

Richmond DPU: City Improvement Projects

Job: Lake Cherokee Dam Rehabilitation Project

Location: Cherokee Road between Croatan Road and Cheyenne Road

Project Introduction

Cherokee Dam is a small impounding structure which creates Lake Cherokee in Richmond's Huguenot neighborhood. Cherokee Dam is owned by the Lake Cherokee Association, residents who own property on the dam, and the City of Richmond.

The Lake Cherokee Dam Rehabilitation Project has been initiated to ensure that Cherokee Dam is in compliance with Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation dam safety regulations. Collaboration and coordination efforts are ongoing between all Cherokee Dam owners as a strong partnership will be vital to ensuring a successful project and that dam safety regulatory requirements are met.



Project Schedule

Project Assignment: 2022 (Hazen and Sawyer)

Survey & Preliminary Design: In Progress (Hazen and Sawyer)

Engineering Design: In Progress (Hazen and Sawyer)

Construction Assignment: To Be Determined



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WHAT HAPPENS NEXT:

Field Investigations:

Residents may see field personnel, survey crews, and vehicles within the project area collecting data and performing field investigations.

Public Meetings:

Discussions with property owners and Lake Cherokee Association members have been ongoing. A virtual meeting was held with the Lake Cherokee Association and Lake Cherokee property owners on Wednesday, November 15th of 2023 at 6:30 pm via Microsoft Teams to discuss the proposed improvements and receive feedback. To continue the conversation, another meeting was held at Huguenot High School on Tuesday, April 16th at 6:00 pm. The project team is always happy to connect with residents. Please do not hesitate to reach out.

Project Duration:

Phase 1 rehabilitation activities, including vegetation removal, have been completed. Phase 2 rehabilitation design is underway for the Lake Cherokee Dam Rehabilitation Project. Continued vegetation maintenance will occur from April through October during the 2024 growing season. Due to the scope of work needed to meet dam safety regulatory requirements and complete the Lake Cherokee Dam Rehabilitation Project, a preliminary estimate is that construction may take up to two years. We apologize for the inconvenience and greatly appreciate your patience and partnership as these necessary improvements are made.

Project Benefits:

The Lake Cherokee Dam Rehabilitation Project will ensure that Cherokee Dam is in compliance with Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation dam safety regulations and that Cherokee Dam is rehabilitated to safely pass the required design storm.

For questions, comments, or concerns specifically about any of these projects, please contact:

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