

July 29, 2016

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
Department of Conservation and Recreation
Office of Dam Safety-Inspections Unit
180 Beaman Street
West Boylston, MA 01583

RE: Follow-up Inspection

Waite Pond Dam MA00987

Leicester, MA

To: Office of Dam Safety:

Fuss & O'Neill, Inc. has completed the Follow-up Inspection for Waite Pond Dam as required by the Dam Safety Regulations and the Dam Safety Order. The inspection was performed on July 21, 2016. Our Follow-up assessment of the dam indicates the overall condition of the dam to be in Poor Condition.

The Follow-up Inspection Form describing the current condition and deficiencies of the dam is attached. Please contact us, if you have any questions regarding this report.

Sincerely,

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Attachment:

Follow-up Inspection Form

Site Sketch Locus Map

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Correspondence



Waite Pond Dam Follow-Up Inspection July 29, 2016

Commonwealth of Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation Office of Dam Safety Poor Condition Dam Follow-up Inspection Form

Dam Name: Waite Pond Dam Dam Owner: Town of Leicester Nat. ID Number: MA00987 Hazard Potential: Significant Location of Dam (town): Leicester

Coordinate location lat, long): 42° 14.9′ N, 71° 53.3′ W

Date of Inspection: July 21, 2016 Weather: Clear, 75 degrees F

- I. Previous Inspection date/Overall Condition:
 - The dam was previously found to be in Poor Condition at the time of the previous Phase I Inspection performed on January 26, 2016.
- II. Previous Inspection Deficiencies
 - The deficiencies identified in that report included the following:
 - a. Deteriorating and undermined concrete training walls and embankment walls.
 - b. Upstream left embankment wall leaning toward impoundment.
 - c. Downstream right masonry embankment wall overhanging out of plumb and missing stones.
 - d. Downstream left masonry channel wall collapsing
 - e. Tree root penetration into embankment.
 - f. Subsidence/depressions in right crest of dam.
 - g. Low level outlet structure leaning out of plumb, concrete deteriorated, foundation undermined, no roof.
 - h. Low level outlet pipe operator operability unknown.
 - i. Low level outlet pipe 50 percent full of sediment.
 - j. Dense woody vegetation present on the right embankment crest and along the toe of the downstream retaining wall.
 - Overall Condition of Dam at the Time of the Current Follow-up Inspection:
 The current condition of the dam is Poor. In addition to the previous inspection deficiencies listed above, seepage was observed through the energy dissipation basin and around the low level outlet pipe into the downstream channel. Animal burrows were observed in the vicinity of the left downstream stone retaining wall and crest.



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Comparison of Current Conditions to Conditions Listed in Previous
 Phase I Inspection Report:
 The dam appears to be the generally the same as previously inspected in January 2016.

Dam Safety Orders:

Certificate of Non-Compliance and Dam Safety Order dated February 22, 2008 issued by the Massachusetts DCR Office of Dam Safety.

Maintenance:

There is currently no routinely scheduled maintenance for the dam. However, an informal lake resident group has taken on the operation and maintenance of the dam.

Recommendations:

A Phase II Inspection and Investigation in accordance with the Dam Safety Order was completed by Fuss & O'Neill, Inc. in August 2014. We recommend repairs in accordance with the recommendations contained in the Phase II report.

Other Comments or Observations:
 The operability of the low-level outlet gate is unknown.

