

Presentation For:

#### Warner's Pond Dam Rehabilitation

Concord, Massachusetts

#### PUBLIC MEETING

#### March 2, 2006







### Project Team

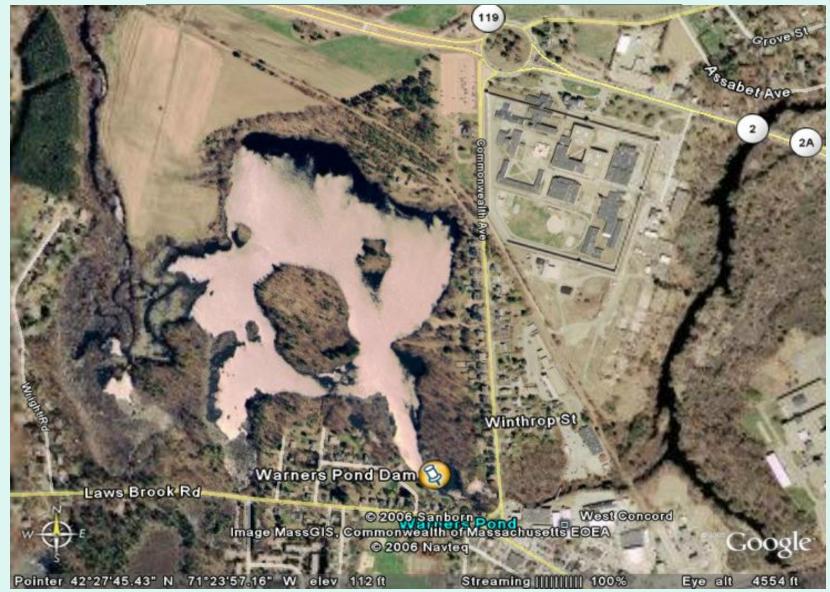
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### Where's the Dam?



### Project Goals

- Assess condition of dam.
- Improve Dam Safety in accordance with state regulations.
- Protect pond and associated resources
- Improve site access.
- Construct improvements in a timely manner.







## Project Scope

- Existing conditions assessment
- Engineering design
- Permitting
- Preparation of contract documents and specifications (Bidding)
- Complete construction of improvements
- Preparation of operation and maintenance plan







### **Project Schedule**

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### Meeting Purpose

- To update public on what has been accomplished since the Dec. 6, 2005 meeting.
- Present conceptual design plans and drawings.
- To obtain feedback from public.







## Since Dec. 6, 2005 Meeting

- Complete base field investigations
- Completed dam inspection report
  - Evaluated deficiencies
  - Recommendations for improvements
- Evaluated environmental impacts of proposed improvements
- Prepared conceptual design plans







### November 2005 Dam Safety Inspection

- Current Dam Deficiencies / Issues
  - ➤Failure of right (east) spillway training wall.
  - Severely eroded earth embankment with signs of previous overtopping.
  - >Inoperable outlet controls.
  - ➤Lack of emergency site access.
  - Heavy tree and brush growth on earth embankments.







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# Inoperable outlet controls











#### Site access











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### Hydrology & Hydraulic Analysis

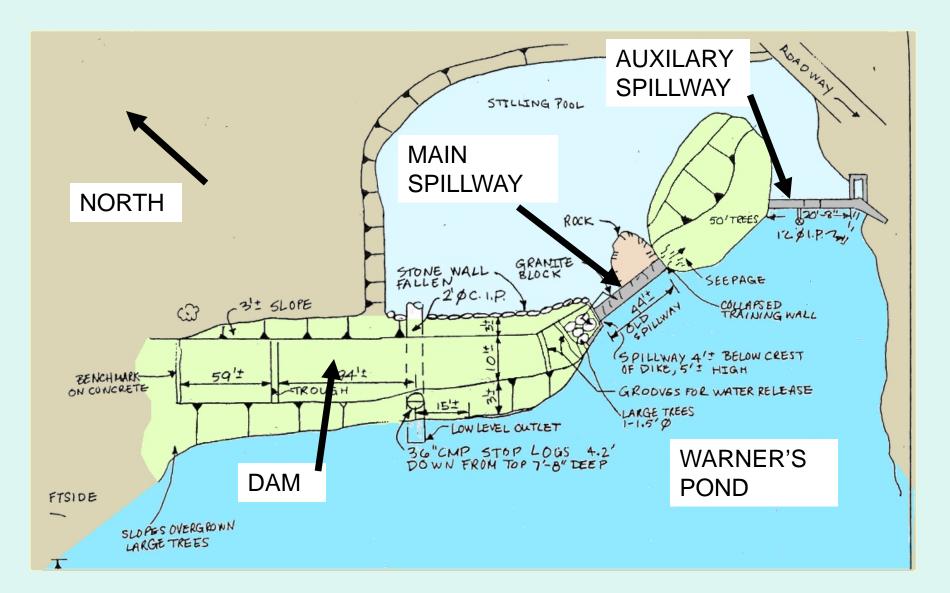
- Inadequate Spillway Capacity to Pass the 100 – Year Design Flood.
- Backwater from Assabet River submerges dam crest under 50- & 100-year floods.
- Additional spillway capacity may be needed to pass less intense, more frequent storms/floods.
- Low Point North of Dam

