DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

NATURAL RESOURCES CONSERVATION SERVICE

Rehabilitation of the Piney Run Dam, Piney Run Watershed Carroll County, Maryland

AGENCY: Natural Resources Conservation Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of Finding of No Significant Impact

SUMMARY: Pursuant to section 102(2)(c) of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, the Council on Environmental Quality Regulations (40 CFR Part 1500), and the Natural Resources Conservation Service Regulations (7 CFR Part 650), the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), gives notice that an environmental impact statement is not being prepared for the Piney Run Watershed, Caroll County, Maryland for the rehabilitation of the Piney Run Dam.

The environmental assessment of this federally assisted action indicates that the project will not cause significant local, regional, or national impacts on the environment. As a result of these findings, Suzy Daubert, Maryland NRCS State Conservationist, has determined that the preparation and review of an environmental impact statement are not needed for this project.

The project purposes are to rehabilitate the Piney Run Dam to meet current USDA-NRCS and Maryland Department of the Environment safety and performance criteria for a "high" hazard potential dam and to maintain the current level of flood damage protection.

The Notice of Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) has been forwarded to the Environmental Protection Agency and to various Federal, State, and local agencies and interested parties. A limited number of copies of the FONSI are available to fill single copy requests at the address below. Basic data developed during the environmental assessment are also on file and may be reviewed by appointment at the address below.

For further information contact: Jacob Dieguez, State Conservation Engineer, Natural Resources Conservation Service, 5601 Sunnyside Ave, Stop 5598 c/o Maryland State Office, Beltsville, Maryland, 20705, email: <u>jacob.dieguez@usda.gov</u>, telephone: 443-699-5226.

This activity is listed in the Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance under No. 10.904, Watershed Protection and Flood Prevention, and is subject to the provisions of Executive Order 12372, which requires intergovernmental consultation with State and local officials.

Suzy Daubert

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