

EA Process:

Might help to use layman's terms for spillway and freeboard.

Alternative 1 – Do nothing

- Don't like that it doesn't support the needs of the EA (Including insufficient spillway capacity, insufficient freeboard, embankment stability and conveyance of flood flows etc.).
- Don't like that it postpones safety issues and re-investment financially into an asset that requires attention now
- Like – That there is no loss to end users.

Alternative 2 – Repair dam

- Don't like cost (what is the cost)
- Don't like missing the opportunity to re-connect fish species and improve water quality by taking the dam off-line/out.
- Like no loss/change to end users

Alternative 3- Remove Dam and Construct a natural channel

- Don't like cost (what is the cost?)
- The "loss" of pond feature will cause some heritage impact, a community feature that has been in place since the development of the community.
- With suggested changes can we also reinforce/support bird species community?
- Would a wetland type restoration be a more true representation of what features would have existed before the dam? (cedar trees, some skunk cabbage, cattail etc. exist there already) plus the benefits of water retention (upstream of the dam)
- Can we retain a serene escape area with trail which supports fish and bird species in the most naturally congruent way?
- Perhaps a heritage feature that is water-fall sounding as tribute. A lot of the serenity of the area is created from the current water cascade feature.
- Like that it takes the opportunity to re-connect fish species and improve water quality by taking the dam out.

Alternative 4 –

- Don't like additional cost?
- Like - similar to alternative 3 but reconciles "boat" users losses

Alternative 5 – Lower Dam Crest and Outlet and Naturalize New Pond Perimeter

- Don't like missing opportunities to re-connect fish species and improve water quality
- Cost?

- Like less heritage impact – change to end users would be felt by the “water craft” community if there is one.
- Like that it maintains possible community functions like skating and peaceful waterfall feature etc.

Other thing that have not been discussed but which the study team should consider?

Has the question been asked: What does the community treasure about the dam area specifically?

- Bird watching?
- Skating?
- Water fall (sound)
- Trail?
- Fishing?
- Tourist attraction?

- If there is a way to gear the outcome so some needs of the community are still met? To minimize loss and show investment from the side of the “management” (while still navigating the financial costs carefully).

- Wetland feature seems like a good way to reintroduce some water retention feature and eco-community structure
- Is there any concern of the carp in the pond being reconnected to brook trout downstream?
- Is there any mitigation planned to reduce the effects of carp downstream if re-connection is decided upon?

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