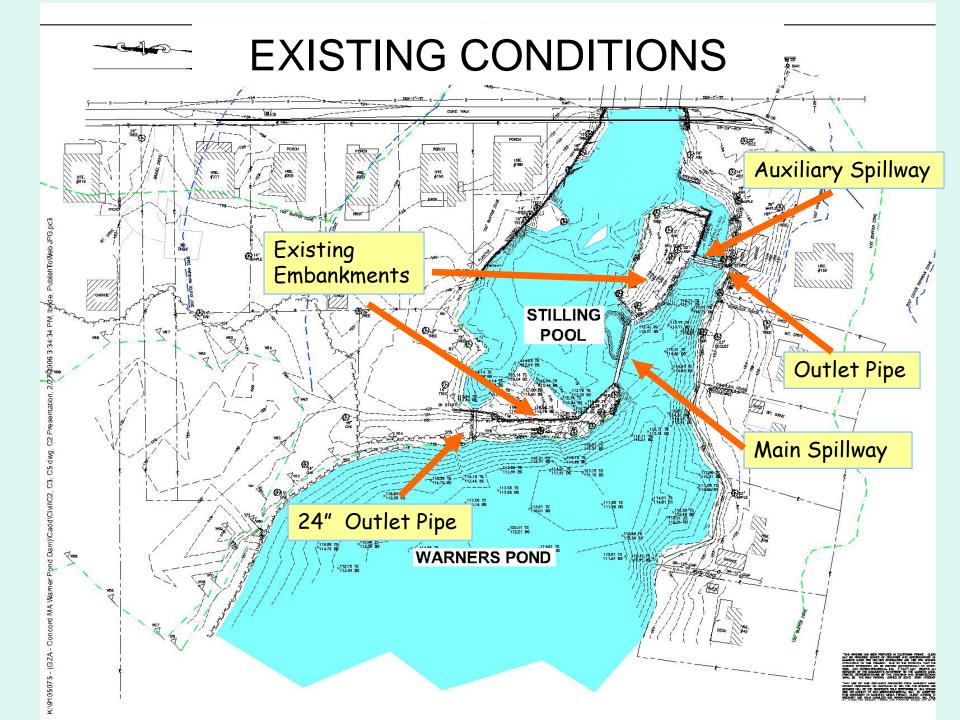






### **Existing Conditions**

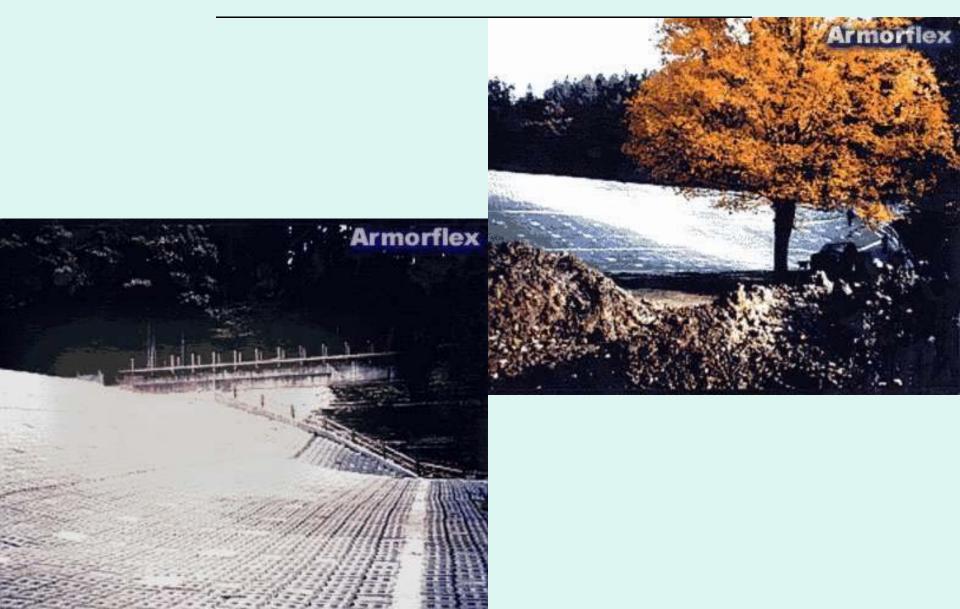




Ways to Increase Spillway Capacity

- Increase Spillway Length
  >High Cost and downstream impacts
- Raise Dam
  High Cost and upstream impacts
- Overtopping Protection
  - ≻Cost Effective
  - Articulated Concrete Blocks
  - ➢Rip Rap
  - ➤Turf Reinforcement Mats
  - ➤Low Point North of Dam

