

DAM SITE 15A / FLANAGAN LAKE FACT SHEET

Primary Purpose: Public Safety

Dam Site 15A is the 11th and latest flood control reservoir in the Papillion Creek Watershed, which covers most of the greater Omaha metro area. Its primary purpose is to protect the lives and property of Omaha citizens from floods. The \$47 million project is the largest single project undertaken by the Papio-Missouri River Natural Resources District, which results in increased public safety, better quality of life for Omahans, and local economic growth.

The reservoir is located on the North Branch of West Papillion Creek in Douglas County near 168th and Fort Streets. It will retain stormwater runoff from an upstream area of approximately 11 square miles. Once the Papio-Missouri River Natural Resources District completed construction of Dam Site 15A in 2018, the City of Omaha named the site Flanagan Lake and took over management of the park.

Recreational Benefits

Recreational amenities and green space that accompany Flanagan Lake are made possible through partnerships— local, state, and national.

- **730 acres of park area and green space**
- **220-acre lake for public water-based recreation**
- **5.2-mile hiking/biking trail**
- **Boat ramp**
- **Picnic shelters**
- **Restrooms**
- **Playground and other recreational features to come**

**The Nebraska Game and Parks Commission provided \$1,125,000 toward fish habitat creation and boating access.*

Environmental Benefits

- Improve water quality in the Papillion Creek Watershed
- Introduce an aquatic ecosystem, including fisheries
- Create wildlife habitats and enhance existing

Project Timeline

- Initial feasibility study began in 2009
- Final design completed in February 2015
- Construction began in May 2015
- Construction completed in June 2018
- Opened to the public three years after ground-breaking



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