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Country Lakes Dam #1 Repairs

Pemberton Township – Municipal officials today announced that Department of Public Works employees will resume repair work next week at Dam #1 adjacent to the Choctaw Drive bridge in the Country Lakes residential development.

The failure of numerous flashboards spanning horizontally between the concrete piers was observed by residents last weekend, and it is believed that the lake on the upstream side of the dam lost about one foot of water by Tuesday morning. A Public Works crew attempted to make repairs yesterday by blocking a section of the spillway with hundreds of sand bags; however, when the damaged flashboards were removed substantial pressure created by water rushing between the concrete piers caused most of the sand bags to wash downstream.

One Public Works Department employee reported an injury and he was driven by ambulance to Virtua Hospital for observation as a precautionary measure.

A decision was made onsite after consultation with Brett Ingram, P.E., of the Township Engineer's Office, to lower the lake over the next several days so that Public Works forces can safely replace all of the flashboards next week.

The Department of Public Works was assisted by the Country Lakes Volunteer Fire Company, Pemberton Township Office of Emergency Management, and the Burlington County Office of Emergency Management.