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# News Release

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## **Work on Lake Williams Dam to start this fall. Lake Williams to be lowered this summer. Water Street in York and Springfield Township to be closed after Labor Day. Fishing Derby entries must be purchased by April 30<sup>th</sup>.**

**York, Pennsylvania, April 19, 2018:** The York Water Company will be doing planned work on their Lake Williams Dam this fall. The work includes the installation of a valve on the upstream face of the dam and the installation of a pipe liner at the 106 year old dam. According to York Water President, Jeffrey R. Hines, P.E.: "Although the dam is in excellent condition and has passed all safety reviews including an inspection each year, this work is necessary to keep the dam in readiness for many decades into the future. This work is also a prerequisite for additional work to rebuild the spillway and install roller compacted concrete onto the downstream face of the dam starting in 2019."

York Water is working with the PA Fish and Boat Commission, York County Parks, the Department of Environmental Protection, and other organizations to insure that the stress on the aquatic life in Lake Williams is reduced as much as possible during this project.

York Water is partnering with York County Parks to sponsor a fishing derby from May 1<sup>st</sup> to July 9<sup>th</sup>. During the derby, there will be 100 specially tagged fish. Each tag corresponds to a cash prize between \$25 and \$500. A total of \$5,000 in prizes will be awarded. For more information on the fishing derby please visit [https://yorkcountypa.gov/images/pdf/Parks/2018\\_Fishing\\_Tournament\\_Poster.pdf](https://yorkcountypa.gov/images/pdf/Parks/2018_Fishing_Tournament_Poster.pdf). There will be a \$25 entry fee to participate and all proceeds will be used to restock the lake and promote fishing upon the completion of the project. Entries must be purchased prior to April 30<sup>th</sup> at Nixon Park or John Rudy Park.

York Water is also working with the Fish & Boat Commission to get approval to lift the creel and size limits starting May 1<sup>st</sup>. In addition fishermen and women are asked to not release fish back into Lake Williams.

Lake Williams will be slowly lowered beginning just after July 10<sup>th</sup> with a goal of being empty by Labor Day.

The bridge over Lake Williams will be closed starting September 4<sup>th</sup> and will remain closed until the project is completed, which is expected to take up to one year. Detour signs will be posted, and most vehicles will likely use the Susquehanna Trail as a detour.

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