

COME TO THIS DAM MEETING!



Do you live near the Bel Air Dam? This community meeting is for YOU!

WHEN: Tues, Dec 5th
6:00-7:30 pm

WHERE: Polish Falcon Club
32 Bel Air Ave, Pittsfield
(behind old Harry's
Supermarket)

RSVP: **FREE Food and Childcare provided**
IF you RSVP to: 413.442.3181,
extension zero or email:
connecting@berkshirehabitat.org

The Bel Air Dam located between Lenox Ave and Wahconah St in Pittsfield is failing. A failure of the dam at maximum pool may cause loss of life and damage to downstream buildings and roadways. The Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) Office of Dam Safety (ODS) has partnered with the City of Pittsfield and AECOM Engineering to address dam deficiencies. Come to hear what is being done.

**WE WANT TO HEAR YOUR
QUESTIONS or CONCERNS.**
**This is your chance to find
out what it is all about.**
SPEAK UP AND SPEAK OUT

PRESENTED BY:

dcr



MASSACHUSETTS DEPARTMENT OF
CONSERVATION AND RECREATION

AECOM

KEY FACTS FROM DCR & AECOM THAT YOU SHOULD KNOW:

- A failure of the dam at the maximum pool may cause loss of life and damage to downstream buildings and roadways.
 - A 2019 study found that the dam was Unsafe and Structurally Deficient.
 - The dam owner is deceased.
 - The Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) Office of Dam Safety (ODS) has partnered with the City of Pittsfield to address dam deficiencies. DCR ODS and AECOM (DCR's engineering consultant) are currently completing permitting and design for the dam removal.
 - Construction project for dam removal is anticipated to start in fall 2025 or spring 2026.
 - Dam removal will eliminate the impoundment and restore a stream channel with adjacent upland habitat
 - Construction will involve sediment stockpiling and truck transport along Waconah Street.
 - Excavated sediment will be transported out of state for final disposal
- A road lane closure on Waconah Street during construction may be needed.
- During construction, temporary increases in noise, equipment emissions, and dust may occur.

To address impacts, the following mitigation measures will be implemented:

- ☐ Dust control measures will be implemented
- ☐ A traffic management plan will be developed
- ☐ Construction will be limited to Monday- Friday during the day
- ☐ Sediment stockpile covering and/or watering will be implemented for dust mitigation
- ☐ Silt fence, straw bales, and turbidity controls will be used around sediment stockpile and in water



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