

DELIVERING ESSENTIAL ENERGY TO GRIFFISS BUSINESS AND TECHNOLOGY PARK

Hydroelectric Project



The Griffiss Utility Services Corporation is developing a hydroelectric project at Delta Reservoir to generate electricity for distribution to Griffiss Business and Technology Park’s tenants. The project will use run-of-the-river hydroelectric systems, which will have little impact beyond current fluctuations in reservoir levels or dam discharge. Utilizing hydroelectric power will offset fossil fuels and support New York State climate change mitigation goals, protecting the current and future cost of power in the park.

PROPOSED PROJECT LOCATION



OUR APPROACH



Construction will take place in existing rights-of-way and include a new above-ground 13.2 kV line extending from the powerhouse to the point of interconnection with Griffiss’s existing distribution network. The viewshed and dam face will remain unchanged throughout the project.

Regulatory Process

GUSC is currently working through the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission’s hydropower licensing process, which includes proactively communicating with stakeholders, identifying environmental issues, and preparing documents, such as an environmental assessment and impact statement. One of the key components of the FERC permit application process is soliciting community feedback through a series of formal public meetings. At that time, GUSC will meet with stakeholders to share information and gather input at key milestones throughout the process.



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Licensing Process Steps



Frequently Asked Questions

Q: Who will use the power generated by this project?

A: The hydroelectric power generated will exclusively supply the tenants in the Griffiss Business and Technology Park, creating a clean, self-reliant system to benefit park tenants.

Q: Will the project need to access private property?

A: Construction will take place in existing rights-of-way to minimize any impact on residents or business owners.

Q: Will there be any impact to the reservoir?

A: The project will use run-of-the-river hydroelectric systems, so there will be little impact to the reservoir level or dam discharge and the dam face will also remain the same during and after construction. In addition, a comprehensive environmental impact study will be conducted during the State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA) approval process. SEQRA requires that local, regional, and state agencies consider the potential environmental impacts before undertaking, funding, or approving a project.

Q: How can I ask additional questions or provide feedback?

A: GUSC is committed to engaging community members in a transparent, timely, and consistent manner, including hosting community meetings and directly communicating with all stakeholders through several channels. For more information or to contact us, visit www.gusc.net or call (315) 838-4872.