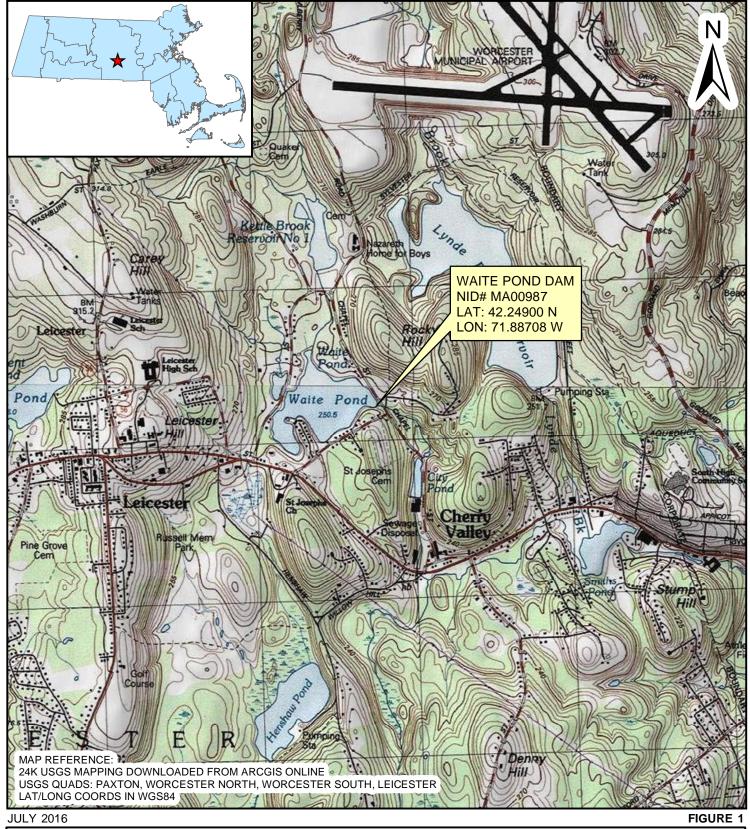
Updated Site Sketch with Photo Locations:
 An updated site sketch with photo locations is attached.

Updated Photos:

Updated photographs of the dam are attached.

Copy of Locus Map from Phase I Report:
 A copy of the previous Locus Map is attached

Other Applicable Attachment: None



| TOWN OF LEICESTER | 2,000 1,000 0 2,000 Feet

LOCUS MAP

WAITE POND DAM (MA00987)

WATE TOTAL BANK (WATER

HORZ: VERT: NGVD29 (3-METER CONTOURS)

HORZ: 1 INCH = 2,000 FEET

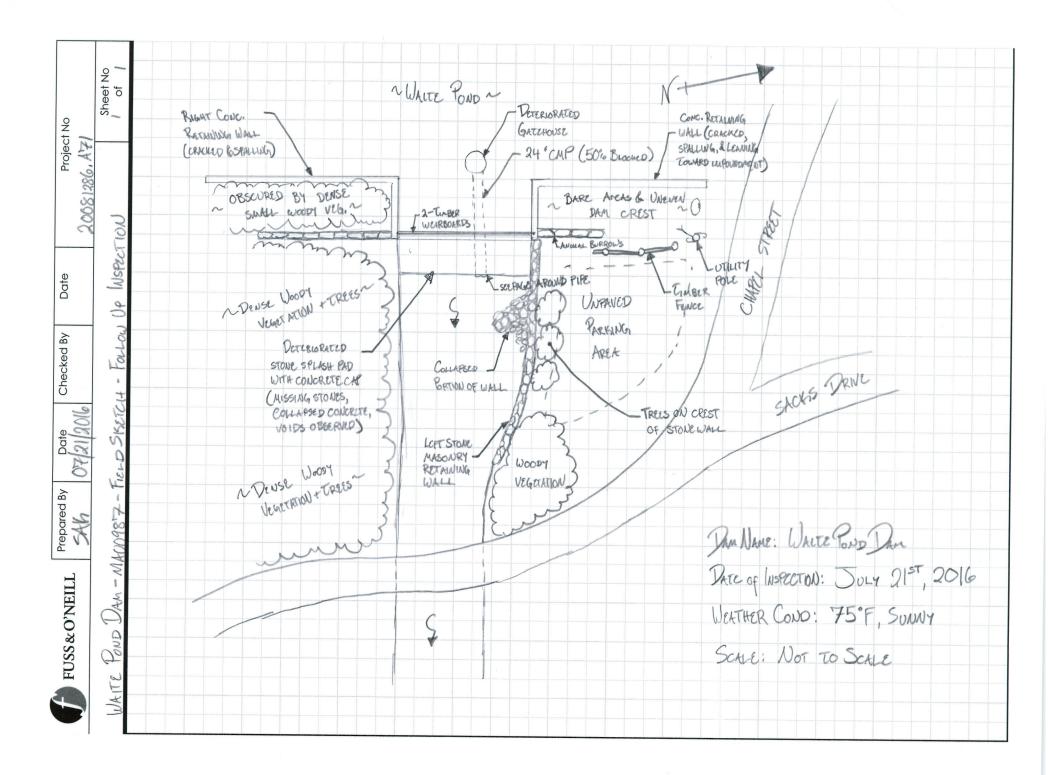
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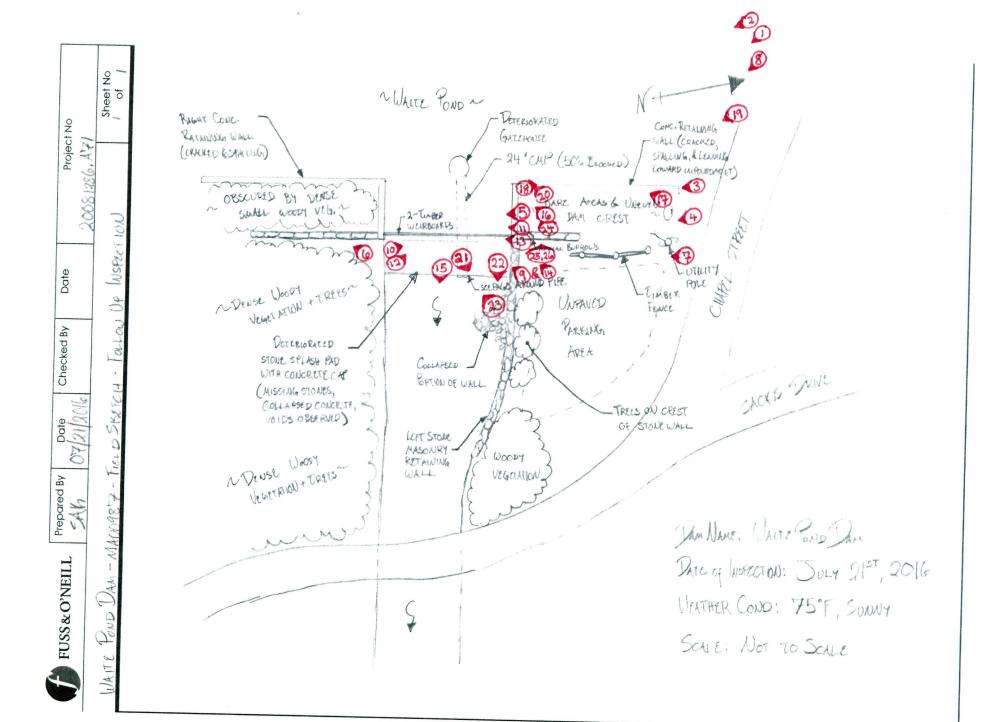
DATUM

