### **Temple Street Dam Removal**

South River Restoration Project Duxbury and Marshfield, MA



### Partners & Support









# **Major Project Goals**

- 1. Restore natural hydrology to the extent practical while eliminating downstream hydraulic impacts shown to occur in a full dam breach scenario
- 2. Restore fish and wildlife passage, particularly for river herring, American eel, and other anadromous/riverine fish species
- 3. Reduce or eliminate the need for dam maintenance by the Duxbury DPW staff
- 4. Mitigate the impacts of climate change (e.g. reduce risk of flooding due to dam failure, provide flood storage, reduce potential impacts to critical infrastructure like the downstream water main)

### **Critical Wildlife**



Waterfowl



Brook Trout



American Eel



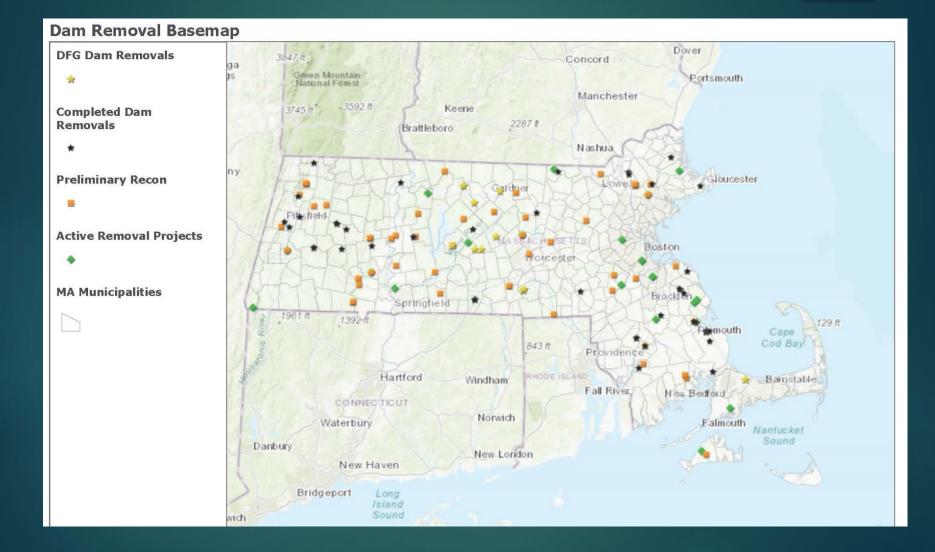
**River** Otter



Blue Back

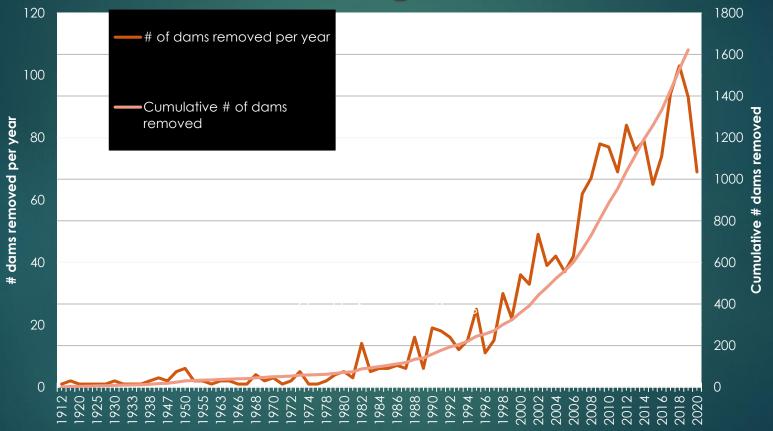
NHESP Mapped Estimated Priority Habitat of Rare Species MassDEP Outstanding Resource Water (ORW)

