



BELTZVILLE DAM



PROPERTY DAMAGE CAUSED BY TROPICAL STORM AGNES



**1971** BELTZVILLE DAM is completed, the second Corps dam within the Lehigh River sub-basin and the Philadelphia District's first "multipurpose" project designed for flood control, water quality, water supply and recreation. A year later, the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania officially takes over management of recreation with the dedication of Beltzville State Park.

**1971** The Corps begins a three-year partnership with the United States Postal Service for the renovation, modernization and replacement of numerous small post offices.

**1972** TROPICAL STORM AGNES drenches the mid-Atlantic, becoming the greatest flooding event known in the Susquehanna River basin.

**1972** The Philadelphia District's only federally constructed flood control project in New York, a levee along the East Branch of the Delaware River, is completed in Hancock, N.Y.

**1972** Congress passes the Federal Water Pollution Control Act.



FREIGHTER YORKMAR

**1973** The FREIGHTER YORKMAR strikes the lift span of the one railroad bridge across the Chesapeake & Delaware Canal, closing the channel for 104 days.

**1975** The Philadelphia District completes construction of the U.S. Postal Service Bulk Mail Center in Philadelphia.

## Responding to New Needs

1971

1979

DISTRICT COMMANDERS



1971-1973  
Col. Caroll D. Strider



1973-1975  
Col. Clyde A. Selleck



1975-1978  
Col. Harry V. Dutchshyn



1978-1981  
Col. James G. Ton



GRUBER WAGON WORKS

**1976** Saving a historic structure that would otherwise have disappeared with the filling of Blue Marsh Lake, the Philadelphia District relocates (and subsequently restores) the GRUBER WAGON WORKS in a first-of-its-kind Corps Project.

**1977** Congress passes the Clean Water Act.

**1977** The Corps initiates the National Dam Safety Inspection Program.

**1978-79** The Philadelphia District provides dredging and road building expertise to the West African nations of Qatar and Gabon.

**1979** The Marine Design Division is redesignated the Marine Design Center, a separate "field operating activity" of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.



BLUE MARSH LAKE



**1979** BLUE MARSH LAKE, the Philadelphia District's second multipurpose flood control project, is officially opened northwest of Reading, Pa., serving the Schuylkill River sub-basin.