

# 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 2,000 linear feet of Upham Brook will be restored, opening up 5 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



Learn more at [RVAH2O.org](https://RVAH2O.org)



# WHAT HAPPENS NEXT:

## Field Investigations:

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

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 progress following the pop-up engagement events held on Tuesday, August 12th and Saturday, August 16th of 2025 in Bryan Park. These opportunities shared highlights of the preliminary 30% design plans and solicited feedback from the community and Bryan Park users.

Additional past engagement activities are included on the [www.rvah2o.org/bryan-park](http://www.rvah2o.org/bryan-park) project webpage and future project updates, including opportunities for further engagement, will be shared on subsequent project flyers and posted on the project webpage throughout the process as well.

## Project Duration:

Hazen, an on-call civil engineering firm working with the City, is crafting a preliminary design, which is currently at 30%. 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.

We greatly appreciate your partnership and patience as this work is both planned for and implemented.

## 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)

---

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

Name: Bill Boston

Title: Capital Improvement Program Manager

Company: Department of Public Utilities - Stormwater Utility

Phone: 804.646.8161

Email: [william.boston2@rva.gov](mailto:william.boston2@rva.gov)

