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COLUMBIA BOROUGH COUNCIL – WORKSHOP

Paul W. Myers Council Chamber, 308 Locust Street, Columbia

March 5, 2024 | 7:00 PM

AGENDA

NOTE: This meeting will be livestreamed on the [Borough's YouTube Channel](#)

1. Call to Order and Roll Call
2. Invocation/Moment of Silence
3. Pledge to the Flag
4. Announcement of Executive Session(s)
 - a. Executive Session following the February 27, 2024 Regular Council meeting
5. Additions, deletions, and reorganization of agenda
 - a. Consider approval of Agenda
6. Citizen Comments (Non - Agenda Items Only – 5 Minute time limit per person)

Civility and Decorum: Borough officials and members of the public are expected to conduct themselves with civility and to accord each other a measure of dignity and respect. Shouting, foul language, personal insults, threats, and attacks or any conduct that disrupts the flow of business is out of order.

7. Mayor Lutz/Chief Brommer
8. Workshop Items:
 - a. Presentation and Discussion on Town Square Park.
 - b. Discussion on an ordinance to amend Chapter 74-15 of the Code of Ordinance related to required key lock boxes on buildings.
 - c. Discussion on the project proposed by York Energy Storage, LLC to develop the York Energy Storage Waterpower Project known as Cuffs Run Project.
9. Borough Council Comments
 - a. Council Members
10. Announcement of Next Meeting. At 7:00 PM on Tuesday, March 12, 2024, Council will hold a regularly scheduled meeting.
11. Adjournment

If you are a person with a disability wishing to attend this meeting and require accommodation to participate in the meeting, please contact the Columbia Borough Office at (717) 684-2467 at least 24 hours prior to the meeting.

**COLUMBIA BOROUGH
LANCASTER COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA**

ORDINANCE NO. XXX

AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF COLUMBIA, LANCASTER COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, AMENDING CHAPTER 74-15, SECTION A, KEY LOCK BOX REQUIRED WITH THE BOROUGH OF COLUMBIA CODE OF ORDINANCES, TO DELETE "AS SHALL BE DETERMINED FROM TIME TO TIME BY THE FIRE CHIEF"; AND PROVIDING THAT THE ORDINANCE SHALL TAKE EFFECT IN ACCORDANCE WITH PENNSYLVANIA LAW.

WHEREAS, the Borough Council of the Borough of Columbia finds it periodically necessary to amend its Code of Ordinances in order to update regulations and procedures to implement municipal goals and objectives; and

WHEREAS, Borough Council staff recommends the proposed changes; and

WHEREAS, Columbia Borough Council finds the adoption of this ordinance through its police powers will protect the public health, safety, and welfare of the residents of Columbia Borough, and furthers the purpose, goals, objectives, and policies of the Borough's Comprehensive Plan.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED AND ENACTED, by the Borough Council of the Borough of Columbia, Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, as follows:

SECTION 1. The Borough of Columbia Code of Ordinances of the Borough of Columbia, Lancaster County, Pennsylvania does hereby amend Chapter 74-15, Section A, Key lock box required.

§ 74-15 Key lock box required.

A. Commercial or industrial structures protected by an automatic alarm system or automatic suppression system, or such other structures that are constructed in a

manner that restricts access during an emergency. ~~as shall be determined from time to time by the Fire Chief.~~ [Adopted 12-11-2017 by Ord. No. 891]

SECTION 2. All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith be and the same are hereby repealed.

SECTION 3. If any section, subsection, clause or provision of this ordinance is held invalid the remainder shall not be affected by such invalidity.

SECTION 4. Upon the effective date of this ordinance, the proper officials of the Borough of Columbia are ordained that the provisions of this Ordinance shall become and be made a part of Borough of Columbia’s Code of Ordinances, Chapter 74, Alarms, of the Borough of Columbia, Lancaster County, Pennsylvania.

This Ordinance shall become effective as provided by the laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

DULY ORDAINED AND ENACTED this _____ day of _____ 2024, by the Borough Council of the Borough of Columbia, Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, in lawful session duly assembled.

