

December 11, 2014 Meeting with TVA

Update on the TVA Dam Safety Project

The HOA – TVA Liaison Committee met in early December with the Construction Supervisor for the Dam Safety program at Tellico and Fort Loudon Lake dams. The flood wall on top of the Tellico Dam will be completed soon after the first of the year, weather permitting, and the hiking trail will be reopened. When completed, the wall will be about 42" high, so most people will be able to view the lake while walking next to the wall. A ramp has been constructed for access to the trail by wheelchairs and strollers. The wall will be painted the same color as the flood wall that was completed earlier this year near the twin silos along Hwy 444. The project is now ahead of schedule and under budget. The work crews on the project have worked approximately 75,000 man-hours with only one first aid incident; a remarkable achievement.

The earthen flood embankment near Calhoun's restaurant at the Fort Loudon Marina has also been completed.

For a complete history of the project and Committee reports and submissions to various government agencies open this link [Village Information HOA - TVA Dam Safety Project](#) .





Update on Intersection between Hwy 444 and Southbound Exit Ramp from 321

The HOA – TVA Liaison Committee is in contact with TDOT regarding the poor visibility at the end of the southbound Hwy 321 exit ramp at Hwy 444. The Traffic Engineer for TDOT Region 1 is aware of the history of the TDOT partnership with TVA in the design and construction of the raised intersection. The engineer is reviewing the design plans and will visit the site to analyze the situation and make a determination, within TDOT guidelines, what needs to be done to make that intersection safe for all traffic. Several HOA members have asked about installing temporary lights at the intersection of Hwys 321 and 444. TDOT has no plans to install lights. Earlier this year the TDOT reconfigured that intersection a year and a half early in response to the safety concerns expressed by the HOA members. TDOT added signs, barrels and cones to guide traffic in the area. It is still a construction zone and all drivers should slow down and signal their intentions to make turns. When the construction on the new Hwy 321 bridges is complete the exit and entrance ramps will include acceleration and deceleration lanes which will make the intersection safer.

Please send any comments or questions on the projects to hoatv.org@gmail.com.