Chesapeake Fish Passage Prioritization - Dam Fact Sheet

CFPPP Unique ID: **VA_504** **STERLING LAKE DAM**

Bay-wide Diadromous Tier	11
Bay-wide Resident Tier	7
Bay-wide Brook Trout Tier	N/A
NID ID	VA14727
State ID	504
River Name	Rice Creek
Dam Height (ft)	20
Dam Type	Earth
Latitude	37.1624
Longitude	-78.4328
Passage Facilities	None Documented
Passage Year	N/A
Size Class	1a: Headwater (0 - 3.861 sq mi)
HUC 12	Evans Creek-Bush River
HUC 10	Bush River
HUC 8	Appomattox
HUC 6	James
HUC 4	Lower Chesapeake

Landcover

NLCD (2011)	
% Impervious Surface in Upstream Drainage Area	0.44
% Natural Cover in Upstream Drainage Area	93.53
% Forested in Upstream Drainage Area	63.11
% Agriculture in Upstream Drainage Area	2.27
% Natural Cover in ARA of Upstream Network	100
% Natural Cover in ARA of Downstream Network	98.55
% Forest Cover in ARA of Upstream Network	88.17
% Forest Cover in ARA of Downstream Network	77.29
% Agricultral Cover in ARA of Upstream Network	0
% Agricultral Cover in ARA of Downstream Network	0.89
% Impervious Surf in ARA of Upstream Network	0
% Impervious Surf in ARA of Downstream Network	0.01

Chesapeake Conservancy (2016)	
% Tree Cover in ARA of Upstream Network	88.72
% Tree Cover in ARA of Downstream Network	93.59
% Herbaceaous Cover in ARA of Upstream Network	0.81
% Herbaceaous Cover in ARA of Downstream Network	1.52
% Barren Cover in ARA of Upstream Network	0
% Barren Cover in ARA of Downstream Network	0
% Road Impervious in ARA of Upstream Network	0.07
% Road Impervious in ARA of Downstream Network	0.19
% Other Impervious in ARA of Upstream Network	0.4
% Other Impervious in ARA of Downstream Network	0.3

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Network, System Type and Condition

Functional Upstream Network (mi)	0.29	Upstream Size Class Gain (#)	0
Total Functional Network (mi)	11.42	# Downsteam Natural Barriers	0
Absolute Gain (mi)	0.29	# Downstream Hydropower Dams	3
# Size Classes in Total Network	2	# Downstream Dams with Passage	3
# Upstream Network Size Classes	0	# of Downstream Barriers	4

NFHAP Cumulative Disturbance Index	Very High
Dam is on Conserved Land	No
% Conserved Land in 100m Buffer of Upstream Network	0
% Conserved Land in 100m Buffer of Downstream Network	21.07
Density of Crossings in Upstream Network Watershed (#/m2)	0
Density of Crossings in Downstream Network Watershed (#/m2)	0.31
Density of off-channel dams in Upstream Network Watershed (#/m2)	0
Density of off-channel dams in Downstream Network Watershed (#/m2)	0

Diadromous Fish

Downstream Alewife	Historical	Downstream Striped Bass	None Documented
Downstream Blueback	Historical	Downstream Atlantic Sturgeon	None Documented
Downstream American Shad	None Documented	Downstream Shortnose Sturgeon	None Documented
Downstream Hickory Shad	None Documented	Downstream American Eel	None Documented

Presence of 1 or More Downstream Anadromous Species	Historical
# Diadromous Species Downstream (incl eel)	0

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)	58
# Rare Fish (HUC8)	1
# Rare Mussel (HUC8)	3
# Rare Crayfish (HUC8)	0

Stream Health

Chesapeake Bay Program Stream Health	POOR
MD MBSS Benthic IBI Stream Health	N/A
MD MBSS Fish IBI Stream Health	N/A
MD MBSS Combined IBI Stream Health	N/A
VA INSTAR mIBI Stream Health	Moderate
PA IBI Stream Health	N/A

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