

Loudoun Water and NOVA Parks Break Ground on Reservoir Park at Beaverdam Reservoir

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ASHBURN, Va., October 17, 2022 – Loudoun Water and NOVA Parks today announced the beginning of construction for the long-anticipated Reservoir Park. The milestone is the result of many years of community input, stakeholder feedback, and careful planning and design.

Reservoir Park will be situated on the southeast side of Beaverdam Reservoir. The park is being funded and constructed under a partnership between Loudoun Water, which owns and maintains the 300-acre reservoir as a source of drinking water for Loudoun County residents and NOVA Parks, the Northern Virginia Regional Park Authority.

The innovative park design includes an entrance road, parking lot, welcome center, restroom building, crew facility, boat rental facility, several pavilions, trails, waterfront boardwalks, a bridge, plantings, site utilities, educational exhibits, and various other site features—all designed with source water protection in mind.

“Loudoun Water’s mission is to ensure a healthy environment and high quality of life through effective and sustainable management of resources entrusted to our care. I can’t think of a better way to demonstrate and celebrate that mission than with Reservoir Park and all it has to offer,” said Loudoun Water Board Chair Mark Koblos. “We are very excited to get construction underway and to ultimately share this special park with the community.”

To ensure the safety of park users, water access is now closed. Fishing, boating, paddling or other water activities are not permitted. Once construction activities allow for the reservoir to refill naturally and the water reaches a safe level, water access will be re-opened. This is anticipated to occur during the spring of 2023.

Trails near the southeast portion of the reservoir will be closed during construction. Maps are posted at each trailhead to indicate trail access.

“We are excited that the construction of Reservoir Park at Beaverdam has begun,” said NOVA Parks Board Chair Cate Magennis Wyatt. “This ambitious partnership between NOVA Parks and Loudoun Water will serve the public for generations to come.”

At this stage, it is anticipated that substantial completion of Reservoir Park will be in the first quarter of 2024 and the park grand opening will take place in Spring/Summer of 2024.

Together, Loudoun Water and NOVA Parks have developed Reservoir Park to promote the health and wellness of local residents and visitors. Interpretive destinations will focus on their strong partnership, highlighting the connections between ecological health, human health and recreation.

For more information, visit www.loudounwater.org or www.novaparks.com.

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About Loudoun Water

Headquartered in Ashburn, Virginia, Loudoun Water is a public utility that provides water and wastewater services to residents of the unincorporated areas of Loudoun County. Loudoun Water's vision is to be a collaborative and trusted partner contributing to a healthy, thriving community. For more information about Loudoun Water, visit www.loudounwater.org.

About NOVA Parks

Founded in 1959 as a conservation organization, NOVA Parks (Northern Virginia Regional Park Authority) represents three counties and three cities -- Arlington County, Fairfax County, Loudoun County, the City of Alexandria, the City of Falls Church, and the City of Fairfax. The regional agency manages 35 parks with 12,380 acres of parkland.