VERT:



LEICESTER, MASSACHUSETTS







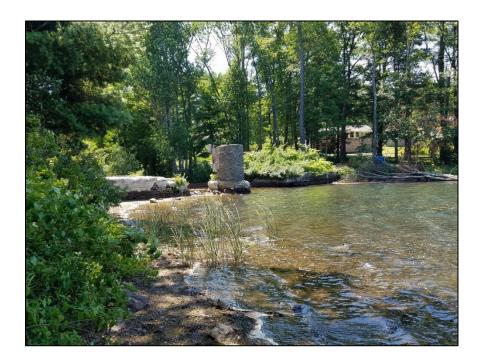


Photo 1: Overview of dam from upstream



Photo 2: Overview of right face from upstream





Photo 3: Overview of upstream face from left abutment



Photo 4: Overview of dam crest facing left abutment





Photo 5: Overview of dam crest facing right abutment



Photo 6: Overview of right grouted stone masonry face from downstream





Photo 7: Overview of downstream face from left abutment



Photo 8: Overview of spillway from upstream





Photo 9: Overview of spillway from downstream



Photo 10: Overview of spillway from downstream



Photo 11: Overview of right training wall



Photo 12: Overview of left training wall





Photo 13: Overview of spillway from left training wall



Photo 14: Overview of stilling basin





Photo 15: Overview of downstream channel



Photo 16: Overview of gatehouse exterior





Photo 17: Leaning upstream wall



Photo 18: Deteriorating upstream wall





Photo 19: Deteriorating upstream wall



Photo 20: Woody vegetation growing through upstream wall





Photo 21: Collapsed downstream training wall



Photo 22: Collapsed downstream training wall





Photo 23: Low-level outlet pipe



Photo 24: Overview of impoundment (Waite Pond)





Photo 25: Burrows observed in downstream left stone retaining wall



Photo 26: Burrows observed in downstream left stone retaining wall