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## Water Supply, Upper Tygart Valley Watershed West Virginia

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### Benefits

The Upper Tygart Valley Watershed Project will improve health and human safety by providing needed water supply for communities in the Upper Tygart Valley River Watershed. In 1993, several towns in this watershed experienced a critical shortage of water. At the critical point, one water treatment plant was within 72 hours of complete depletion of water.

### Economic Opportunities

It is estimated 27,803 residents directly or indirectly benefit from municipal water. Customers are the city of Elkins, and the towns of Beverly, Huttonsville, and Mill Creek (four municipalities and three public service districts). The majority of beneficiaries reside in Randolph County. Estimated average annual water supply benefits are \$1,414,193.

### Statewide Perspective

Complementing this project, USDA Rural Development is planning to provide a loan and grant to Elkins for a Water Treatment Plant and Upgrade Project. Due to emergency circumstances, the City proposes to replace a significant portion of its antiquated water distribution system and construct a new six million gallon-per-day water treatment plant. USDA Rural Development is also funding a water treatment plant that will be built next to the reservoir that complements this project. Human health and safety will be improved by providing sufficient water to meet sanitary and fire protection needs. Randolph County is a recreation destination. The mitigation projects supplement recreational opportunities.

### For More Information

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Future location of the boat ramp and parking area.



The Elkwater Fork Dam's primary purpose is water supply.

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