



Foster Joseph Sayers Dam, PA

U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS
FACT SHEET as of February 1, 2015

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AUTHORIZATION: Continuing Authorities Program, Section 1135 of the Water Resources Development Act of 1986, as amended.

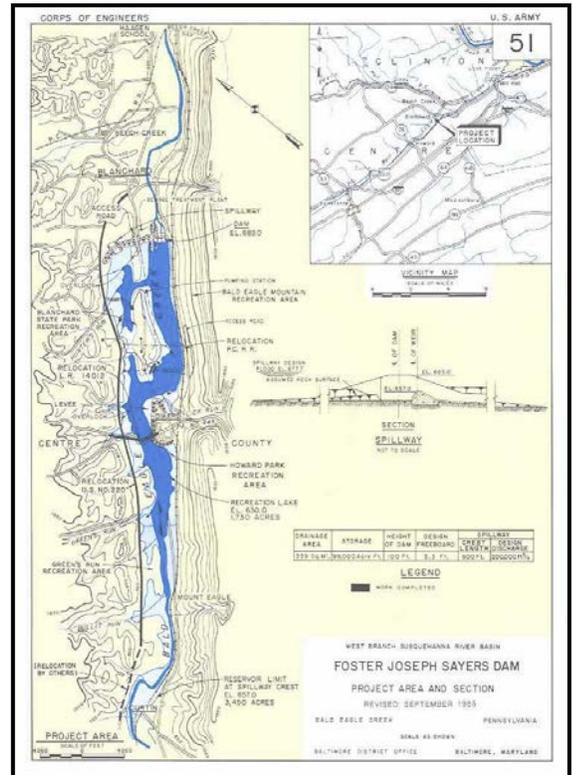
TYPE OF PROJECT: Project Modifications for the Improvement of the Environment

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, recovering vital habitat, and sustaining fish and wildlife.

PROJECT PHASE: Feasibility

CONGRESSIONAL INTEREST: Senators **Casey** and **Toomey** (PA); Congressman **Thompson** (PA-05)

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



Project site map for Foster Joseph Sayers Dam, Centre County, PA

BACKGROUND: The Foster Joseph Sayers Dam/Blanchard Reservoir is located in Centre County, Pennsylvania. It is a multipurpose project providing significant flood damage reduction and recreation benefits. The study will determine if operation of the reservoir, including water release protocol, can be modified to improve the quality of the environment both in the reservoir itself and in the downstream ecosystem. Currently, the reservoir is drawn down 20 feet in late fall and winter and returned to normal pool level by late spring. The in-lake ecosystem may benefit from a more constant year round pool and some potential environmental modifications. Consistent with the 2012 report entitled Susquehanna River Basin Ecosystem Flow Study prepared in a cooperative effort by SRBC and the Corps of Engineers, low flow augmentation from the reservoir during critical low flow periods could benefit the downstream ecosystem.

STATUS: Develop a Project Management Plan (PMP) to aid in the negotiation and execution of a Feasibility Cost Sharing Agreement (FCSA)

BUDGET (\$):

Construction

Feasibility

<u>Total Estimated Cost</u>	\$100,000
Federal Cost Estimate	\$100,000
Non-Federal Cost Estimate	\$0

<u>Federal Funds Data</u>	
Allocation thru FY 2013	\$0
Allocation for FY 2014	\$50,000
President Budget FY 2015 ¹	\$0
Allocation for FY 2015 ²	\$50,000
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: Approved Federal Interest Determination (FID) Report.

FY 2015 Scheduled Work: Finalize Project Management Plan and execute the Feasibility Cost Sharing Agreement with the Susquehanna River Basin Commission by July 2015. Field investigations will commence to help further define the problems and opportunities. Alternative plans will be formulated and evaluated by environmental and additional effects.

COMPLETION: With optimum funding this feasibility phase can be completed in June 2017.

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