

PROJECT UPDATE

*Lake Ralph Hall is a special place (a natural place, a quiet place, a hospitable place)
both for people and for the environment, assuring a reliable water supply for generations to come.*

The Future of Fishing at Lake Ralph Hall

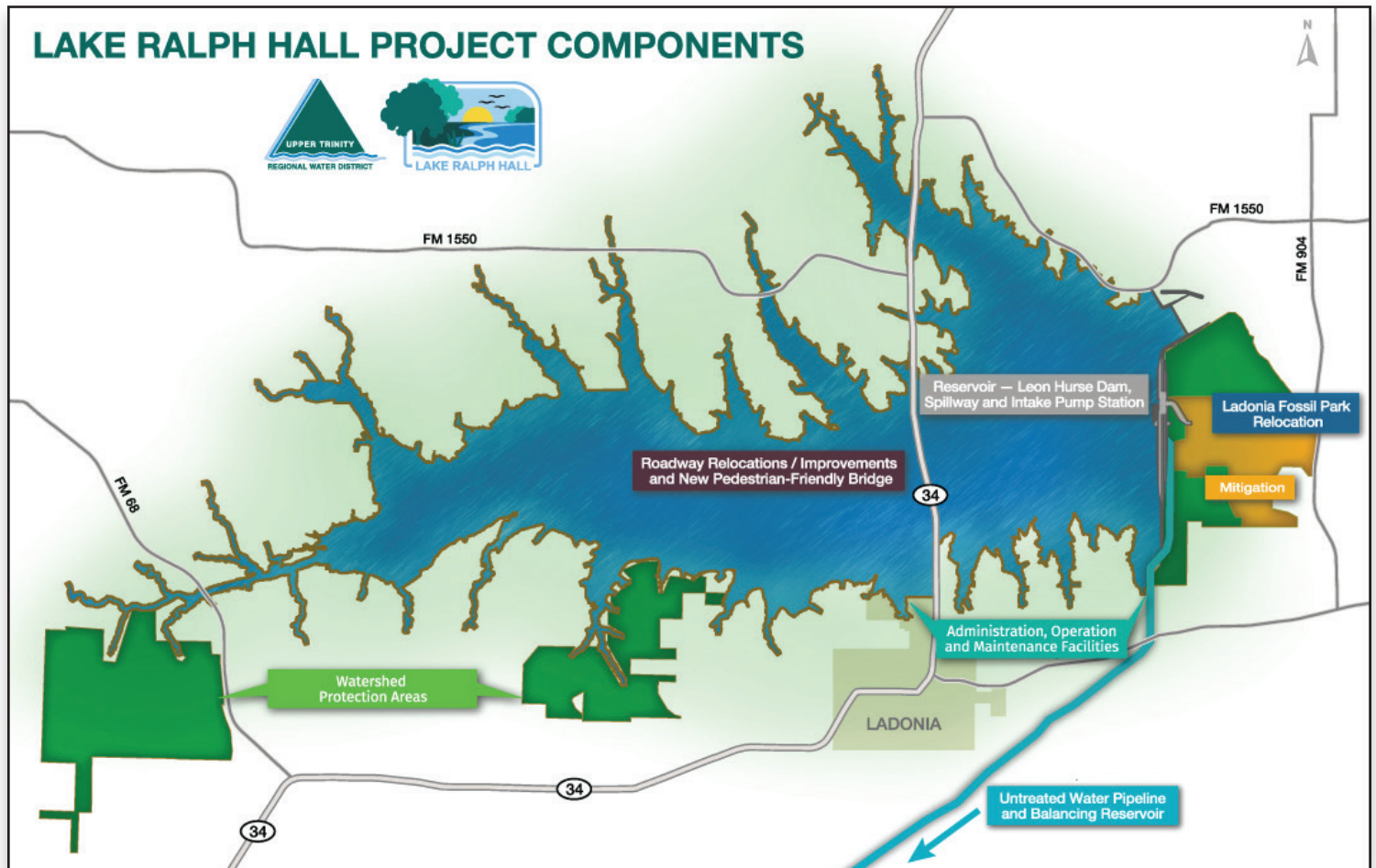


Projects are underway to provide top-notch fishing and sightseeing at the future Lake Ralph Hall, including plans for a fishing jetty. The planned jetty will be around 200 feet long and provide access for fishermen and visitors without a boat and will offer opportunities for sightseeing out on the lake. The jetty will be located east of Hwy 34 at the northern part of the lake.

This fishing jetty will require its own embankment and will be stabilized on both sides to protect it from wave action. The top will be finished with an appropriate walking surface. A portion of the funding for the jetty is being provided through a \$250,000 grant that Texas Parks and Wildlife received from Bass Pro Shops.

In addition to the jetty, progress on fish habitat structures continues in key areas of the lake bottom. Much of the logs from the cleared areas are being shaped into spider hump structures, and log mounds to provide excellent habitat for fish. Upper Trinity is also working with Texas Parks and Wildlife to stock the lake with “Lone Star” bass. When the lake begins to fill, Texas Parks and Wildlife will stock forage species, such as bluegill sunfish, gizzard shad and threadfin shad. They will also add black and white crappie, and channel and blue catfish for additional fishing opportunities in the future.

PROJECT COMPONENTS **UPDATE**



Reservoir, Leon Hurse Dam & Spillway

Constructing a 2.3 mile-long dam, intake pump station to pump water into the untreated water pipeline and spillway to release excess water back into the North Sulphur River.

- Around 80 construction workers are onsite placing and compacting dirt for the embankment on both ends of the dam.
- Crews have begun to clear the general lake area east of SH 34.
- Crews are pouring concrete for the spillway and dam.

