

COMING DOWN FROM SPAVINAW

Words and Music by Tulsa Water Commission

Total Vote on  
Spavinaw  
Water Bonds 7,659

For the Bonds	5,937
Against "	1,702
Majority	4,235

Tulsa Will

City of Tulsa, Oklahoma

# ANNUAL BUDGET AND CAPITAL PLAN

FISCAL YEAR 2024 – 2025



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CITY OF TULSA, OKLAHOMA	
SECOND SPAVINAW PROJECT	
UPPER SPAVINAW DAM	
GENERAL MAP	
W. Ramsey & Associates	Scale: 1/4" = 1 mile
Consulting Engineers	Date: 1980
Tulsa, Oklahoma	Sheet: 1 of 26 sheets

Introduction:

# ABOUT THE THEME

## The Spavinaw Water Project Facts and Figures

Total Cost	\$7,500,000
Drainage Area	480 Sq. Miles
Area of Spavinaw Lake	1800 Acres
Length of Dam	1900 Feet
Height of Dam	3500 Feet
Height of Spillway	80 Feet
Height of Abutment	300 Feet
Length of Spillway	55 Miles
Size of Concrete Pipe	60 and 54 Inches
Size of Tunnel	7 Feet
Length of Tunnel	2 Miles

# CLEAR AND COLD, PUMP-AS-COLD

Initiated in 1922 and completed in 1924, the Spavinaw Water Project was a pivotal endeavor for Tulsa and a watershed moment in American water infrastructure. The project tapped into Spavinaw Creek, securing a reliable water source for the city through a reservoir and comprehensive system of pipelines. Its success not only ensured clean drinking water for Tulsa's residents but also served as a beacon of innovation, influencing water management practices nationwide.

This monumental project transformed Tulsa's landscape, fueling economic growth and urban development while bolstering public health. Its impact reverberated beyond city limits, shaping the future of water infrastructure in the United States. As we approach the 100 year anniversary of the Spavinaw Water Project, we pay tribute to the visionary thinking and collective action that left such an indelible mark on our city and nation.

## The Spavinaw Lake - -

On October 29, 1924 Spavinaw water flowed into the city at a rate of 28 million gallons per day. The schools put on a great jubilee pageant.

Many poems were written, and in song and pantomime glories of the Spavinaw water were told—which places Tulsa and its future development in a position which cannot be rivaled by any city in the Mississippi valley.

Since the completion of the Spavinaw project at a cost of

\$7,500,000 engineering station accomplished water 60 rlahoma to constructio dam 3,500 spillway b reservoir l



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CITY OF TULSA, OKLAHOMA SECOND SPAVINAW PROJECT	
UPPER SPAVINAW DAM	
GENERAL MAP	
W. R. Hines & Associates Consulting Engineers Tulsa, Oklahoma	Scale: 1/2" = 1 Mile Date: 1929 Contract No. 10



CITY OF TULSA  
**ANNUAL BUDGET**  
AND  
**CAPITAL PLAN**  
FISCAL YEAR 2024 – 2025



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**ANNUAL OPERATING  
& CAPITAL BUDGETS**  
FISCAL YEAR 24-25

**CAPITAL  
IMPROVEMENTS PLAN**  
FISCAL YEARS 2025 - 2029



GOVERNMENT FINANCE OFFICERS ASSOCIATION

*Distinguished  
Budget Presentation  
Award*

PRESENTED TO

**City of Tulsa  
Oklahoma**

For the Fiscal Year Beginning

**July 01, 2023**

*Christopher P. Morill*

Executive Director

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