Pennsylvania American Water Initiates Community Improvement Project Along Roaring Brook in Scranton

Future Fishing Access Compliant with Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and Trail Upgrades Coming to Darcy Park

SCRANTON, Pa. (July 14, 2025) – Pennsylvania American Water contractors will begin mobilizing at Darcy Park in Scranton this week to initiate a $680,000 community enhancement project along Roaring Brook as part of a corrective action plan mandated by the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (DEP). The action plan follows a sediment release during a dam rehabilitation work in Dunmore.

“We appreciate the community’s patience as we complete this important work,” said Jeremy Eden, senior director of northeast operations for Pennsylvania American Water. “This project not only improves access to Roaring Brook but also strengthens the long-term health of the stream for everyone to enjoy.”

The project will restore and regrade 580 feet of streambank along Roaring Brook in Darcy Park, relocate the existing walking path to the top of the newly shaped bank and place boulders in the stream channel to enhance the aquatic habitat.

Improvements to the park will involve planting native trees and shrubs, accompanied by educational signage, and installing terraced steps to provide the community with access to the water’s edge. Pending final approval of an access easement by the City of Scranton, the project will feature a handicap-accessible fishing platform and a rock bank revetment along 70 feet of the stream to prevent erosion.

During construction, pedestrian access to Darcy Park will remain open; however, visitors should expect limited access and temporary detours on some walking trails. Safety signage and barriers will be in place to guide park users around active work zones. The company anticipates completing the community improvement project this fall.

The initial dredging of Roaring Brook took place along Cedar Avenue in Scranton in the fall of 2024 to clear sediment from the stream and its banks. The project also involved dredging near Darcy Park, along Cedar Avenue and Myrtle Street.

Monitoring for additional sediment is ongoing at the sites while work progresses at the No. 7 Reservoir Dam, and twice a year after the remediation measures are completed. The $17 million dam 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 No. 7 Reservoir Dam project in mid-2026.

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