BOROUGH OF COLUMBIA,
LANCASTER COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

By: _____
Heather Zink,
President of Borough Council

ATTEST:

Mark E. Stivers, AICP
Borough Manager/Secretary

Examined and approved this _____ day of _____, 2024.

Leo S. Lutz, Mayor

data that can be used to inform policy decisions.

Dated: February 1, 2024.

Kun Mullan,

PRA Coordinator, Strategic Collections and Clearance, Governance and Strategy Division, Office of Chief Data Officer, Office of Planning, Evaluation and Policy Development.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Environmental Management Site-Specific Advisory Board, Portsmouth

AGENCY: Office of Environmental Management, Department of Energy.

ACTION: Notice of open meeting.

SUMMARY: This notice announces a meeting of the Environmental Management Site-Specific Advisory Board (EM SSAB), Portsmouth. The Federal Advisory Committee Act requires that public notice of this meeting be announced in the **Federal Register**.

DATES: Thursday, March 7, 2024; 6:00 p.m.–8:00 p.m. ET

ADDRESSES: The Ohio State University, Endeavor Center, 1862 Shyville Road, Room 165, Piketon, Ohio 45661.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Greg Simonton, Federal Coordinator, by Phone: (740) 897-3737 or Email: greg.simonton@pppo.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Purpose of the Board: The purpose of the Board is to provide advice and recommendations concerning the following EM site-specific issues: clean-up activities and environmental restoration; waste and nuclear materials management and disposition; excess facilities; future land use and long-term stewardship. The Board may also be asked to provide advice and recommendations on any EM program components.

Tentative Agenda

- Review of Agenda
- Presentation
- Administrative Activities
- Public Comments

Public Participation: The meeting is open to the public. The EM SSAB, Portsmouth, welcomes the attendance of the public at its advisory committee meetings and will make every effort to accommodate persons with physical disabilities or special needs. If you require special accommodations due to a disability, please contact Greg Simonton as soon as possible in

advance of the meeting at the telephone number listed above. Written statements may be filed with the Board either before or after the meeting. Comments received by no later than 5:00 p.m. ET on Friday, March 1, 2024, will be read aloud during the meeting. Comments will also be accepted after the meeting, by no later than 5:00 p.m. ET on Tuesday, March 12, 2024. Please submit comments to Greg Simonton at the aforementioned email address. Please put "Public Comment" in the subject line. Individuals who wish to make oral statements pertaining to agenda items should contact Greg Simonton at the telephone number listed above.

Requests must be received as soon as possible prior to the meeting and reasonable provision will be made to include the presentation in the agenda. The Deputy Designated Federal Officer is empowered to conduct the meeting in a fashion that will facilitate the orderly conduct of business. Individuals wishing to make public comments will be provided a maximum of five minutes to present their comments. The EM SSAB, Portsmouth, will hear public comments pertaining to its scope (clean-up standards and environmental restoration; waste management and disposition; stabilization and disposition of non-stockpile nuclear materials; excess facilities; future land use and long-term stewardship; risk assessment and management; and clean-up science and technology activities). Comments outside of the scope may be submitted via written statement as directed above.

Minutes: Minutes will be available by writing or calling Greg Simonton, Federal Coordinator, U.S. Department of Energy, Portsmouth/Paducah Project Office, P.O. Box 700, Piketon, OH 45661, Email: greg.simonton@pppo.gov or by Phone: (740) 897-3737, Minutes will also be available at the following website: <https://www.energy.gov/pppo/ports-ssab/listings/meeting-materials>.

Signing Authority: This document of the Department of Energy was signed on February 1, 2024, by David Borak, Deputy Committee Management Officer, pursuant to delegated authority from the Secretary of Energy. That document with the original signature and date is maintained by DOE. For administrative purposes only, and in compliance with requirements of the Office of the Federal Register, the undersigned DOE Federal Register Liaison Officer has been authorized to sign and submit the document in electronic format for publication, as an official document of the Department of Energy. This administrative process in no way alters

the legal effect of this document upon publication in the **Federal Register**.

