Pennsylvania American Water Completes Roaring Brook Dredging

SCRANTON, Pa. (November 18, 2024) – Pennsylvania American Water has completed the dredging of Roaring Brook in response to an accidental release of silt and sediment into the waterway earlier this year. This effort is part of a corrective action plan required by the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (DEP).

Dredging began in early September along Cedar Avenue in Scranton to remove sediment from the stream channel and its banks. The work also included dredging along Cedar Avenue and Myrtle Street near Darcy Park. Monitoring for additional sediment will continue at the sites while work progresses at the No. 7 Reservoir Dam and twice a year after the remediation measures are completed.

"The completion of dredging at Roaring Brook is a key step in our corrective action plan. This effort and ongoing monitoring helps protect our waterways and communities," said Brandy Braun, Director of Water Quality and Environmental Compliance at Pennsylvania American Water. "We appreciate the cooperation of the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection as we continue work on the No. 7 Reservoir Dam rehabilitation project."

The $17 million rehabilitation project began in October 2023 to upgrade the 152-year-old dam's structure for stability and help ensure its compliance with DEP dam safety regulations. The company expects to complete the project in June 2025.

"The Lackawanna River Conservation Association recognizes Pennsylvania American Water's accountability in addressing the sediment release incident and appreciates the effective measures implemented, as well as their ongoing commitment to monitoring and rehabilitation of the waterway," said Lackawanna River Conservation Association Executive Director Tara B. Jones.

Pennsylvania American Water will also carry out a community enhancement project as part of the settlement of the DEP enforcement action. This project involves rehabilitating and improving a section of Roaring Brook in Darcy Park, including habitat enhancement features. This project will be completed during the summer of 2025.

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