

**FOSTERS POND DAM**  
**FOLLOW-UP**  
**INSPECTION / EVALUATION REPORT**



Dam Name:	Fosters Pond Dam
State Dam ID#:	5-5-9-10
NID ID#:	MA00153
Owner:	Foster's Pond Corporation
Owner Type:	Private
Town:	Andover, Massachusetts
Consultant:	GEI Consultants, Inc.
Date of Inspection:	May 8, 2008

May 29, 2008  
Project 06463-1



Mr. Stephen E. Cotton  
Foster's Pond Corporation  
19 Pomeroy Road  
Andover, MA 01810

Geotechnical  
Environmental and  
Water Resources  
Engineering

Dear Mr. Cotton:

**Re: Dam Follow-up Inspection  
Fosters Pond Dam, NID # MA00153  
Andover, Massachusetts**

This Follow-Up inspection letter report details the inspection and evaluation of Fosters Pond Dam located in Andover, Massachusetts. The inspection was conducted on May 8, 2008 by GEI Consultants, Inc. of Winchester, Massachusetts. Fosters Pond Dam is classified as an intermediate size, significant (Class II) hazard potential dam.

We conducted the follow-up inspection at your request in response to the Certificate of Non-Compliance and Dam Safety Order issued by the Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) Office of Dam Safety (ODS). We previously conducted a Phase I inspection of the dam on November 10, 2006. We found that the dam was in Poor condition at the time of the 2006 Phase I inspection. DCR has required that all significant hazard potential dams with Poor condition ratings have follow-up inspections.

### **Inspection Observations and Evaluations**

Based on our May 10, 2008 follow-up inspection, in general, Fosters Pond Dam is in **Satisfactory** condition with the following deficiencies noted:

- Seepage is observed at the base of the downstream unmortared masonry wall below the main spillway.

The deficiencies at Fosters Pond Dam have been corrected by a major maintenance effort that the Fosters Pond Corporation performed since the Phase I inspection in November 10, 2006. The recent maintenance on the dam included the following actions:

- Mortared stone masonry wingwalls, about 1.7 feet high, have been constructed from granite curbstones on both sides of the spillway to protect the dam crest from spillway flows and to allow the dam crest to be maintained at a level grade. The effect of the wingwalls has been to increase the safe flow capacity of the primary spillway.
- The dam crest has been regraded to a level surface on both sides of the spillway. Trees and brush were removed from the crest, upstream slope, and areas immediately downstream. Sinkholes were filled. Regrading fill was placed over across the crest to create the level grade. A geotextile layer was placed under the seeded loam on the right embankment. Grass growth has been established on the both embankments.
- The emergency spillway at the right abutment has been cleaned up with minor regrading to form a 1.5-foot deep channel with a base width of 9 feet and a top width of 18 feet. The spillway channel surface has been finished with cobbles upstream, grass cover across the spillway crest, and mulch cover downstream of the spillway. Geotextile was placed under all portions of the emergency spillway prior to placing both the upstream cobble cover and the downstream seeded loam.

- Cobble cover over geotextile has been placed across the entire upstream face of the embankment as erosion protection.
- Riprap has been placed in the plunge pool as scour protection.

We have included a completed **Poor and Unsafe Condition Dam Follow-up Inspection Form**, a locus plan (Figure 1), a site sketch plan (Figure 2), site photographs (Appendix A), and an updated Inspection Checklist as part of this letter report. Please refer to these attachments for details about our observations.

### Recommendations

We recommend the following actions to be taken to address the deficiencies observed at the dam during this inspection and evaluation:

- Monitor seepage for changing conditions and new locations downstream of the dam and development of sinkholes within the embankment.

We also recommend that you request relief from the ODS Dam Safety Order requirements for a Phase II inspection. Based on our observations, Fosters Pond Dam is in Satisfactory condition due to the recent maintenance performed by the Foster's Pond Corporation.

### Limitations

The assessment of the general condition of the dam is based upon available data and visual inspections. Detailed investigations and analyses involving topographic mapping, subsurface investigations, testing and detailed computational evaluations are beyond the scope of this report.

In reviewing this report, it should be realized that the reported condition of the dam is based on observations of field conditions at the time of inspection, along with data available to the inspection team. In cases where an impoundment is lowered or drained prior to inspection, such action, while improving the stability and safety of the dam, removes the normal load on the structure and may obscure certain conditions, which might otherwise be detectable if inspected under the normal operating environment of the structure.

It is critical to note that the condition of the dam depends on numerous and constantly changing internal and external conditions, and is evolutionary in nature. It would be incorrect to assume that the present condition of the dam will continue to represent the condition of the dam at some point in the future. Only through continued care and inspection can there be any chance that unsafe conditions be detected.

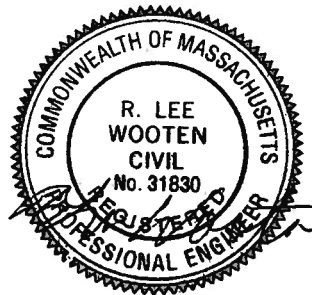
Please call (781-721-4034) or e-mail ([lwooten@geiconsultants.com](mailto:lwooten@geiconsultants.com)) me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

GEI CONSULTANTS, INC.