#### ARTICULATED CONCRETE BLOCKS







#### TURF REINFORCEMENT MATS



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### **OVERTOPPING PROTECTION**

### Turf Reinforcement Mats selected for:

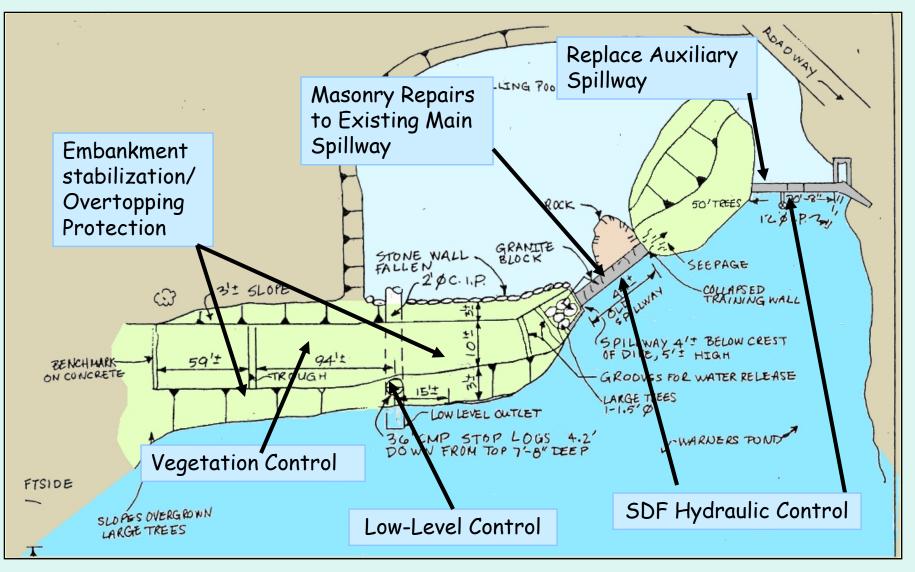
- Aesthetics
- Cost
- Relatively low flow rates and velocities





