

Franklin Hydroelectric Project

Report on Land Management and Aesthetics

The project is located in a mountain valley setting surrounded by commercial and industrial development, woodlands, wetland areas and open fields. The project reservoir has a surface area of 174 acres and 12 miles of shoreline. Duke owns a total of 232 acres within the project as well as an additional 5 acres of non-project land adjacent to the project. When the project was originally developed, the full pond elevation and project boundary elevation were essentially identical. However, due to the deposition of silt into the reservoir, the full pond boundary has changed significantly and some lands within the project are subject only to infrequent inundation. These lands are currently maintained in a natural vegetative state. All activities occurring within the project are subject to Duke's management oversight and approval. All activities affecting the management of lands outside of the project boundary are under the control of the individual property owners. The Town of Franklin has developed a greenway along the upper reaches of the reservoir.

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

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