R. Lee Wooten, P.E.  
Massachusetts License No: C31830  
Vice President



Attachments

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

**Dam Name:** Fosters Pond Dam  
**Dam Owner:** Foster's Pond Corporation  
**Nat. ID Number:** MA00153  
**Hazard Potential:** Significant  
**Location of Dam (town):** Andover  
**Coordinate location (lat,long):** 42.6135 North, 71.1413 East  
**Date of Inspection:** May 8, 2008  
**Weather:** Sunny, ~70°F

**Consultant Inspector(s):** GEI Consultants, Inc. – R. Lee Wooten, P.E.

**Others in Attendance at Field Inspection:**

Stephen Cotton - Foster's Pond Corporation President, 978-475-5679  
David Brown - Foster's Pond Corporation Treasurer, 978-470-0454

**Attachments:**

**FIGURES**

Figure 1: Site Location Map  
Figure 2: Site Plan

**APPENDICES**

Appendix A: Photographs  
Appendix B: Dam Evaluation Summary Detail Sheet and Inspection Checklist

**I. Previous Inspection date/Overall Condition:**

- **Date of most recent formal Phase I Inspection Report:** November 10, 2006
- **List the overall condition reported in most recent Phase I Inspection Report:**  
Poor

**II. Previous Inspection Deficiencies:**

- **List identified deficiencies in the most recent Phase I Inspection Report:**

The November 11, 2008 Phase I inspection of Fosters Pond Dam identified the following deficiencies:

- The spillway cannot pass the spillway design flood.
- The embankment crest is very uneven with sinkholes, erosion gullies and eroded zones.
- Seepage is observed at the base of the downstream unmortared masonry stone wall and through the masonry wall below the main spillway.
- The main spillway has sunken portions of its concrete apron.

- The downstream masonry wall has some misplaced and misaligned stones.
- There is some tree growth on the downstream crest and right abutment.
- The left side of the training wall surrounding the plunge pool has collapsed.
- There are areas of missing riprap on the upstream slope.

**III. Overall Condition of Dam at the Time of the Current Follow-up Inspection:**

- a. **State the current condition:** Satisfactory
- b. **Have conditions changed since the previous inspection?** Yes.

**IV. Comparison of Current Conditions to Condition Listed in Previous Phase I Inspection Report:**

- a. **Have any of the deficiencies listed in the previous Phase I Inspection Report worsened?** No.
- b. **If yes, list the changes.**

The deficiencies at Fosters Pond Dam have been corrected by a major maintenance effort that the Fosters Pond Corporation performed since the Phase 1 inspection in November 10, 2006. The recent maintenance on the dam included the following actions:

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- Riprap has been placed in the plunge pool across the width of the primary spillway and sluice way as scour protection.

- c. **Are there any additional deficiencies that have been identified in the current inspection?** No.
- d. **If yes, list the deficiencies and describe.** Not applicable.

**V. Dam Safety Orders:**

- **List dam safety orders that have been issued to the dam owner pertaining to this dam.**

The Department of Conservation and Recreation issued a Certificate of Non-Compliance and Dam Safety Order on February 22, 2008.

**VI. Maintenance:**

**1. Indicate if there exists an operation and maintenance plan for the dam.**

An operations and maintenance plan dated October 12, 2005 is currently used by the Foster's Pond Corporation to maintain and operate the dam.

**2. Indicate if it appears the dam is being maintained.**

Fosters Pond Dam was very well maintained at the time of the follow-up inspection. The Foster's Pond Corporation has undertaken an aggressive level of maintenance to correct past deficiencies.

**VII. Recommendations:**

We recommend that the following actions to be taken to address the deficiencies observed at the dam during this inspection and evaluation:

- Monitor seepage for changing conditions and new locations downstream of the dam and development of sinkholes within the embankment.

**VIII. Other Comments or Observations:**

We have included an Inspection Checklist, which we prepared by updating the November 10, 2006 checklist.