### Dams in Massachusetts

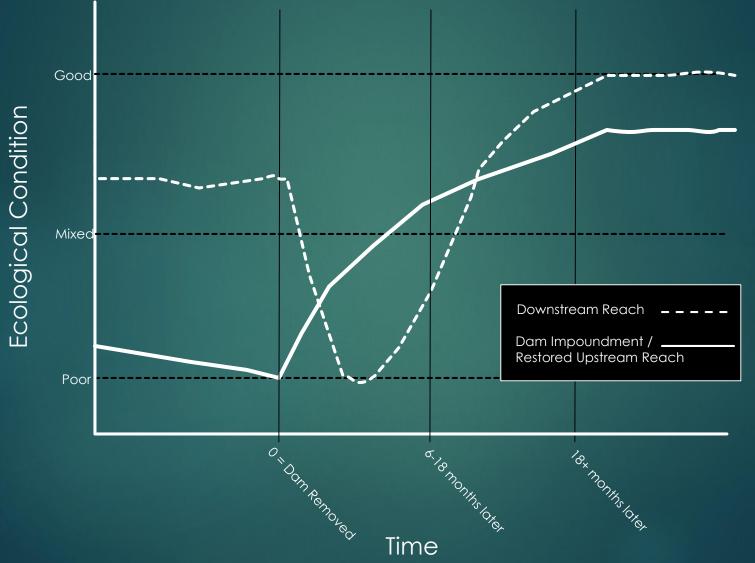


### Dam Removal as a Restoration Practice

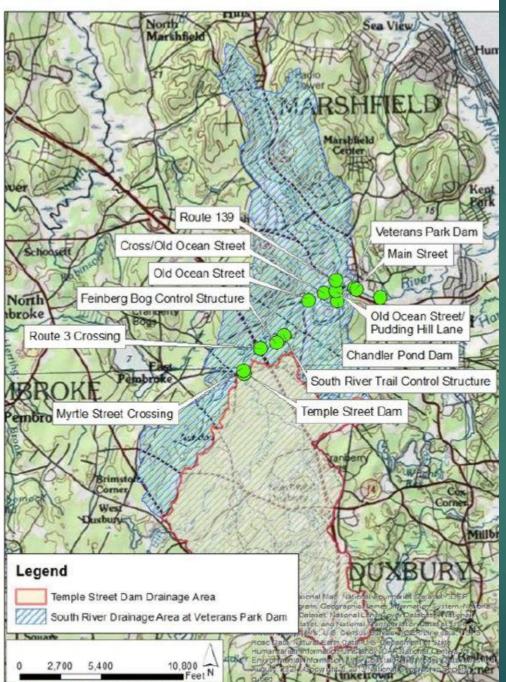
#### **US Figures**



### Conceptual River Recovery Model – Post Dam Removal



(This hypothetic timeline is based upon our experience with small to medium sized dams across Massachusetts)

