



**US Army Corps
of Engineers**
Baltimore District

Planning Division

Public Notice

Aylesworth Lake Project Master Plan Update and Environmental Assessment

All Interested Parties: The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Baltimore District (USACE-Baltimore) is in the process of updating the Master Plan (MP) and preparing an Environmental Assessment (EA) for the Aylesworth Creek Lake Project (hereafter “Aylesworth Lake Project” or “Aylesworth Lake”) located on Aylesworth Creek approximately one mile above its confluence with the Lackawanna River in Lackawanna County, Pennsylvania. The update of the master plan will be in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, as amended, the January 2013 updates to the Engineer Regulation (ER) and Engineering Pamphlet (EP), and the November 2015 policy memorandum revision to ER and EP 1130-2-550 Master Plans.

The Aylesworth Lake Project was first authorized by the Flood Control Act of October 23, 1962, Public Law #87-874, 87th Congress, and is described in Senate Document No. 141, 87th Congress, 2nd Session. Aylesworth Lake is a multipurpose water resources project constructed and operated by USACE, Baltimore District and was operationally complete in October 1970. This Master Plan considers all USACE-managed and maintained portions of land at Aylesworth Lake. It does not consider specific future development opportunities for leased areas, including the Lackawanna County recreation area, Aylesworth Park.

The draft MP and EA are anticipated to be publicly released in 2025 for review and comment. The purpose of this notice is to inform the public of the initiation of the preparation of an EA for the Aylesworth Lake Master Plan update. We request that federal and state agencies provide information concerning interests within your organization’s area of responsibility or expertise, and the public provide information that may be pertinent to this assessment. The agencies and public can provide comments or information to the address listed below.

A public review comment period will be held after completion of the draft documents to allow opportunity for the public and agencies to submit comments and feedback on the Draft Master Plan and Draft EA. All updates regarding the Master Plan Update and public comment periods may be found on the following site: <https://www.nab.usace.army.mil/missions/dams-recreation/aylesworth-lake/aylesworth-lake-master-plan/>

Please provide questions and any feedback to Lauren McDonald at Lauren.N.McDonald@usace.army.mil by September 19, 2024. Additionally, questions and comments may be mailed to U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Planning Division, Subject: Aylesworth Lake Project, 2 Hopkins Plaza, Baltimore, MD 21201.
