

PUFFER'S POND IMPROVEMENTS - AMHERST, MA



ABOUT THE PROPOSED PROJECT

- Located at Puffer's Pond (also referred to as Factory Hollow Pond); an impoundment in Cushman Brook
- Puffer's Pond is a vital community resource, heavily used as a public amenity, and serves as a regional destination and critical summertime cooling center

PROJECT GOALS

- Address structural deficiencies in the existing dam and dike
- Create a more accessible and safe destination for all to enjoy
- Restore, protect, and enhance ecologically sensitive areas of the pond

PROPOSED IMPROVEMENTS

- Dam and dike repairs
 - Trail and beach upgrades
 - Installation of boardwalks
 - Viewing platforms
- Improvements to parking, traffic safety, and ADA accessibility
- Restoration
 - Removal of excess sediment accumulation
 - Wetland enhancement

BENEFITS TO THE COMMUNITY

- Improved public safety and environmental conditions
- Improved water quality
- Reduced flood risk, protecting downstream communities
- Improved aesthetics
- Improved and additional access to recreational opportunities, and promoting positive mental and physical health through equitable access to nature



Image is for conceptual purposes only.

1. Trail restoration
2. Pavilion
3. Replenish beach and install kayak and canoe slide
4. Excess sediment removal
5. Replenish beach and install new comfort station
6. Accessible pond access and trail with stone seating
7. Viewing platform and dock area
8. Dike repairs
9. Parking and drop off area
10. Dam repairs

Project Website

<https://www.amherstma.gov/3897/Puffers-Pond-Restoration-Project>

Public Feedback Form

<https://www.amherstma.gov/FormCenter/Conservation-Commission-41/Public-Feedback-Puffers-Pond-Restoration-226>

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