**IX. Updated Site Sketch with Photo Locations:** See Figure 2.

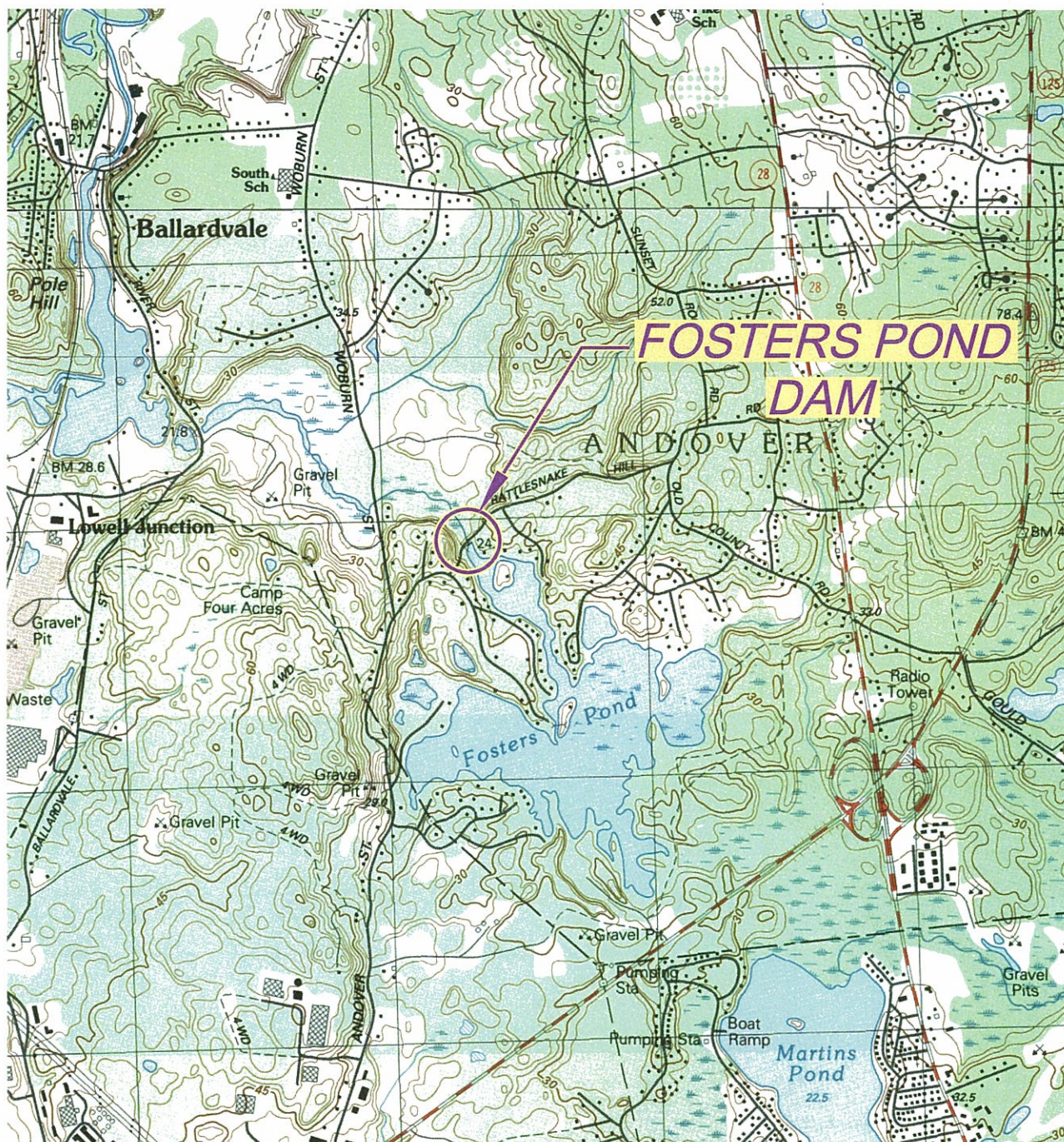
**X. Updated Photos:** See Appendix A

**XI. Copy of Locus Map from Phase I Report:** See Figure 1.

**XII. Other applicable attachment:** See Appendix B for the updated Dam Evaluation Summary Detail Sheet and Inspection Checklist.

## **FIGURES**





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APPROXIMATE SCALE, FEET

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Topographic 7.5 X 15 Minute Series  
Reading (1987) and Lawrence (1987), MA Quadrangles.  
Datum is National Geodetic Vertical Datum (NGVD).  
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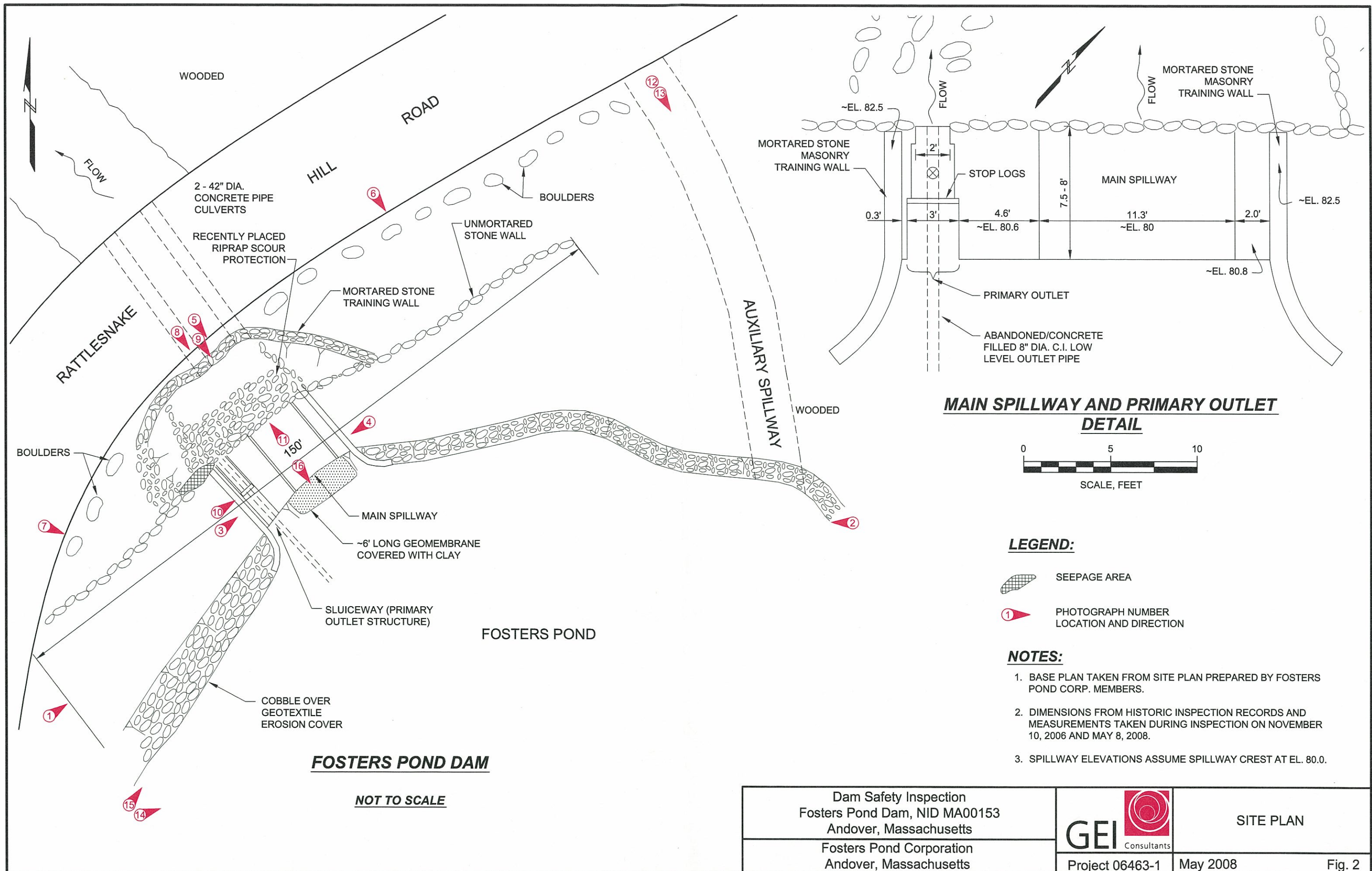
SITE LOCATION MAP

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Fig. 1





APPENDIX A  
**Photographs**





Photo 1 – Panoramic composite - Upstream slope and crest from left\*



Photo 2 – Panoramic composite - Upstream slope and crest from right\*

\*Note: Distortions and color or light irregularities in panoramic composite photos are due to discontinuities between individual photographic images used to create panoramic composites.





