

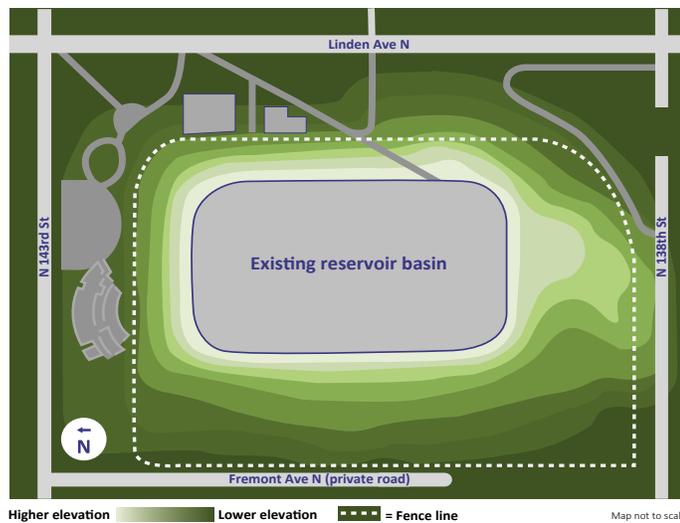
Bitter Lake Reservoir Improvement Project

Clean, safe, and protected drinking water
with more community open space

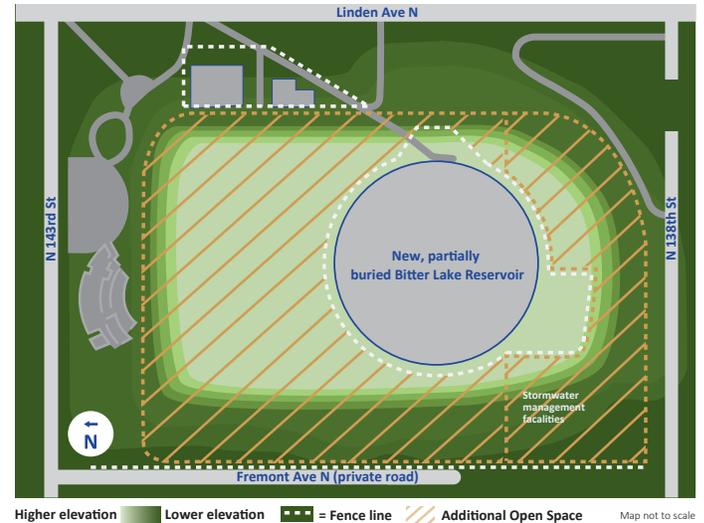
Project Overview

Seattle Public Utilities is designing a new drinking water reservoir in the Bitter Lake neighborhood. The new 21-million-gallon (MG) Bitter Lake Reservoir will replace the existing reservoir that is reaching the end of its service life. The new reservoir will be partially buried and hold the same amount of water as the old reservoir. More open public space will be available for the community to enjoy after the project is complete. Seattle Parks and Recreation plans to turn the additional open space into a park. Park construction will occur after the new reservoir is built.

Existing Reservoir Site



New Reservoir Site



Location

The reservoir is on a 13-acre property southwest of the Linden Ave and N 143rd St intersection in North Seattle. About four acres is currently open public space, a playground, and a community garden.

Schedule

Design, permitting, and community outreach began in 2022 and will continue into 2025. The community outreach team will engage nearby neighbors and community stakeholders at design milestones to gather feedback on project designs. Construction is anticipated to begin in 2026 and continue through 2029.

Community Benefits

- A more resilient and better protected reservoir
- Increase drinking water quality
- Additional open public space with room for a new park

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