



Brubaker Run, Cambria County, PA

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FACT SHEET as of February 1, 2015

AUTHORIZATION: Continuing Authorities Program, Section 206 of the Water Resources Development Act of 1996, as amended

TYPE OF PROJECT: Aquatic Ecosystem Restoration

CONTRIBUTION TO CHESAPEAKE BAY: Directly contributes to achieving protection and restoration goals established by the 2009 Executive Order 13508 and the 2014 Chesapeake Bay Program Agreement by restoring clean water, and recovering vital habitat.

PROJECT PHASE: Feasibility



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CONGRESSIONAL INTEREST: Senators **Casey** and **Toomey** (PA); Congressman **Shuster** (PA-09)

NON-FEDERAL SPONSOR: Clearfield Creek Watershed Association, Ebensburg, PA

BACKGROUND: Brubaker Run is a small tributary to Clearfield Creek in Dean Township, Cambria County, Pennsylvania.

The Association has requested that the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers investigate the feasibility of restoring Brubaker Run, which is severely degraded by acid mine drainage from an abandoned Mercer clay mine. Preventing acidic runoff and metals from entering the Brubaker Run watershed would restore 1.5 miles of stream, which is devoid of aquatic life. Additionally, nearly 8 miles of the Clearfield Creek below its confluence with Brubaker Run would be restored. The expected environmental benefits would be measured in terms of the amount of improved aquatic habitat within the watershed.

A Preliminary Restoration Plan was prepared and approved by the North Atlantic Division office on December 23, 2002, the Baltimore District was given funding to proceed with the feasibility phase of the investigation. Work on the feasibility phase was discontinued in March 2004 due to nationwide shortfalls in the Section 206 program and restarted in 2010.

STATUS: Completed development of preliminary (10%) design alternatives for acid mine drainage in fiscal 2013. Due to Continuing Authority Program (CAP) Process Improvements, all non-cost shared feasibility studies must stop all work (as of 09/30/2013) to negotiate and execute a Feasibility Cost Sharing Agreement (FSCA). The Baltimore District will follow up with the sponsor to determine if there is still interest in pursuing or terminating the study.

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BUDGET (\$):

Construction

Feasibility

<u>Total Estimated Cost</u>	\$536,450
Federal Cost Estimate	\$536,450
Non-Federal Cost Estimate	\$0

<u>Federal Funds Data</u>	
Allocations thru FY 2013	\$632,700
Allocation for FY 2014	\$ -96,250
President Budget FY 2015 ¹	\$0
Allocation for FY 2015 ²	\$0
Balance to Complete	\$0

NOTES:

¹ The President typically sends the budget to Congress in February each year. Upon release, budget amounts for the USACE Civil Works programs and specified projects are posted online at the HQUSACE website in a Program Budget Press Book at <http://www.usace.army.mil/Missions/CivilWorks/Budget.aspx>.

² The final FY 2015 allocation amounts will be made available upon final approval pursuant to the Energy and Water Appropriations Act's continuing funding requirements .

SCHEDULE:

FY 2014 Completed Work: No requirements.

FY 2015 Scheduled Work: The Baltimore District will follow up with the sponsor to determine if there is still interest in pursuing or terminating the study.

COMPLETION: With optimum non-Federal funding the feasibility phase can be completed in 2016.

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