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To Whom It May Concern:

With this letter, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), Baltimore District, offers its support of the application to the Reservoir Fisheries Habitat Partnership (RFHP) Large Grant FY2024 by the Pennsylvania Fish & Boat Commission Division of Habitat Management, Northcentral Pennsylvania Conservancy, and State of Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (PADCNR) Bald Eagle State Park. The application seeks funding to protect banks of the lake, increase shoreline fishing access, and improve fish habitat at the reservoir created by Foster Joseph Sayers Dam. We offer our support as the Federal Land Management Agency (FLMA).

Foster J. Sayers Dam project (originally named Blanchard Dam and Reservoir) was authorized by Public Law 780 of the Flood Control Act of 1954. Bald Eagle State Park, which rests within the Foster J. Sayers Dam Project footprint, has an existing long term real estate lease with the USACE dating back to the early 1970's when the park opened.

Bald Eagle State Park is a regional destination attracting over 500,000 visitors annually, generating a USACE estimated \$18,430,000 in visitor spending within 30 miles. The Park has continually improved their services to the public in terms of upgrading their campgrounds, offering a variety of interpretative and special events, and constructing an environmental learning center and public/private Nature Inn.

The project's 1,730 acre lake is an important feature as it is one of the largest lakes in Pennsylvania. USACE is committing matching funds and materials to accomplish shoreline stabilization in our areas of responsibility in partnership with the team's efforts.

We urge your favorable review of this team's application.

Sincerely,

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