Signed in Washington, DC, on February 2, 2024.

Treena V. Garrett,

Federal Register Liaison Officer, U.S. Department of Energy.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 15332-000]

York Energy Storage, LLC; Notice of Preliminary Permit Application Accepted for Filing and Soliciting Comments, Motions To Intervene, and Competing Applications

On November 14, 2023, York Energy Storage, LLC, filed an application for a preliminary permit, pursuant to section 4(f) of the Federal Power Act (FPA), proposing to study the feasibility of the York Energy Storage Waterpower Project to be located near Lake Clarke, formed by the Safe Harbor Dam on the Susquehanna River, and Chanceford Township in York County, Pennsylvania. The sole purpose of a preliminary permit, if issued, is to grant the permit holder priority to file a license application during the permit term. A preliminary permit does not authorize the permit holder to perform any land-disturbing activities or otherwise enter upon lands or waters owned by others without the owners' express permission.

The proposed project would consist of the following: (1) a 9,800-foot-long, 225-foot-high dam, a 700-foot-long, 95-foot-high dike, and a 1,300-foot-long, 35-foot-high dike, creating an upper reservoir with a 580-acre surface area and a 26,000-acre-foot storage capacity at a normal pool elevation of 680 feet North American Vertical Datum of 1988 (NAVD88); (2) a 150-foot-long, 50-foot-wide concrete-lined emergency spillway at the east end of the upper reservoir; (3) utilization of Lake Clarke as a lower reservoir with a 7,360-acre surface area and a 144,000-acre-foot storage capacity at a normal pool elevation of 227.2 feet NAVD88; (4) a 44-foot-diameter shaft and tunnel trifurcating into three 20-foot-diameter steel-lined tunnels; (5) a 1,000-foot-long, 250-foot-wide, 50-foot-high underground powerhouse containing three 286-megawatt (MW) reversible pumping-generating units with a total installed capacity of 858 MW; (6) a 1,500-foot-long powerhouse access tunnel, an 18-foot-diameter vent,

and cable shaft; (7) three concrete-lined tunnels leading to an outlet structure in Lake Clarke; (8) a 2,000-foot-long, 100-foot-wide porous dike, serving as part of the intake structure for fish protection, situated at the edge of Lake Clarke; (9) a 250-foot-long, 250-foot-wide above-ground switchyard; (10) a 3-mile-long, 500-kilovolt transmission line from a proposed switchyard to the Safe Harbor Substation in Manor Township, Lancaster County, Pennsylvania; and (11) appurtenant facilities. The proposed project would have an annual generation of 1,500,000 megawatt-hours.

Applicant Contact: Mr. William M. McMahon, York Energy Storage, LLC, 4824 Briarwood Circle, Reading, PA 19606; email: william.mcmahon.econ@earthlink.net; phone: (610) 823-2762.

FERC Contact: Woohee Choi; email: woohee.choi@ferc.gov; phone: (202) 502-6336.

Deadline for filing comments, motions to intervene, competing applications (without notices of intent), or notices of intent to file competing applications: 60 days from the issuance of this notice. Competing applications and notices of intent must meet the requirements of 18 CFR 4.36.

The Commission strongly encourages electronic filing. Please file comments, motions to intervene, notices of intent, and competing applications using the Commission's eFiling system at <https://ferconline.ferc.gov/eFiling.aspx>. Commenters can submit brief comments up to 6,000 characters, without prior registration, using the eComment system at <https://ferconline.ferc.gov/QuickComment.aspx>. You must include your name and contact information at the end of your comments. For assistance, please contact FERC Online Support at FercOnlineSupport@ferc.gov, (866) 208-3676 (toll free), or (202) 502-8659 (TTY). In lieu of electronic filing, you may submit a paper copy. Submissions sent via the U.S. Postal Service must be addressed to: Debbie-Anne A. Reese, Acting Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street NE, Room 1A, Washington, DC 20426. Submissions sent via any other carrier must be addressed to: Debbie-Anne A. Reese, Acting Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 12225 Wilkins Avenue, Rockville, Maryland 20852. The first page of any filing should include docket number P-15332-000.

