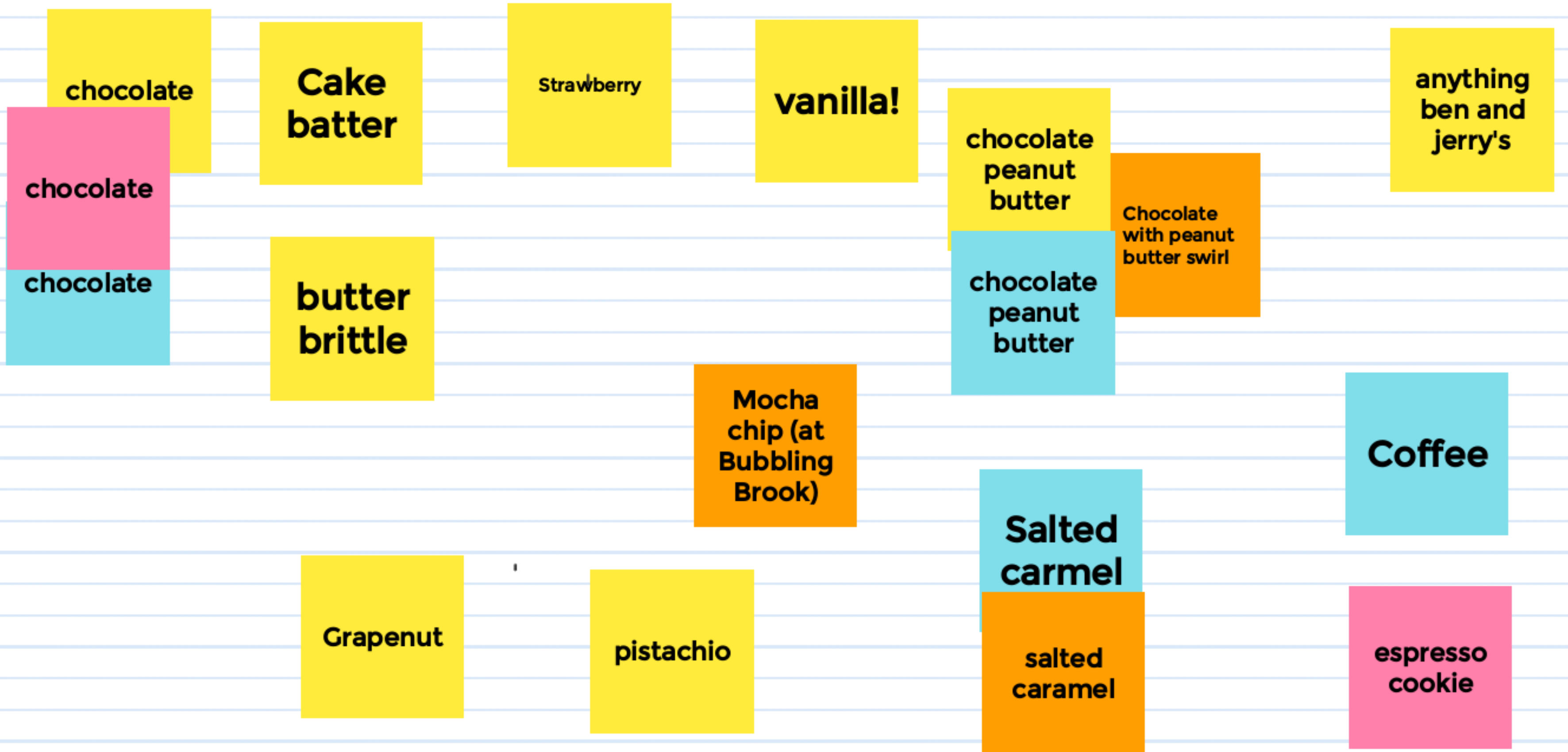


TEST SLIDE: What is your favorite ice cream flavor?



