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Dear Neighbors of Ashland Reservoir:

Denver Water plans to improve the safety and reliability of its Ashland Reservoir site by building two new underground water storage tanks. The design for the site is being developed and construction is scheduled to begin in fall 2012. Neighbors will notice more activity at the site as Denver Water staff members and contractors visit the site as part of the design process.

Western Summit has been hired by Denver Water as the construction manager for the project. As part of a phased project, Western Summit will demolish one of the two existing tanks and build a new tank in its place. Once that tank is in service, the second tank will be demolished and another tank built in its place. The two tanks cannot be demolished at the same time because the water stored at the site is needed for customers and for fire protection. The entire project is scheduled to run through 2015. The contractor for the project will be required to follow work hours, as set forth by the City of Wheat Ridge.

Denver Water staff has met with representatives from the City of Wheat Ridge to discuss the project. As the project proceeds, Denver Water and its contractors will continue to meet with city staff to discuss potential impacts, and mitigation plans, for the project.

Large portions of the berms on the west and east sides of the site will be kept in place to reduce noise from demolition and construction. Part of the south berm will be removed initially for access to the site off of 29<sup>th</sup> Avenue. Additional sections of the south berm may be removed for use as a storage area for the project.

Additional information, a site map and a photo simulation of the site are available at [www.denverwater.org/ashland](http://www.denverwater.org/ashland). Once completed, the site will appear different from the existing site. The new tanks will be circular and smaller than they are now. The new tanks will have a smaller footprint, which will create a larger landscaped area on the south side of the property. The existing chain link fence will be removed and will be replaced by a black, 8-foot-high ornamental steel fence.

The City of Wheat Ridge will require Denver Water to go through a Special Use Permit (SUP) process prior to finalization of the design of the site. There will be a pre-application neighborhood meeting required as part of the SUP process. If residents have questions about the SUP process, they can contact Meredith Reckert, at 303-235-2848 or [mreckert@ci.wheatridge.co.us](mailto:mreckert@ci.wheatridge.co.us).

Updates on the project will be posted at [www.denverwater.org/ashland](http://www.denverwater.org/ashland). Please contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

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