

# Richmond DPU: City Improvement Projects

**Job:** Regulatory Compliance at Bryan Park

**Location:** Bryan Park

## Project Introduction

Through this project the Department of Parks, Recreation, and Community Facilities and the Department of Public Utilities seek to ensure the dams along Upham Brook in Bryan Park are in compliance with Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation dam safety regulations.

This project will decommission the dams, thus precluding any future potential regulatory action. Additionally, ecological benefits will be numerous as over 4,000 linear feet of Upham Brook are reconnected, opening up 10 miles of blocked fish passage. This project is the most cost-effective option to ensure compliance in terms of both implementation and long-term maintenance. As part of this project two bridges will be constructed to maintain pedestrian connectivity across the newly-reformed stream. The upstream bridge will be designated as part of the 43-mile Fall Line Trail route.



## Project Schedule

**Project Assignment:** 2022 (Hazen)

**Survey & Preliminary Design:** In Progress (Hazen)

**Engineering Design:** In Progress (Hazen)

**Construction Assignment:** To Be Determined



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# WHAT HAPPENS NEXT:

## Field Investigations:

Initial field investigations have been conducted, and additional surveying will continue.

Additional data will be collected during the week of February 24th of 2025 by on-call civil engineering firm Hazen and their subcontractor GeoTechnologies, which will require that the water levels in both ponds be lowered during the week to allow for access as they collect soil samples and perform hand auger work to locate bedrock.

Richmonders may continue to see field personnel, geotechnical engineers, survey crews, and vehicles within Bryan Park collecting data and performing additional field investigations.

## Public Meetings and Engagement:

Design work will continue following the public meeting held at 6:00 pm on March 27th of 2024 at the Virginia Rep Center for the Arts and Education.

The slides shared at the March 27th meeting are available at [www.rvah2o.org/bryan-park](http://www.rvah2o.org/bryan-park) and future project updates, including opportunities for further engagement, will be posted on the project webpage throughout the process as well.

## Project Duration:

Hazen, an on-call civil engineering firm working with the City, is currently crafting a preliminary design.

Design and permitting are expected to take an additional two years.

The project's anticipated construction duration will be based on many factors and is difficult to estimate before the design is finalized and approved.

Based on projects with similar scopes, construction will likely take between 18 months and two years.

As this project progresses, the timeline on the project webpage and in subsequent project flyers will be updated.

## Additional Information:

Find more project information, including frequently asked questions and their answers, at [www.rvah2o.org/bryan-park](http://www.rvah2o.org/bryan-park)

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