

## MDC RESERVOIR #6 SECURITY GATE PROJECT COMPLETE

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For Immediate Release

**(HARTFORD, CT)** – The Metropolitan District (MDC) and its contractor recently completed a security gate improvement project at the parking lot entrance to Reservoir # 6 on Route 44/Albany Avenue in West Hartford. Lift gates, an electronic sign indicating if the lot is full and a vehicle counter were installed to better regulate parking lot access and maintain the safety and security of those who utilize the parking area.

MDC worked in conjunction with the town of West Hartford to address traffic safety issues, which included cars backing up out of the lot onto Route 44. In response to the concerns, a turnaround feature was added to the lot to allow for vehicles to safely return to Route 44 if the main entrance gate is closed when both lots are full.

As stated in an October 20 press release, with construction complete, the parking lot located in the Bloomfield area of Reservoir #6, adjacent to the Water Treatment Facility, located approximately 1.4 miles from the Route 44 entrance is now open to the public. The lot was closed earlier this year to limit parking as part of the effort to manage operations during the COVID-19 pandemic.

MDC requests that the public using the reservoir please park only in designated parking lots and not along the service road.

As a reminder, per the CT Department of Public Health, anyone using public watershed recreational areas in Connecticut, such as MDC's West Hartford Reservoir and Reservoir #6 in Bloomfield, must maintain social distancing of 6 feet or more when walking, hiking, jogging or biking.

MDC thanks everyone for their cooperation, which helped ensure the safety of the public and our employees, and allowed us to keep our recreation areas open throughout the pandemic.

***About MDC:** The MDC is a nonprofit municipal corporation chartered by the Connecticut General Assembly in 1929. The MDC provides water, wastewater treatment and other services to its member towns: Bloomfield, East Hartford, Hartford, Newington, Rocky Hill, West Hartford, Wethersfield and Windsor. In addition, the District supplies treated water to portions of Glastonbury, South Windsor, Farmington, East Granby and Portland.*

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