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Commonwealth of Massachusetts
Department of Conservation and Recreation
Office of Dam Safety-Inspections Unit
180 Beaman Street
West Boylston, MA 01583

RE: Follow-up Inspection
Saw Mill Pond Dam MA00098
Brookfield, MA

To: Office of Dam Safety:

Fuss & O'Neill, Inc. has completed the Follow-up Inspection for Saw Mill Pond Dam as required by the Dam Safety Regulations and the Dam Safety Order. The inspection was performed on January 11, 2012. Our Follow-up assessment of the dam indicates the overall condition of the dam to be in Poor Condition.

The Follow-up Inspection Form describing the current condition and deficiencies of the dam is attached. Please contact us, if you have any questions regarding this report.

Sincerely,

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Attachment: Follow-up Inspection Form
Locus Map
Site Sketch
Photographs

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New York
Rhode Island
South Carolina

**Commonwealth of Massachusetts
Department of Conservation and Recreation
Office of Dam Safety Poor Condition Dam
Follow-up Inspection Form**

Dam Name: Saw Mill Pond Dam

Dam Owner: Town of Brookfield

Nat. ID Number: MA00098

Hazard Potential: Significant

Location of Dam (town): Brookfield

Coordinate location (lat, long): 42d 11' 54" N, 72d 06' 07" W

Date of Inspection: 1/11/12

Weather: Overcast, 30 degrees F

I. Previous Inspection date/Overall Condition:

- The dam was found to be in Poor Condition at the time of the previous Phase I Inspection performed on July 20, 2010.

II. Previous Inspection Deficiencies

- The deficiencies identified in that report included the following:
 - a) Ability of spillway to pass the design (100-year) flood is unknown.
 - b) No visible low-level outlet control.
 - c) Debris collecting on spillway.
 - d) Severe deterioration of the visible portion of the low-level outlet pipe.
 - e) Dense vegetation, steep slopes, and evidence of sloughing/scour on the downstream face and right abutment of the dam.
 - f) Deteriorated downstream stone masonry wall, including formation of cracks and undermining of the toe.
 - g) Vegetation growing from cracks in the upstream stone masonry walls.
 - h) Sinkhole on the crest of the dam over a deteriorated road drainage CMP (Road drainage Corrugated Metal Pipes (CMPs) are located within the dam embankment).
 - i) Minor downstream toe seepage; seepage through weep holes in the bridge abutment.
- **Overall Condition of Dam at the Time of the Current Follow-up Inspection:**

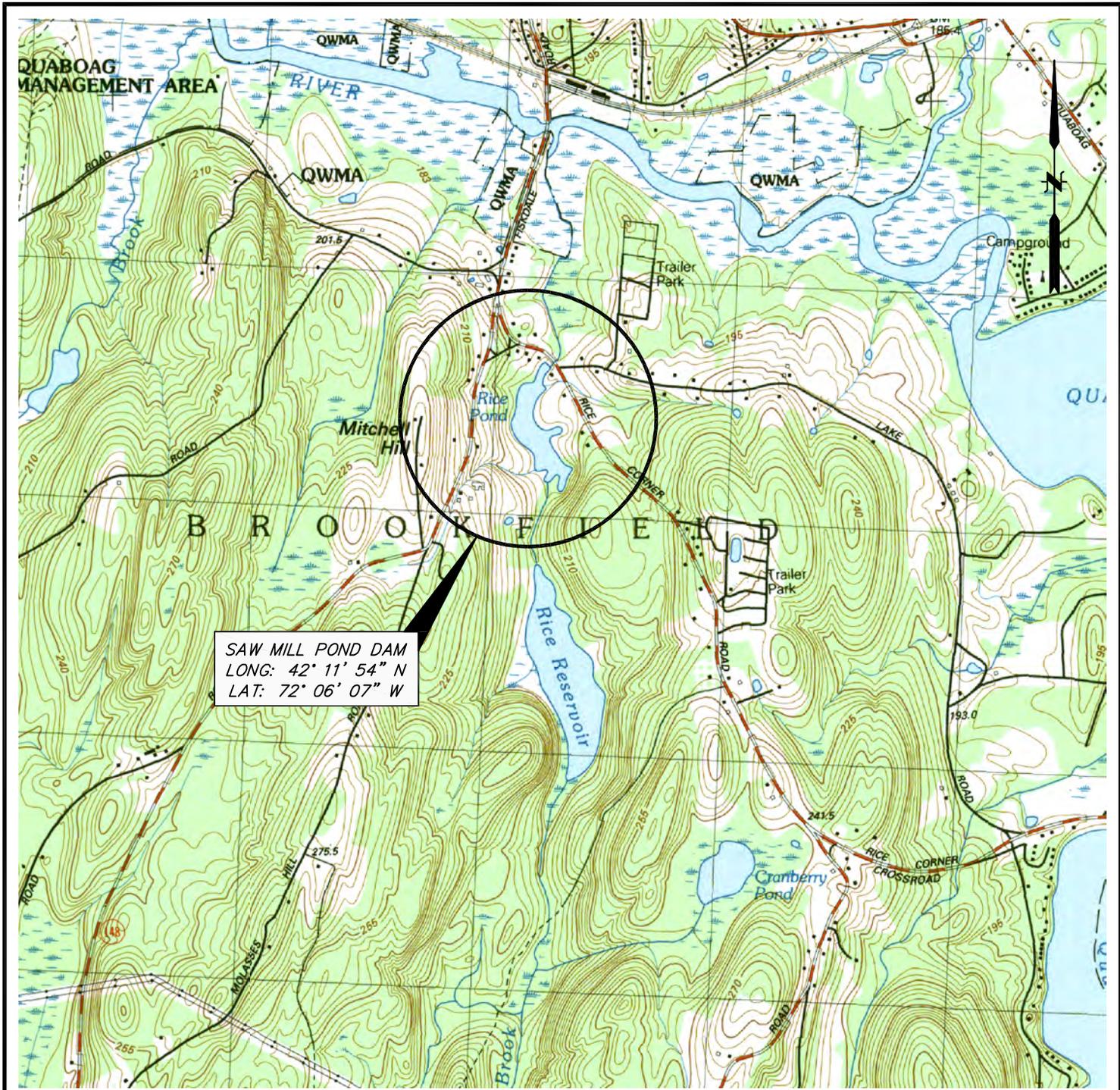
The current condition of the dam remains Poor. Current conditions that contribute to a Poor condition rating are as follows:

