

Richmond DPU: City Improvement Projects

Job: Hobby Hill Lake Dam Rehabilitation Project

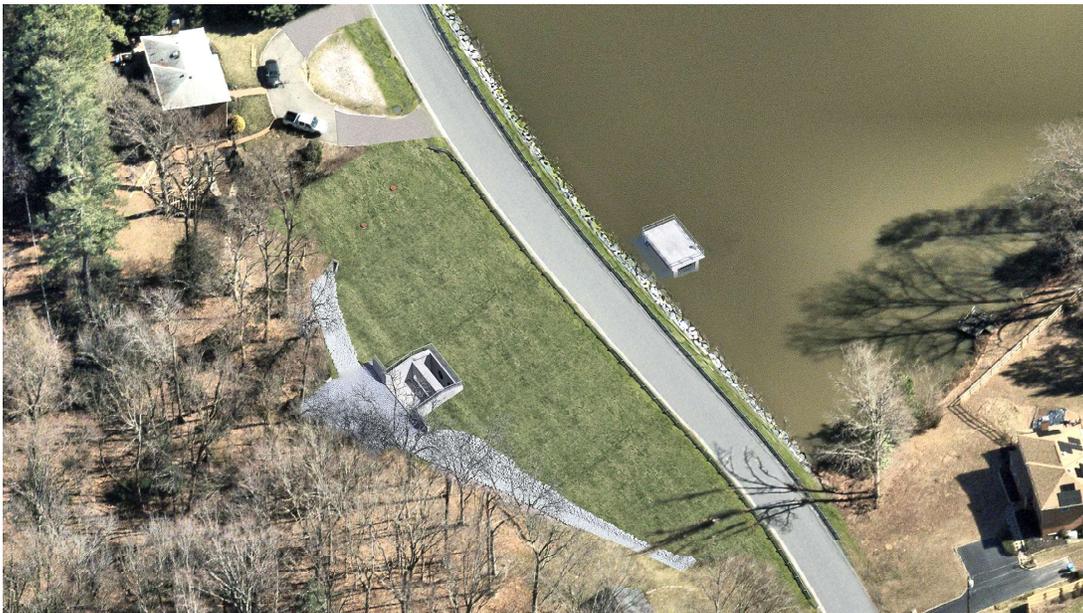
Location: Hobby Hill Road between Margate Drive and Cedar Grove Road

Project Introduction

Hobby Hill Lake Dam is a small impounding structure that creates Hobby Hill Lake in Richmond's Huguenot neighborhood. The Hobby Hill Lake Dam Rehabilitation Project has been initiated to ensure that Hobby Hill Lake Dam is in compliance with Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation dam safety regulations.

Collaboration and coordination efforts are ongoing between all Hobby Hill Lake Dam owners as a strong partnership will be vital to ensuring a successful project and that dam safety regulatory requirements are met.

The Hobby Hill Lake Dam Rehabilitation Project's design is complete and permitting activities are currently underway. The project will be bid in the spring of 2026, and construction is expected to begin in the latter half of the year.



Project Schedule

Project Assignment: 2022 (Hazen)

Survey & Preliminary Design: November 2023 through October 2024 (Hazen)

Engineering Design: Permitting Currently In Progress (Hazen)

Construction Assignment: Utility Relocation Work Underway; Construction Start Anticipated Late 2026



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WHAT HAPPENS NEXT:

Easement Acquisitions:

Temporary and permanent easements will be necessary for the Hobby Hill Lake Dam Rehabilitation Project to be constructed.

Via RK&K, one of our on-call civil engineering firms, KDR is helping us to coordinate and acquire the necessary easements for this project.

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 will be sent to nearby property owners.

Utility relocation work is currently underway in advance of the Hobby Hill Lake Dam Rehabilitation Project's construction. The Hobby Hill Lake Dam Rehabilitation Project's design was completed in February of 2025.

Permitting is currently underway.

Following the completion of the project's applicable permitting activities, the project will be bid in 2026 and a construction schedule will be shared.

This flyer will also be updated with additional information as the project progresses.

Due to the scope of work needed to meet dam safety regulatory requirements and complete the Hobby Hill Lake Dam Rehabilitation Project, a preliminary estimate is that construction may take two years.

We apologize for the inconvenience and greatly appreciate your patience and partnership as these necessary improvements are made.

Project Benefits:

The Hobby Hill Lake Dam Rehabilitation Project will ensure that Hobby Hill Lake Dam is in compliance with Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation dam safety regulations and that Hobby Hill Lake 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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