

Rueter-Hess Reservoir Fact Sheet

- √ Rueter-Hess Reservoir will be located about 3 miles southwest of the Town of Parker on Newlin Gulch.
- √ 72,000 acre-foot reservoir with a 1,140-acre footprint (50 percent larger than Cherry Creek Reservoir).
- √ 196-foot-tall and 7,675-foot-long earthen dam.
- √ Estimated cost to build expansion: \$56 million. Total cost: \$165 million. No tax increases to pay for reservoir construction; will be paid for through existing water rates, taps fees (paid by new development) and community partners.
- √ Will serve Parker Water and Sanitation District customers (approx. 25,000 residents/customers) and other Douglas County communities through partnership agreements. Partners: communities of Castle Rock will receive 8,000 Ac. Ft., contributed \$44 million and has 44,000 customers, Castle Pines North 1,500 Ac. Ft., \$8.25M, 3,200 customers and Stonegate 1,200 Ac. Ft., \$6.6M, 2,700 customers.
- √ 2,000 acres of dedicated open space alongside reservoir.
- √ Nearly 15 years in planning and 9 years in permitting for first phase and expansion. Won first approval from U.S. Army Corps of Engineers in March 2004 (16,200 acre-foot reservoir); approval of expansion in April 2008 (expanded by 55,000 acre-feet to a 72,000 acre-foot total reservoir).
- √ A key water management tool to store runoff, capture and reuse water, help preserve the aquifer, maintain peak summer flows, and lessen dependence on non-renewable groundwater. Important step in helping address Douglas County water needs.