The Commission's Office of Public Participation (OPP) supports meaningful public engagement and participation in Commission proceedings. OPP can help members of the public, including landowners, environmental justice communities, Tribal members and

others, access publicly available information and navigate Commission processes. For public inquiries and assistance with making filings such as interventions, comments, or requests for rehearing, the public is encouraged to contact OPP at (202) 502-6595 or OPP@ferc.gov.

More information about this project, including a copy of the application, can be viewed or printed on the "eLibrary" link of the Commission's website at <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/elibrary.asp>. Enter the docket number (P-15332) in the docket number field to access the document. For assistance, contact FERC Online Support.

Dated: February 1, 2024.

Debbie-Anne A. Reese,

Acting Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP23-542-000]

Golden Triangle Storage, L.L.C.; Notice of Availability of the Environmental Assessment for the Proposed Golden Triangle Storage Expansion Project

The staff of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC or Commission) has prepared an environmental assessment (EA) for the Golden Triangle Storage Expansion Project (Project), proposed by Golden Triangle Storage, L.L.C. (Golden Triangle) in the above-referenced docket. Golden Triangle requests authorization to conduct the following construction activities in Jefferson County, Texas.

- developing and operating two new salt dome natural gas storage caverns and appurtenant facilities;
- constructing and operating a brine disposal well and brine disposal pipeline;
- constructing and operating six new 5,500 horsepower compressor units and appurtenant facilities; and
- constructing and operating two new service corridors and three new permanent access roads.

The EA assesses the potential environmental effects of the Project in accordance with the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). The FERC staff concludes that approval of the proposed Project, with appropriate mitigating measures, would not constitute a major federal action significantly affecting the quality of the human environment.

The Commission mailed a copy of the *Notice of Availability* to federal, state, and local government representatives and agencies; elected officials; environmental and public interest groups; Native American tribes; potentially affected landowners and other interested individuals and groups; and newspapers and libraries in the project area. The EA is only available in electronic format. It may be viewed and downloaded from the FERC's website (www.ferc.gov), on the natural gas environmental documents page (<https://www.ferc.gov/industries-data/natural-gas/environment/environmental-documents>). In addition, the EA may be accessed by using the eLibrary link on the FERC's website. Click on the eLibrary link (<https://elibrary.ferc.gov/eLibrary/search>), select "General Search" and enter the docket number in the "Docket Number" field, excluding the last three digits (*i.e.* CP23-542). Be sure you have selected an appropriate date range. For assistance, please contact FERC Online Support at FercOnlineSupport@ferc.gov or toll free at (866) 208-3676, or for TTY, contact (202) 502-8659.


The EA is not a decision document. It presents Commission staff's independent analysis of the environmental issues for the Commission to consider when addressing the merits of all issues in this proceeding. Any person wishing to comment on the EA may do so. Your comments should focus on the EA's disclosure and discussion of potential environmental effects, reasonable alternatives, and measures to avoid or lessen environmental impacts. The more specific your comments, the more useful they will be. To ensure that the Commission has the opportunity to consider your comments prior to making its decision on this project, it is important that we receive your comments in Washington, DC on or before 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time on March 4, 2024.

For your convenience, there are three methods you can use to file your comments to the Commission. The Commission encourages electronic filing of comments and has staff available to assist you at (866) 208-3676 or FercOnlineSupport@ferc.gov. Please carefully follow these instructions so that your comments are properly recorded.

(1) You can file your comments electronically using the eComment feature on the Commission's website (www.ferc.gov) under the link to FERC Online. This is an easy method for submitting brief, text-only comments on a project;

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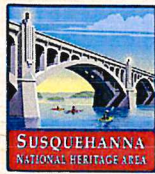
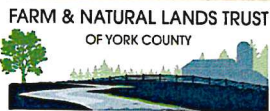
June 2023



Overview of Cuffs Run Proposed Pump Storage

Photo by Shenandoah National Heritage Area

Working Together



Organizations focused on the protection of the Lower Susquehanna River and its surrounding landscape have united to build strong community support for protecting this landscape from destruction.

