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**BRAZOS RIVER AUTHORITY OPENS NEW TEMPORARY BOAT RAMP
AT LAKE POSSUM KINGDOM'S WEST SIDE PARK.**

Waco, TX – January 30, 2015 –The Brazos River Authority has installed a new, temporary ramp at Lake Possum Kingdom's West Side Park, across the reservoir from the BRA's other public use areas. The new ramp restores boat access to the park for the first time since the permanent ramp was closed due to low water levels from the drought. The now-open temporary ramp is covered by 4 feet of water at its end.

West Side Park is also accessible by land via Texas Farm-to-Market Road 1148 near Elm Creek. In addition, the park features a courtesy dock, which sits in water more than 7-feet-deep, as well as camping and picnic sites and a hiking trail. Restroom facilities are closed for the winter to prevent pipes from freezing

With the ramp's opening, the BRA has four public boat ramps in operation at its PK public areas. The other ramps are available at the North D&D, South D&D and Scenic Cove public areas. Another ramp, the Public Low Water Ramp off Texas Farm-to-Market Road 2951, remains closed while it undergoes renovations. For updated boat ramp conditions at PK as well as lakes Limestone and Granbury, please visit www.brazos.org.

For more information on PK recreational areas, please go to <http://www.brazos.org/generalpdf/pk-public-use-areas.pdf> or contact the BRA at (254) 761-3100.

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About the Brazos River Authority

The Brazos River Authority, with headquarters in Waco, is the oldest river authority in Texas. Created by the Texas Legislature in 1929, the BRA's 42,000 square-mile territory includes all or part of 70 counties; extending from the Texas-New Mexico border west of Lubbock to the Gulf of Mexico near Freeport.

The BRA built, owns, and operates three reservoirs (Lakes Possum Kingdom, Granbury, and Limestone) In addition to these water supply reservoirs, the BRA contracts with the US Army Corps of Engineers for the water supply storage space at eight federal multi-purpose flood control and water conservation reservoirs (Lakes Whitney, Belton, Proctor, Somerville, Stillhouse Hollow, Granger, Georgetown and Aquilla).

The Brazos River Authority operates a regional wastewater system for the cities of Temple-Belton. The BRA also operates wastewater treatment plants for the cities of Hutto, Clute-Richwood and Sugar Land. The BRA owns and operates a regional water treatment system in East Williamson County serving the City of Taylor.

The BRA also engages in water quality monitoring activities throughout the Brazos River basin. As a member of the Texas Clean River Program, the BRA samples and tests water from locations throughout the basin on either a monthly or quarterly basis. For further information on the Brazos River Authority, please contact Judi Pierce, Public Information Officer at 254-761-3103.