

The Pittsburgh Water and Sewer Authority is planning to construct the Aspinwall Pump Station to Lanpher Reservoir Rising Main Project, funded in part by the Environmental Protection Agency. The project is located in the City of Pittsburgh, Borough of Aspinwall, Borough of Sharpsburg, Borough of Etna, and Shaler Township, Allegheny County, Pennsylvania.

Under the preferred alternative, the proposed project involves the construction of a redundant rising main to service the Lanpher Reservoir, located in Shaler Township, Pennsylvania. The proposed redundant rising main would begin at the existing Aspinwall Pump Station, located at the PWSA's Water Filtration Plant near the borough of Aspinwall, and extend approximately 6,949 linear m (22,800 linear ft) west terminating at the Lanpher Reservoir.

Properties listed in or eligible for the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP) located within the area of potential effects (APE) include the Aspinwall Filtration Plant/Aspinwall Water Treatment Plant Historic District, the City of Pittsburgh Water Filtration Plant, the Aspinwall Historic District, and the Western Pennsylvania Railroad (Pittsburgh to Freeport) Railroad Corridor Historic District. The proposed action impacts properties listed in or eligible for the NRHP. The EPA has issued an "Adverse Effect" finding for the project because the project will diminish the integrity of the characteristics that qualify the Aspinwall Historic District for inclusion in the NRHP. The project will have no effect on the other aforementioned historic properties. Pursuant to 36 CFR 800.4(d)(2), the documentation specified in 36 CFR 800.11(e) is available for inspection at Michael Baker International, Inc., 100 Airside Drive, Moon Township, PA 15108. Additionally, this documentation can be viewed electronically by accessing: <https://eFTP.mbakierintl.com/message/2JxaTfCP5NBcCXCSkdXT9P>

This documentation serves as the basis for the adverse effect finding. In accordance with the National Historic Preservation Act, the views of the public are being sought regarding the effect of the proposed project on the historic property as per 36 CFR 800.2(d), 800.3(e) and 800.6(a)(4). Please reply with any comments to Timothy G. Zinn (100 Airside Drive, Moon Township, PA 15108; 412-269-4619; tzinn@mbakerintl.com) no later than July 18, 2023.

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