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Snagging and Clearing for Flood Risk Management Swale Brook at Bridge Street in the Borough of Tunkhannock, Pennsylvania Draft Environmental Assessment

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The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Baltimore District (USACE), is releasing a draft environmental assessment (EA) that evaluates the potential environmental effects of snagging and clearing activities for flood risk management at Swale Brook, located at Bridge Street in the Borough of Tunkhannock, Pennsylvania (PA). This draft EA has been prepared in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA), as amended.

This draft EA includes an assessment of the construction of an in-stream step-pool system in approximately 650 feet of Swale Brook; the removal of accumulated sediment from the existing box culvert underneath Bridge Street and from the stream channel downstream of the culvert; and clearing of downed trees. These proposed actions are anticipated to improve sediment transport and eliminate backwater conditions at the downstream end of the Bridge Street crossing. The proposed project is anticipated to provide a more functional system, reduce the risk of nuisance flooding including impacts to traffic, and improve emergency response capabilities during high-water events.

This draft EA outlines short-term, minor, adverse impacts to the surrounding environment including dust, air emissions, and noise from construction activities and loss of vegetation and benthic macroinvertebrates in disturbed areas. Fish and wildlife will be temporarily disturbed during construction but are expected to return to the area following construction. The proposed stream restoration will improve stream flow and reduce the risk of nuisance flooding, thereby benefitting the community through a reduction in flood damages. The proposed project will have no effect on threatened and endangered species. No effects to cultural resources or National Register of Historic Places properties are expected. Based on the preliminary findings in the draft EA, USACE prepared a draft Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) located in the referenced draft document.

The draft EA and FONSI are available for review at the following location:

<https://www.nab.usace.army.mil/missions/civil-works/tunkhannock-cap-section-208/>. Comments and questions may be submitted using the fillable form provided on the website or directly to Laura Searles, Project Manager, at Laura.K.Searles@usace.army.mil. Public comments will be accepted through June 9, 2025.

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