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##PRESS RELEASE##

Sugar Hollow Reservoir Dam – Gate Replacement Project

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The Sugar Hollow Reservoir Dam, which is operated by the Rivanna Water and Sewer Authority for water supply storage, will be under construction in the coming weeks. In 1998, a five-foot-high inflatable rubber gate was bolted to the top of the existing concrete dam. This rubber gate controls the normal water level in the reservoir, with the ability to be lowered during extreme storm events for a controlled release of water from the reservoir. The rubber gate has an approximate service life of twenty years and is now due for replacement.

The Contractor will begin clearing, grading, and site work in early November 2020, with replacement of the gate expected to be completed by the fall of 2021. During construction, the water level in the reservoir will need to be lowered periodically, approximately 10 feet below the normal water level, to allow for inspection, removal of the existing rubber gate, and installation of the new rubber gate.

During construction, visitors will not have access to areas immediately around the dam, and no parking will be permitted during this time in the parking area next to the dam. Some short-term disruptions to traffic flow along Sugar Hollow Road can be expected when large equipment is mobilized to the site. Vehicle and pedestrian traffic should avoid the construction site while the gate is being replaced.

For the latest information about the project, please visit: <https://www.rivanna.org/rwsa-projects-map/sugar-hollow-dam-rubber-gate-replacement-project/>

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