



**US Army Corps
of Engineers**
Baltimore District

Planning Division

Study Initiation Notice

Raystown Lake Project Master Plan Revision and Environmental Assessment

All Interested Parties: The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Baltimore District (USACE-Baltimore) is in the process of updating the Master Plan for the Raystown Lake Project, a USACE facility located on the Raystown Branch of the Juniata River, in Huntingdon and Bedford Counties, Pennsylvania. USACE is preparing an environmental assessment (EA) in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, as amended, to assess the impact of the Master plan Revision to the human environment.

The Raystown Lake Project was authorized by the Flood Control Act of 1962, and was constructed, and is managed, by USACE for the purposes of flood control (flood damage reduction), mitigation/augmentation of water quality, hydropower, recreation and fish and wildlife preservation. Raystown Lake Dam is vital to the protection of downstream communities along the Juniata River and is critical to the comprehensive flood control plan of the Susquehanna River basin. The Raystown Lake Project also has an active natural resource program with a goal to maintain and enhance the quality of existing resources. The Raystown Lake Project encompasses 29,314 acres, including the dam and reservoir area and the federal land downstream of the dam. The reservoir is approximately 30 river miles long and covers a linear distance of approximately 20 miles. Raystown Lake is the largest lake located entirely in Pennsylvania, consists of approximately 8,300 acres of surface waters, and is surrounded by approximately 21,000 acres of forested mountain slopes.

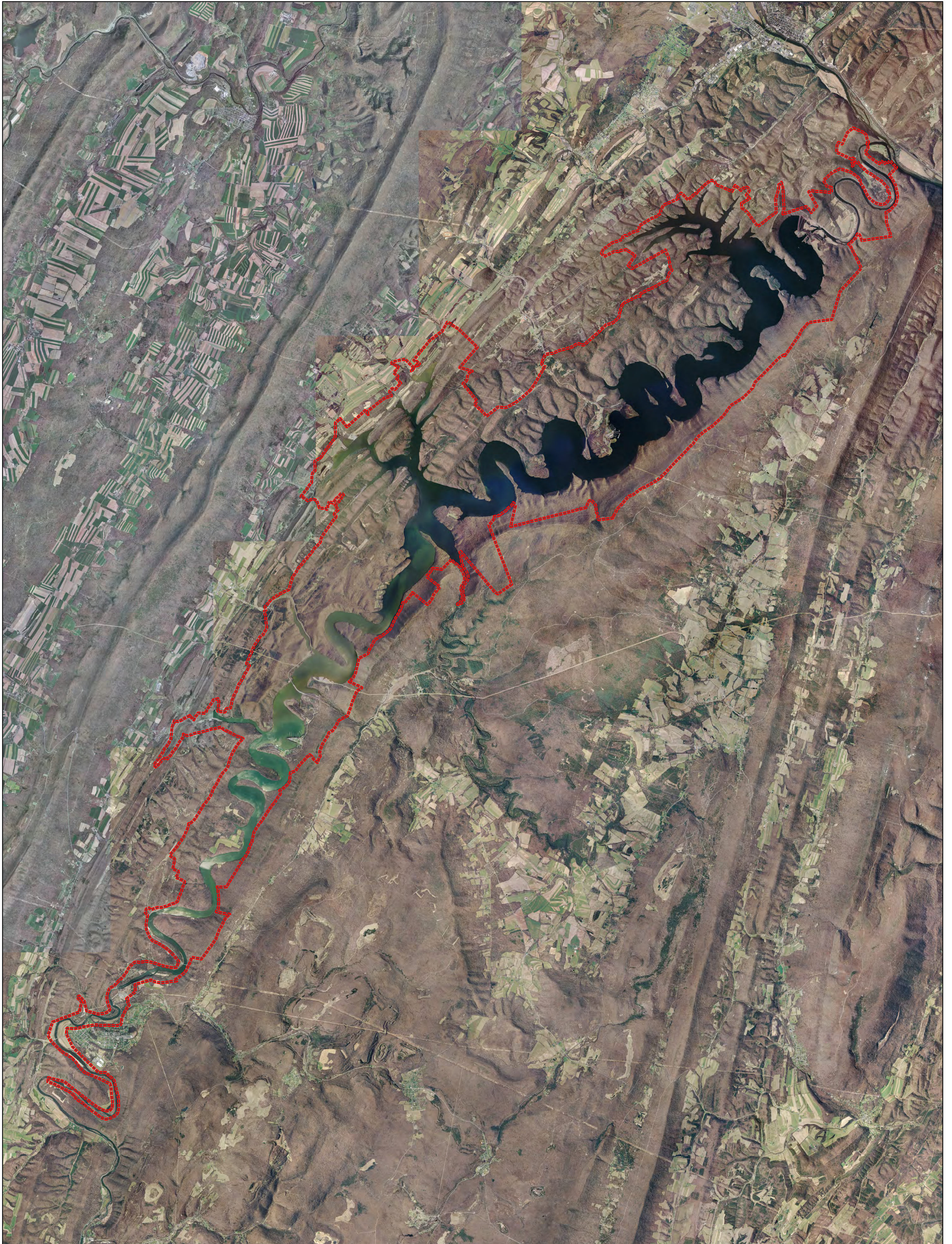
The draft EA is expected to be publicly released in Fall 2019. The purpose of this notice is to inform the public of the initiation of the preparation of an EA for the Raystown Lake Project Master Plan. We request that federal and state agencies provide information concerning interests within your organization's area of responsibility or expertise, and the public provide information that may be pertinent to this assessment, to an address listed below within 30 days from the date of this notice. A timely review of the enclosed map and a written response will be greatly appreciated and will assist us with preparation of the EA.

If you have any questions, please contact Terrence G. Harrington at (410) 962-1846 or by e-mail at terrence.g.harrington@usace.army.mil. Additionally, questions may be mailed to U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Planning Division, Subject: Raystown Project, 2 Hopkins Plaza, Baltimore, MD 21201.

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U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Raystown Lake Master Plan Revision and Environmental Assessment - Study Area Map

Study Area Boundary



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