

1913 to 1923

In 1913, the need for future water storage was realized for Central Indiana. One of the country's foremost hydraulic engineering consulting firms, Metcalf and Eddy, delivered a comprehensive planning study projecting the natural water supply provided by White River and Fall Creek were insufficient to meet the projected growth needs of the City of Indianapolis. The official recommendation of the study was development of a reservoir on Fall Creek.

1950s to 1960s

Irving Materials Incorporated (IMI) began mining operations on the east side of Ohio Road. Limestone mining operations began on the current Citizens Reservoir site in 1965.

1980s

Comprehensive planning studies for Indianapolis Water Company recommended a pumping system be placed within the quarry during drought periods to increase the raw water supply to downstream treatment once mining operations ceased onsite.

2019 to Today

Construction of Citizens Reservoir was completed in 2020, and the reservoir was filled in early 2021. Citizens Reservoir adds 50 percent of additional storage capacity to the Geist Reservoir system to support the future growth of Central Indiana for decades to come.

1923 to 1943

Land acquisition and engineering design commenced through the 1920s and 1930s for the creation of the future Geist Reservoir. Construction of Geist Reservoir was completed between 1941 and 1943.

1970s

Indianapolis Water Company began coordination with IMI to expand Geist Reservoir by opening the northern berm adjacent to Geist Reservoir to increase the raw water storage reservoir capacity.

2012 to 2019

Following an extensive feasibility study and design efforts, Citizens Energy Group purchased the quarry site from IMI. Previous concepts related to cutting an opening in the berm to fill the quarry resulted in utilization of only 90 million additional gallons of raw water supply. Citizens elected to install a permanent pumping system in the quarry to make use of the full 3 billion gallons of raw water storage supply.

