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UPDATE

SUFFOLK, Va. (April 3, 2010) The Department of Public Works was successful at removing a 40' section of the dam this morning. The threat to Rt. 460 and travelers has been abated. Rt. 460 reopened at approx. 1 p.m.

There were some inaccuracies printed in a Virginian Pilot article published this morning. The City of Suffolk did NOT take ownership of the dam. Also, there was no plan for the City to completely raze the dam. Based on our engineers/consultant's recommendation a 40ft.section of the dam was removed for public safety and the protection of Rt. 460

UPDATE

SUFFOLK, Va. (April 2, 2010) An agreement was reached with the owners of the dam late Friday and work began to abate the hazard that has threatened Rt. 460 since early this week. Work began on dam Friday night and the City hopes to be able to reopen Pruden Blvd. this weekend.

SUFFOLK, Va. (March 31, 2010) Pruden Blvd. (Rt. 460) is currently closed in the 2500 block both east and west bound due to failure of a privately owned existing dam.

Through traffic is being rerouted onto the Rt. 58 by-pass. The dam, which is on private property, is upstream from Rt. 460.

Consultants are working to evaluate the safety of the structure. The situation is continuing to be monitored.

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