

Chesapeake Fish Passage Prioritization - Dam Fact Sheet

CFPPP Unique ID: **VA_959**

BIG ISLAND DAM

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| Bay-wide Diadromous Tier | 6 |
| Bay-wide Resident Tier | 2 |
| Bay-wide Brook Trout Tier | N/A |
| NID ID | VA00902 |
| State ID | 959 |
| River Name | James River |
| Dam Height (ft) | 18 |
| Dam Type | Gravity |
| Latitude | 37.5356 |
| Longitude | -79.3558 |
| Passage Facilities | None Documented |
| Passage Year | N/A |
| Size Class | 3b: Medium Mainstem River (1, |
| HUC 12 | Otter Creek-James River |
| HUC 10 | Reed Creek-James River |
| HUC 8 | Middle James-Buffalo |
| HUC 6 | James |
| HUC 4 | Lower Chesapeake |



Landcover

| NLCD (2011) | | Chesapeake Conservancy (2016) | |
|---|-------|---|-------|
| % Impervious Surface in Upstream Drainage Area | 0.72 | % Tree Cover in ARA of Upstream Network | 82.97 |
| % Natural Cover in Upstream Drainage Area | 82.71 | % Tree Cover in ARA of Downstream Network | 81.36 |
| % Forested in Upstream Drainage Area | 81.22 | % Herbaceous Cover in ARA of Upstream Network | 9.57 |
| % Agriculture in Upstream Drainage Area | 11.94 | % Herbaceous Cover in ARA of Downstream Network | 13.94 |
| % Natural Cover in ARA of Upstream Network | 78.45 | % Barren Cover in ARA of Upstream Network | 0 |
| % Natural Cover in ARA of Downstream Network | 77.47 | % Barren Cover in ARA of Downstream Network | 0.04 |
| % Forest Cover in ARA of Upstream Network | 72.08 | % Road Impervious in ARA of Upstream Network | 1.16 |
| % Forest Cover in ARA of Downstream Network | 73.44 | % Road Impervious in ARA of Downstream Network | 0.56 |
| % Agricultural Cover in ARA of Upstream Network | 8.81 | % Other Impervious in ARA of Upstream Network | 1.09 |
| % Agricultural Cover in ARA of Downstream Network | 16.59 | % Other Impervious in ARA of Downstream Network | 1.15 |
| % Impervious Surf in ARA of Upstream Network | 1.42 | | |
| % Impervious Surf in ARA of Downstream Network | 1.12 | | |

Metric descriptions can be found at:

http://52.53.143.233/chesapeake-dev/plugins/barrier-prioritization-proto2/images/Metric_Glossary.pdf

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Network, System Type and Condition

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| Functional Upstream Network (mi) | 60.03 | Upstream Size Class Gain (#) | 0 |
| Total Functional Network (mi) | 178.69 | # Downstream Natural Barriers | 0 |
| Absolute Gain (mi) | 60.03 | # Downstream Hydropower Dams | 6 |
| # Size Classes in Total Network | 3 | # Downstream Dams with Passage | 4 |
| # Upstream Network Size Classes | 3 | # of Downstream Barriers | 8 |
| NFHAP Cumulative Disturbance Index | Very High | | |
| Dam is on Conserved Land | No | | |
| % Conserved Land in 100m Buffer of Upstream Network | 51.45 | | |
| % Conserved Land in 100m Buffer of Downstream Network | 10.24 | | |
| Density of Crossings in Upstream Network Watershed (#/m2) | 1.56 | | |
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| Density of off-channel dams in Upstream Network Watershed (#/m2) | 0 | | |
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Diadromous Fish

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|---|-----------------|-------------------------------|-----------------|
| Downstream Alewife | Historical | Downstream Striped Bass | None Documented |
| Downstream Blueback | Historical | Downstream Atlantic Sturgeon | None Documented |
| Downstream American Shad | Historical | 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

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| 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) | Yes |
| Native Fish Species Richness (HUC8) | 50 |
| # Rare Fish (HUC8) | 0 |
| # Rare Mussel (HUC8) | 4 |
| # Rare Crayfish (HUC8) | 0 |

Stream Health

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| Chesapeake Bay Program Stream Health | GOOD |
| 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 | High |
| PA IBI Stream Health | N/A |

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