

# Repairing the Delaware Aqueduct

## THE CROTON WATERSHED

**Facts on the Croton System, the repair, and plans for the aqueduct shutdown and how it will affect Putnam County**

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New York City Prepares for Delaware Aqueduct Repair with Temporary Aqueduct Tunnel Closure Starting October 1, 2024.

The New York City Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) is set to commence essential repairs on the Delaware Aqueduct by temporarily shutting down the Rondout to West Branch Tunnel (RWBT) portion of the Aqueduct starting October 1, 2024, with modified pre-shutdown water supply management operations commencing this summer.

Background on the Project Identified initially in the early 1990s, two significant leaks in the aqueduct deep underground have been causing a daily loss of about 30 million gallons of water per day. One leak is located near Newburgh, and the other in Wawarsing, Ulster County. To tackle this issue, in 2021, the DEP completed a 2.5-mile bypass tunnel under the Hudson River just north of the City of Newburgh to replace the most compromised segment of the aqueduct. Additionally, a smaller leak in Wawarsing will be addressed during this repair phase. This extensive process requires the complete shutdown and drainage of the Delaware Aqueduct's RWBT to integrate it with the new bypass section