



Water Main Break on Daniels Run January 23, 2024

- Just When You Think Accotink Creek Can't Get a Break -

Along comes a string of "breaks" - water main breaks.

Water main breaks vary in severity, but they are much too common and none of them are good, dumping significant amounts of chlorinated water and sediment into Accotink Creek. Here is documentation of one such break, along the Daniels Run tributary in Fairfax City.



January 24, 2024 – Daniels Run is opaque with sediment



The worst section is downstream of the upper Farrcroft pond



Upper Farrcroft pond



A small tributary running into the pond has clear water.



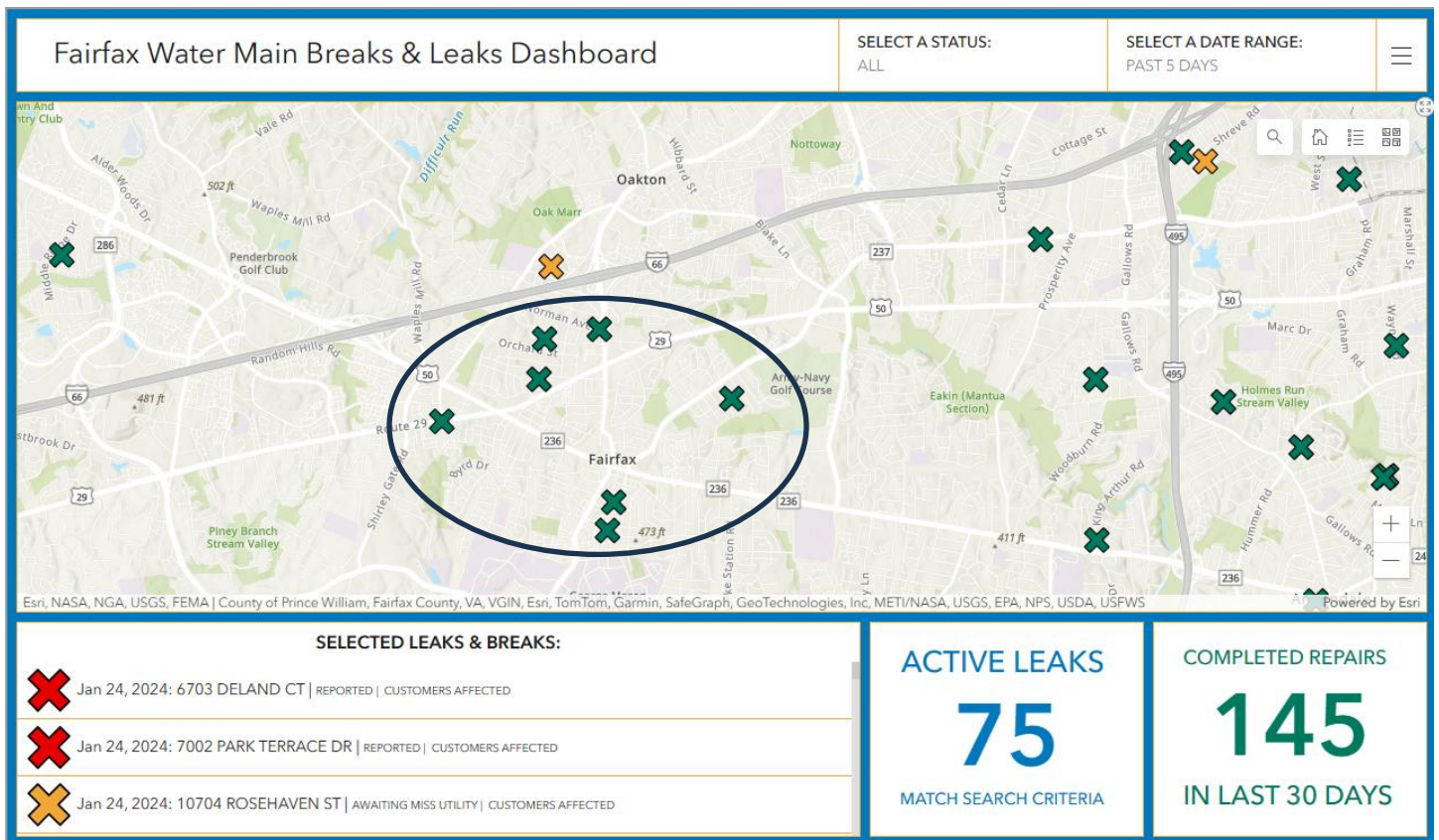
Daniels Run upstream from the upper Farrcroft pond is cloudy, but improving.



**The apparent cause of the sediment in Daniels Run was a water main break at 4220 University Drive, near City Hall
Fairfax Water crew making overnight repairs.**



The condition of the street the next day. The rest of the sediment went down the storm drain into Daniels Run.



Fairfax City had at least 6 other breaks in the past five days, according to the [Fairfax Water interactive map](#) , with 13 more in other parts of the Accotink Creek watershed.

[Past water main breaks documented on Daniels Run](#)

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