 - a. Trees, woody vegetation on dam and abutments.
 - b. Low level outlet pipe severely deteriorated.
 - c. Downstream masonry wall missing base stones.
 - d. Sinkhole with soil loss from the dam embankment above CMP pipe in dam.
 - e. Erosion of downstream right channel.

- **Comparison of Current Conditions to Conditions Listed in Previous Phase I Inspection Report:**
The dam appears to be the same as previously inspected.
- **Dam Safety Orders:**
Certificate of Non-Compliance and Dam Safety Order dated December 1, 2011 issued by the Massachusetts DCR Office of Dam Safety.
- **Maintenance:**
No maintenance has been performed to date. The Town has recently created a maintenance plan for the dam.
- **Recommendations:**
 - Assess the adequacy of the spillway to safely convey the spillway design flood.
 - A detailed structural stability analysis should be performed for the embankment and non-embankment portions of this Dam.
 - Remove road drainage CMPs from the dam embankment and repair sinkhole.
 - Replace the low-level outlet.
 - Remove woody vegetation from dam embankment and the downstream area within 20 feet of the dam toe.
 - Remove trees and vegetation from upstream stone masonry walls.
 - Re-grade portions of the embankment crest where undulations are present.
 - Establish vegetative cover in bare areas.
- **Other Comments or Observations:**
On site conversation with Town officials indicates they will be selecting a consultant to perform a Phase II investigation in the near future.
- **Updated Site Sketch with Photo Locations:**
An updated site sketch with photo locations is attached.
- **Updated Photos:**
Updated photographs of the dam are attached.
- **Copy of Locus Map from Phase I Report:**
A Locus Map is attached
- Other applicable attachment: None.



FIGURES



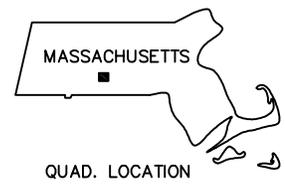
SAW MILL POND DAM
 LONG: 42° 11' 54" N
 LAT: 72° 06' 07" W

IMAGE REFERENCE:

THIS MAP WAS PREPARED FROM USGS TOPOGRAPHIC MAPPING OBTAINED FROM THE OFFICE OF GEOGRAPHIC AND ENVIRONMENTAL INFORMATION (MASSGIS), COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS.

TOPOGRAPHIC 7.5 X 15 MIN. SERIES, EAST BROOKFIELD, MA QUADRANGLE, 1979

CONTOUR INTERVAL: 3 METERS



QUAD. LOCATION

SCALE:	HORZ.: 1" = 2000'
	VERT.:
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	VERT.: NGVD
GRAPHIC SCALE	

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 SAW MILL POND DAM (NAT. ID # MA00098)

