



# RAYSTOWN 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 October 23, 1962, (Public Law 87-874) and is described in House Document No. 565, 87th 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 **Casey, Jr, and Toomey (PA)** and Representatives **Shuster (PA-9) and Thompson (PA-5)**

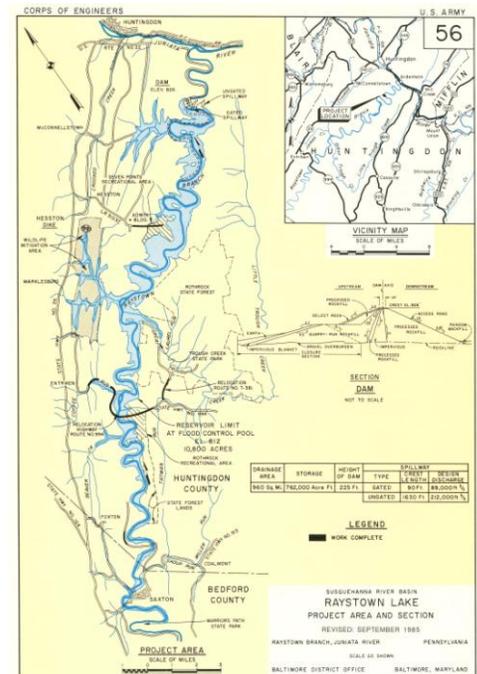
**NON-FEDERAL SPONSOR:** None

## **BACKGROUND:**

Raystown Lake is located on the Raystown Branch about 5.5 miles upstream from its confluence with the Juniata River.

The dam is an earth and rockfill structure with a maximum height of 225 feet and a top length of 1,700 feet. There is a two-bay gated spillway with two tainter gates, 45 feet wide by 45 feet high, to control flood flows. The overflow section is cut through rock at elevation 812 mean sea level, and has crest length of 1,630 feet in the spur of Terrace Mountain. The spillway and overflow section have a combined discharge capacity of 301,000 cubic feet per second. The project, which provides flood control, recreation and fish and wildlife enhancement, controls a drainage area of 960 square miles. At the overflow section crest, the reservoir will extend 34 miles to the vicinity of Saxton and inundate 10,800 acres. The recreation lake is 27 miles long and inundates 8,300 acres. The project encompasses 29,700 total acres. The flood control storage available above the elevation of the recreation lake is 248,000 acre-feet, equal to five inches of runoff from the drainage area. The Federal cost of the Raystown project was \$77,410,000.

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers operates and maintains 12 public access areas. Facilities include beaches, boat launches, campgrounds, trails, and excellent opportunities to hunt and fish. Four concessions currently exist at the project:



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1. Lake Raystown Resort: This concession area includes 350 acres on three peninsulas on the east shore of Raystown Lake just south of Pennsylvania Route 994. The concessionaire is the Patt Organization of Hollidaysburg, PA. The concessionaire operates the following facilities: 272 site campground, 650 slip marina, 54 unit lodge/motel, conference center, restaurant, 64 cabins, water park complex, camp store/administration building, gas station, tour boat, and rental boats.
2. Seven Points Marina: This marina is operated by Anchorage Enterprises, Inc., of Hesston, PA. Facilities operated by this concession include a 663 wet slip marina, 283 dry slips in stack storage, a camp store, two cruise boats, rental boats, and a fuel and boat service building. The marina also operates a restaurant facility.
3. Branch Camp: The Branch Camp concession, located two miles below the dam on the Juniata River. Facilities include a 31 site campground, vault toilet, and potable water.
4. The Lighthouse: The Lighthouse concession is located at Seven Points Beach. The facility offers a variety of snacks, fast food items, and water trampolines for visitors to the beach area.

Continental Cooperative Services of Harrisburg, PA owns and operates a 20 megawatt conventional hydropower facility that uses scheduled water releases from Raystown Dam to produce an average annual output of 77 million kilowatt hours, or enough to supply approximately 7,700 typical rural homes. The facility became operational in the spring of 1988.

**STATUS:** Project is operational. Flood damages prevented through fiscal 2014 are estimated at \$284,499,000. Project visitation (including concessions) in fiscal 2012 was 7,047,990 visitor hours.