Photo 3 – Panoramic composite – Right abutment and crest\*



Photo 4 – Panoramic composite – Left abutment and crest\*

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Photo 5 – Panoramic composite – Downstream face, spillway, and sluiceway from downstream\*



Photo 6 – Panoramic composite – Right downstream face from downstream\*



Photo 7 – Panoramic composite – Left downstream face, spillway, and plunge pool from downstream\*





Photo 8 – Panoramic composite – Spillway, sluiceway, and plunge pool from downstream\*



Photo 9 – Panoramic composite – Plunge pool from downstream\*





Photo 10 – Panoramic composite – Sluiceway from above\*



Photo 11 – Panoramic composite – Downstream part of plunge pool and culverts under Rattlesnake Hill Road, from spillway\*





Photo 12 – Panoramic composite – Emergency spillway and dam from right downstream side\*



Photo 13 – Emergency spillway from downstream

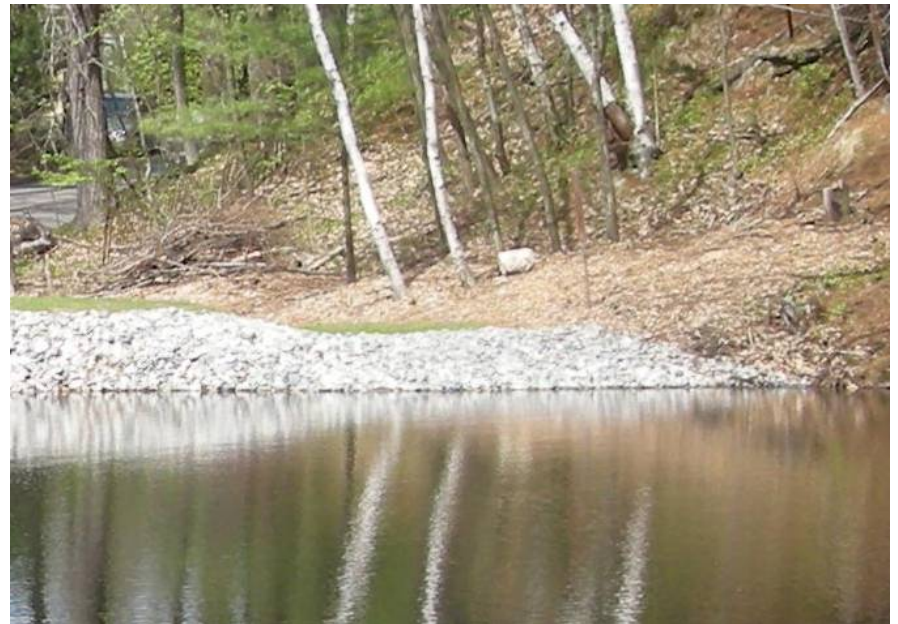


Photo 14 – Emergency spillway from upstream





Photo 15 – Panoramic composite – Upstream side of dam\*



Photo 16 – Panoramic composite – Foster's Pond from the dam spillway\*

APPENDIX B  
**Dam Evaluation Summary Detail Sheet  
and  
Inspection Checklist**

## Dam Evaluation Summary Detail Sheet

<b>1. NID ID:</b> MA00153	<b>2. Dam Name:</b> Fosters Pond Dam	<b>3. Dam Location:</b> Andover
<b>4. Inspection Date:</b> 5/8/08	<b>5. Last Insp. Date:</b> 11/10/06	<b>6. Next Inspection:</b> November 2011
<b>7. Inspector:</b> R. Lee Wooten, P.E.	<b>8. Consultant:</b> GEI Consultants, Inc.	
<b>9. Hazard Code:</b> Significant (Class 2)	<b>10. Insp. Frequency:</b> Significant-5 Yrs.	<b>11. Insp. Condition:</b> Satisfactory
<b>E1. Design Methodology:</b>	1	<b>E7. Low-Level Discharge Capacity:</b> 1
<b>E2. Level of Maintenance:</b>	5	<b>E8. Low-Level Outlet Physical Condition:</b> 1
<b>E3. Emergency Action Plan:</b>	3	<b>E9. Spillway Design Flood Capacity:</b> 5
<b>E4. Embankment Seepage:</b>	3	<b>E10. Overall Physical Condition of the Dam:</b> 4
<b>E5. Embankment Condition:</b>	5	<b>E11. Estimated Repair Cost (in thousand \$):</b>
<b>E6. Concrete Condition:</b>	5	

### Evaluation Description

#### E1: DESIGN METHODOLOGY

1. Unknown Design – no design records available
3. Some standard design features
5. State of the art design – design records available

#### E2: LEVEL OF MAINTENANCE

1. No evidence of maintenance, no O&M manual
2. Very little maintenance, no O&M manual
3. Some level of maintenance and standard procedures
4. Adequate level of maintenance and standard procedures
5. Detailed maintenance plan that is executed

#### E3: EMERGENCY ACTION PLAN

1. No plan or idea of what to do in the event of an emergency
2. Some idea but no written plan
3. No formal plan but well thought out
4. Available written plan that needs updating
5. Detailed, updated written plan available and filed with MADCR

