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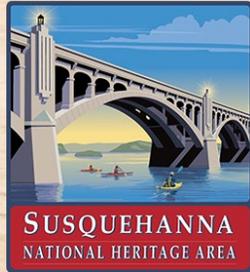
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Overview of Cuffs Run Proposed Pump Storage

Photo by Susquehanna 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?

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Dozens of York County properties will be underwater if Pa. energy project is approved

The project would sink roughly 50 properties, leveling 39 homes to make way for the massive reservoir.

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New version of controversial Cuffs Run pumped storage plant proposed along Susquehanna

 **Mike Argento**
York Daily Record
Published 1:09 p.m. ET Feb. 28, 2023

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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.

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Hydro project on Susquehanna River draws controversy

Proposal to support renewable energy would flood 580 acres

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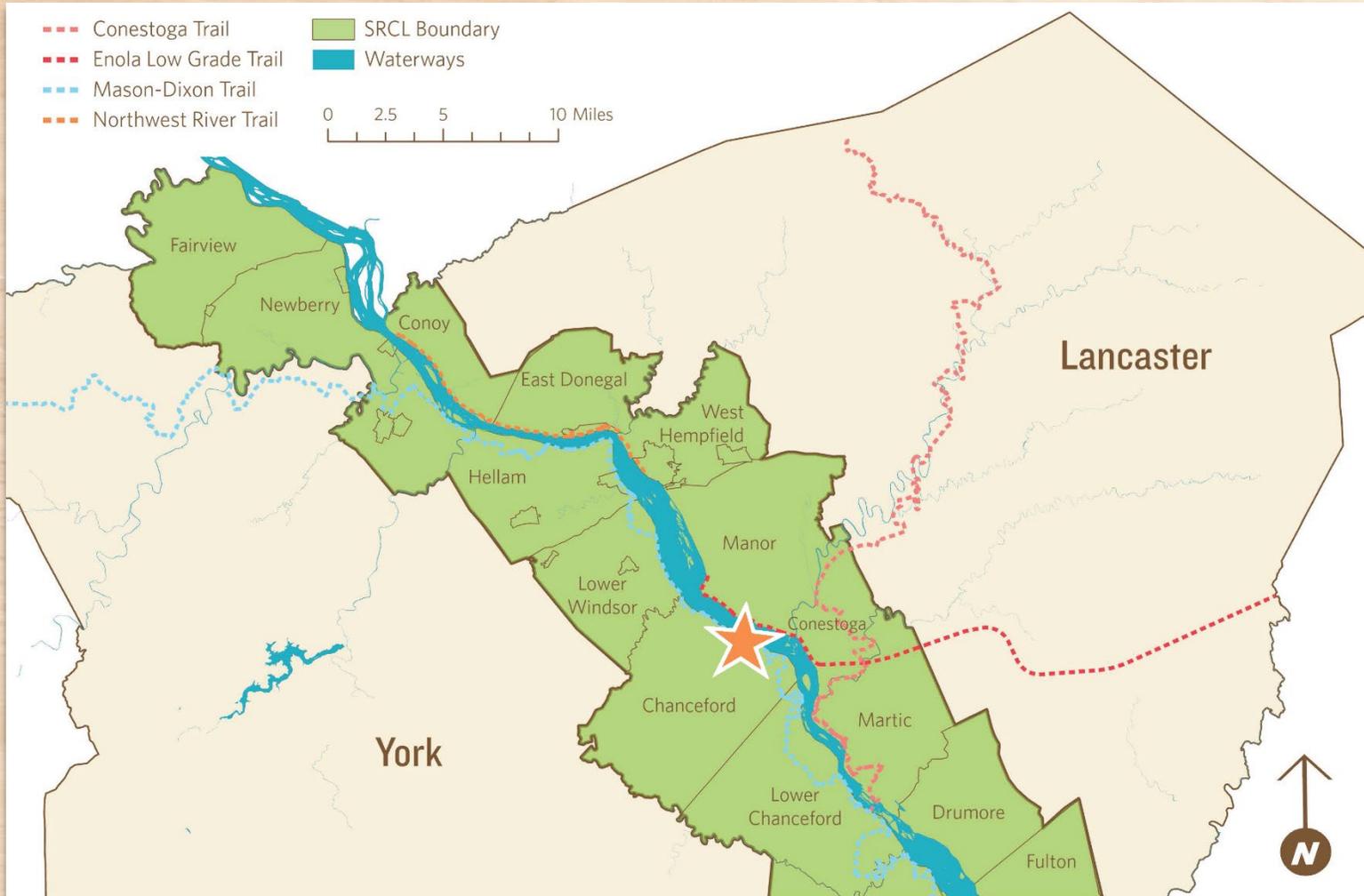
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York Energy storage aims to build dam on 1000 acres in York County

