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Volunteer Park Reservoir out-of-service period extended until 2017

*Seattle Public Utilities continues to conduct
citywide seismic study on drinking water system*

PROJECT / DESCRIPTION OF WORK:

Volunteer Park Reservoir, located in Volunteer Park at 1247 15th Avenue East, was taken out of service in April 2013 for a two-year decommissioning test. The test was to evaluate whether the reservoir could be permanently removed from Seattle's drinking water distribution system.

During this test period Seattle Public Utilities (SPU) also initiated a seismic evaluation to look at how well the City's entire drinking water distribution system would perform in a large earthquake. Water storage for both drinking water and fire flow will be an important aspect of this study, and the potential water storage in Volunteer Park Reservoir in a post-earthquake scenario will be considered.

The results from the seismic study have been delayed due to additional analysis needed and are now expected in mid-2017. At that time, SPU will have the critical information it needs to decide the future use of Volunteer Park Reservoir, and whether it could declare the reservoir facilities surplus to its drinking water utility system. If SPU were to proceed with decommissioning the reservoir, Seattle Parks and Recreation would conduct a thorough process to determine the best future parks and recreation use of the property. This process would include many opportunities for public involvement and feedback.

Until the seismic study is complete and a decision is made about the reservoir, it is important to note that SPU is not conducting any community planning activities to identify future use(s) of the property. At this time, SPU is focused on conducting a complete and thorough evaluation of Volunteer Park Reservoir.

For project updates and additional information, we encourage you to visit our [website](http://www.seattle.gov/util) (www.seattle.gov/util) and search for "Volunteer Reservoir." You may also contact Cyndy Holtz at (206) 386-1990 or cyndy.holtz@seattle.gov.

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