

Hillcrest Tank Replacement

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Denver Water developed the Hillcrest water storage facility in the early 1960s to replace several small, temporary pumping stations and therefore improve the ability to reliably serve the burgeoning population of southeast Denver.

Crews finished building Hillcrest's two 15 million gallon concrete water storage basins in 1960 and completed the pumping station four years later. Since then, the area's population has continued to grow, placing increasing demand on the storage and pumping facilities on top of the wear and tear expected to come with age.

To maintain safety at the Hillcrest facility and improve its reliability for water service and hydropower production, Denver Water plans to make major upgrades through work estimated to run from mid-2016 to early 2020 in two phases:

Phase I: Crews will replace the two 15 million gallon rectangular storage tanks with three same-sized, circular post-tensioned concrete tanks – a durable design less susceptible to leaks. The new tanks will sit slightly south of the existing tanks and will be buried up to roof height, which will be visible. We anticipate the first phase of construction will run from early 2016 through late 2019.

Phase II: Crews will focus on pumping station upgrades, including expanding the building and replacing outdated pumping equipment. Once completed, the final site will also benefit from significant landscape and irrigation improvements. This second phase of construction will overlap with the first and is anticipated for 2018 through early 2020.

The added storage capacity and major upgrades this project brings to the Hillcrest facility are an important part of Denver Water's plan for continued reliable water service to the southeast Denver area.



Pictured: Un-dated Photo looking southwest. Denver Water's Hillcrest facility with a burgeoning neighborhood to the west and, to the north, the predecessor to I-25.