| Application FormDAM REMOVAL PRELIMINARY DESIGN SERVICES Application Form FY26 RFR ID: DER 2026-Recon | | | |
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| Applicant Information Eligible applicants must submit an application form and access agreement for ***each dam*** | | | |
| 1. **Municipality Applying:** | | | |
| 1. Applicant’s Name: | 1. Email & Phone: | | |
| SITE information | | | |
| 1. Dam Name: | 1. River or Stream: | | |
| 1. Location (latitude & longitude, or closest street address): | | | |
| 1. Federal Dam ID number (for example MA12345): |
| 1. Dam Hazard Class (MA ODS[[1]](#footnote-1)): | Dam Condition as of last inspection: | | |
| Utilities within close proximity to the dam, if known (check all that apply): | | | |
| Project BACKGROUND | | | |
| **Project Background:** Describe the extent of past coordination related to considering removal of the dam. How did this dam come to be nominated for this application? Who has been involved? Are other options like dam repair being studied? *Please use as much space as needed.*  Describe any prior studies or work completed to date including the names of all consulting firms and/or organizations involved in prior work. | | | |
| PROJECT BENEFITSPlease use as much space as needed. The boxes will expand as you fill them. | | | |
| 1. **Benefits to the Environment:** Briefly explain any known environmental information about the dam site or possible environmental benefits for its removal. Consider critical habitat, bank erosion, water quality, and the fish and wildlife species that inhabit the site/area. | | | |
| 1. **Public Safety Benefits:** Describe how the dam removal might improve public safety and reduce vulnerability to changing climatic conditions, such as flooding and damage caused by more frequent, high intensity storms. Consider road closures, business closure, property damage, access to municipal and emergency services, including any direct impacts to Environmental Justice (EJ) Populations or other vulnerable communities[[2]](#footnote-2) that would be addressed with removal. | | | |
| 1. **Economic and Community Benefits:** Describe expected economic benefits to the community for the dam removal. Consider increased economic activity, enhanced recreation, cost savings through improved infrastructure resilience, and/or reduced maintenance cost, and benefits to EJ or other vulnerable communities2. | | | |
| Signatures | | | |
| I hereby declare that the above information is true to the best of my knowledge and belief. | | | |
| **Applicant Signature:** | | Position: | Date: |

1. Massachusetts Office of Dam Safety determines the Hazard Class of a dam based on the inspection reports it receives from dam owners’ consultants. These can be viewed on [MassMapper](https://maps.massgis.digital.mass.gov/MassMapper/MassMapper.html?bl=MassGIS%20Basemap__100&l=massgis%3AGISDATA.DAMS_PT__GISDATA.DAMS_PT%3A%3ALabels__ON__100%2Cmassgis%3AGISDATA.DAMS_PT__GISDATA.DAMS_PT%3A%3ADefault__ON__100&b=-70.9157180786133%2C41.8723730346277%2C-70.6685256958008%2C41.992032648268825). [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. Environmental Justice (EJ) Populations are defined in the [2021 EJ Policy](https://www.mass.gov/doc/environmental-justice-policy6242021-update/download) and can be viewed in the [MA EJ viewer](https://mass-eoeea.maps.arcgis.com/apps/webappviewer/index.html?id=1d6f63e7762a48e5930de84ed4849212). Other vulnerable communities are people or communities who may be disproportionately impacted by issues associated with the dam as it currently exists or make it harder to respond in the event of a dam failure. In addition to factors that contribute to designation as an EJ Population (i.e., income, race, and language), other factors like physical ability, access to transportation, health status, and age shape whether someone or their community will be disproportionately affected by impacts associated with the dam. Some useful tools to identify vulnerable communities include the Guides for Equitable and Actionable Resilience (GEAR) [Community Guide](https://resilient.mass.gov/gear/Guide?guideId=1), and the Center for Disease Control’s [Social Vulnerability Index](https://www.atsdr.cdc.gov/place-health/php/svi/svi-interactive-map.html?CDC_AAref_Val=https://www.atsdr.cdc.gov/placeandhealth/svi/interactive_map.html). [↑](#footnote-ref-2)