

## Planning Division

## Notice of Availability

## Curwensville Lake 2022 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 Curwensville Lake 2022 Master Plan ("2022 Master Plan"). The Curwensville Lake project is located on the West Branch of the Susquehanna River in Clearfield County, Pennsylvania.

The Proposed Action includes implementation of the 2022 Master Plan to reflect changes in land management classifications, land uses, and USACE regulations and guidance that have occurred since the 1968 Master Plan was drafted. In compliance with NEPA, USACE has prepared a draft Master Plan and EA and evaluated potential effects of the 2022 Master Plan on the natural, cultural, and human environment. The EA determined negligible impacts would occur to the following resources: air quality, greenhouse gases and climate, noise, geology, cultural resources, groundwater, utilities, socioeconomics and environmental justice, and traffic and transportation. No impacts are anticipated on water, soil, and biological resources from implementation of the 2022 Master Plan. Implementation of the 2022 Master Plan would result in beneficial impacts to land use and recreation. The new land classifications maintain high density and low density recreation areas and identify recreation as the primary land use in these areas. These land classifications allow for future high- and low- density recreational development as appropriate in these areas. 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 Curwensville Lake 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 Clearfield County Public Library (Curwensville, Pennsylvania) and the Joseph & Elizabeth Shaw Public Library (Clearfield, PA). Additionally, the Draft Master Plan and EA can be found on the USACE Curwensville Lake website at: <a href="https://nab.usace.army.mil/Missions/Dams-Recreation/Curwensville-Lake/CL-Master-Plan-Revision/">https://nab.usace.army.mil/Missions/Dams-Recreation/Curwensville-Lake/CL-Master-Plan-Revision/</a>.

If you would like to request a public meeting to discuss the 2022 Master Plan and the associated environmental assessment or if you have any questions, please contact Melanie Mathesz at (410) 962-6093 or at Melanie.K.Mathesz@usace.army.mil.

Individuals wishing to provide comments or request additional information may contact Mrs. Mathesz at the email address above. Additionally, questions and/or comments can be submitted at the USACE Curwensville Lake website above or mailed to U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Planning Division, Subject: Curwensville Lake, 2 Hopkins Plaza, Baltimore, MD 21201.

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