

Richmond DPU: City Improvement Projects

Job: Cherokee Dam Rehabilitation Project

Location: Cherokee Road between Croatan Road and Cheyenne Road

Project Introduction

Cherokee Dam is a small impounding structure that 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 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)

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:

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 are ongoing.

Strong partnerships between all stakeholders will be key to ensuring a successful project and that dam safety regulatory requirements are met.

The times and locations of future collaborative meetings will be announced as the project and its design progresses.

The project team is always happy to connect with residents. Please do not hesitate to reach out.

Project Duration:

Annual vegetation maintenance has occurred since 2023, and will also occur monthly during the 2026 growing season beginning in April. Informational notification letters have been sent to nearby property owners.

Rehabilitation design is underway for the Cherokee Dam Rehabilitation Project.

Due to the scope of work needed to meet dam safety regulatory requirements and complete the 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 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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