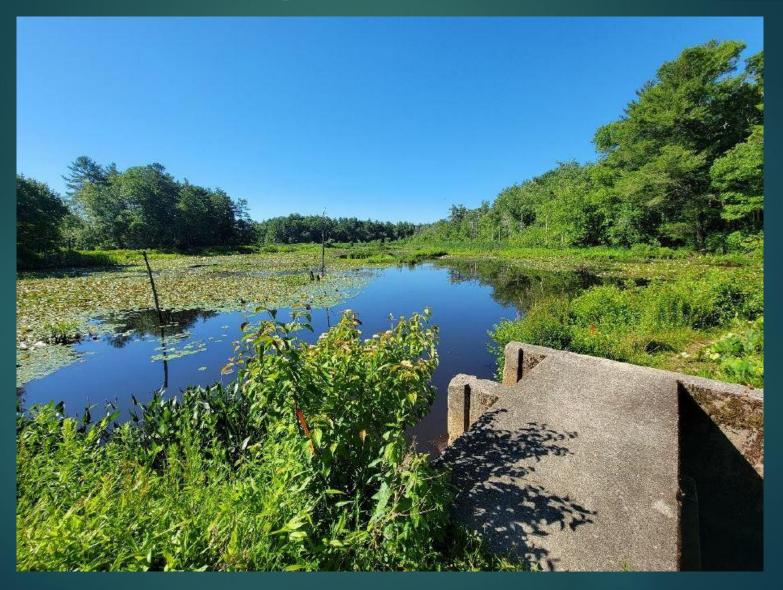


### **Project Area**

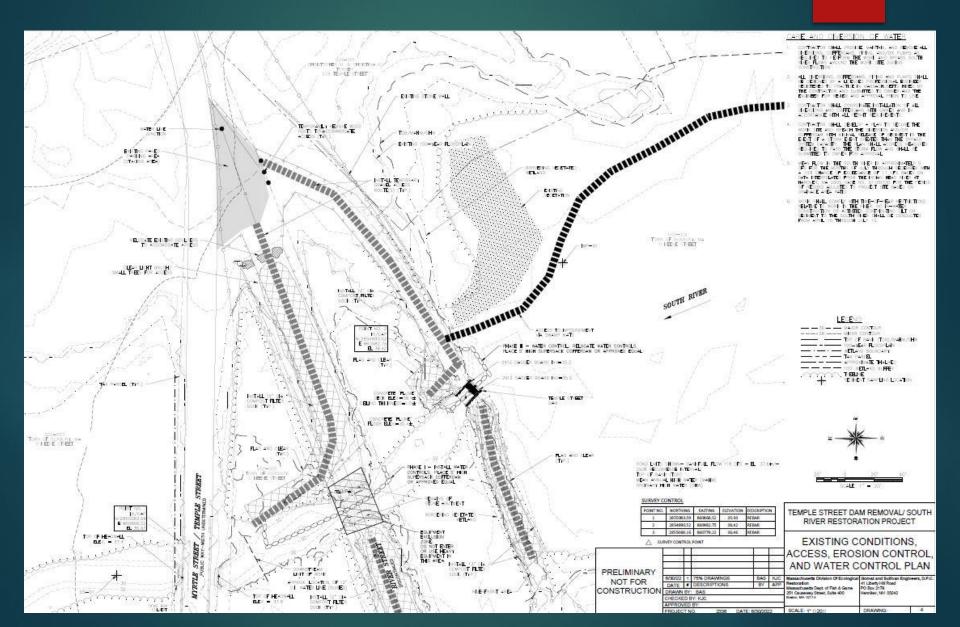
Major Features & Structures Included (upstream to downstream)

- South River Reservoir
- Temple Street Dam
- River Street Crossing (abandoned)
- Myrtle Street
- Route 3 South
- Route 3 North
- Feinberg Bog Control Structure
- South River Trail Control Structure
- Old Ocean Street
- Chandlers Pond Dam Primary/Auxiliary Spillways
- Old Ocean Street/Pudding Hill Lane
- Cross Street/Old Ocean Street
- Route 139 (Plain Street)
- Veterans Memorial Park Dam
- Main Street
- Willow Street
- Francis Keville Bridge
- South River (mouth)

