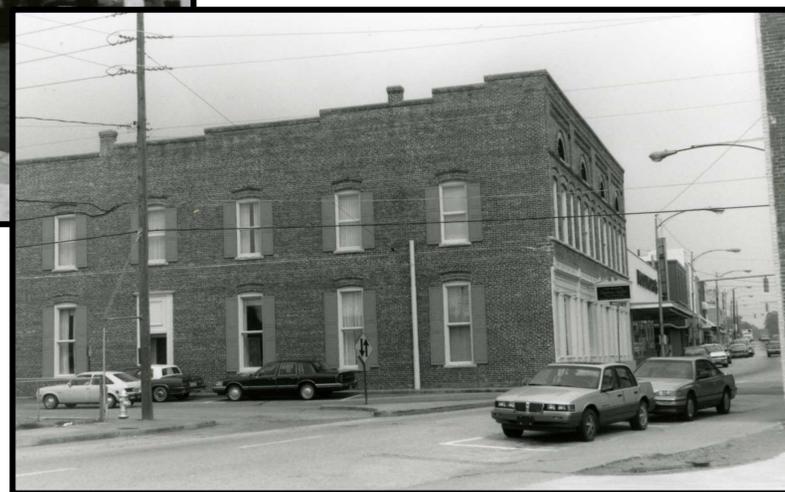


Picture This...



(top-left) Private property that would be purchased for the Buford Dam's reservoir was negotiated out of the Real Estate Property Office. Personnel employed by Corps worked out of the old Hosch Building located in downtown Gainesville. Edward J. Barter was in charge of the personnel responsible for purchasing over 56,000 acres for the project. (bottom-right) The Hosch building is still in use today. If you look closely you can still see the faint "Hosch Bros. Co." letters on the upper right portion of the building's brick face.

Courtesy Chestatee Regional Library from the Pictorial History of Hall County to 1950 by Sybil McRay



Courtesy RDC Productions

Hundreds of people gather on a hillside in Gwinnett County to take part in the ground breaking ceremony held on March 1, 1950. Sawnee Mountain in Forsyth County can be seen in the far background. The ground breaking was a huge event that attracted visitors that day from all over North Georgia and beyond. This site would be the future location of the resident engineer's office then the Resource Manager's Office. *Courtesy U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Mobile*





Buford Dam's spillway is not located on the main earth dam. It is an open excavation located a mile from the dam. It was designed to allow flood waters to flow unrestricted through the chute until the lake's elevation drops below flood stage. The spillway as it appears today. *(top right)*

Engineers designed flood protection components to the dam's construction so that the spillway would never be used. To date flood waters have never entered the spillway.

Courtesy U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Mobile District

View downstream of what will eventually become the forebay where the intake structure was built. This rural setting was one of the reasons the Corps of Engineers picked this site over others. It is 1946 early surveys to determine exactly where the dam was going to be built were underway. Numerous visits to this site by Corps of Engineers' officials were made over the years before the Buford site won out over the Roswell, Georgia site. *Courtesy U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Mobile District*