#### E4: EMBANKMENT SEEPAGE

1. Severe piping and/or seepage with no monitoring
2. Evidence of monitored piping and seepage
3. No piping but uncontrolled seepage
4. Controlled seepage
5. No seepage or piping

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3. Significant longitudinal cracking and minor transverse cracking
4. Spalling and minor surface cracking
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#### E7: LOW LEVEL OUTLET DISCHARGE CAPACITY

1. No low level outlet
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3. Inoperable gate with potentially sufficient drawdown capacity
4. Operable gate with sufficient drawdown capacity
5. Operable gate with capacity greater than necessary

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1. Outlet inoperative needs replacement, non-existent or inaccessible
2. Outlet inoperative needs repair
3. Outlet operable but needs repair
4. Outlet operable but needs maintenance
5. Outlet and operator operable and well maintained

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1. 0 - 20% of the SDF
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### Changes/Deviations to Database Information since last inspection

Structural height: 10.1 feet; Hydraulic height: 7.6 feet; Drainage area: 1.57 square miles;  
 Spillway capacity: 194 cfs; Emergency spillway capacity: 57 cfs; Sluiceway capacity: 33 cfs at maximum pool;



## DAM SAFETY INSPECTION CHECKLIST INSTRUCTION PAGE

The checklist includes sections applicable to a variety of dam structure types. Complete those pages pertaining to each structure and omit pages that are not relevant. Checklist should be signed by the inspecting engineer and a clean, neat copy included in the final inspection report.

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### *Partial listing of dam orientation and terminology definitions.*

Upstream – Shall mean the side of the dam that borders the impoundment.

Downstream – Shall mean the high side of the dam, the side opposite the upstream side.

Right – Shall mean the area to the right when looking in the downstream direction.

Left – Shall mean the area to the left when looking in the downstream direction.

Height of Dam – Shall mean the vertical distance from the lowest portion of the natural ground, including any stream channel, along the downstream toe of the dam to the crest of the dam.

Embankment – Shall mean the fill material, usually earth or rock, placed with sloping sides, such that it forms a permanent barrier that impounds water.

Crest – Shall mean the top of the dam, usually provides a road or path across the dam.

Abutment – Shall mean that part of a valley side against which a dam is constructed. An artificial abutment is sometimes constructed as a concrete gravity section, to take the thrust of an arch dam where there is no suitable natural abutment.

Appurtenant Works – Shall mean structures, either in dams or separate therefrom, including but not be limited to, spillways; reservoirs and their rims; low level outlet works; and water conduits including tunnels, pipelines, or penstocks, either through the dams or their abutments.

Spillway – Shall mean a structure over or through which water flows are discharged. If the flow is controlled by gates or boards, it is a controlled spillway; if the fixed elevation of the spillway crest controls the level of the impoundment, it is an uncontrolled spillway.



## DAM SAFETY INSPECTION CHECKLIST

NAME OF DAM: <u>Fosters Pond Dam</u>		STATE ID #: <u>5-5-9-10</u>	
REGISTERED: <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO		NID ID #: <u>MA00153</u>	
STATE SIZE CLASSIFICATION: <u>Intermediate</u>		STATE HAZARD CLASSIFICATION: <u>Significant (Class II)</u>	
<u>LOCATION INFORMATION</u>			
CITY/TOWN: <u>Andover</u>		COUNTY: <u>Essex</u>	
DAM LOCATION: <u>Off Rattlesnake Hill Road</u>		AKA NAME: _____	
USGS QUAD.: <u>Reading</u>		LAT.: <u>42.6135</u> LONG.: <u>-71.1413</u>	
DRAINAGE BASIN: <u>Shawsheen</u>		RIVER: <u>Frye's Brook (inflow) to Shawsheen River about 1 mile downstream</u>	
IMPOUNDMENT NAME(S): <u>Fosters Pond</u>			
<u>GENERAL DAM INFORMATION</u>			
TYPE OF DAM: <u>Earthfill w/ mostly unmortared downstream stone facing</u>		OVERALL LENGTH (FT): <u>~150</u>	
PURPOSE OF DAM: <u>Recreational</u>		NORMAL POOL STORAGE (ACRE-FT): <u>~420</u>	
YEAR BUILT: <u>~1850s</u>		MAXIMUM POOL STORAGE (ACRE-FT): <u>~550</u>	
STRUCTURAL HEIGHT (FT): <u>~10.1 feet (11 in NID)</u>		EL. NORMAL POOL (FT): <u>~78.5-79.8 (Reference El.=80 ft, spillway crest)</u>	
HYDRAULIC HEIGHT (FT): <u>~ 7.6 feet (7 in NID)</u>		EL. MAXIMUM POOL (FT): <u>~82.5</u>	
<u>FOR INTERNAL MADCR USE ONLY</u>			
FOLLOW-UP INSPECTION REQUIRED: <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO		CONDITIONAL LETTER: <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	

NAME OF DAM: Fosters Pond Dam STATE ID #: 5-5-9-10  
NID ID #: MA00153

INSPECTION SUMMARY

DATE OF INSPECTION: May 8, 2008 DATE OF PREVIOUS INSPECTION: November 10, 2006  
TEMPERATURE/WEATHER: Sunny, ~70°F ARMY CORP PHASE I: ☐ YES ☒ NO If YES, date \_\_\_\_\_  
CONSULTANT: GEI Consultants, Inc. PREVIOUS DCR PHASE I: ☐ YES ☒ NO If YES, date \_\_\_\_\_  
BENCHMARK/DATUM: Not available; 80 ft used as a reference datum equal to the main spillway crest elevation  
OVERALL CONDITION: SATISFACTORY  DATE OF LAST REHABILITATION: Aggressive maintenance 2007-2008  
EL. POOL DURING INSP.: ~79.9 ft EL. TAILWATER DURING INSP.: ~72.2 ft