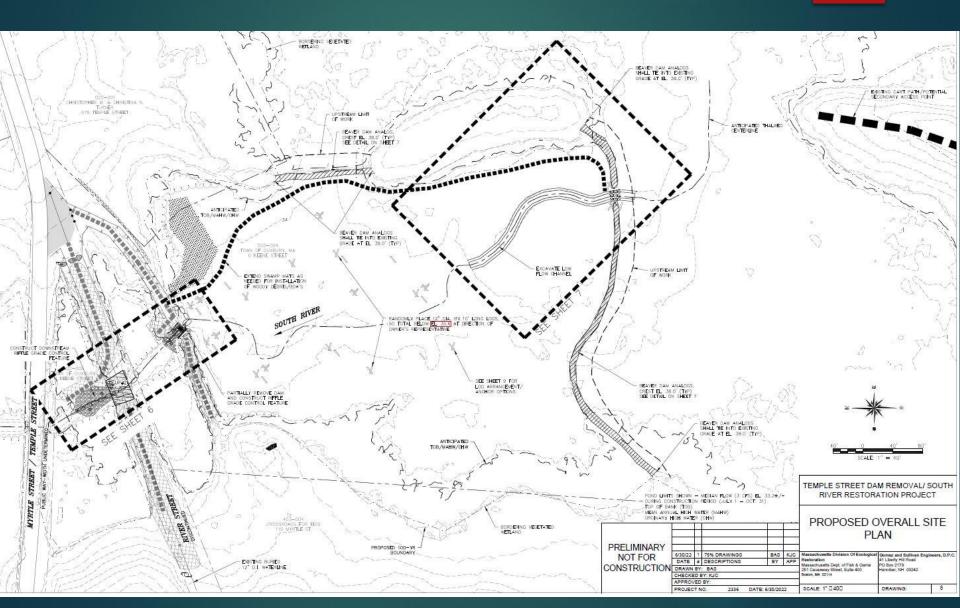
### Temple Street Dam & Impoundment

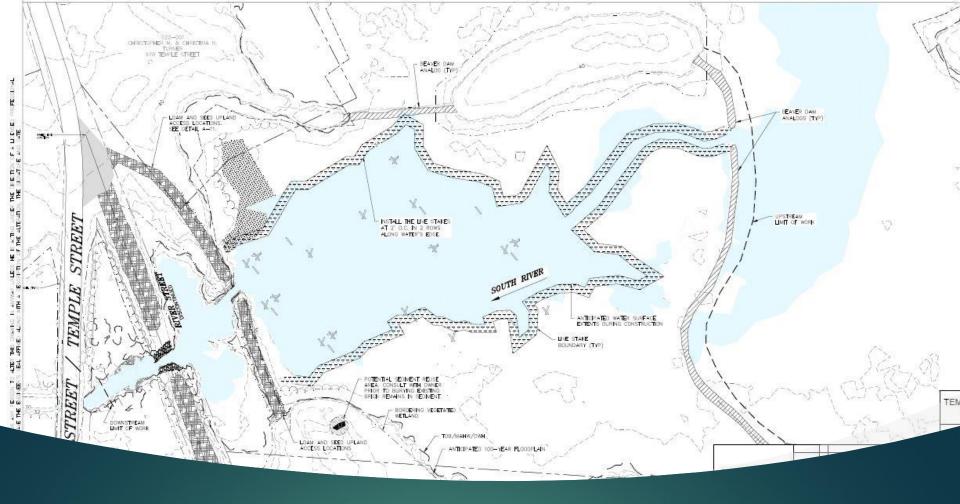


# **Existing Conditions**



# 75% Proposed Conditions

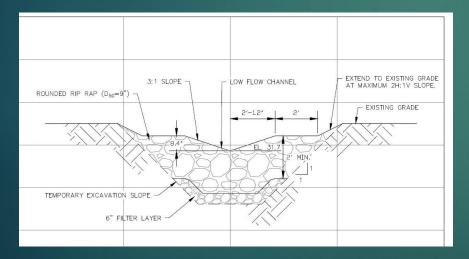




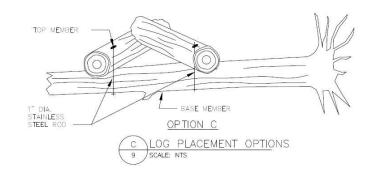
### **Removal Restoration Plans**

# Key Design Details







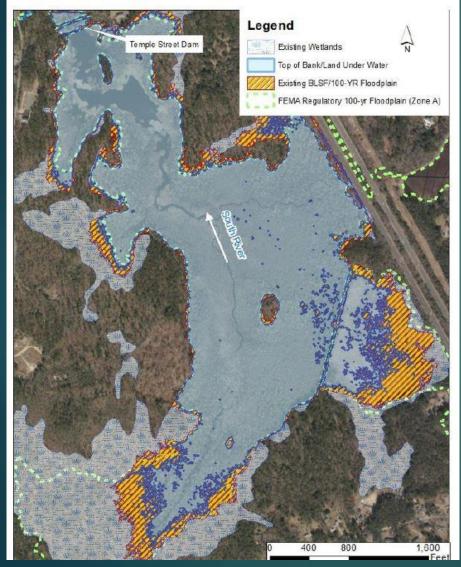


#### Large Wood - logs/root wads

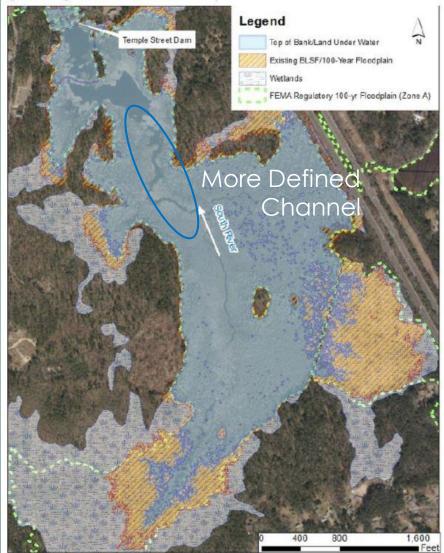
#### Constructed Rock Riffle

# 75% Design – Wetlands Existing vs Proposed Conditions

Figure 2.3-1: Regulated Wetland Resource Areas – Existing Conditions



igure 2.3-2: Regulated Wetland Resource Areas – Proposed Conditions



# H&H Model Takeaways

Model Condition	Parameter	Current 5-Year Storm Event (20% ACE)			Current 25-Year Storm Event (4% ACE)			Current 100-Year Storm Event (1% ACE)			
		229 Old Ocean Street	108 Cross Street	60 Cross Street	229 Old Ocean Street	108 Cross Street	60 Cross Street	229 Old Ocean Street	108 Cross Street	60 Cross Street	
FFE		28.63	17.05	13.06	28.63	17.05	13.06	28.63	17.05	13.06	
Existing Conditions	Peak WSE (NAVD88)	28.11	13.62	12.7 <mark>5</mark>	28.73	14.05	13.21	29.37	14.86	13.61	
	Freeboard (ft)	0.52	3.43	0.31	-0.10	3.00	-0.15	-0.74	2.19	-0.55	
Proposed Conditions	Peak WSE (NAVD88)	28.27	13.72	12.78	28.81	14.13	<b>1</b> 3.23	29.35	<b>1</b> 4.80	13.62	
	Freeboard (ft)	0.36	3.33	0.28	-0.18	2.92	-0.17	-0.72	2.25	-0.56	
WSEL Change due to Proposed Conditions (ft)		0.16	0.1	0.03	0.08	0.08	0.02	-0.02	-0.06	0.01	

