

We've come this far together, but we aren't there yet. Please help us cross the finish line!

Over the years, fixing the dam ballooned to a \$1.2 million dollar project. Our funding sources include:

- \$450,000 bond approved by the voters of Calais
- \$100,000 in federal ARPA funds
- \$450,000 in private donations
- \$200,000 private loan to the CPA

The Town of Calais and the Curtis Pond Association owe a debt of gratitude to all Calais voters and our more than 500 individual donors!

The final \$200,000 in funding came as a private loan to the Curtis Pond Association from two generous local families.

To learn more about the project, past and future, please visit Marge Sweeney and John Rosenblum at the CPA table. There, you can also make a one-time donation, or better yet, become a monthly sustaining member to help the CPA service its loan.



**Please help us repay
this loan by
donating today!
www.curtispond.org**

Curtis Pond Dam Rehabilitation Ground Breaking Ceremony



July 2, 2024 at 4:00 pm

Speakers List:

Geof Hewitt - Maple Corner Poet Laureate

Colleen Bloom - CPA President

Marc Mihaly - State Representative

Jamie Moorby - Calais Selectboard

Beth Stern - Bernie Sanders' Office

Charles Johnston - Dubois & King

Larry Hebert - Hebert Construction

Don Heise - Community Member

Lewis Franco - Community Member

Curtis Pond Association - Ribbon Cutting!

25 Years in the making!

The Curtis Pond Dam has been rated as a significant hazard and in poor condition for over 20 years. Over those decades, dozens of dedicated residents and elected officials have made every effort to reconstruct the dam and preserve Curtis Pond as a natural resource for generations to come.

We've finally succeeded!

There has been a dam at this location since around 1813, when Marshall Mower built both the Curtis Pond Dam and the Maple Corner Dam to power a grain mill, then located behind the store.

Ever since, Curtis Pond has been maintained as a recreational resource to which people from all over the state come to swim, boat, fish, ice skate, birdwatch and more.

In 2017 local residents formed the Curtis Pond Association. By 2019, it had become clear we were fast approaching a "now or never" moment wherein we ran a real risk of losing Curtis Pond forever, as we nearly did in the 2023 flood. Since then, a tireless community effort has secured \$1.2 million in funding and put in place a plan to rebuild the dam and ensure Curtis Pond is secure for another century and beyond.

We are overjoyed to be gathered together today in celebration of our communal success and the beginning of the Curtis Pond Dam reconstruction.

What to Expect this Summer?

Construction will last from now until October.

Hebert Construction will continue staging materials through July 15th when they begin building the Coffey Dam. Dewatering of the cove should begin about a week later and last several days. The remainder of July will be dedicated to removing muck and loose ledge from the cove in order to expose solid bedrock on which to pour the footing. We expect the concrete work to take most of August, and the finishing touches and site cleanup to continue through the end of September.

Hebert Construction will use two large water pumps to maintain the water level in the remainder of the pond at an average seasonal low water level. We don't anticipate this having any significant impact on our collective enjoyment of the pond this summer.

Camp Road will remain open throughout construction, though there will be slight delays as construction equipment is moved and concrete is poured.

PLEASE be respectful of the construction site, equipment, and personnel and stay out of the area at all times.

Learn more, donate to the cause, & watch LIVE construction footage at www.curtispond.org