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## New year, new Wild Horse Reservoir video

To continue providing a reliable water supply, Aurora is planning to build a new reservoir called Wild Horse Reservoir, located in Park County about six miles west of Spinney Mountain Reservoir.

Watch our new Wild Horse Reservoir video, including an animated map showing how the reservoir would work:



Aurora has one of Colorado's most effective and successful water conservation programs and operates [Prairie Waters](#), the state's most innovative and largest potable reuse system. However, conservation alone will not meet future demand.

Wild Horse would store up to 93,000 acre-feet of water – enough for almost 280,000 households annually. The reservoir does not require securing any new water rights and would be filled with water Aurora already owns. The reservoir would be filled using existing water rights from the Arkansas and Colorado rivers that are stored in Turquoise Lake and Twin Lakes.

Water is moved from Twin Lakes to the Otero Pump Station. The Otero Pipeline would move the water to fill Wild Horse Reservoir. Wild Horse would be off-channel, meaning no river or stream flows into or out of the reservoir.

Water from Wild Horse would be transported through a pipeline running east to Spinney Mountain Reservoir. From there, water enters the South Platte River and pipelines to the city's water treatment facilities or down to Aurora Reservoir.

The reservoir has several benefits. It:

- Allows Aurora to more effectively use the water supplies it already owns,
- Maximizes conservation and reuse,
- Minimizes impacts to the environment, rivers and streams,
- Improves Aurora's reliability and resiliency,
- And, would result in economic and recreational benefits to Park County.

Construction is anticipated to begin in the mid-2020s and targeted for completion in the early 2030s. More information at [wildhorsesreservoir.org](http://wildhorsesreservoir.org).

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