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## Next ingredient: WATER

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Construction of Defiance's reservoir is nearing completion, and the day when the facility will hold water is drawing closer.

The project just west of Canal Road on the city's southwest side began in the spring by Beaver Excavating, Canton, after a \$6.1 million contract was awarded. Much has taken place since then.

The reservoir's 22-foot high embankment has long since been built and measures 1.6 miles around the top. Some 570,000 cubic yards of dirt were moved to accomplish that.

And, in recent weeks, stone riprap has been placed all around the facility. Stone goes from the top of the reservoir down its banks for several feet to prevent erosion.

More than 1,600 truckloads of rock, or 25,714 cubic yards, from Stoneco's plant near Five Span were used, according to Defiance water plant superintendent Richard Kipp.