

## Chesapeake Fish Passage Prioritization - Dam Fact Sheet

CFPPP Unique ID: **MD\_12083**

**UNICORN BRANCH DAM**

|                           |                                 |
|---------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Bay-wide Diadromous Tier  | 1                               |
| Bay-wide Resident Tier    | 7                               |
| Bay-wide Brook Trout Tier | N/A                             |
| NID ID                    | MD00047                         |
| State ID                  | 12083                           |
| River Name                | Unicorn Branch                  |
| Dam Height (ft)           | 13                              |
| Dam Type                  | Earth                           |
| Latitude                  | 39.2476                         |
| Longitude                 | -75.8595                        |
| Passage Facilities        | Steepass                        |
| Passage Year              | 1996                            |
| Size Class                | 1b: Creek (3.861 - 38.61 sq mi) |
| HUC 12                    | Unicorn Branch                  |
| HUC 10                    | Chester River                   |
| HUC 8                     | Chester-Sassafras               |
| HUC 6                     | Upper Chesapeake                |
| HUC 4                     | Upper Chesapeake                |



### Landcover

| NLCD (2011)                                       |       | Chesapeake Conservancy (2016)                   |       |
|---|-------|---|-------|
| % Impervious Surface in Upstream Drainage Area    | 0.54  | % Tree Cover in ARA of Upstream Network         | 45.87 |
| % Natural Cover in Upstream Drainage Area         | 31.38 | % Tree Cover in ARA of Downstream Network       | 36.77 |
| % Forested in Upstream Drainage Area              | 11.47 | % Herbaceous Cover in ARA of Upstream Network   | 51.8  |
| % Agriculture in Upstream Drainage Area           | 63.97 | % Herbaceous Cover in ARA of Downstream Network | 54.04 |
| % Natural Cover in ARA of Upstream Network        | 42.88 | % Barren Cover in ARA of Upstream Network       | 0.15  |
| % Natural Cover in ARA of Downstream Network      | 40.6  | % Barren Cover in ARA of Downstream Network     | 0.15  |
| % Forest Cover in ARA of Upstream Network         | 15.72 | % Road Impervious in ARA of Upstream Network    | 0.82  |
| % Forest Cover in ARA of Downstream Network       | 11.65 | % Road Impervious in ARA of Downstream Network  | 1     |
| % Agricultural Cover in ARA of Upstream Network   | 52.31 | % Other Impervious in ARA of Upstream Network   | 0.8   |
| % Agricultural Cover in ARA of Downstream Network | 51.32 | % Other Impervious in ARA of Downstream Network | 1.46  |
| % Impervious Surf in ARA of Upstream Network      | 0.54  |   |       |
| % Impervious Surf in ARA of Downstream Network    | 1.17  |   |       |

Metric descriptions can be found at:

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|  |  |                                |   |
|--|--|--------------------------------|---|
| Functional Upstream Network (mi)                                   | 39.31                                  | Upstream Size Class Gain (#)   | 0 |
| Total Functional Network (mi)                                      | 660.37                                 | # Downstream Natural Barriers  | 0 |
| Absolute Gain (mi)   | 39.31                                  | # Downstream Hydropower Dams   | 0 |
| # Size Classes in Total Network                                    | 4                                      | # Downstream Dams with Passage | 0 |
| # Upstream Network Size Classes                                    | 2                                      | # of Downstream Barriers       | 0 |
| NFHAP Cumulative Disturbance Index                                 | Not Scored / Unavailable at this scale |                                |   |
| Dam is on Conserved Land   | Yes                                    |                                |   |
| % Conserved Land in 100m Buffer of Upstream Network                | 25.9                                   |                                |   |
| % Conserved Land in 100m Buffer of Downstream Network              | 20.13                                  |                                |   |
| Density of Crossings in Upstream Network Watershed (#/m2)          | 0.5                                    |                                |   |
| Density of Crossings in Downstream Network Watershed (#/m2)        | 0.46                                   |                                |   |
| Density of off-channel dams in Upstream Network Watershed (#/m2)   | 0                                      |                                |   |
| Density of off-channel dams in Downstream Network Watershed (#/m2) | 0.02                                   |                                |   |

## Diadromous Fish

|   |                 |                               |                 |
|---|-----------------|-------------------------------|-----------------|
| Downstream Alewife                                  | Current         | Downstream Striped Bass       | None Documented |
| Downstream Blueback                                 | Current         | Downstream Atlantic Sturgeon  | None Documented |
| Downstream American Shad                            | None Documented | Downstream Shortnose Sturgeon | None Documented |
| Downstream Hickory Shad                             | Current         | Downstream American Eel       | Current         |
| Presence of 1 or More Downstream Anadromous Species | Current         |                               |                 |
| # Diadromous Species Downstream (incl eel)          | 4               |                               |                 |

## Resident Fish

|  |    |
|--|----|
| Barrier is in EBTJV BKT Catchment                | No |
| Barrier is in Modeled BKT Catchment (DeWeber)    | No |
| Barrier Blocks an EBTJV Catchment                | No |
| Barrier Blocks a Modeled BKT Catchment (DeWeber) | No |
| Native Fish Species Richness (HUC8)              | 48 |
| # Rare Fish (HUC8)                               | 1  |
| # Rare Mussel (HUC8)                             | 2  |
| # Rare Crayfish (HUC8)                           | 0  |

## Stream Health

|                                      |      |
|--------------------------------------|------|
| Chesapeake Bay Program Stream Health | FAIR |
| MD MBSS Benthic IBI Stream Health    | Fair |
| MD MBSS Fish IBI Stream Health       | Fair |
| MD MBSS Combined IBI Stream Health   | Fair |
| VA INSTAR mIBI Stream Health         | N/A  |
| PA IBI Stream Health                 | N/A  |

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