

Original Law:

Water Resources Development Act of 2000

(1) DEFINITION OF NEW SAVANNAH BLUFF LOCK AND DAM.— In this subsection, the term “New Savannah Bluff Lock and Dam” means—

(A) the lock and dam at New Savannah Bluff, Savannah River, Georgia and South Carolina; and

(B) the appurtenant features to the lock and dam, including—

(i) the adjacent approximately 50-acre park and recreation area with improvements made under the project for navigation, Savannah River below Augusta, Georgia, authorized by the first section of the Act of July 3, 1930 (46 Stat. 924) and the first section of the Act of August 30, 1935 (49 Stat. 1032); and

(ii) other land that is part of the project and that the Secretary determines to be appropriate for conveyance under this subsection.

(2) REPAIR AND CONVEYANCE.—After execution of an agreement between the Secretary and the city of North Augusta and Aiken County, South Carolina, the Secretary—

(A) shall repair and rehabilitate the New Savannah Bluff Lock and Dam, at Federal expense of an estimated \$5,300,000; and

(B) after repair and rehabilitation, may convey the New Savannah Bluff Lock and Dam, without consideration, to the city of North Augusta and Aiken County, South Carolina.

(3) TREATMENT OF NEW SAVANNAH BLUFF LOCK AND DAM.— The New Savannah Bluff Lock and Dam shall not be considered to be part of any Federal project after the conveyance under paragraph (2).

(4) OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE.—

(A) BEFORE CONVEYANCE.—Before the conveyance under paragraph (2), the Secretary shall continue to operate and maintain the New Savannah Bluff Lock and Dam.

(B) AFTER CONVEYANCE.—After the conveyance under paragraph (2), operation and maintenance of all features of the project for navigation, Savannah River below Augusta, Georgia, described in paragraph (1)(B)(i), other than the New Savannah Bluff Lock and Dam, shall continue to be a Federal responsibility.

**First Amendment to the Law:
The Consolidated Appropriations Act 2001**

SEC. 113. FISH PASSAGE DEVICES AT NEW SAVANNAH BLUFF LOCK AND DAM, SOUTH CAROLINA.

Section 348(l)(2) of the Water Resources Development Act of 2000 is amended—

- (1) in subparagraph (A), by striking “Dam, at Federal expense of an estimated \$5,300,000” and inserting “Dam and construct appropriate fish passage devices at the Dam, at Federal expense”; and
- (2) in subparagraph (B), by striking “after repair and rehabilitation,” and inserting “after carrying out subparagraph (A),”.

Second Amendment to the Law:

Water Infrastructure Improvements for the Nation Act (2016)

SEC. 1319. NEW SAVANNAH BLUFF LOCK AND DAM, GEORGIA AND SOUTH CAROLINA.

(a) **DEFINITIONS.**—In this section, the following definitions apply:

(1) NEW SAVANNAH BLUFF LOCK AND DAM.—The term “New Savannah Bluff Lock and Dam” means—

(A) the lock and dam at New Savannah Bluff, Savannah River, Georgia and South Carolina; and

(B) the appurtenant features to the lock and dam, including—

(i) the adjacent approximately 50-acre park and recreation area with improvements made under the project for navigation, Savannah River below Augusta, Georgia, authorized by the first section of the Act of July 3, 1930 (46 Stat. 924), and the first section of the Act of August 30, 1935 (49 Stat. 1032); and

(ii) other land that is part of the project and that the Secretary determines to be appropriate for conveyance under this section.

(2) PROJECT.—The term “Project” means the project for navigation, Savannah Harbor expansion, Georgia, authorized by section 7002(1) of the Water Resources Reform and Development Act of 2014 (Public Law 113–121; 128 Stat. 1364).

(b) **DEAUTHORIZATION.**—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Effective beginning on the date of enactment of this Act—

(A) the New Savannah Bluff Lock and Dam is deauthorized; and

(B) notwithstanding section 348(l)(2)(B) of the Water Resources Development Act of 2000 (Public Law 106–541; 114 Stat. 2630; 114 Stat. 2763A–228) (as in effect on the day before the date of enactment of this Act) or any other provision of law, the New Savannah Bluff Lock and Dam shall not be conveyed to the city of North Augusta and Aiken County, South Carolina, or any other non-Federal entity.

(2) REPEAL.—Section 348 of the Water Resources Development Act of 2000 (Public Law 106–541; 114 Stat. 2630; 114 Stat. 2763A–228) is amended—

(A) by striking subsection (l); and

(B) by redesignating subsections (m) and (n) as subsections (l) and (m), respectively.

(c) **PROJECT MODIFICATIONS.**—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the Project is modified to include, as the Secretary determines to be necessary—

(A)

(i) repair of the lock wall of the New Savannah Bluff Lock and Dam and modification of the structure such that the structure is able—

(l) to maintain the pool for navigation, water supply, and recreational activities, as in existence on the date of enactment of this Act; and

(II) to allow safe passage over the structure to historic spawning grounds of shortnose sturgeon, Atlantic sturgeon, and other migratory fish; or

(ii)(I) construction at an appropriate location across the Savannah River of a structure that is able to maintain the pool for water supply and recreational activities, as in existence on the date of enactment of this Act; and

(II) removal of the New Savannah Bluff Lock and Dam on completion of construction of the structure; and

(B) conveyance by the Secretary to Augusta-Richmond County, Georgia, of the park and recreation area adjacent to the New Savannah Bluff Lock and Dam, without consideration.

(2) NON-FEDERAL COST SHARE.—The Federal share of the cost of any Project feature constructed pursuant to paragraph (1) shall be not greater than the share as provided by section 7002(1) of the Water Resources Reform and Development Act of 2014 (Public Law 113–121; 128 Stat. 1364) for the most cost-effective fish passage structure.

(3) OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE COSTS.—The Federal share of the costs of operation and maintenance of any Project feature constructed pursuant to paragraph (1) shall be consistent with the cost sharing of the Project as provided by law.