PERSONS PRESENT AT INSPECTION

<u>NAME</u>	<u>TITLE/POSITION</u>	<u>REPRESENTING</u>
<u>R. Lee Wooten, P.E.</u>	<u>Vice President</u>	<u>GEI Consultants, Inc.</u>
<u>Stephen Cotton</u>	<u>FPC President</u>	<u>Foster's Pond Corporation - (FPC)</u>
<u>David Brown (part-time)</u>	<u>FPC Treasurer</u>	<u>Foster's Pond Corporation - (FPC)</u>

EVALUATION INFORMATION

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E2) LEVEL OF MAINTENANCE

E3) EMERGENCY ACTION PLAN

E4) EMBANKMENT SEEPAGE

E5) EMBANKMENT CONDITION

E6) CONCRETE CONDITION

E7) LOW-LEVEL OUTLET CAP

E8) LOW-LEVEL OUTLET COND. 

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E9) SPILLWAY DESIGN FLOOD

E10) GENERAL CONDITIONS

E11) ESTIMATED REPAIR COST (\$000)\$0

ROADWAY OVER CREST ☐ YES ☐ NO

BRIDGE NEAR DAM ☒ YES ☐ NO

SIGNATURE OF INSPECTING ENGINEER: 

NAME OF DAM: <u>Fosters Pond Dam</u>		STATE ID #: <u>5-5-9-10</u>	
		NID ID #: <u>MA00153</u>	
OWNER:	ORGANIZATION	Foster's Pond Corporation	CARETAKER: ORGANIZATION
	NAME/TITLE	<u>Stephen E. Cotton - President</u>	<u>Foster's Pond Corporation</u>
	STREET	<u>19 Pomeroy Road</u>	<u>David Brown - Treasurer</u>
	TOWN, STATE, ZIP	<u>Andover, MA 01810</u>	<u>31 Glenwood Road</u>
	PHONE	<u>978-475-5679</u>	<u>Andover, MA 01810</u>
	FAX		<u>978-470-0454</u>
	EMAIL	<u><a href="mailto:secotton@ix.netcom.com">secotton@ix.netcom.com</a></u>	<u>978-470-2066</u>
	OWNER TYPE	<u>Private</u>	<u><a href="mailto:davebrown@alum.mit.edu">davebrown@alum.mit.edu</a></u>
PRIMARY SPILLWAY TYPE		<u>Broad crested weir</u>	
SPILLWAY LENGTH (FT)		<u>11.9 feet</u>	SPILLWAY CAPACITY (CFS) <u>~194</u>
AUXILIARY SPILLWAY TYPE		<u>Grass covered swale</u>	
AUX. SPILLWAY CAPACITY (CFS)		<u>~57</u>	
NUMBER OF OUTLETS		<u>1 (8" low level outlet pipe abandoned)</u>	
OUTLET(S) CAPACITY (CFS)		<u>~33 with full pool</u>	
TYPE OF OUTLETS		<u>Sluiceway with stoplogs (operational)</u>	
TOTAL DISCHARGE CAPACITY (CFS)		<u>~284</u>	
DRAINAGE AREQ (SQ MI)		<u>1.57</u>	
SPILLWAY DESIGN FLOOD (PERIOD/CFS)		<u>100-yr / 191 cfs</u>	
HAS DAM BEEN BREACHED OR OVERTOPPED <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO IF YES, PROVIDE DATE(S) <u>overtopped 03/01, Spring '02, 04/06, 05/14/06</u>			
FISH LADDER (LIST TYPE IF PRESENT) <u>No</u>			
DOES CREST SUPPORT PUBLIC ROAD? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO IF YES, ROAD NAME: _____			
PUBLIC BRIDGE WITHIN 50' OF DAM? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO IF YES, ROAD/BRIDGE NAME: <u>Rattlesnake Hill Road</u>			

Embankment Crest

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<b>EMBANKMENT</b>					
AREA INSPECTED	CONDITION	OBSERVATIONS	NO ACTION	MONITOR	REPAIR
CREST	SURFACE TYPE	Grass cover		X	
	SURFACE CRACKING	None observed		X	
	SINKHOLES, ANIMAL BURROWS	None observed		X	
	VERTICAL ALIGNMENT (DEPRESSIONS)	Uniform crest elevation after recent maintenance		X	
	HORIZONTAL ALIGNMENT	No visible horizontal displacements	X		
	RUTS AND/OR PUDDLES	None observed		X	
	VEGETATION (PRESENCE/CONDITION)	Grass cover		X	
	ABUTMENT CONTACT	Good	X		
ADDITIONAL COMMENTS: <u>The aggressive routine maintenance has restored a uniform grade to the embankment crest and established a grass cover over the crest. Geotextile was placed below seeded toposoil on right abutment crest.</u>					



Downstream Side

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<b>EMBANKMENT</b>					
AREA INSPECTED	CONDITION	OBSERVATIONS	NO ACTION	MONITOR	REPAIR
D/S SLOPE	WET AREAS (NO FLOW)	Stone masonry wall on downstream side. See "Masonry Walls" page for additional descriptions			
	SEEPAGE	None observed		x	
	SLIDE, SLOUGH, SCARP	None observed		x	
	EMB.-ABUTMENT CONTACT	Irregular unmortared stone masonry wall, possibility of displaced blocks		x	
	SINKHOLE/ANIMAL BURROWS	Good	x		
	EROSION	None observed		x	
	UNUSUAL MOVEMENT	None observed		x	
	VEGETATION (PRESENCE/CONDITION)	None observed	x		
		No vegetation in masonry wall		x	
ADDITIONAL COMMENTS: _____					
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Upstream side

