

Municipal Dam Removals



Public Safety

Unsafe dams, downstream residents, bridge and culvert crossings.



Financial Benefits

Inspections, maintenance, infrastructure, utilities (sewer, water, stormwater)



Ecological Benefits

Connectivity, water quality, resiliency.

A large school of herring is swimming in a stream. The fish are silvery with a dark stripe along their sides. In the background, a dam is visible, partially obscured by green vegetation and trees. The water is clear, and the overall scene is bright and natural.

5 dams removed on historic stream
since 2001

Cost benefit sharing for 4 new bridges
and culverts – NOAA and USFWS

Herring run population from 30,000 to
235,000 fish

Dam Removals: A Common Practice in Plymouth, Massachusetts



13 dams removed



7 new bridges and culverts installed-



Thousands of linear feet of new water and sewer lines



Improved water quality



Resilient streams for fish and wildlife and people