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Baltimore District

Planning Division
Notice of Availability

Arkport Dam 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 Arkport Dam 2024 Master Plan ("2024 Master Plan"). The Arkport Dam project is located in Steuben County, New York on the Canisteo River, a tributary of the Chemung River, which 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 Arkport Dam became operational in 1939. 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: water resources, soils, biological resources, land use and recreation, air quality, greenhouse gases and climate, noise, geology, cultural resources, groundwater, wild and scenic rivers, utilities, hazardous materials and waste, socioeconomic and environmental justice, and traffic and transportation. 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 Arkport Dam 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 Arkport Dam website at: <https://www.nab.usace.army.mil/missions/dams-recreation/arkport-dam/arkport-dam-master-plan/>

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.

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 Arkport Dam website above or mailed to U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Planning Division, Subject: Arkport Dam, 2 Hopkins Plaza, Baltimore, MD 21201.

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