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JOPLIN RESERVOIR

PROPERTY OWNERS AND COMMUNITY STAKEHOLDERS NEWSLETTER

Since our Fall 2019 newsletter, we are pleased to report that progress has been made in both the preliminary design and permitting for the Joplin Reservoir. Missouri American Water has more accurately defined and located major project components, such as impacted utilities, dam characteristics, spillway, and inlet/outlet structures.

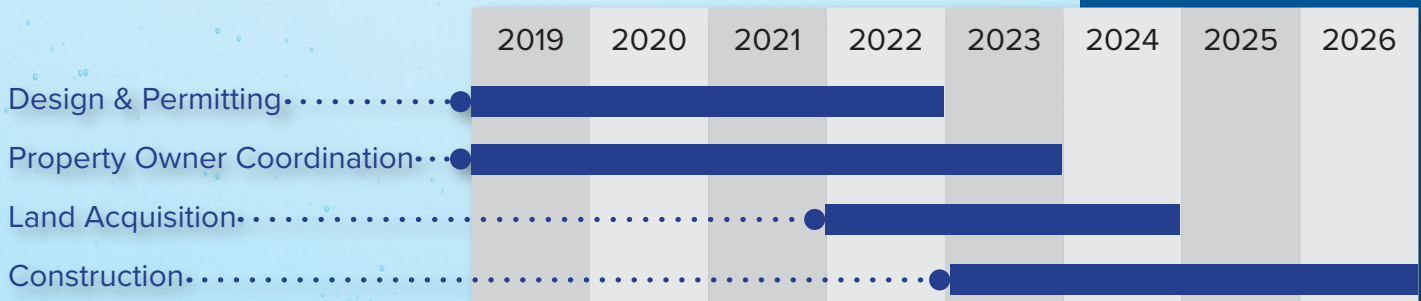
The next phase of the project includes geotechnical and environmental field investigations (see reverse for more information). Black & Veatch and Olsson will be reaching out to property owners to obtain agreements for property access to complete this work.

OPEN HOUSE COMMUNITY MEETING

Missouri American Water will be holding an open house community meeting for all property owners when we are able per CDC guidelines. More information will be provided at that time. We appreciate your patience.

PROJECT TIMELINE

The project team anticipates the same timeline below that was presented in the previous newsletter.



OUR CUSTOMERS. OUR COMMUNITY.

At Missouri American Water, the health and safety of our customers, communities and employees is our top priority.

We appreciate your assistance in returning property access agreements you will be receiving at a later date by mail, as we are following the CDC's social distancing guidelines and limiting in-person interactions.

NEXT STEPS



GEOTECHNICAL INVESTIGATION

- For properties in specific locations, soil and rock samples will be collected through borings to evaluate subsurface conditions.
- Engineers will use geological data for detailed dam design and construction specifications.

ENVIRONMENTAL PERMITTING

- The Endangered Species Act of 1973 and Section 404 of the Clean Water Act require field investigations to examine the potential impact to streams, wetlands, and threatened and endangered species.
- This field work is generally non-intrusive and includes walking a property to find streams and wetlands. Trained crews will identify specific plants and soil types to determine if wetlands are present. In some instances, a small hole is dug with a shovel to evaluate the soil, and the holes are filled back in upon completion of the investigation.
- Due to the identification of three bat species in the reservoir area, there will also be field investigations and a sampling approach submitted to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service for approval.

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