

Bringing Down the Dam; Freeing the Falls

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Main Library, Meeting Room 2AB

For 100 years, Gorge Metro Park has coexisted with a 420 x 60-foot dam. Now, that dam is being studied by Ohio EPA for removal. Summit Metro Parks is excited by the potential benefits of the removal both to the park district and to the region. The park district has taken the lead in organizing support, facilitating stakeholders and conducting public outreach.

This presentation will examine the interwoven story of the gorge dam, the Cuyahoga River and Gorge Metro Park. It is a fascinating tale of gravity and water, of scenic beauty and contamination, and of competing economies. Mainly, it is the account of how our vision for use of the Gorge has evolved. This evening's program will feature the transformative benefits of dismantling the dam and "Freeing the Falls" which currently lie drowned under this obsolete mass of concrete.

The History of Gorge Dam



Gorge Dam



Before Gorge Dam



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