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## *Susquehanna River Basin Low Flow Management Study*

On 4 December 2008, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Baltimore District (USACE) and the Susquehanna River Basin Commission (SRBC) executed the Feasibility Cost-Sharing Agreement (FCSA) for the Susquehanna River Basin Low Flow Management Study. This cost-shared study will focus on aquatic ecosystem needs during low flow conditions and the potential benefits of modified low flow management in the Susquehanna River Basin. This investigation will be conducted under the authority of Section 729 of the Water Resources Development Act (WRDA) of 1986, as amended, which provides USACE authority to assess the water resources needs of river basins and watersheds of the United States, including needs relating to ecosystem protection and restoration and certain other water resource needs. The Nature Conservancy (TNC) and key agencies such as the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection, the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission, Maryland Department of the Environment, Maryland Department of Natural Resources and the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation will also contribute to the study.

The goal of the study is to gain an understanding of how the range of flows affects the aquatic ecosystem within the subwatersheds of the Susquehanna River Basin, with a particular emphasis on low flow conditions. The objective of the low flow management study is to provide essential information for use in considering long-term changes to flow release schemes for basin reservoirs, environmental restoration, flows to better sustain aquatic habitat, and conservation strategies to offset rising water demands. The study is expected to last 27 months.

At significant points in the study we will keep the public informed of our progress. Inquiries on the study should be directed to the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers point of contact, Mr. Steve Garbarino. Mr. Garbarino can be contacted at (410) 962-6114 or by e-mail at [steve.d.garbarino@usace.army.mil](mailto:steve.d.garbarino@usace.army.mil). Mr. Andrew Dehoff is the point of contact from the SRBC and he can be contacted at (717) 238-0423 or by email at [ADehoff@srbc.net](mailto:ADehoff@srbc.net). Ms Michele DePhilip is the point of contact from TNC and can be reached at (717) 232-6001 or by email at [mdephilip@TNC.ORG](mailto:mdephilip@TNC.ORG).