

PUBLIC SAFETY

- Most dams have multiple benefits:
 - Recreation, hydropower, irrigation, water supply, fish & wildlife conservation, Sea Lamprey barrier, etc.
- However, safety is of the highest importance no matter what the purpose.
- Low head dams are naturally dangerous because of their strong turbulence and recirculating currents.
 - Remember: **“Keep your distance, keep your life”**
- The 6th street dam, originally built in 1866, will eventually need to be replaced and a means to prevent Sea Lamprey is critical.
- Ecosystem restoration and invasive species control is the priority, but there may be an opportunity to provide recreational features along the Grand River.