# 1. What are your priorities regarding SEDIMENT + dam removal?

How do you plan to reshape the upstream area above the current dam after the dam is removed?

What is the latest on sediment testing?

Will the exposed sediment once removal is complete cause any odors?

Why is sediment trapped behind the dam and not moving downstream bad?

Safety and water control during the construction phase. How will water flow be regulated with the Temporary tubes during construction?

What will be the effect of the heavy sedimentation on down stream fish population? Short term and long term?

Will the Sediment testing table be made public?

Location of down stream sediment test? Concerned rush of water will cause sediment near inlet from old factory(near baseball field) to

Based on Testing results was dredging considered no longer a necessity?

Will the upper part of the river (after removal of the spillway) be a single flow of water or will it depend on the topography of where the sediment gets deposited?

# 1. What are your priorities regarding SEDIMENT + dam removal?

**Will pesticide need to be used to control poison ivy, mosquitoes, or milkweed/duckweed?**

## 2. What are your priorities regarding CONSTRUCTION ACCESS + dam removal?

What does the removal process look like?

Can we see a budget and funding sources?

Will the dead and removed trees be replaced?

As a local landscape designer, my biggest concern is compacted soils that lead to impaired water filtration and tree root damage. How will you prevent this?

will trees be removed from the earthen berm as part of the spillway removal process?

Regarding construction, my biggest concern is back-ups/traffic on the Pleasant St. bridge. As someone who lives on the "other side" this impacts daily life.

How will a huge storm event be dealt with during dam removal and park construction?

What are the risk factors during construction?

What will happen to the island?

What is going to happen to the raceway that runs from the impoundment area across Pleasant to the other side of the river?

What hours of the day will the removal take place?

Why is the park not being used as a staging area?

How will traffic be impacted by construction?

how will spectators be managed

What measures can be taken to ensure safety during construction over such a large project area?

## 2. What are your priorities regarding CONSTRUCTION ACCESS + dam removal?

### 3. What are your priorities regarding INVASIVES during dam removal?

Will the restoration process include specific plans for addressing invasive plants?

**Are native and pollinator plantings a priority for park re-design?**

How far upriver on Town Land will the town monitor/maintain and plant non-invasives?

**Is it practical to do ongoing invasives management? What has the track record been for similar projects?**

**Discovering what species may be hidden in the seed bank in the sediment.**

Will you be planting native plants or just removing invasive and non-native plants

As a local landscape designer, I'd like to know if you have plans to plant native seed-grown species of New England provenance, in addition to controlling invasives.

where will funding for maintaining the planting and continual removal of invasive plants come from

**Plan for mosquitoes, milkweed, poison ivy**

Planting native plants, like already-grown plants, and seeds, before invasives have a chance to get a hold

How likely are we to need to use pesticides for poison ivy, mosquitoes, or milkweed/duckweed?

**Will there be displaced beaver, muskrats, turtles, etc.?**

**This could be a great opportunity to work with Native Plant Trust around education and planning**

### 3. What are your priorities regarding INVASIVES during dam removal?

**How will the town manage the existing Japanese Knotweed infestation that is on the banks of the Charles next to the Pleasant St Bridge?**

# 4. What are your priorities regarding COORDINATION WITH PARK IMPROVEMENT + dam removal?

**How will kayaking be impacted?**

**How will river access be improved?**

Does the Town of Natick have funding available to design and build the park improvements?

**How will connectivity be prioritized between the two sides of the river?**

**Is the park going to be part of the same project permitting?**

**Could the river at the dam site become a recreational feature - ie., a minor whitewater rapid that would add both to the soundscape, improve fishing, and be good for boating?**

**Will there still be kayak put-in and pull-out access?**

Keeping park improvement simple, tranquil and consistent with ecological principles for spillway removal

**How will park maintenance be funded?**

**Is there any possibility of a pedestrian bridge across the river?**

I'm hoping that the new parking lot proposed for the multis area will be modest so it doesn't act as a funnel for runoff to the river.

