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### COMMUNITY PARTNERS TO HOST GORGE DAM PUBLIC MEETING OCTOBER 25

Members of the public are invited to attend a community update on the process to remove a 420-foot-wide, 60-foot-tall dam within Gorge Metro Park. The dam is one of the largest unresolved impediments to restoring the water quality of the Cuyahoga River and its removal will improve river ecology, create recreational opportunities and drive economic benefits within the local community.

On Wednesday, October 25 from 6 to 7:30 p.m. at the Akron-Summit County Public Library Main Branch (60 S. High St., Akron), the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA), Ohio EPA, City of Akron and other stakeholders will present a project status update. The meeting will begin at 6 p.m., with doors opening at 5:30 p.m. [Parking](#) is available at the garage at 40 S. High St. or the surface lot at 71 S. High St. A livestream of the meeting will be available at [youtube.com/summitmetroparks](https://youtube.com/summitmetroparks).

Now in its seventh year, the dam removal project is managed by a group of partners that includes the City of Akron, City of Cuyahoga Falls, FirstEnergy, County of Summit, Summit County Council, Summit Metro Parks, The University of Akron, Ohio EPA, Ohio Lake Erie Commission and U.S. EPA. For more information about the dam removal project, visit [bit.ly/freethefalls](https://bit.ly/freethefalls).

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In 2023, Summit Metro Parks is celebrating the benefits of native plants through Wild Back Yards. The park district manages more than 15,000 acres throughout 16 parks, three nature centers and over 150 miles of trails, including 22 miles of the Ohio & Erie Canal Towpath Trail. Annual attendance is approximately 5.5 million visits. Find us online at [summitmetroparks.org](https://summitmetroparks.org).



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