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**Almond Lake 2024 Master Plan and Environmental Assessment**

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In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969, as amended, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Baltimore District (USACE) has prepared a draft environmental assessment (EA) to assess the impact of the implementation of the Almond Lake 2024 Master Plan (“2024 Master Plan”). The Almond Lake project is located in Steuben County, New York on the Canacadea Creek; a tributary of the Canisteo River, which flows into the Chemung River, which in turn, flows into the Susquehanna River.

The Proposed Action includes implementation of the 2024 Master Plan to reflect changes in land management classifications, land uses, and USACE regulations and guidance that have occurred since the original Almond Lake Master Plan was approved in September 1964 and the subsequent 1977 Master Plan Update (1977 Master Plan). In compliance with NEPA, USACE has prepared a draft Master Plan and EA and evaluated potential effects of the 2024 Master Plan on the natural, cultural, and human environment. The EA determined negligible impacts would occur to the following resources: air quality, greenhouse gases and climate, noise, geology, cultural resources, groundwater, utilities, socioeconomics and environmental justice, and traffic and transportation. No impacts are anticipated on water and biological resources from implementation of the 2024 Master Plan. Minor impacts could occur to water resources, and minor to moderate impacts could occur to soils and biological resources during construction of future master planning projects. Implementation of the 2024 Master Plan would result in beneficial impacts to land use and recreation through the use of high density and low-density recreation land classifications as well as the restricted land classification. The land classifications identify recreation as the primary land use in the high density and low-density recreation areas. The classifications allow for future high-and low-density recreational development as appropriate in these land classification areas. Based on the preliminary findings in the draft EA, USACE anticipates issuing a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI).

Projects that may be proposed at the Almond Lake project in the future will be evaluated in compliance with this master plan; NEPA; USACE regulations; and other federal, state, and local policies and regulations.

USACE requests comments regarding the draft Master Plan and EA within thirty (30) days of the date of this notice. USACE will consider all comments received within the 30-day comment period in the preparation of the Final Master Plan and EA. A copy of the draft Master Plan and EA is available at the Almond Public Library (Almond, New York) and the Hornell Public Library (Hornell, New York). Additionally, the Draft Master Plan and EA can be found on the USACE Almond Lake website at: <https://www.nab.usace.army.mil/Missions/Dams-Recreation/Almond-Lake/Almond-Lake-Master-Plan-Revision/>

If you would like to request a public meeting to discuss the 2024 Master Plan and the associated environmental assessment or if you have any questions, please contact Lauren McDonald at (443) 990-6291 or at [Lauren.N.McDonald@usace.army.mil](mailto:Lauren.N.McDonald@usace.army.mil).

Individuals wishing to provide comments or request additional information may contact Ms. McDonald at the email address above. Additionally, questions and/or comments can be submitted at the USACE Almond Lake website above or mailed to U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Planning Division, Subject: Almond Lake, 2 Hopkins Plaza, Baltimore, MD 21201.



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