
2. The material relocated as part of bank-shaping would be stabilized as soon as possible so as to prevent this material from re-entering the reservoir.
3. Upon request, the applicant will provide proof that the RV campground has sufficient policies and enforcement to prohibit residential use for all areas below elevation 382.3 feet.
4. The applicant agrees to create a flood evacuation plan that details the weather monitoring plan, flood preparation measures, expected flood evacuation procedures, and any other safety measures. The applicant shall provide a copy of this evacuation plan to the local emergency management agency.
5. The campground operator is responsible for monitoring weather reports, the TVA website, local emergency management agency information, and other sources of information during potential emergency situations, including flood events.
6. The campground operator is responsible for having access to equipment, and capability to remove all trailers, recreational vehicles, and camping units below the 500-year flood elevation 382.3, within a 24-hour period.
7. All trailers, recreational vehicles, or camping units will remain truly mobile and ready for highway use. This means that the unit is on its wheels or jacking system, is attached to the site only by quick disconnect-type utilities and security devices, and has no permanently attached additions, connections, foundations, porches, or similar structures.

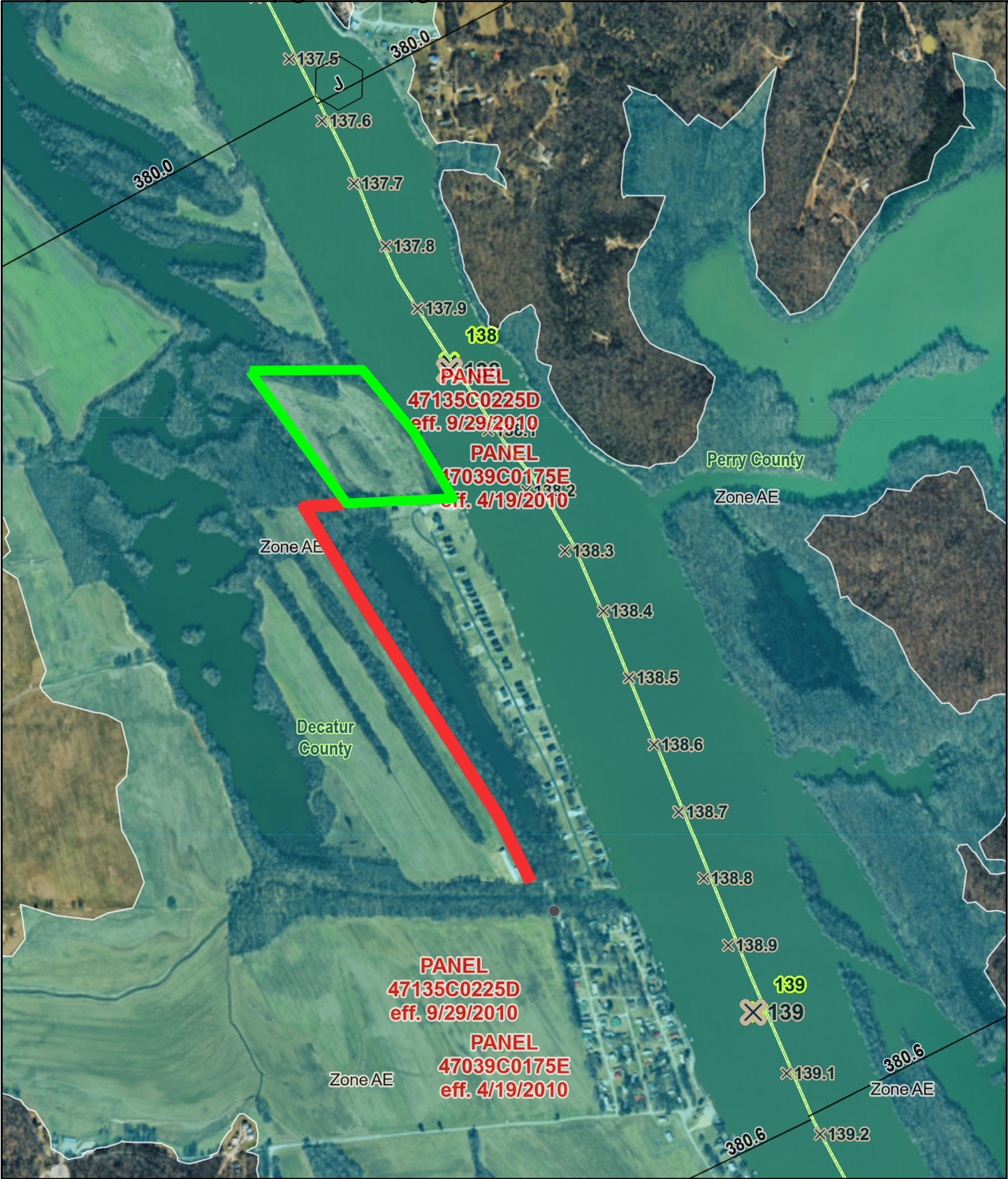
8. All trailers, recreational vehicles, or camping units must continually maintain a license for highway use.
9. No trailers, recreational vehicles, or camping units may be located on the site for more than 180 consecutive days.
10. No trailers, recreational vehicles, or camping units shall be left unattended for more than 24 hours at a time from November 1 through March 31 of each year.
11. Road construction would be done in such a manner that upstream flood elevations would not be increased.

TVA has therefore concluded that the proposed project is consistent with Executive Order 11988 because:

1. There is no practicable alternative to locating the RV campground in the floodplain,
2. The proposed project has been designed to minimize to the extent practicable harm to or within the floodplain,
3. The proposed project would conform with applicable state and local floodplain protection standards, and
4. Identifiable impacts to the floodplain are negligible.

Any party wishing to comment on the action's potential to affect floodplains should email comments to gtzimmerman@tva.gov on or before August 26, 2026.

Proposed RV Campground (green) and Proposed Access Road (red)



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Flood Hazard Zones

Zone Type

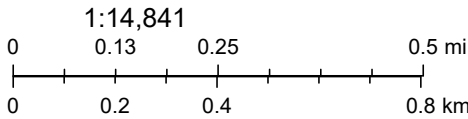
1% Annual Chance Flood Hazard

Flood Hazard Boundaries

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- SFHA / Flood Zone Boundary
- Cross-Sections

- FIRM Panels
- Flood Profile Elevations - tenth of a River Mile
- Flood Profile Elevations - whole River Miles
- Counties
- States
- Tax Parcels
- River Miles
- Tennessee River Watershed



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