

CITY OF ANN ARBOR ANNUAL BARTON DAM PREPAREDNESS GUIDE



Preparedness, even for highly unlikely events, is a priority of the City of Ann Arbor. One highly unlikely event is a Barton Dam failure or breach. **You are receiving this annual notification because you live in a low-lying area that may be impacted.**

The City of Ann Arbor Water Treatment Plant monitors Barton Dam 24 hours a day, seven days a week to detect water-level abnormalities and respond quickly. Located on the Huron River, the dam generates hydroelectric power and has an automatic controller designed to maintain the Barton pond level.

The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) regulates the Barton Dam and conducts annual safety inspections in conjunction with the city's own dam safety engineer. City staff perform weekly, monthly and quarterly inspections. On a rolling basis, engineers and technical personnel track and

execute maintenance projects, hiring outside contractors as needed for specialty work and capital improvement projects. Every five years, engineering consultants perform an independent comprehensive evaluation on the safety of the dam. Through these efforts, the City works in conjunction with federal regulators to maintain and operate the dam safely and according to engineering standards.

Register to receive emergency alerts

- In the event of a dam failure or breach, the A2 Emergency Alert system will be the primary tool to notify you to take action.



A2 Emergency Alerts

- A2 Emergency Alerts are mass notification messages that are used to inform the community about significant active emergencies or disasters impacting the City of Ann Arbor.

- Through the registration process, you can select how you would like to receive these alerts (text, email, and/or phone call).

- For more information and to register for the city's emergency alert system visit www.a2gov.org/alerts.



- Have an evacuation plan that addresses how you will leave and where you will go if you are advised by the city to evacuate. Identify several places such as a family or friend's home, a hotel or a local shelter (Huron High School and/or Community High School). See the reverse side of this document for a map. For an online version visit www.a2gov.org/EvacZoneBartonDam



- If needed, identify a place to stay that will accept pets. Most public shelters allow only service animals.



- Develop a family/household communication plan and a meeting place that can be used in the event you are separated.



- Prepare an evacuation "go-bag" that includes prescription medications, important family documents (i.e., copies of insurance policies, identification, bank account records) and if applicable pet food and/or medications.

For additional resources to develop an emergency plan/kit, visit www.ready.gov/plan

- For additional questions, contact Sydney Parmenter, the Emergency Management Coordinator via email at SParmenter@a2gov.org

Barton Dam Failure - Evacuation Routes

