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**Aquarion Water Company Announces
Dam Rehabilitation Project in Easton**
Work Scheduled to Begin in March

BRIDGEPORT, Conn. – February 26, 2018 – Aquarion Water Company today announced a rehabilitation project for the Aspetuck Reservoir Dam, located on Black Rock Turnpike in Easton, CT. The reservoir is a water source for Aquarion’s William S. Warner Treatment Plant in Fairfield, CT, which provides public drinking water to customers in the greater Bridgeport region.

Scheduled to begin in March, 2018, the project is expected to take approximately 18 months to complete. Improvements include restoration of the earthen banks of the dam, renewal of the concrete spillway, rehabilitation of the two gatehouses, and replacement of aeration equipment.

In addition to these improvements, the project will also incorporate infrastructure for two important environmental initiatives. Aquarion, in collaboration with The Nature Conservancy and the United States Geological Society, has been working to develop methods to restore eel migrations routes which can be interrupted by man-made structures, including dams. A notch, weir gate to control the flow of water and a landing pool have been incorporated into the project. These improvements are designed specifically to provide safe passage for the eels into the Aspetuck River. Additionally, the notch and weir gate will help Aquarion to comply with future streamflow water release requirements in order to improve the health of the State’s rivers.

Project permit applications have been filed with both the Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. Construction on the dam will take place during the hours of 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and is not expected to cause traffic delays.

New England Infrastructure, Inc. of Hudson, MA, will be the contractor for the dam rehabilitation project.

Residents with project-related questions may contact Hetal Shah, Aquarion's Senior Engineer, at (203) 337-5822 or hshah@aquarionwater.com.

About Aquarion Water Company:

Aquarion Water Company is the public water supply company for more than 625,000 people in 51 cities and towns throughout Connecticut, as well as serving customers in Massachusetts and New Hampshire. It is the largest investor-owned water utility in New England and among the seven largest in the U.S. Based in Bridgeport, CT, it has been in the public water supply business since 1857. Across its operations, Aquarion strives to act as a responsible steward of the environment and to assist the communities it serves in promoting sustainable practices. Aquarion Water Company is a wholly-owned subsidiary of [Eversource](#).

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