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## Corps to temporarily lower lock and dam pool by 2 feet for weed treatment June 28

**SAVANNAH, GEORGIA** – The [U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Savannah District](#) will temporarily lower the pool elevation at the New Savannah Bluff Lock and Dam in Augusta, Ga., by two feet on June 28 and 29 to allow crews to treat invasive aquatic weeds within the pool.

The lowering was requested by the city of Augusta to facilitate improved access to the treatment areas by contractors. The treatment will help fight the growth of invasive water weeds within the lock and dam pool, which have become a nuisance over the last several years. The weeds are a biological problem as well as an operational maintenance problem to intakes. They also pose a safety hazard for recreation activities such as boating and swimming.

The pool level is scheduled to be lowered to an elevation of 113.5 feet above mean sea level between on Tuesday morning through Wednesday evening. The Corps will slowly draw down the pool on Monday to prevent shoreline damage. During the draw-down and refill, the Corps will keep a minimum water release of 3,600 cubic feet per second at the Lock and Dam.

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The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' [Savannah District](#) manages [three lakes and hydroelectric dams](#) along the Savannah River. It also oversees a multi-billion dollar [military construction](#) program at 12 Army and Air Force installations in Georgia and North Carolina. Corps' projects range from barracks, hospitals and clinics to equipment shops, headquarters buildings and aircraft hangars. The Savannah District also has oversight and maintains additional civil works projects – from the Savannah and Brunswick harbors to the Atlantic Intracoastal Waterway.