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<b>EMBANKMENT</b>					
AREA INSPECTED	CONDITION	OBSERVATIONS	NO ACTION	MONITOR	REPAIR
U/S SLOPE	SLIDE, SLOUGH, SCARP SLOPE PROTECTION TYPE AND COND. SINKHOLE/ANIMAL BURROWS EMB.-ABUTMENT CONTACT EROSION UNUSUAL MOVEMENT VEGETATION (PRESENCE/CONDITION)	None observed	x		
		Cobble (3 inch to 6 inch) stone placed over geotextile as erosion protection (Note 1)		x	
		None observed		x	
		Good	x		
		None observed		x	
		None observed	x		
		Grass cover above cobble erosion protection		x	
ADDITIONAL COMMENTS: <u>1. Recent maintenance include placing geotextile over upstream slope and covering geotextile with cobbles (3 to 6 inch).</u> <u>Cobble coverage extends about 6 to 10 feet across entire upstream slope</u>   					

## Instrumentation

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<b>EMBANKMENT</b>					
AREA INSPECTED	CONDITION	OBSERVATIONS	NO ACTION	MONITOR	REPAIR
INSTR.	PIEZOMETERS	None	x		
	OBSERVATION WELLS	None	x		
	STAFF GAGE AND RECORDER	None	x		
	WEIRS	None	x		
	INCLINOMETERS	None	x		
	SURVEY MONUMENTS	None observed	x		
	DRAINS	None	x		
	FREQUENCY OF READINGS	N/A	x		
	LOCATION OF READINGS	N/A	x		
ADDITIONAL COMMENTS: _____					
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Masonry Walls

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<b>UPSTREAM AND/OR DOWNSTREAM MASONRY WALLS</b>					
AREA INSPECTED	CONDITION	OBSERVATIONS	NO ACTION	MONITOR	REPAIR
D/S WALLS	WALL TYPE	Downsteam dam face is a mostly unmortared stone masonry wall		x	
	WALL ALIGNMENT	Irregular alignment of stones in masonry wall (probably as-built condition)		x	
	WALL CONDITION	Fair		x	
	HEIGHT: TOP OF WALL TO MUDLINE	min: 0 ft                      max: 8 ft                      avg: 4 ft	x		
	SEEPAGE OR LEAKAGE	One area of seepage adjacent to sluiceway		x	
	ABUTMENT CONTACT	Good	x		
	EROSION/SINKHOLES BEHIND WALL	None observed		x	
	ANIMAL BURROWS	None observed		x	
	UNUSUAL MOVEMENT	None observed		x	
	WET AREAS AT TOE OF WALL	Same as seepage areas		x	
ADDITIONAL COMMENTS: _____ _____ _____ _____					

Downstream Area

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<b>DOWNSTREAM AREA</b>					
AREA INSPECTED	CONDITION	OBSERVATIONS	NO ACTION	MONITOR	REPAIR
D/S AREA	ABUTMENT LEAKAGE	None observed	x		
	FOUNDATION SEEPAGE	None other than that described at base of downstream stone masonry wall		x	
	SLIDE,SLOUGH,SCARP	None observed	x		
	WEIRS	None	x		
	DRAINAGE SYSTEM	2-42 inch concrete culverts carry dam flow downstream under Rattlesnake Hill Rd	x		
	INSTRUMENTATION	None	x		
	VEGETATION	Mulched cover to paved Rattlesnake Hill Rd, wooded wetlands area beyond road		x	
	ACCESSIBILITY	Good; Rattlesnake Hill Road	x		
	DOWNSTREAM HAZARD DESCRIPTION	Local roads, Rattlesnake Hill Road and Woburn Street ~1300 ft downstream beyond heavily vegetated wooded wetlands area	x		
	DATE OF LAST EAP UPDATE	No EAP	x		
ADDITIONAL COMMENTS: <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/>					



Misc.

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<b>MISCELLANEOUS</b>		
AREA INSPECTED	CONDITION	OBSERVATIONS
MISC.	RESERVOIR DEPTH (AVG)	~13 feet max depth reported by members of FPC
	RESERVOIR SHORELINE	Wooded and grass, residential homes
	RESERVOIR SLOPES	Gentle to moderate slopes; hilly along west side of impoundment (Photo 16)
	ACCESS ROADS	Adjacent to Rattlesnake Hill Rd
	SECURITY DEVICES	Boulders along downstream side and metal chain gate at access path near right (see note 1)
	VANDALISM OR TRESPASS	YES: <input type="checkbox"/> NO: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> WHAT: <u>See Note 2</u>
	AVAILABILITY OF PLANS	YES: <input type="checkbox"/> NO: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> DATE: _____
	AVAILABILITY OF DESIGN CALCS	YES: <input type="checkbox"/> NO: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> DATE: _____
	AVAILABILITY OF EAP/LAST UPDATE	YES: <input type="checkbox"/> NO: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> DATE: _____
	AVAILABILITY OF O&M MANUAL	YES: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO: <input type="checkbox"/> DATE: <u>12-Oct-05</u>
	CARETAKER/OWNER AVAILABLE	YES: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO: <input type="checkbox"/> DATE: <u>10-Nov-06</u>
	CONFINED SPACE ENTRY REQUIRED	YES: <input type="checkbox"/> NO: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PURPOSE: _____
	ADDITIONAL COMMENTS: <u>1. abutment prevent access of unauthorized vehicles</u>	

