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# Corps of Engineers and Lake Hartwell counties to study economic impacts

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**SAVANNAH, GA.** – The Savannah District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, has formally entered into an agreement with six counties surrounding the District's Hartwell Lake to study impacts the reservoir has on local economies.

The agreement, signed Tuesday by Savannah District Commander, Col. Edward J. Kertis, will develop a study to determine economic changes within the six counties in relation to changes in reservoir levels. The cost of the study, \$211,522 will be shared equally by the group of counties and the federal government under the Planning Assistance to States program. The Savannah District has contracted with the Strom Thurmond Institute of Government and Public Affairs at Clemson University to conduct the study over 12 months.

Anderson County, S.C. acted as the executive agent for the counties in reaching this agreement. The counties divided their share of the study's cost based on shoreline mileage.

The study will be made public after an approximate two-month review and approval process and will be available in county offices and through the [Savannah District homepage](#). The study is expected to begin in about two months.

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