INTRODUCTION

Cross Lake is located in northeastern Louisiana. The lake serves as a source of drinking water for the residents of the City of Shreveport, as well as Caddo and Bossier parishes. The lake is located in the northern part of the City of Shreveport in central Caddo Parish, Louisiana, and is predominately used for recreational purposes. The lake was formed by constructing a dam on Cross Bayou in 1926 to provide an adequate source of drinking water for the residents of the City of Shreveport.  The dam was constructed by the United States Army Corps of Engineers in the 1920s. The primary purpose of the lake is to provide a source of drinking water for the residents of the City of Shreveport.

The City of Shreveport is responsible for the management of Cross Lake. For understanding and monitoring hydrologic conditions of the lake, the city monitors water-surface elevation during the study. The recorded daily mean water-surface elevation ranged from 169.04 to 170.03 feet above sea level with a mean of 169.71 feet above sea level during the bathymetric survey. The mean water-surface elevation of the lake (169.71 feet) was used during the bathymetric survey. The mean water-surface elevation of the lake (169.71 feet) was used during the bathymetric survey, which indicates that the water-surface elevation during the study was slightly below its annual average.

The lake is used for flood control, and it is a popular recreational area for the city and surrounding communities. The lake is located in the northern part of the City of Shreveport in central Caddo Parish, Louisiana, and is predominantly used for recreational purposes.

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