Primary Spillway

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<b>PRIMARY SPILLWAY</b>					
AREA INSPECTED	CONDITION	OBSERVATIONS	NO ACTION	MONITOR	REPAIR
SPILLWAY	SPILLWAY TYPE	Concrete/Masonry			
	WEIR TYPE	Broad-crested weir, 11.9 ft long	x		
	SPILLWAY CONDITION	Good - minor cracking & spalling of concrete surface repaired		x	
	TRAINING WALLS	Good - granite curbstone training walls added as erosion protection (Note 1)		x	
	SPILLWAY CONTROLS AND CONDITION	No controls	x		
	UNUSUAL MOVEMENT	Downstream left side of spillway is slightly lower, possible past movement		x	
	APPROACH AREA	Underwater. Upstream slope covered w/ geomembrane & clay ~6 ft into basin.		x	
	DISCHARGE AREA	Stilling basin is enclosed by a mortared stone training wall (note 2)		x	
	DEBRIS	None observed		x	
	WATER LEVEL AT TIME OF INSPECTION	0.1 ft below upstream edge of spillway (~El. 80 ft - reference datum)	x		
ADDITIONAL COMMENTS: 1. Training walls constructed to protect embankment from erosion during higher spillway flows. See photos 2, 4, & 8. 2. Plunge pool has been maintained with the addition of dumped riprap below the spillway for erosion protection. See photos 7 and 9.					

# Auxiliary Spillway

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<b>AUXILIARY SPILLWAY</b>					
AREA INSPECTED	CONDITION	OBSERVATIONS	NO ACTION	MONITOR	REPAIR
SPILLWAY	SPILLWAY TYPE	Grass covered swale along right abutment (see photos, Note 1)		x	
	WEIR TYPE	Earth-lined, broad-crested	x		
	SPILLWAY CONDITION	Maintained by reshaping with a 9-foot base, 18-foot top width, ~1.5-foot depth		x	
	TRAINING WALLS	None	x		
	SPILLWAY CONTROLS AND CONDITION	None	x		
	UNUSUAL MOVEMENT	None observed	x		
	APPROACH AREA	Underwater. Not observed	x		
	DISCHARGE AREA	Rattlesnake Hill Rd, wetlands beyond	x		
	DEBRIS	None observed	x		
	WATER LEVEL AT TIME OF INSPECTION	1.1 feet below low point on swale	x		
ADDITIONAL COMMENTS: 1. Existing swale emergency spillway along the right abutment with a low point ~1 ft higher than primary spillway intake elevation, has been maintained by minor regrading, placement of cobble cover on upstream side and establishment of grass cover across crest (see Photo13). A geotextile was also placed under the cobble and seeded topsoil cover portions of the spillway.					

Outlet Works

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<b>OUTLET WORKS</b>					
AREA INSPECTED	CONDITION	OBSERVATIONS	NO ACTION	MONITOR	REPAIR
OUTLET WORKS	TYPE	Sluiceway controlled with stoplogs	x		
	INTAKE STRUCTURE	Concrete sluiceway, 3 ft to 2 ft wide, 2.6 feet deep (note 1)		x	
	TRASHRACK	None	x		
	PRIMARY CLOSURE	3 10-inch deep stoplogs	x		
	SECONDARY CLOSURE	None	x		
	CONDUIT	8-inch low-level outlet pipe thru sluiceway reportedly corroded & abandoned	x		
	OUTLET STRUCTURE/HEADWALL	None	x		
	EROSION ALONG TOE OF DAM	None (repaired)		x	
	SEEPAGE/LEAKAGE	Some leakage through stoplogs		x	
	DEBRIS/BLOCKAGE	None observed	x		
	UNUSUAL MOVEMENT	None observed	x		
	DOWNSTREAM AREA	Riprapped plunge pool (riprap recently placed as part of maintenance)		x	
	MISCELLANEOUS	Stone masonry training walls on left side of sluiceway recently repaired/upgraded		x	
ADDITIONAL COMMENTS: <u>1. Condition of concrete good. No cracks observed. See photo 10. Sluiceway repaired in the fall of 2005 to accommodate stoplogs and lowering of the water in the winter months.</u>					

## ConcreteMasonry Dams

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<b>CONCRETE/MASONRY DAMS</b>					
AREA INSPECTED	CONDITION	OBSERVATIONS	NO ACTION	MONITOR	REPAIR
GENERAL	TYPE				
	AVAILABILITY OF PLANS				
	AVAILABILITY OF DESIGN CALCS				
	PIEZOMETERS				
	OBSERVATION WELLS				
	INCLINOMETERS				
	SEEPAGE GALLERY				
	UNUSUAL MOVEMENT				
ADDITIONAL COMMENTS: _____					
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## Upstream Face

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AREA INSPECTED	CONDITION	OBSERVATIONS	NO ACTION	MONITOR	REPAIR
U/S FACE	TYPE				
	SURFACE CONDITIONS				
	CONDITIONS OF JOINTS				
	UNUSUAL MOVEMENT				
	ABUTMENT CONTACTS				

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS: \_\_\_\_\_

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Downstream Face

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<b>CONCRETE/MASONRY DAMS</b>					
AREA INSPECTED	CONDITION	OBSERVATIONS	NO ACTION	MONITOR	REPAIR
D/S FACE	TYPE				
	SURFACE CONDITIONS				
	CONDITIONS OF JOINTS				
	UNUSUAL MOVEMENT				
	ABUTMENT CONTACTS				
	DRAINS				
	LEAKAGE				
ADDITIONAL COMMENTS: _____ _____ _____ _____					

## Concrete Crest

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<b>CONCRETE/MASONRY DAMS</b>		
AREA INSPECTED	CONDITION	OBSERVATIONS
CREST	TYPE	
	SURFACE CONDITIONS	
	CONDITIONS OF JOINTS	
	UNUSUAL MOVEMENT	
	HORIZONTAL ALIGNMENT	
	VERTICAL ALIGNMENT	
ADDITIONAL COMMENTS: _____		
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