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**Loudoun Water Begins Work at Beaverdam Creek Reservoir
*Utility Commits to Re-Open the Reservoir after the Project is Completed***

Ashburn, Virginia - Loudoun Water announced that Beaverdam Creek Reservoir is closed to all users, including Loudoun Rowing, effective September 9. The reservoir water levels are being lowered and as a result, all access is prohibited.

“At the direction of our engineering consultants, we are starting to drain the reservoir as part of our evaluation phase of the project,” said Loudoun Water Chief Executive Fred Jennings. “These activities simply make the area too dangerous for the rowing community. The reservoir will be closed until we are finished with all phases of the renovation, including planning, evaluation, design and construction. However, Loudoun Water is committed to re-opening the reservoir for managed public recreation as soon as the job is done.”

Loudoun Water is in discussions with Northern Virginia Regional Park Authority (NOVA Parks) to determine the best arrangement to manage the reservoir for public use after construction is complete. Loudoun Water is also planning to conduct a land-use management study. This process will call for considerable stakeholder involvement.

“Ultimately, we want the reservoir to be safely enjoyed by all. Guided by our overall planning process, we will balance our primary responsibility to protect and maintain the reservoir as a long-term drinking water resource with the community’s desire to enjoy the scenic and tranquil surroundings that Beaverdam provides,” said Jennings.

Loudoun Water purchased the 600-acre Beaverdam Creek Reservoir and surrounding land along with the Goose Creek Reservoir, Goose Creek Water Treatment Plant and water transmission pipeline along the W&OD Trail to the Fairfax County line in January 2014. The purchase was part of a \$30 million deal with the City of Fairfax.

About Loudoun Water:

Headquartered in Ashburn, Virginia, Loudoun Water is a public utility that provides water and wastewater service to residents of the unincorporated areas of Loudoun County. Loudoun Water’s mission is to provide sustainable water services to protect health, the environment and quality of life. For more information about Loudoun Water, visit www.loudounwater.org.