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Our Local Dam

Since the construction of a dam on Blackwater Creek in Lynchburg 1934, it was deemed beneficial to the environment and helped produce College Lake. Since its creation, the general public lacked the knowledge of the function of dams and their implications. In the last few years, our College Lake Dam has gained more local recognition, due to the fact that the dam will be removed soon. Just because the local community is more aware of our dam does not mean that they understand what type of dam we have. Just like in 1934, when the public lacked the understanding of the function of their local dams, current residents lack the understanding of the process and planning of removing the dam. Dam removals are a case by case basis, but can have many similarities when compared in an urban dam setting category. This research is designed to inform the public about the process and results of dam removal in settings like Lynchburg. It is essential that the public can understand the process and effects that will be going on in their community involving the College Lake dam removal.