

## SOUTH FORK RIVANNA RESERVOIR

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YEAR BUILT 1966	USEABLE VOLUME	SURFACE AREA
	883	366
	MILLION GALLONS	ACRES
	MAX. DEPTH	WATERSHED AREA
	35	259
	FEET	SQUARE MILES
	ORIGINAL PURPOSE	AREA SERVED
	Water Supply	Urban Water System
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EUTROPHIC AS OF 2015

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South Rivanna WTP

South Fork Rivanna Reservoir has the largest watershed of the RWSA reservoirs, draining an area over 250 square miles. Though the majority of the watershed is heavily forested, 30% is impacted by humans as cropland, logging, roads, commercial and residential use.

The large area that is drained above the reservoir naturally contributes to sedimentation over time, with the rate accelerated by human activity. Despite a gradual

loss of capacity since its construction, South Fork Rivanna Reservoir still holds almost 900 million gallons of water to serve the needs of the urban water system.

This reservoir, in combination with Sugar Hollow and Ragged Mountain reservoirs, provides water supply for the urban water system. The reservoir supplies the South Rivanna Water Treatment Plant with up to 12 million gallons of water per day.

In addition to being an invaluable source of raw water, the reservoir serves as a training area for the University of Virginia rowing teams, and is a popular fishing destination.

## LAND USE IN THE SOUTH FORK RIVANNA RESERVOIR WATERSHED

FOREST 70%

AGRICULTURE 23%

WATER 1%

**RESIDENTIAL & COMMERCIAL 6%** 

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