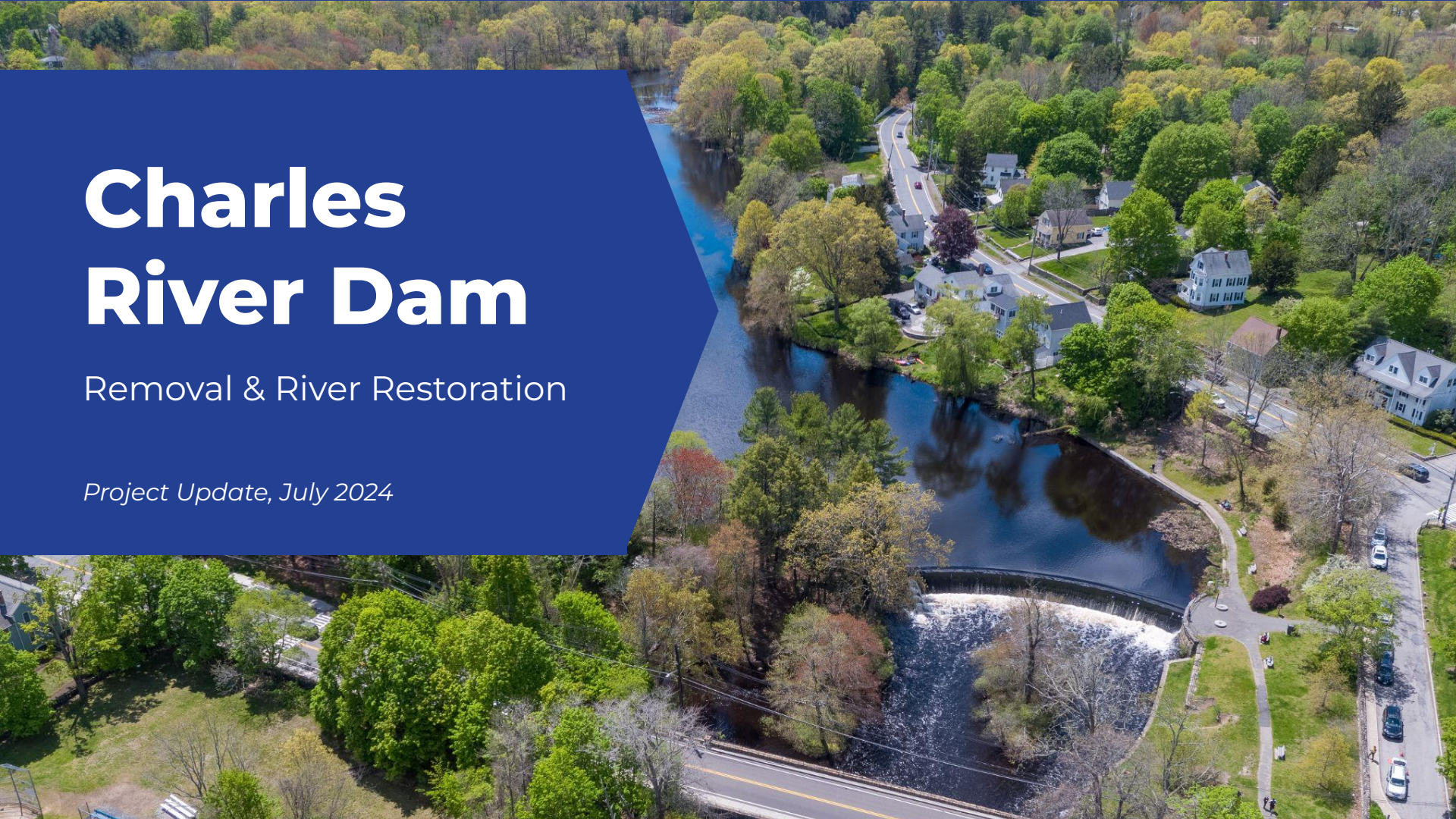


Charles River Dam

Removal & River Restoration

Project Update, July 2024



Work Streams



**Safety &
Compliance**

Public Works



**Removal & River
Restoration**

Public Works



**Riverfront Park
Improvements**

Recreation & Parks



Safety & Compliance

- ✓ Twice-year inspections
- ✓ Buoy/signage

Update to Emergency Action Plan (in progress)



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Design & Environmental Permitting for the Removal of the Charles River Dam

 **Field Data Collection**

1. Partner outreach
2. Wetland delineation



 **Engineering Analysis**

1. Hydraulic & hydrologic analysis
2. Fish passage evaluation



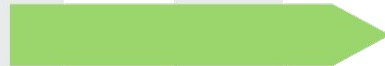
 **30% Design**



 **60% Design and Report**



 **MA Environmental Policy Act Review**



 **Final Design & Permit Applications**

1. Office of Dam Safety (Chapter 253)
2. Mass DEP / Natick Cons. Comm.
3. 401/ Chapter 91



FOLLOW THE PROJECT

IN PROGRESS

 On schedule

 <3 month delay

 >3 month delay

COMPLETE

FUTURE WORK

Funded by the MA Dam & Seawall Program



Removal & River Restoration

Ahead of schedule

MEPA completion anticipated in Fall '24

Updates posted at:
natickma.gov/crdam

Next Steps

MEPA Process

Permitting

- 05/08/2024
Expanded Environmental Notification Form (EENF) Published
- 06/14/2024
EENF Certificate Received,
Requires Single Environmental Impact Report (SEIR)
- Fall 2024
Submit SEIR and Receive Certificate to Proceed
- DCR, Dam Safety Permit
- MassDEP, 401 Water Quality Certification
- MassDEP, Chapter 91 Permit
- U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Section 404
- Natick Conservation Commission, Wetlands Protection Act and Local Bylaw