Roadway and Bridge Improvements

Constructing a new pedestrian-friendly SH 34 lake bridge, relocating part of FM 1550 and improvements and closures to various county roads.

- Crews have finished the major construction for the SH 34 and Merrill Creek bridges, as well as the new sections of FM 1550. The bridges will be opened to the public shortly.

Administration, Operation and Maintenance Facilities

Building facilities for the lake's day-to-day operation, management and maintenance facilities.

- Halff Associates and Freese & Nichols are currently planning/designing all lake facilities.

Pipeline

Installing a 32-mile underground pipeline and creating a balancing reservoir to provide water to Upper Trinity's water system for treatment and delivery.

- UTRWD has acquired most of the easements necessary for the pipeline, all property for the balancing reservoir and about half of the land for the delivery point facility.
- The pump station designs are complete, and construction expected to begin in the next month or two. The pipeline designs are nearly complete, with plans to break ground this summer, and designs are also nearly finished for the balancing reservoir and delivery point, with construction for both to begin this fall.

Mitigation/Watershed Protection Areas

Returning a portion of the former North Sulphur River to its natural, meandering path. Leaving other areas in their natural condition to protect water quality in the lake.

- Teams to complete the restoration are assembling and will begin construction later this spring.
- The temporary fossil park continues to attract fossil hunters.

SPOTLIGHT

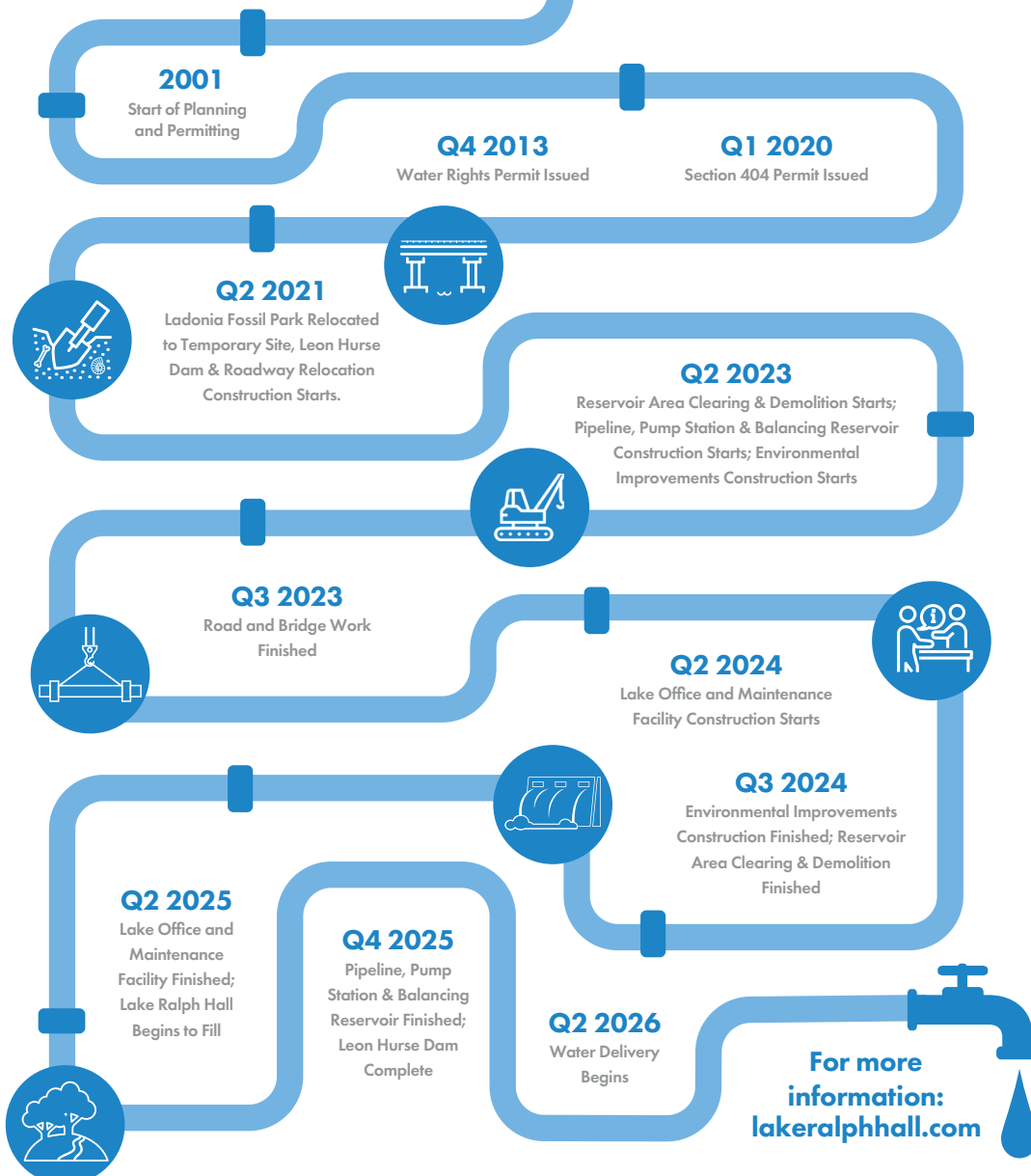
Ladonia Chamber Ready to Be "Gone Fishing"

The Ladonia Chamber of Commerce Banquet this year featured the fishing opportunities and economic benefits that Lake Ralph Hall will provide visitors, locals and area businesses. The March 25th event's theme was "Gone Fishing," and Dan Bennett with Texas Parks and Wildlife shared insights on how fishing at North Texas's newest lake will look #whenourworkisdone.



Lake Ralph Hall

Project Schedule



02.2023

All dates subject to change as construction progresses