

What should we do?



- 5,700 NYS dams
 - An underestimate
 - Highest density near NYC
 - every 1,200 acres or 3 miles of stream
 - 79 yrs. old average



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Storms destroy dam in Mountaintdale

Fallsburg to seek aid from FEMA

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MOUNTAINDALE — Rains from tropical storms Irene and Lee have destroyed the earthen dam at Mountaintdale Park in Fallsburg, and town officials are hoping sandbags can preserve what's left of the 30-year-old structure.

The 11-acre lake has been a popular boating and fishing spot for residents and seasonal campers since it was created in 1973 by damming Branch Creek.

More than 7 feet of water from the one-time 14-foot-deep lake have poured through a gaping hole in the dam, which collapsed under heavy and steady rains over the past two weeks.

"We're going to sandbag it and we're going to try and keep

enough water in the lake to, hopefully, save the fish," said Fallsburg Supervisor Steve Viggiani.

"We'll do that on a temporary basis, but we're going to be making a claim to FEMA [the Federal Emergency Management Agency] to replace it."

Heavy storm flooding that damaged part of the park's access road, temporarily stranding about 60 seasonal campers.

The storm also caused the lake's waters to spill over, which combined with the rainfall to create a large swath of the 16-foot-dam's backside.

Tropical Storm Lee essentially finished the job, tearing a hole in the dam.

Town officials evacuated several seasonal campers on Wednesday, concerned that the otherwise slow-draining lake



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Water from the 11-acre lake at Mountaintdale Park in Fallsburg broke through a gaping hole in the 30-year-old dam.

would pour through the hole and again flood the access road.

"At that point, we have a hard

time getting people out," Viggiani said.

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nificant damage to public roads and culverts, including a section of Port Hill Road in Mountaintdale and a bridge carrying March Road over a creek in Glen Wild.

Repairing the dam will likely be the town's costliest project, said town engineer Bill Elliss.

"We don't even have an estimate of the work that is required," he said. "If we can do it in-house, we will."

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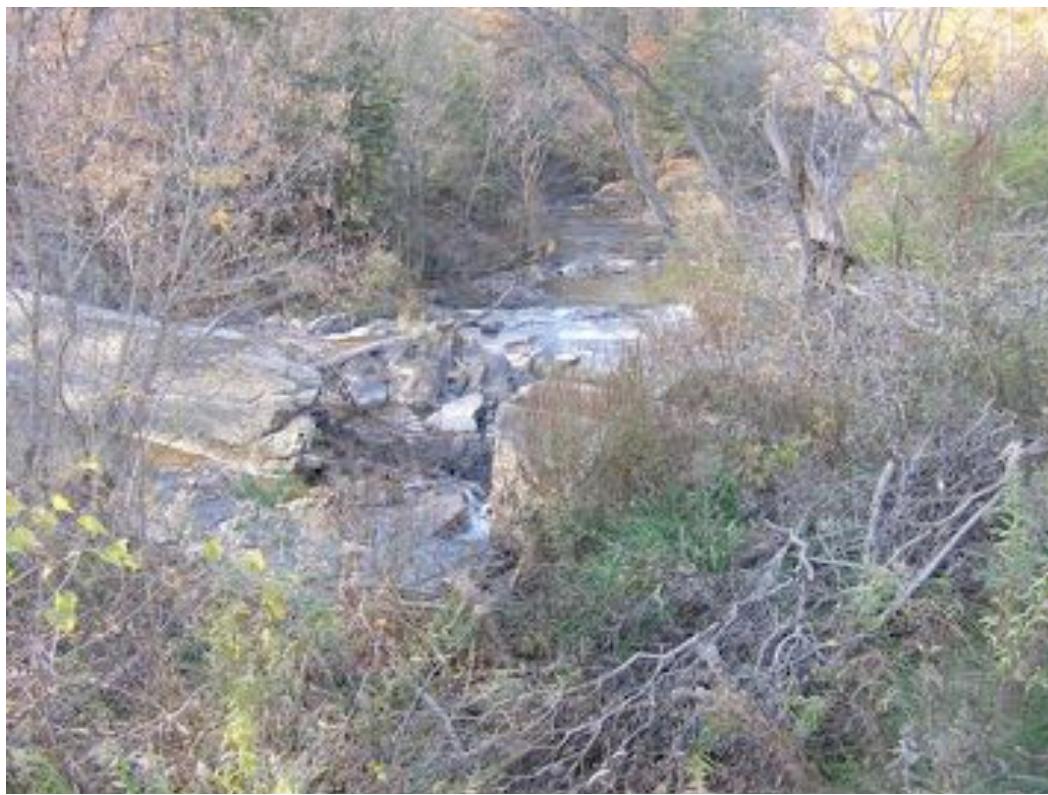
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Hard-hit Tuxedo residents want answers about collapse of dam



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The failure of a dam on Echo Lake may have contributed to flooding that affected the Thruway and the Ramapo Irene. Flash flooding hit residents of Tuxedo's East Village especially hard, and they and officials want a berm to be built to prevent future flooding. The aerial photo of damage in the area was taken Aug. 30. - TOM BUSHEY/Times Herald-Record



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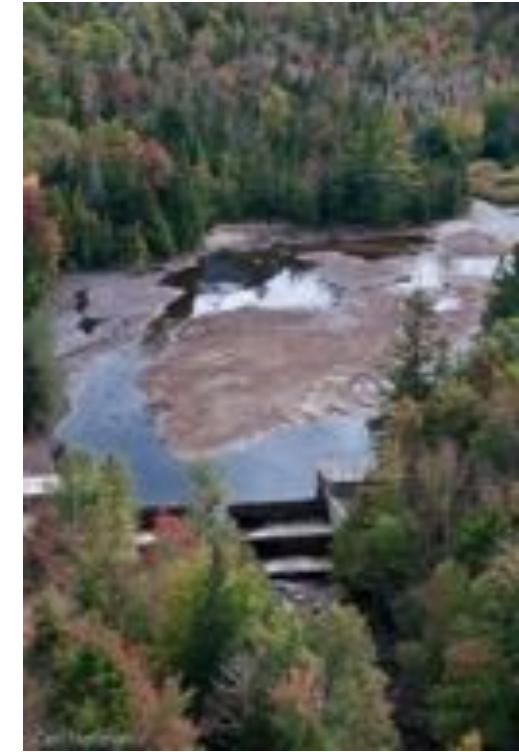
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