**BUDGET:**

Federal Funds Data

Allocation for FY 2014	\$4,680,000
President Budget FY 2015	\$3,817,000
Allocation for FY 2015	TBD

**SCHEDULE:**

FY 2014 Completed Work: Normal operation and maintenance of the project continued. Repair work on the tainter gates associated with a contract awarded in fiscal 2013 award contract to replace the gate seals and repair corrosion on the skin plates was completed. Through work on this contract, major deficiencies were discovered with the quality of the steel used in construction of these gates. A second contract was awarded in May 2014 to address these additional issues with an estimated completion of September 2015.

FY 2015 Scheduled Work: Normal operation and maintenance of the project will continue. Repair of the tainter gates will continue with completion scheduled for September 2015.

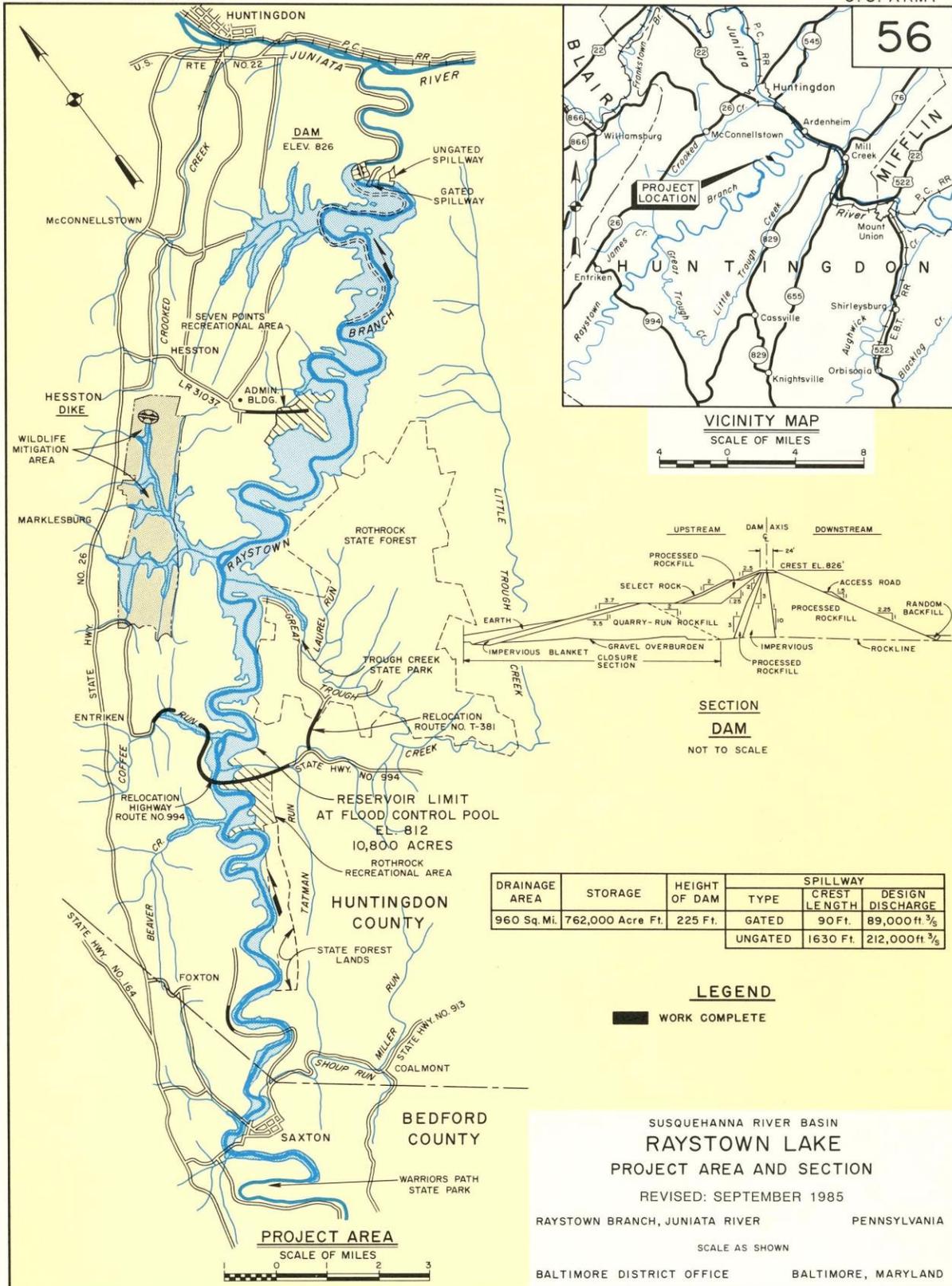
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