



WHITNEY POINT LAKE, NY

U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS
FACT SHEET as of February 2015

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AUTHORIZATION: The project is a unit of the comprehensive flood control plan for the protection of communities in southern New York and eastern Pennsylvania authorized by the Flood Control Act of June 22, 1936, as amended by the Flood Control Act of June 28, 1938, and is described in House Document No. 702, 77th Congress, second session.

TYPE OF PROJECT: Flood Risk Management, Recreation and Environmental Stewardship

CONTRIBUTION TO CHESAPEAKE BAY: Contributes to Executive Order 13508 goals to protect habitat and water quality, and expand public access within the Chesapeake Bay watershed.

PROJECT PHASE: Operation and Maintenance

CONGRESSIONAL INTEREST: Senators **Schumer and Gillibrand (NY)**, Representative **Hanna (NY-22)**.

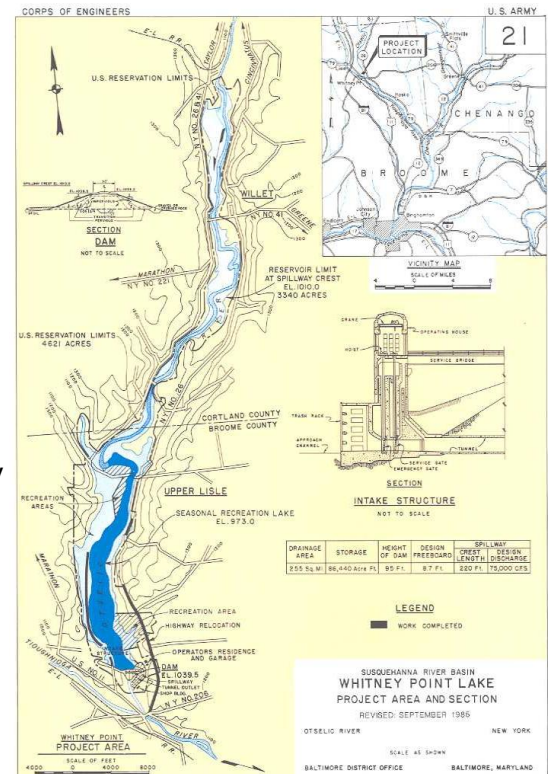
NON-FEDERAL SPONSOR: None

BACKGROUND:

Whitney Point Lake is located near Whitney Point, New York, on the Otselic River, a tributary of the Tioughnioga River, which discharges into the Chenango River, which, in turn, discharges in the Susquehanna River at Binghamton, New York.

The dam is an earthfill structure, 4,900 feet long, rising 95 feet above the streambed, with a concrete spillway and a gated outlet in the left abutment. The reservoir has a storage capacity of 86,440 acre-feet (28.2 billion gallons) at spillway crest and will extend about 12 miles upstream when filled to that level. The project controls a drainage area of 255 square miles, the entire watershed of the Otselic River, and 16 percent of the Chenango River watershed upstream from Binghamton. The project forms part of the protection for Binghamton and reduces flood heights on the lower Chenango River and throughout the Susquehanna River Valley downstream from Binghamton. The Federal cost of the project was \$5,421,539.

Under a Corps real estate agreement, the Broome County Department of Parks and Recreation operates and maintains Dorchester Park. Facilities include a beach, boat launch, boat rentals, picnic areas and campground. New York Department of Environmental Conservation manages fish and wildlife on other project lands, including Upper Lisle.



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STATUS: Project is operational. Flood damages prevented through fiscal 2014 are estimated at \$723,229,000. Recreation attendance in fiscal 2012 was 253,164 visitor hours.

