

The 120 year old Curtis Pond Dam is rated a "Significant Hazard" by Vermont's Agency of Natural Resources (ANR). **Experts agree, one "Irene" style storm could be the end of our beloved pond.**

Vermont policy prioritizes wetlands over man-made ponds. While the State will issue a permit to *repair* the dam before it fails, they are unlikely to allow replacement after failure.

Not addressing the Dam's current poor condition would result in loss of the dam, and the permanent loss of Curtis Pond.

It is conservatively estimated that loss of the pond would result in over \$3 million in lost property taxes over 20 years.

The bottom line is, it's cheaper to fix the dam than to let it fail.

Doing nothing will cause economic and social damage beyond the loss of the tax base. Our current Curtis Pond would revert to a large swamp with two small ponds resulting in the loss of public swimming, boating, camping, ice skating, and summer and winter fishing. Loss of the pond would also be an enormous loss to the Maple Corner Community Store which relies on summer visitors for their busiest season. **We all love Curtis Pond and our lives are richer for it; let's ensure its existence for future generations!**

The Curtis Pond Association and Calais Selectboard have been diligently laying the groundwork for this project for almost two years.

Through this process, we have developed Important relationships with state and local agencies, contractors, engineers, and key community members

We'd be thrilled to add you to our growing list of supporters.



To learn more and get involved in this important project, you can:
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curtispondcalais@gmail.com
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By Saving the Dam!



Together we can save our beloved pond!

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Tax Deductible Donations should be made out to "MCCC" with "CPA" in the memo line and mailed to:

**Curtis Pond Association
PO Box 162
Calais, VT 05648**



The Curtis Pond Association has partnered with the Calais Selectboard. Both parties have signed a Memo of Understanding (MOU) which outlines a path to fixing the dam, resolves the long standing issue of ownership of the dam, and demonstrates our joint commitment to the project.

We've also teamed up with the Maple Corner Community Center to assist with fundraising.

**While this is a
\$500,000+ project, we
have a clear path
forward!**



Funding Plan & Projected Timeline:

- Raise \$100,000 for soft costs by August, 2022 through community fund-raising.
- This will pay for permitting fees, engineering costs, legal legwork and other early expenses. It will take 12-18 months between raising these funds, and hiring contractors.
- Raise an additional \$250-350K for construction costs by September, 2023 through community fund-raising and grant-writing.
- Ask Calais voters for a bond for the balance of costs at a Special Town Meeting in fall 2023.
- Complete construction during the summer of 2024.
- Once completed, the Town of Calais will assume ownership of, and insure, the dam.

What will it look like?



The 2003 Men of Maple Corner

No, it won't likely be covered with naked men again anytime soon. However, the planned design (developed in 2013 by Dubois & King) calls for building a concrete dam, largely hidden from view, on the upstream (pond) side of the existing dam.

We're teaming up with engineers, contractors, dam experts, and historic preservationists to ensure the new dam maintains the historic facade of the existing dam, while offering another century of protection against dangerous weather events.

Curtis Pond Association:
*Preserving and Enhancing
the Environment and
Natural Beauty of
Curtis Pond*