

Regional Water Supply Resiliency

A. Identification and Coding Information			PDF Date	October 1, 2023	Pressure Zones	
Agency Number	Project Number	Update Code	Date Revised		Drainage Basins	
W - 000175.05	382101	Change			Planning Areas	Montgomery County PA

B. Expenditure Schedule (000's)

Cost Elements	Total	Thru FY'23	Estimate FY'24	Total 6 Years	Year 1 FY'25	Year 2 FY'26	Year 3 FY'27	Year 4 FY'28	Year 5 FY'29	Year 6 FY'30	Beyond 6 Years
Planning, Design & Supervision	17,656		4,542	13,114	4,769	4,769	1,788	1,788			
Land											
Construction											
Other											
Total	17,656		4,542	13,114	4,769	4,769	1,788	1,788			

C. Funding Schedule (000's)

Federal Aid	17,656		4,542	13,114	4,769	4,769	1,788	1,788			
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D. Description & Justification

DESCRIPTION

This project includes planning, preliminary engineering, community outreach, and coordination with elected officials for a regional raw water supply reservoir and raw water conveyance system to serve the long-range water supply needs of the Washington metropolitan region. A new regional reservoir is needed to mitigate against drought and contamination events in the Potomac River which could curtail or halt withdrawal from the river for days to months. This project will include the performance of a business case to evaluate conveyance alternatives and provide a recommendation for subsequent preliminary design.

BENEFIT

System Reliability: This project will improve service reliability through fewer and shorter service interruptions

JUSTIFICATION

Justification for the project is based in part on multiple independent studies. A study conducted by the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments (COG) in 2016 concluded that the Washington metropolitan region needed, among other capital projects and initiatives, an off-river raw water storage reservoir to provide the necessary resiliency for water quantity and quality in the region in the event of a contamination in the Potomac River. A separate study conducted by the Interstate Commission for the Potomac River Basin (ICPRB) in 2017 concluded that the region needed additional off-river raw water reservoir capacity as part of the regional water supply system to ensure adequate water supply to the region in the event of a drought. A value planning evaluation for the proposed project was conducted by the USACE in 2020. In the USACE 2022 "Report to Congress on Future Water Resources Development," this project was included under the title "Securing a Secondary Water Source for the Nation's Capital" as one of 21 projects that meet the requirements of Section 7001 of WRDA. WRDA 2022 was passed by Congress and signed into law in December 2022. Currently efforts are underway to solicit members of Congress to approve of the appropriations. This is a step toward possible federal funding for the feasibility study.

COST CHANGE

Not applicable.

OTHER

This project will be contingent upon receipt of federal grant funding and the execution of other relevant cost sharing agreements between WSSC Water and other ICPRB CO-OP Operations Committee members. Placement of the proposed work in the CIP will enable WSSC Water to solicit funding opportunities in a timely fashion.

COORDINATION

Coordinating Agencies: Federal and State Grant Agencies; Interstate Commission on the Potomac River Basin; Local Community Civic Associations; 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 Government; Prince George's County Department of Permitting Inspection and Enforcement; U.S. Army Corps of Engineers; Washington Metropolitan Council of Governments

Coordinating Projects: Not Applicable

E. Annual Operating Budget Impact (000's)		FY of Impact
Staff & Other		
Maintenance		
Debt Service		
Total Cost		
Impact on Water and Sewer Rate		

F. Approval and Expenditure Data (000's)

Date First in Program	FY'21
Date First Approved	FY'21
Initial Cost Estimate	15,000
Cost Estimate Last FY	16,857
Present Cost Estimate	17,656
Approved Request Last FY	4,542
Total Expense & Encumbrances	
Approval Request Year 1	4,769

G. Status Information

Land Status	Land and R/W to be acquired
Project Phase	Planning
Percent Complete	0 %
Estimated Completion Date	TBD

Growth	
System Improvement	100%
Environmental Regulation	
Population Served	1,900,000
Capacity	7.5 BG

H. Map

MAP NOT APPLICABLE