

Chesapeake Fish Passage Prioritization - Dam Fact Sheet

CFPPP Unique ID: **VA_420**

NELSON DAM

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| Bay-wide Diadromous Tier | 6 |
| Bay-wide Resident Tier | 3 |
| Bay-wide Brook Trout Tier | N/A |
| NID ID | VA12501 |
| State ID | 420 |
| River Name | |
| Dam Height (ft) | 34 |
| Dam Type | Earth |
| Latitude | 37.6935 |
| Longitude | -78.8818 |
| Passage Facilities | None Documented |
| Passage Year | N/A |
| Size Class | 1a: Headwater (0 - 3.861 sq mi) |
| HUC 12 | Rucker Run |
| HUC 10 | Lower Tye 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 | 2.02 | % Tree Cover in ARA of Upstream Network | 58.79 |
| % Natural Cover in Upstream Drainage Area | 67.24 | % Tree Cover in ARA of Downstream Network | 79.1 |
| % Forested in Upstream Drainage Area | 47.83 | % Herbaceous Cover in ARA of Upstream Network | 5.42 |
| % Agriculture in Upstream Drainage Area | 18.03 | % Herbaceous Cover in ARA of Downstream Network | 15.73 |
| % Natural Cover in ARA of Upstream Network | 83.85 | % Barren Cover in ARA of Upstream Network | 0 |
| % Natural Cover in ARA of Downstream Network | 79.33 | % Barren Cover in ARA of Downstream Network | 0.1 |
| % Forest Cover in ARA of Upstream Network | 46.97 | % Road Impervious in ARA of Upstream Network | 1 |
| % Forest Cover in ARA of Downstream Network | 65.28 | % Road Impervious in ARA of Downstream Network | 0.6 |
| % Agricultural Cover in ARA of Upstream Network | 0 | % Other Impervious in ARA of Upstream Network | 1.38 |
| % Agricultural Cover in ARA of Downstream Network | 16.03 | % Other Impervious in ARA of Downstream Network | 0.78 |
| % Impervious Surf in ARA of Upstream Network | 2.83 | | |
| % Impervious Surf in ARA of Downstream Network | 0.71 | | |

Metric descriptions can be found at:

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Network, System Type and Condition

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| Functional Upstream Network (mi) | 2.74 | Upstream Size Class Gain (#) | 0 |
| Total Functional Network (mi) | 5433.76 | # Downstream Natural Barriers | 0 |
| Absolute Gain (mi) | 2.74 | # Downstream Hydropower Dams | 2 |
| # Size Classes in Total Network | 6 | # Downstream Dams with Passage | 4 |
| # Upstream Network Size Classes | 1 | # of Downstream Barriers | 4 |
| NFHAP Cumulative Disturbance Index | Moderate | | |
| Dam is on Conserved Land | No | | |
| % Conserved Land in 100m Buffer of Upstream Network | 11.93 | | |
| % Conserved Land in 100m Buffer of Downstream Network | 11.23 | | |
| Density of Crossings in Upstream Network Watershed (#/m2) | 0.9 | | |
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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 | Potential Current | Downstream Striped Bass | None Documented |
| Downstream Blueback | Potential Current | Downstream Atlantic Sturgeon | None Documented |
| Downstream American Shad | None Documented | Downstream Shortnose Sturgeon | None Documented |
| Downstream Hickory Shad | None Documented | Downstream American Eel | Current |
| Presence of 1 or More Downstream Anadromous Species | Potential Current | | |
| # Diadromous Species Downstream (incl eel) | 1 | | |

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 | Yes |
| Barrier Blocks a Modeled BKT Catchment (DeWeber) | No |
| 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 | FAIR |
| 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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