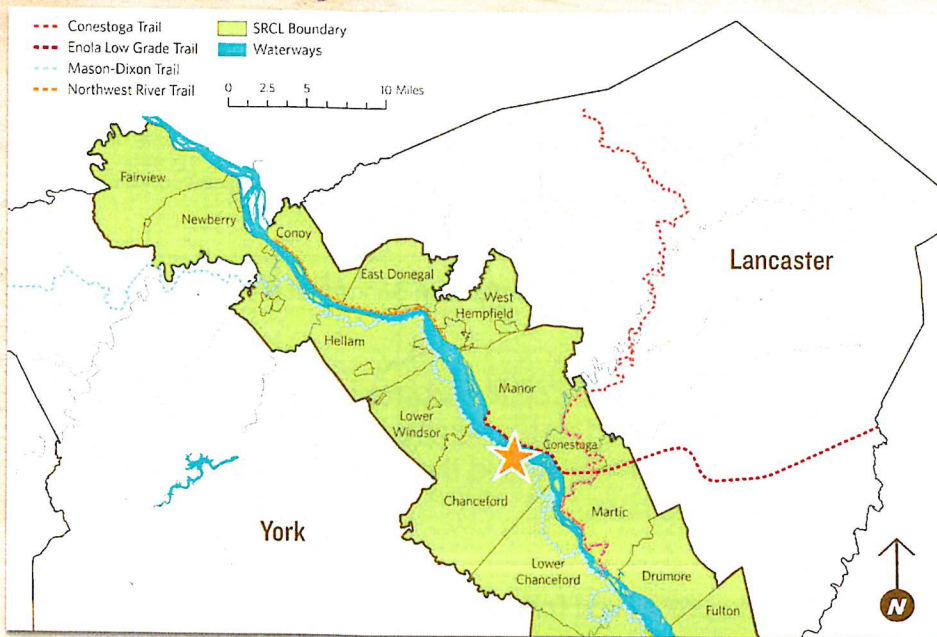


What is Cuffs Run pump storage?

The collage features three news snippets. The top left snippet is from FOX 43, titled "Dozens of York County properties will be underwater if Pa. energy project is approved," with a sub-headline "The project would sink roughly 50 properties, leveling 39 homes to make way for the massive reservoir." The top middle snippet is from the York Daily Record, titled "New version of controversial Cuffs Run pumped storage plant proposed along Susquehanna," by Mike Argento, published Feb. 26, 2023. The top right snippet is from The Philadelphia Inquirer, titled "Is this Pa.'s new hydropower moment?" under the "BUSINESS" section, with a sub-headline "A proposal calls for water to be pumped into a newly created reservoir and then pass through turbines to generate electricity as it falls hundreds of feet to the Susquehanna River downstream." The bottom left snippet is from the BAY JOURNAL, titled "Hydro project on Susquehanna River draws controversy," with a sub-headline "Proposal to support renewable energy would flood 580 acres." The bottom right snippet is from LancasterOnline, titled "York Energy storage aims to build dam on 1000 acres in York County," by ANN REBAT, Staff Writer, dated Mar 4, 2023.

- Proposed construction of a new \$2.1 billion dam and lake, 225 feet above Lake Clarke on the Susquehanna where a new 1.8-mile-long dam would hold water pumped up from the Susquehanna. During peak electric demand, the water is released through turbines to create electricity. This will be private investors and an industrial use.
- This location has been proposed 3 times before and failed to win FERC or public support.
- Construction will destroy 1,000 acres of pristine preserved farms and mature forests.