H&H Results show a slight increase (mostly less 0.1 foot) in WSEL at 3 properties under the 5 & 25-yr storm event and essential no change at 100-yr storm event.

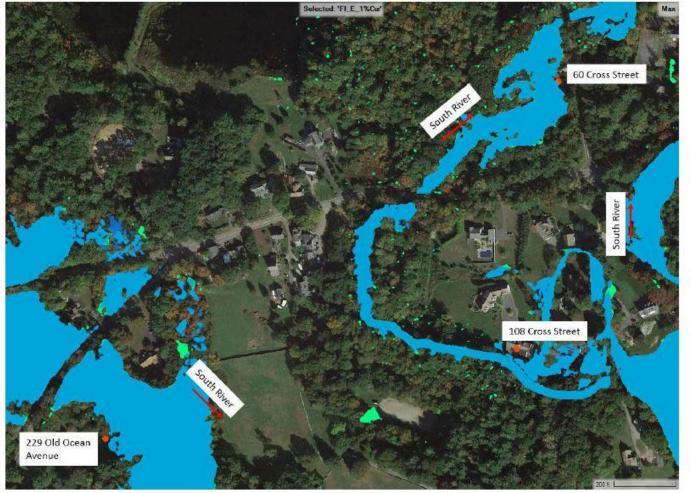
Vary small changes (less than 0.1 inch) are shown to occur when accounting for climate change. This is showing predicted change in WSEL at these structures as a result of the Temple Steet project.

Model Condition	Parameter	Projected 5-Year Storm Event (20% ACE)			Projected 25-Year Storm Event (4% ACE)			Projected 100-Year Storm Event (1% ACE)		
		229 Old Ocean Street	108 Cross Street	60 Cross Street	229 Old Ocean Street	108 Cross Street	60 Cross Street	229 Old Ocean Street	108 Cross Street	60 Cross Street
FFE		28.63	17.05	13.06	28.63	17.05	13.06	28.63	17.05	13.06
Existing Conditions	Peak WSEL (NAVD88)	28.22	13.71	12.84	28.78	14 <mark>.</mark> 13	13.33	29.65	15.57	14.12
	Freeboard (ft)	0.41	3.34	0.22	-0.15	2.92	-0.27	-1.02	1.48	-1.06
Proposed Conditions	Peak WSEL (NAVD88)	28.39	13.81	12.86	28.85	14.17	13.34	29.62	15.49	14.04
	Freeboard (ft)	0.24	3.24	0.2	-0.22	2.88	-0.28	-0.99	1.56	-0.98
WSEL Change due to Proposed Conditions (ft)		0.17	0.1	0.02	0.07	0.04	0.01	-0.03	-0.08	-0.08

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### H&H Takeaways (continued)

Figure 2.6.1-15 - Water Surface Extents - 1% Recurrence Interval - Existing (Blue) VS. Proposed (Green) Conditions



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Largest storm but smallest change between proposed vs predicted.

