

DRAFT FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

Berlin Lake 2021 Master Plan Berlin Lake Project Mahoning, Portage, and Stark Counties, Ohio

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Pittsburgh District (Corps) is presenting an environmental analysis in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, as amended. The DRAFT Environmental Assessment (EA) dated August 2021, for the Berlin Lake 2021 Master Plan, located in Mahoning, Portage, and Stark Counties, Ohio at the Berlin Lake Project (Project), evaluates potential environmental impacts associated with updating the Master Plan.

The EA considered two alternatives. The preferred alternative, ultimately the Proposed Federal Action, includes updating the Master Plan.

In addition to the preferred alternative, a “no action” alternative was evaluated, which is to continue to operate the Project under the existing Master Plan. For the preferred alternative, the potential effects to the following resources were evaluated:

Environmental Resource	Minor effect	No effect
Aesthetics	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Air quality	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Aquatic resources, Wetlands, Hydrology, and Water Quality	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Invasive species	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Fish and wildlife habitat	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Federally protected species, including threatened and endangered species	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Historic properties and Other Cultural Resources	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Floodplains	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Hazardous, toxic, and radioactive waste	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Land use	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Navigation	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Noise levels	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Public infrastructure	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Socio-economics	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Environmental justice and Socioeconomics	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Climate change	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Child health and safety	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Pursuant to Section 7 of the Endangered Species Act of 1973 (ESA), as amended, the Corps determined that the preferred alternative will have no effect on threatened and endangered species and no effect on designated critical habitat. Future development projects will be evaluated for ESA compliance once plan details have been developed.

Pursuant to Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (NHPA), as amended, the Corps subsequently determined that the Proposed Federal Action has no effect on historic or cultural resources. Future development projects will be evaluated for NHPA compliance once plan details have been developed.

Pursuant to the Clean Water Act of 1972 (CWA), as amended, the Corps has determined that the Proposed Federal Action will have no impacts on waters of the United States. Future development projects will be evaluated for CWA compliance once plan details have been developed.

A 30-day public comment period will occur from 27 September 2021 to 27 October 2021.

After having carefully evaluated all aspects of the Proposed Federal Action and based on the DRAFT EA, I have reasonably concluded that the Proposed Federal Action does not constitute a major federal action significantly affecting the quality of the human environment. Therefore, an environmental impact statement is not required and will not be prepared.

Date

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