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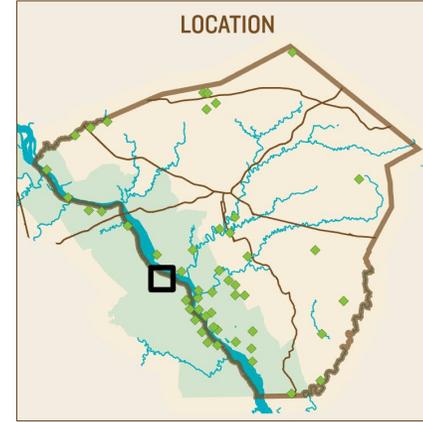
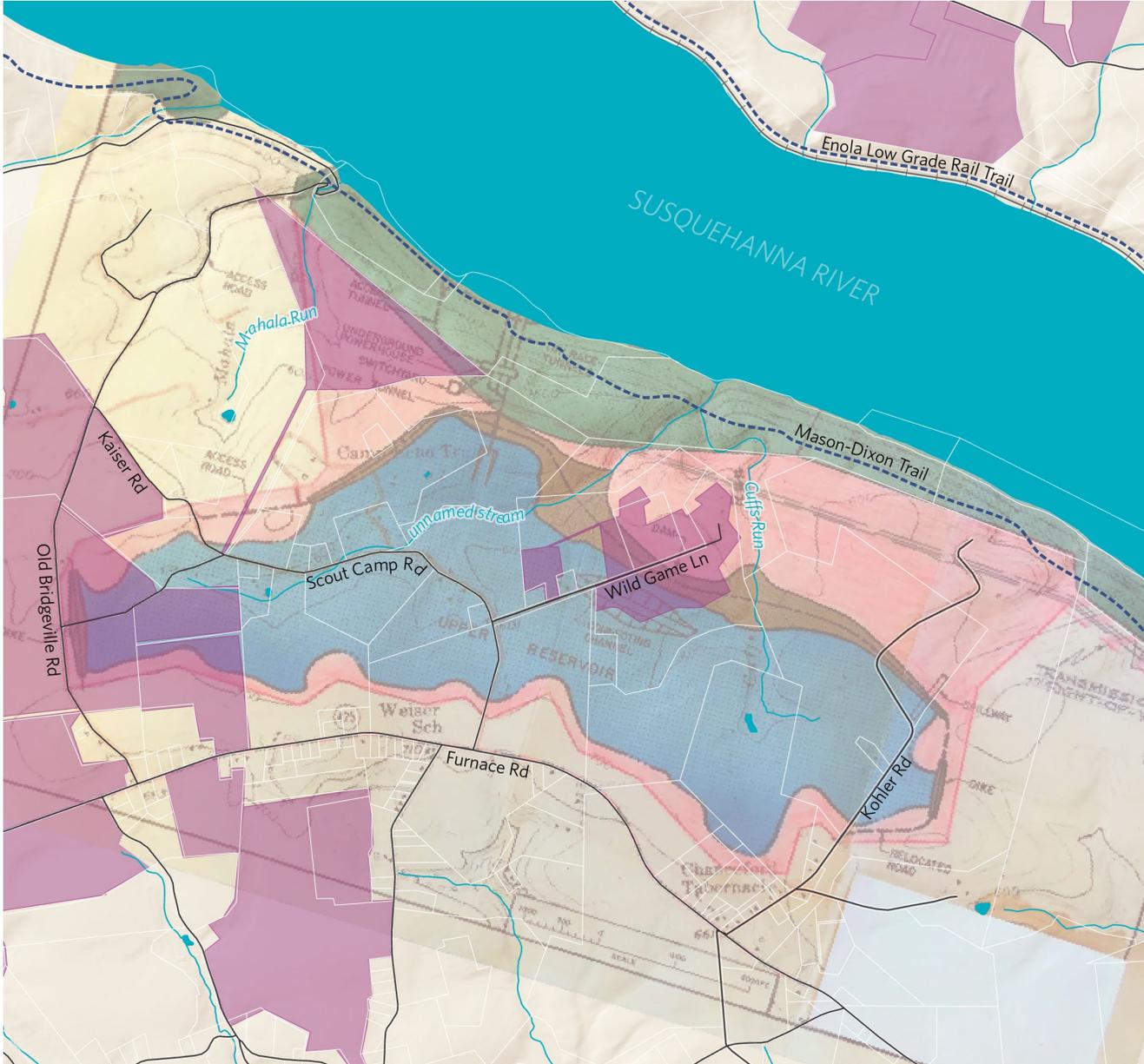
- Proposed construction of a new \$2.1 billion dam and lake, 225 feet above Lake Clarke on the Susquehanna where a new 1.8-mile-long dam would hold water pumped up from the Susquehanna. During peak electric demand, the water is released through turbines to create electricity. This will be private investors 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?



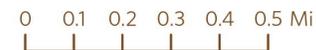
Proposed in the heart of the Susquehanna Riverlands Conservation Landscape (SRCL) in Chanceford Township, York County, 2.5 miles upriver from Safe Harbor Dam, just 1.8 miles downriver from Frey Farm Landfill and Turkey Hill.

Proposed Cuffs Run Pumped Storage Project



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

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.



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 Snavelly

- 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>

Thank you for listening and engaging!