BROOKFIELD MASSACHUSETTS

PROJ. No.: 20100674.A10
 DATE: JULY 2010

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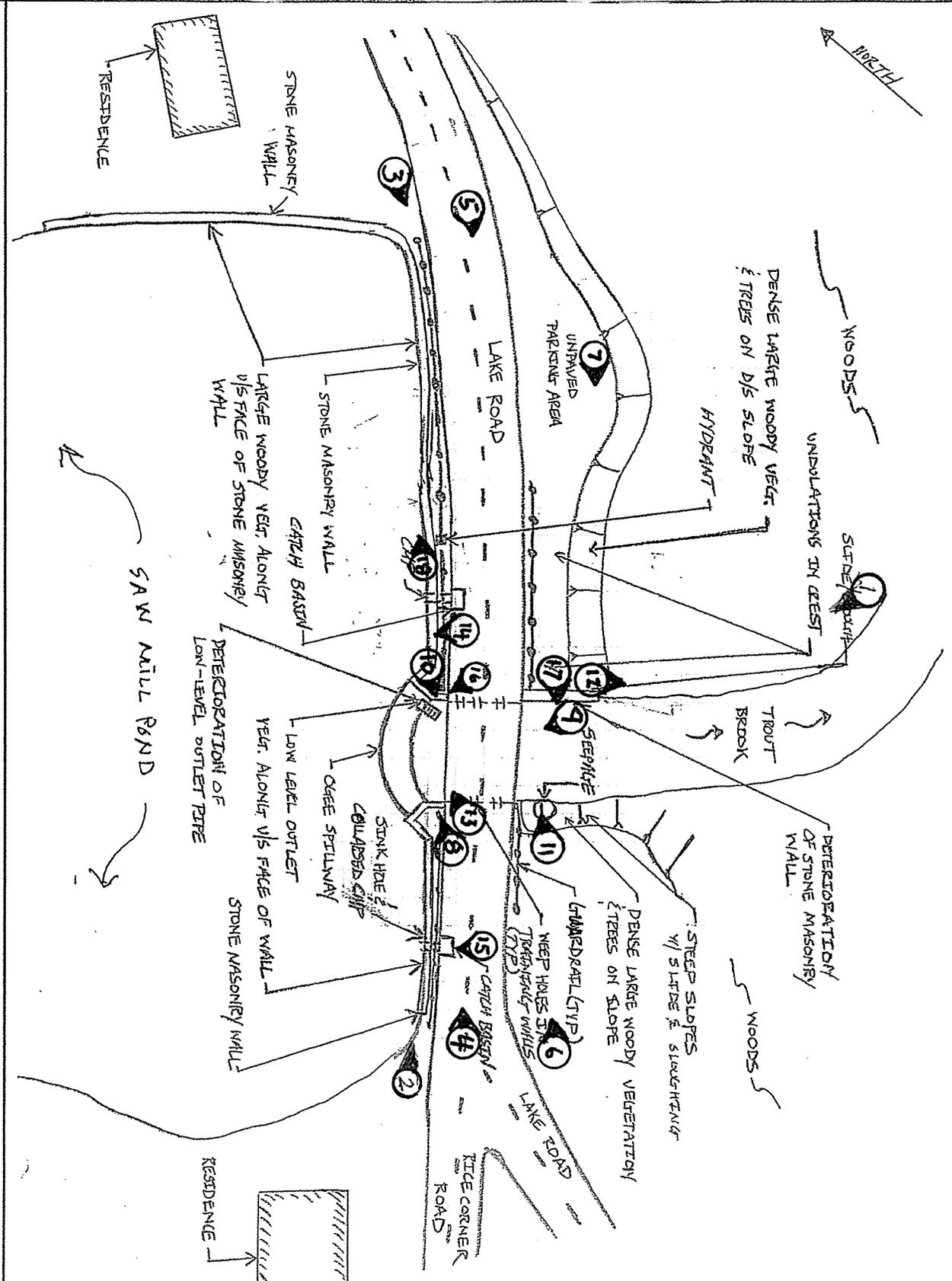
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SAW MILL POND DAM -





PHOTOGRAPHS



Photo 1: Overview of dam from downstream



Photo 2: Overview of upstream face from right abutment



Photo 3: Overview of upstream face from left abutment



Photo 4: Overview of dam crest from right abutment



Photo 5: Overview of dam crest from left abutment



Photo 6: Overview of downstream face from right abutment



Photo 7: Overview of downstream face from left abutment



Photo 8: Overview of spillway from upstream



Photo 9: Overview of spillway from downstream (tailrace or channel area)



Photo 10: Overview of right training wall



Photo 11: Overview of left training wall-voids at base, trees on abutment



Photo 12: Overview of downstream channel



Photo 13: Outlet inlets and discharge points



Photo 14: Overview of reservoir



Photo 15: Areas of specific deficiencies-Sinkhole over CMP



Photo 16: Areas of specific deficiencies-Low level outlet pipe rusted through



Photo 17: Areas of specific deficiencies-Trees, erosion on right embankment



Photo 18: Areas of specific deficiencies-Trees growing from wall