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## **COMMUNITY PARTNERS TO HOST GORGE DAM PUBLIC MEETING APRIL 9**

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 an impediment to the water quality of the Cuyahoga River and its removal is expected to improve river ecology, create recreational opportunities and drive economic benefits.

On April 9, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the Cuyahoga Falls Natatorium (2345 4th St., Cuyahoga Falls), Summit Metro Parks, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) and other stakeholders will present a project status update. Topics will include the Great Lakes Legacy Act, the U.S. EPA's role in the dam removal process and the results of a recent hydrologic study. Additionally, participants will have an opportunity to ask questions or provide input on the archaeology and history of the dam and surrounding areas. A light meal will be provided by FirstEnergy.

Now in its third 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, Ohio EPA and U.S. EPA. Jacobs Engineering Group is assisting U.S. EPA in managing the current project phase, which is funded by U.S. EPA through the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative. Matching funds are provided by the City of Akron through a grant from the State of Ohio.

For more information, please call 330-865-8065.

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