

Proposed Murder Creek Reservoir



Approximate location

The Conecuh County Commission submitted an application to the Corps of Engineers for the construction of a dam on Murder Creek near Evergreen, Alabama. The proposed dam will be located just north of County Road 20 (Rural Street). A public notice about the application was issued by the Corps on March 30, 2007. A public scoping meeting as part of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) process is scheduled for December 2, 2008 at the Conecuh County Courthouse.

Proposed Dam

- 2,000 feet long, 40 feet high, 340 feet wide
- 2,650-acre reservoir
- Damage to 1,453 acres of wetlands and 100,755 linear feet of streams

Key Stakeholder Concerns

- How much will the dam cost and will taxes be raised to pay for it?
- Will land have to be condemned and does the County have that right?
- How will the public benefit from this potentially costly project?
- How much will it cost to off-set the numerous environmental impacts?
- Will the water be polluted after the dam is built?
- What will happen to existing uses of creek and property along the creek?
- How will water levels and flows change, especially during droughts and floods?
- Is there enough demand for irrigation to justify the project?