BUDGET:

Federal Funds Data

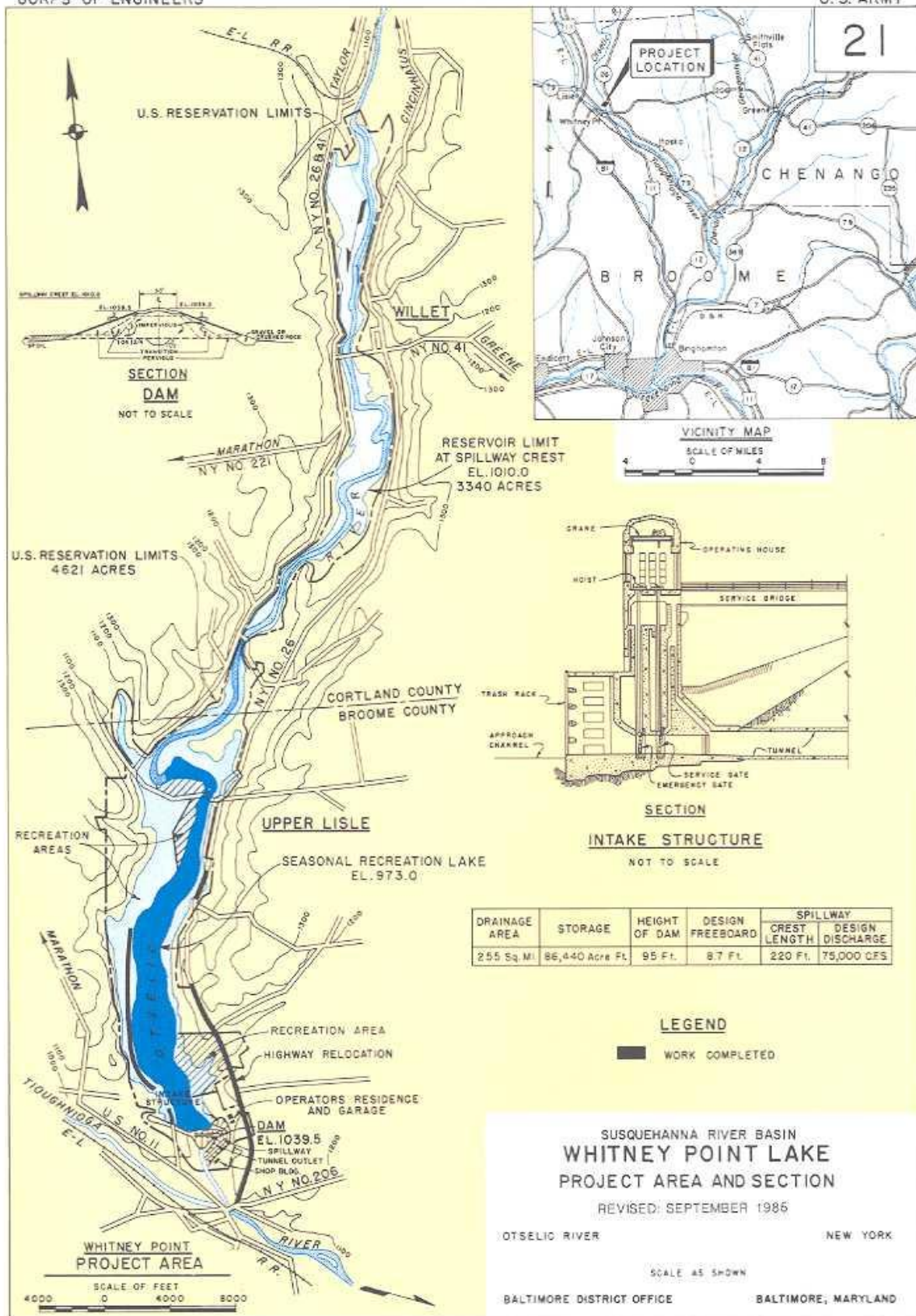
Allocation for FY 2014	702,900
President Budget FY 2015	905,000
Allocation for FY 2015	TBD

SCHEDULE:

FY 2014 Completed Work: Funding was utilized to perform normal operations and maintenance of the project.

FY 2015 Scheduled Work: Normal operation and maintenance of the project will continue.

For more information regarding Whitney Point Lake, NY contact Joseph C. Ignatius, CENAB-OP-F, (410) 962-6043, or e-mail joe.ignatius@usace.army.mil. Also see this project's related web page at <http://www.nab.usace.army.mil/recreation/whitney.htm>.



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