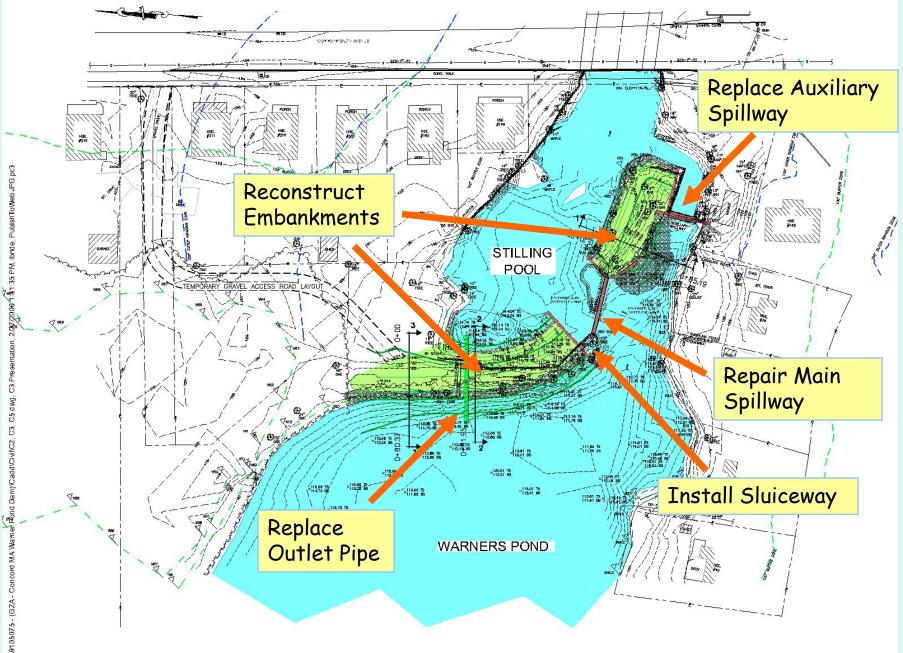


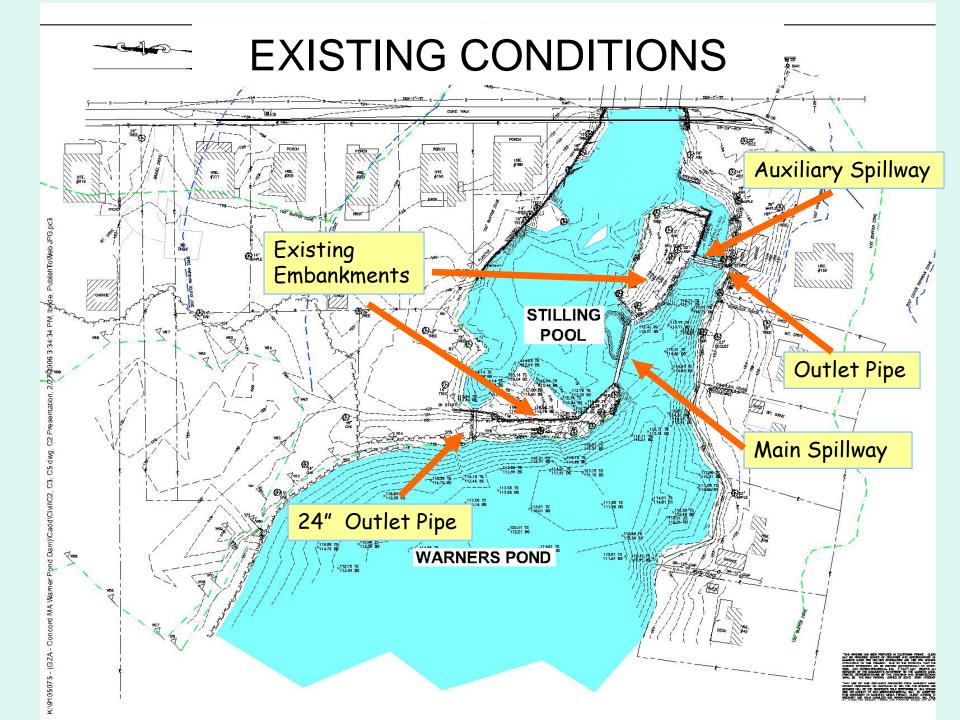
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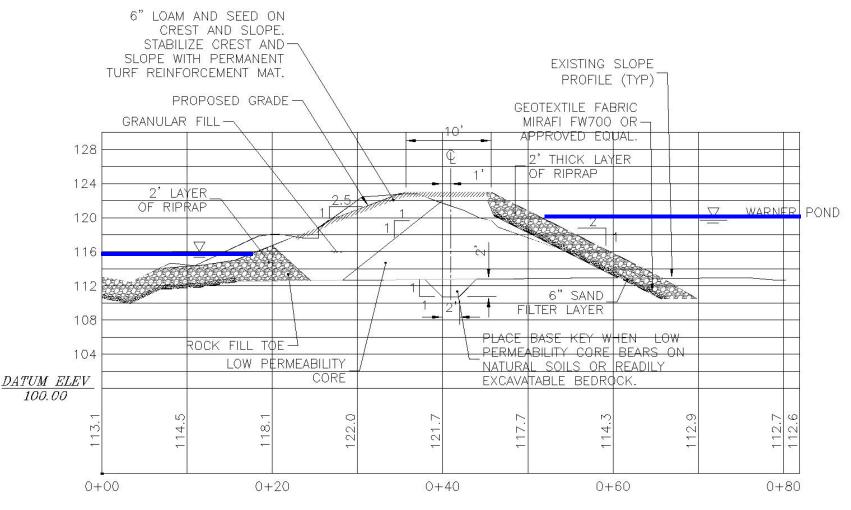
Sketch based on Haley & Aldrich's April 30, 1999 Dam Safety Inspection Report

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## **TYPICAL EMBANKMENT CROSS SECTION**



SECTION 2 SCALE: 1"=10'

### PROJECT BENEFITS

- Improve Dam Safety
- Preservation Of Pond Resources
- Functional Water Controls
  Allows for seasonal draw downs
  Allows for emergency draw down
- Improve Water Quality in Auxiliary
  Spillway Area
- Enhance view of Pond from Comm. Ave.

# ADDITIONAL COMMENTS







### FISH LADDER

- A review of available fisheries information was performed.
- A fish ladder at Warners Pond Dam would not likely be effective until other obstacles are removed or fitted with fish passage.
- If other obstacles are addressed, fish ladder may be retrofitted into auxiliary spillway at Warners Pond Dam.
- Additional study needed.







#### HYDROPOWER FEASIBILITY

#### Theoretical Available Energy Production and Associated Savings

		Median Annual Flow (cfs)	Median August Flow (cfs)
		48.83	11.21
Operating Head (ft) =	2.97		
	Power (KW)	10	2
	Time Available to Produce Power in a Year (hours)	4,380	7,476
	Energy Produced in a Year (KW-hr)	45,722	17,915
	Annual Avoided Energy Cost (\$)	4,572	1,792
	Estimated Cost to Design and Build (\$)	350,000	200,000
	Payback Period (years)	77	112

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### **OPEN DISCUSSION**