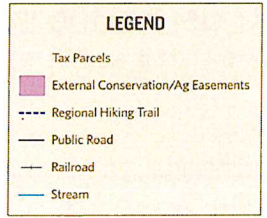
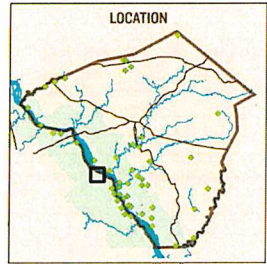
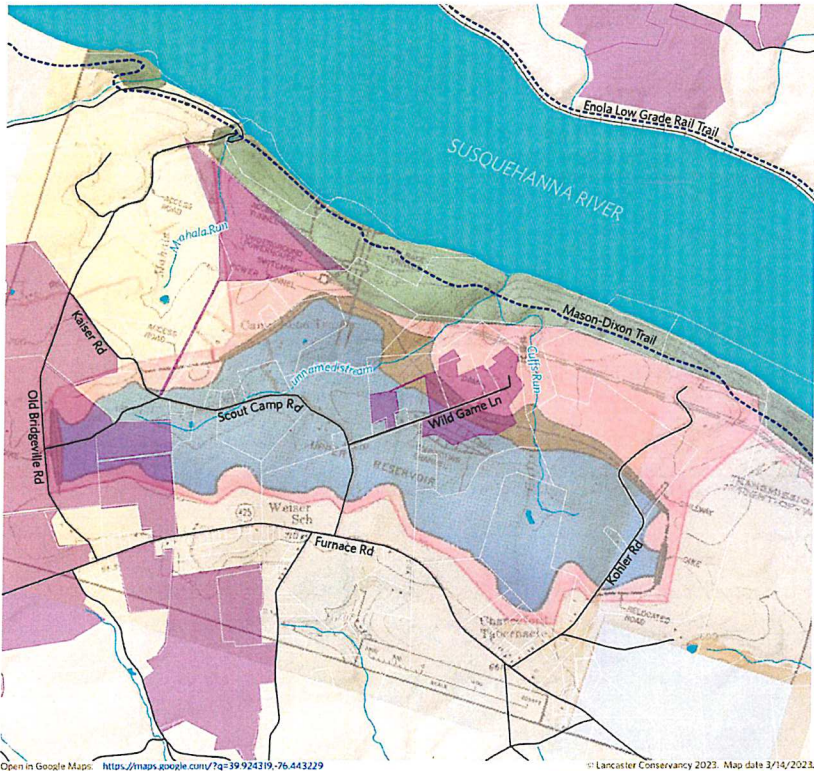
Where is Cuffs Run proposed?



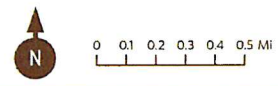
Proposed in the heart of the Susquehanna Riverlands Conservation Landscape (SRCL) in Chanceford Township, York County, 2.5 miles upriver from Safe Harbor Dam, just 1.8 miles downriver from Frey Farm Landfill and Turkey Hill.

Proposed Cuffs Run Pumped Storage Project

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Note: Pumped storage project information extracted from Application for Preliminary Permit filed with the Federal Energy Regulation Commission on 2/10/2023 by York Energy Storage LLC.



1000 acres impacted, including approximately 600 acres of forests and 4 preserved farms, impacting 49 properties with about 36 displaced households.



Open in Google Maps: <https://maps.google.com/?q=39.924319,-76.443229> © Lancaster Conservancy 2023. Map date 3/14/2023.

Process and Applicant

- **March 2023**: Proposed to Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) by York Energy Storage, LLC (YES) for preliminary exclusive license to study feasibility.
- **April 2023**: FERC denied the initial application until Safe Harbor Power Company (Brookfield) says it will not impact their operations at Safe Harbor Dam.
- **May 2023**: Brookfield said they cannot support this pumped storage facility at this time without more information.
 - YES, wrote FERC, begging with a legal opinion asking for the Preliminary Permit to be granted so they could provide Brookfield with the studies and information.
- **June 8, 2023**: Deadline for a response or extension.

Why protect this landscape?

