

Planning Division

Notice of Availability

Stillwater Lake Project Draft 2025 Master Plan and Environmental Assessment July 22, 2025

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) that assesses the effects of adopting the Stillwater Lake 2025 Master Plan ("2025 Master Plan"). Stillwater Lake is located on the Lackawanna River in Susquehanna County, PA. It is 4 miles north (and upstream) of Forest City, PA, 30 miles upstream from Scranton, PA, and 39.4 miles upstream from its confluence with the Susquehanna River.

The Proposed Action is to adopt the 2025 Master Plan that reflects changes in land management classifications, land and water uses, and USACE regulations and guidance that have occurred since the 1959 Stillwater Lake Master Plan. Lands at the Stillwater Lake Project are classified as project operations, high density recreation, multiple resource management, and water surface.

A draft EA was prepared by USACE that determined that adoption of the 2025 Master Plan will have no effect on the natural, cultural, and human environment. Based on the preliminary findings in the draft EA, USACE prepared a draft Finding of No Significant Impact. The Proposed Action is an administrative update and does not involve the construction of any physical projects. Projects that may be proposed at the Stillwater Lake Project in the future will be evaluated in accordance with the 2025 Master Plan; NEPA; USACE regulations; and other federal, state, and local policies and regulations.

The draft 2025 Master Plan, EA, and FONSI are available for public review at the following link: https://www.nab.usace.army.mil/missions/dams-recreation/stillwater-lake/stillwater-lake-master-plan/

Physical copies of the draft Master Plan, EA, and FONSI are available at the Forest City Branch Library (Forest City, PA) and the Pleasant Mount Public Library (Pleasant Mount, PA).

Comments can be submitted using the fillable form at the website above. USACE requests that comments be submitted within 30 calendar days of the date of this notice. USACE will consider all comments received within the 30-day comment period in preparation of the final 2025 Master Plan and EA.

If you would like to request a public meeting or if you have any questions, please contact Grant Cunningham at Grant.M.Cunningham@usace.army.mil. Additionally, comments can be mailed to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Attn: Grant Cunningham, Planning Division, Floor 10, 2 Hopkins Plaza, Baltimore, MD 21201.

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