What is the plan for dredging a channel for kayaking and canoeing, since avg depth will be 6" (per Stantec Report)

How is green stormwater infrastructure being integrated into both projects?

Will this project be eligible for CPA funding? May be best for a different page of the jamboard

Could we have a pedestrian bridge to connect Old Town Park with Grove Park where the spillway now is ?

**What is the basis for claiming a 6" depth?**

The sound of the rushing water over the spillway is one of the main draws for the park and why people find the river so engaging. Is there consideration for retaining or enhanc?

**is the park project funded yet?**

# 4. What are your priorities regarding COORDINATION WITH PARK IMPROVEMENT + dam removal?

The Historic District Commission should review the project. Please clarify the timetable for such a review.

where is the park concept/design process at now?

Same as prior slide, keeping park improvement simple, tranquil and consistent with ecological principles for spillway removal

Is there an opportunity for improvements for the baseball fields? Is flooding a concern for the fields after dam removal?

where will funding for maintaining the parks in the future come from

# 5. What are your OTHER top priorities about dam removal (that don't fit in the previous categories)?

What is the project timeline? Specifically when are public engagement opportunities.

Imag have missed it but that point will an environmental impact study be done to ensure a grade of endangered species above the spillway will not be adversely impacted by these chs

Will dam removal have any impact on downstream abutters?

Are there anticipated risks and benefits based on higher water volumes resulting from climate change?

Are there any other improvements to the area that we can combine this work with?

How are these projects being budgeted?

How may wildlife habitat be impacted through this project?

How will the river look upstream of the existing spillway once it is removed? Are there any renderings available?

Noise, pollution and tree removal during construction

**Fish passage**

Our house is on the river, how will this effect the height of the river? We flood occasionally

If we have another 'wet' year when construction is planned, will it be delayed until there is a low water period?

Do we know what the water depth will be after removal?

Wildlife connectivity

**River Health**

How would water quality be impacted by the dam removal?

How wide will the river be near the present dam and also up stream

Are newly defined Wetlands an impact on Flood Plain Maps that are used to mandate Flood Insurance? Wetlands definitions are a double edged sword for home owners and

**ODORS**

What are the environmental benefits to the project?

What are the plans to address the sewer pipe that goes under the impoundment?

Are there other downstream efforts for dam removal?

what is the expected variability of river depth?

How quickly will the river run out and down toward Wellesley?

How is green stormwater infrastructure being integrated into this project?

When will the park modifications be reviewed by the Historic District Commission in the John Eliot Historic District?

Why isn't the concrete wall upstream of the dam on the library side being removed?

Is it too late to stop this project and keep or restore or rebuild the dam?

What will be the impact on migratory fish restoration given that there are other dams downstream? How long a stretch of river will be opened up (between cup and downstream dams)?

What if any provisions are being made to honor the indigenous history of this site which came up as a reason to move the project approval forward?

# 5. What are your OTHER top priorities about dam removal (that don't fit in the previous categories)?

**Do we have any updated/realistic numbers for the cost of all that has been described in this presentation (i.e. construction, invasive species management, etc.)?**

**How much of the work (in dollars and cents) has been actually funded, either by grants or by appropriations? What is the plan for funding the rest?**

**When will the park modifications be reviewed by the Historic District Commission in the John Eliot Historic District?**

**What are the plans to move/care for fish and wild animals that whose habitat will be changed from a pond-like ecosystem to a more shallow river more subject to drought?**

**Can we have a rivercam by Natick Pegasus during this project?**

**The South Natick dam park is a very special place. Please make sure the new park creates a place with enough drama that people still want to visit.**

**Please make sure Native Americans with roots in Natick are consulted on the design of the new park, and ask if they wish to be present during dam removal.**

**Will there be a comprehensive web page or other resource to ensure maximum public visibility?**

**What boards or commissions will have jurisdiction over this project? And over the river post removal/restoration?**