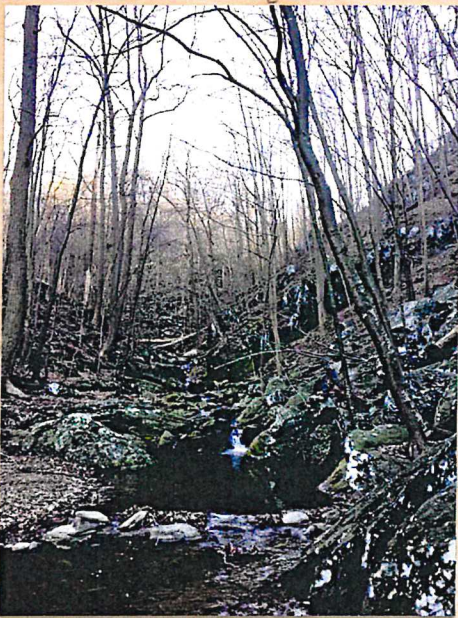


Photo by Kelly Snively

- Designated a National Heritage Area and PA Conservation Landscape.
- Over \$100 million have been invested by conservation partners to protect this landscape in the last decade.
- Pristine stretch of the river, undisturbed for a century with no major roads, railroads, industrial or utility uses with unique colonies of flora and fauna.
- Infrastructure requires new roads, turbines, dams and lakes harms to recreational resources, destroys important forests and historic Native American sites, and displaces families from generational farms.

Widespread Early Opposition

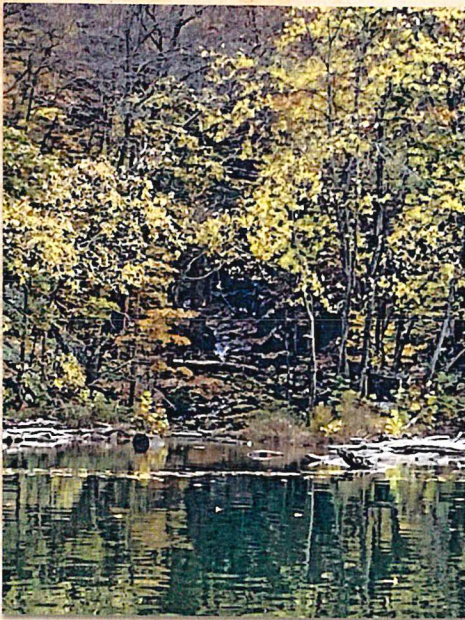


Photo by Susquehanna National Heritage Area

- Chesapeake Bay groups are concerned about the impact on Susquehanna water
- Land trusts worry permanently protected nature preserves and eased farms are to be repurposed for a private industrial use by Federal Powers.
- Recreation groups fear loss of resources for boating and trails.
- Environmental groups oppose new dams because of the methane and impact on aquatic life.
- Elected officials are angry the Federal Government can take local land to generate electricity for others.

Please join us in opposing this project!

Cuffs Run Sign On Letter Request

We are requesting that community leaders please complete the below form to sign onto a joint letter, which will be sent to FERC on June 1, 2023.

[Date]

The Honorable Willie Phillips, Jr., Chairman
The Honorable James Danly, Commissioner
The Honorable Allison Clements, Commissioner
The Honorable Mark Christie, Commissioner
Federal Energy Regulatory Commission
888 First Street North East
Washington, DC 20426

RE: FERC APPLICATION BY YORK ENERGY STORAGE LLC FOR THE APPROVAL OF A PUMP STORAGE PROJECT AT CUFFS RUN ON THE LOWER SUSQUEHANNA RIVER IN PENNSYLVANIA

Dear Chairman Phillips and Commissioners Danley, Clements, and Christie:

Please consider joining us by signing onto our Letter of Opposition as an organization and elected official. We will file share your perspective with FERC.

<https://forms.gle/6modaVf71euGH5Bq7>

There is also an individual sign on letter generated by the Lower Susquehanna Riverkeeper on behalf of the Cuffs Run Alliance, the local activists fighting this project. Over 1,000 people have signed this letter, directed at York Energy Storage, LLC

<https://action.lowsusriverkeeper.org/a/say-no-cuffs-run-hydro-project>



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Thank you for listening and engaging!

Photo by Susquehanna National Heritage Area