# Potomac WFP Submerged Channel Intake

A. Identification and Coding Information			PDF Date	October 1, 2022	Pressure Zones	Potomac WFP HGPOWF
Agency Number	Project Number	Update Code	Date Revised		Drainage Basins	
W - 000073.30	033812	Change	·		Planning Areas	Bi-County

## B. Expenditure Schedule (000's)

Cost Elements	Total	Thru FY'22	Estimate FY'23	Total 6 Years	Year 1 FY'24	Year 2 FY'25	Year 3 FY'26	Year 4 FY'27	Year 5 FY'28	Year 6 FY'29	Beyond 6 Years
Planning, Design & Supervision	10,064	2,164									7,900
Land											
Construction	82,859	103									82,756
Other	4,533										4,533
Total	97,456	2,267									95,189

# C. Funding Schedule (000's)

WSSC Bonds	97,456	2,267					95,189

## D. Description & Justification

## DESCRIPTION

This project includes planning, which involves community outreach and coordination with elected officials, design, and construction of a submerged channel intake to provide an additional barrier against drinking water contamination (particularly Giardia cysts and Cryptosporidium oocysts), as well as to enhance reliability and reduce treatment costs by drawing water from a location with cleaner, more stable water quality.

### **BENEFIT**

Water Quality: This project supports WSSC Water's mission to provide safe, clean water by improving the quality and/or safety of drinking water; System Reliability: This project will improve service reliability through fewer and shorter service interruptions; Financial Efficiency: This project is expected to increase revenues, decrease expenses, or both

#### JUSTIFICATION

The project is expected to pay for itself over time based upon the reduced chemical and solids handling costs resulting from the cleaner raw water source. It also provides for a more reliable supply by eliminating the current problems associated with ice and vegetation blocking the existing bank withdrawal. This project is consistent with the industry's recommended multiple barrier approach.

Technical Memorandum No. 2 Water Quality Needs Assessment, O'Brien & Gere Engineers, Inc. (November 2001); Draft Source Water Assessment Study, Maryland Department of the Environment (April 2003); Potomac WFP Facility Plan, O'Brien & Gere Engineers, Inc. (September 2002); Draft Feasibility Study Report, Black & Veatch (November 2013).

## COST CHANGE

Due to budgetary constraints the project was deferred to beyond six years.

## **OTHER**

The project scope has remained the same. Significant outreach activities occurred as part of the planning phase of this project. The National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) process was concluded in January 2018 when the National Park Service (NPS) approved the Environmental Assessment and transmitted its record of decision and the Finding of No Significant Impact. A series of briefings with State legislators, County Council members, County Executive staff, and County Council staff will be undertaken prior to commencement of further engineering work. Both Councils will review the results of the detailed study and must approve continuing with the project before design and construction may proceed. Future land costs are included in project W-202.00.

#### COORDINATION

Coordinating Agencies: Maryland Department of Natural Resources; Maryland Department of the Environment; Maryland-National Capital Park & Planning Commission; Montgomery County Department of Environmental Protection; Montgomery County Government; National Park Service; Prince George's County Department of Environmental Resources; Prince George's County Government; U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Coordinating Projects: W - 000073.33 - Potomac WFP Consent Decree Program

E. Annual Operating Budget Impact (000)	FY of Impact	
Staff & Other		
Maintenance		
Debt Service	\$6,340	
Total Cost	\$6,340	
Impact on Water and Sewer Rate	\$0.01	

#### F. Approval and Expenditure Data (000's)

FY'04
FY'03
936
94,144
97,456
2,267

#### G. Status Information

Land Status	Land and R/W to be acquired
Project Phase	Planning
Percent Complete	100 %
Estimated Completion Date	TBD

Growth	
	1000/
System Improvement	100%
Environmental Regulation	
Population Served	
Capacity	

## H. Map

# MAP NOT AVAILABLE