#### 100-yr Storm (1% Recurrence Interval)

### H&H Takeaways (continued)

Figure 2.6.1-13- Water Surface Extents - 20% Recurrence Interval - Existing (Blue) VS. Proposed (Green) Conditions



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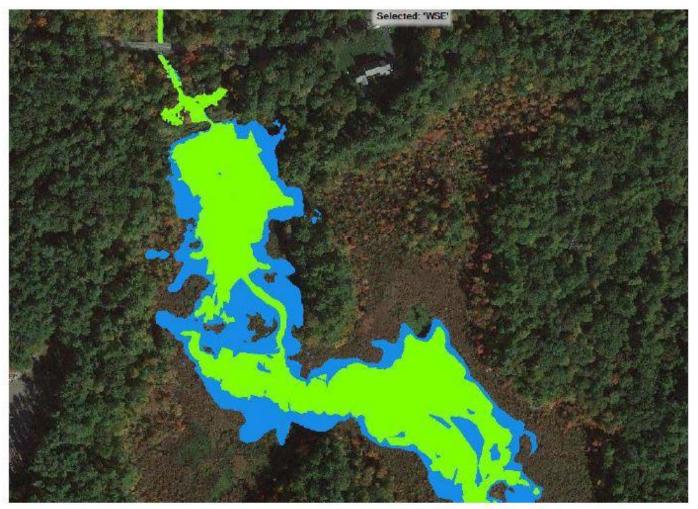
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#### 5-yr Storm (20% Recurrence Interval)

# **Balancing for Waterfowl**

Figure 2.5.3-6 – Water Surface Extents – Median Duck Hunting Season Flow (5 cfs) (Oct. 10 – Nov. 26)– WSE Map – Existing (Blue) VS. Proposed (Green) Conditions



https://www.mass.gov/doc/2022-2023-migratory-game-bird-regulations/download

### Sediment Management Consideration

Get to know the site, sediment and setting

- Assess sediment-related risk ecological, infrastructure/flooding, and human health and safety
- Consider different sediment management approaches (mechanical removal or passive release, upland disposal or off-site)
- Select and implement a preferred approach

The sediment is clean and we have a DEP approved Sediment Management Plan



# **Project Timeline**

Work Completed

- 2016 Site Reconnaissance & Preliminary Evaluation by Pare Corporation
- 2018 H&H Study of Upper South River by Pare Corporation
- 2020 Expanded H&H Study & Alternatives Analysis by Pare Corporation
- 2021 Conceptual Design, Data Collection and Modeling by Inter-Fluve, Inc. (Pare sub-consultant)
- 2022 Preliminary (75%) Design and Analysis by Gomez and Sullivan

#### Future Work – anticipated timeline

- 2022/3 Regulatory Review/Permitting public meetings
- 2023/4 Final Design and Bidding
- 2024/5 Construction and Post Monitoring (beyond)

\*\*Other South River Restoration Projects – 2022/3

Chandler Pond Dam Removal – Preliminary Design and Feasibility (GZA)

Veteran's Park Dam Removal – Complete Permits and 75% Design

# **Permits Required**

- MEPA Expanded Ecological Notification From (EENF) & Environmental Impact Report (EIR) Waiver - MA DEP
- Chapter 91 dredge permit MA DEP
- Section 401 Water Quality Cert MA DEP
- Wetland Protection Act Notice of Intent/Order Of Conditions -Duxbury ConCom
- Section 404 dredge and fill permit US ACOE
- LOMR FEMA (Maybe Required)
- Section 106 Historical Review-MHC (Maybe Required)

\*\*Public meetings/site walks will be held for MEPA, 401 and NOI/OC

# Thank you!

- Nancy Rufo, Duxbury Conservation Commission
- Samantha Wood, North and South River Watershed Association
- Sara Grady, North and South River Watershed Association and MassBays Partnership Program
- Joseph Gould, Massachusetts Fish and Game, DER