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.