



# COWANESQUE LAKE, PA

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

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**AUTHORIZATION:** The project was authorized by the Flood Control Act of July 3, 1958, Public Law 85-500, substantially in accordance with House Document 394, 85th Congress, second session.

**TYPE OF PROJECT:** Flood Risk Management, Recreation, Environmental Stewardship, and Water Supply.

**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:** Operations and Maintenance

**CONGRESSIONAL INTEREST:** Senators **Casey, Jr. and Toomey (PA)**, and Representative Marino **(PA-10)**.

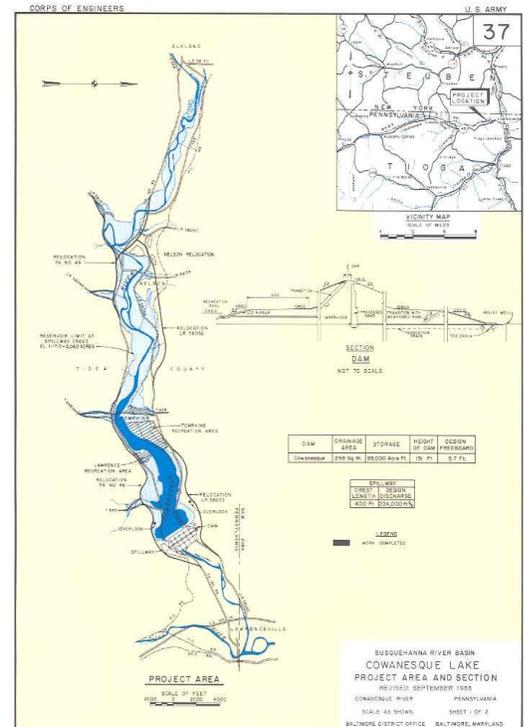
**NON-FEDERAL SPONSOR:** Susquehanna River Basin Commission (SRBC)

## **BACKGROUND:**

Cowanesque Lake is located in Tioga County, PA, on the Cowanesque River approximately two miles upstream of the confluence with the Tioga River at Lawrenceville, PA.

The embankment is of earth and rockfill, 3,100 feet in length, rising 151 feet above the streambed, with a 400-foot long spillway in the right abutment. The outlet works consist of an excavated approach channel, a combined intake and gate structure, a 15-foot diameter horseshoe tunnel, and a concrete outlet structure with a stilling basin. A conservation lake is maintained at elevation 1080 National Geodetic Vertical Datum having a surface area of 1090 acres, and a length of 4.2 miles. Seventy-nine percent of the conservation storage space is allocated for water supply storage. SRBC makes annual payments for this storage based on annual operation and maintenance costs. The cost of the original project construction (100 percent Federal) was \$106,030,000. Cost of the project modifications to provide water supply storage was \$54,314,000, of which the Federal share was \$1,110,000.

The Corps operates and maintains three major recreation areas on Cowanesque Lake. The South Shore Day Use Area provides boat launching, picnicking, swimming, comfort stations, and concession facilities. The Lawrence Day Use Area provides picnic facilities and comfort stations. The Tompkins Campground provides modern, group and rustic campsites, a boat launch, and a beach.



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**STATUS:** Project is operational. Flood damages prevented through fiscal 2014 are estimated at \$299,369,000. Recreation attendance for fiscal 2012 was 915,762 visitor-hours.

**BUDGET:**

Federal Funds Data

Allocation for FY 2014	1,950,300
President Budget FY 2015	1,860,000
Allocation for FY 2015	TBD

**SCHEDULE:**

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

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

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