

Bryson Hydroelectric Project

The project is located in a mostly rural setting near the communities of Whittier and Ela. Much of the land adjacent to the project reservoir remains undeveloped. The project reservoir has a surface area of 38 acres and approximately 4 miles of shoreline. Duke owns a total of 54 acres within and adjacent to the project. This total includes all lands within the full pond elevation, a limited amount of land around the powerhouse and immediately downstream of the dam as well as an additional buffer ranging from 5 to 15 feet above the full pond elevation. This buffer is currently maintained in its natural vegetative state. All activities occurring on lands within the project including the buffer are subject to Duke's management oversight and approval. All activities affecting the management of land outside the project boundary are under control of individual property owners or the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians whose reservation borders the project.

Duke proposes no changes to the project that would change its aesthetic impact on the area.