



**US Army Corps
of Engineers**
Baltimore District

Planning Division
Notice of Availability

**Jennings Randolph Lake Project Master Plan Revision and Environmental Assessment
Notice of Availability**

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 Master Plan Revision for the Jennings Randolph Lake (JRL) Project located in Garrett County, Maryland, and Mineral County, West Virginia.

The Master Plan Revision includes updating land classifications to current USACE standards, and identifying resource objectives and future projects that reflect current and projected needs at JRL that are compatible with regional goals. In compliance with NEPA, USACE has prepared an EA and evaluated potential effects of the revised Master Plan on the natural, cultural, and human environment. The EA determined negligible impact would occur to the following resources: air quality, greenhouse gases and climate, noise, geology, cultural resources, groundwater, wild and scenic rivers, infrastructure and utilities, hazardous materials and waste, socioeconomics and environmental justice, and traffic and transportation. Minor impacts could occur to water resources, minor to moderate impacts could occur to soils and biological resources, and beneficial impacts could occur to land use and recreation. Based on the preliminary findings in the draft EA, USACE-Baltimore anticipates issuing a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI).

USACE requests comments regarding the Proposed Action within thirty (30) days of the date of this notice. USACE-Baltimore will consider all comments received within the 30-day comment period in the preparation of the Final EA. A copy of the draft EA is available at the Ruth Enlow Library – Kitzmiller, Maryland, and the Keyser-Mineral Public Library, West Virginia. Additionally, the Draft EA can be found on the USACE-Baltimore JRL website at: <https://www.nab.usace.army.mil/JRL-Master-Plan-Revision/>.

A public meeting will be held at the Mineral County Health Department on February 19th, 2019 from 6-9 p.m. for the purpose of providing the public information on the Master Plan Revision and an opportunity for the public to submit comments on the Draft EA.

Individuals wishing to provide comments or request additional information may contact Major Terrence Harrington at (410) 962-1846 or at terrence.g.harrington@usace.army.mil. Additionally, questions can be mailed to U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Planning Division, Subject: Jennings Randolph Lake Project, 2 Hopkins Plaza, Baltimore, MD 21201.

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