

Johnson's Pond Ownership

After repairs, MAR 2024

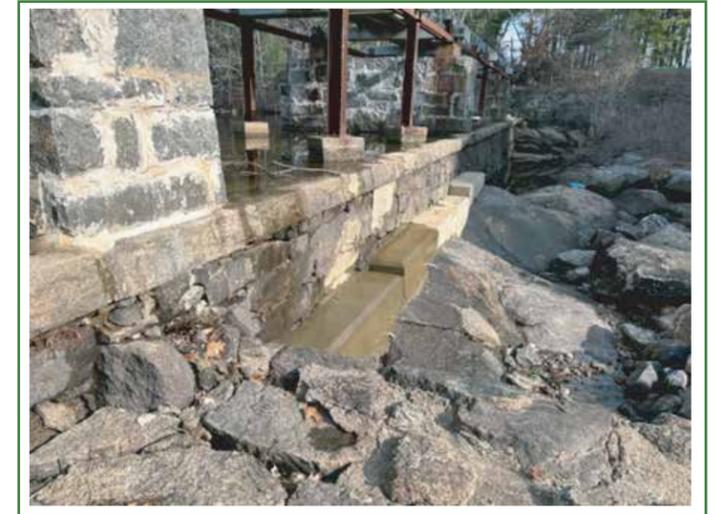
MAY 7, 2024

Coventry Redevelopment Agency (RDA) Created

Assist in neighborhood and commercial revitalization and **improve conditions at Johnson's Pond to support its long-term stability and public use** through coordinated redevelopment, consistent with Title 45, Chapters 31-33 of the Rhode Island General Laws

Town Council Approves RDA Funding

Town Council approved a one-time funding payment to the RDA of \$455,000 through the **federally funded** American Rescue Plan Act for fiscal year 2025



Repairing the Dam

Engineering designs, construction repairs and inspections performed at Dam by GZA, RI DEM, and the Town

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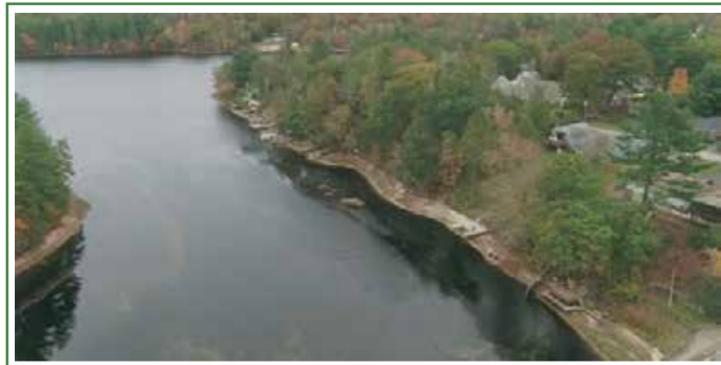
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Private Ownership

Pond is privately owned by Soscia Holdings

Water level drawdowns were not consistent with lease agreement. **Seasonal water-level management supported recreation**, primarily, during months of May through September of each year

Adoption of Resolution No. 2024-42 - Ruling on Condemnation

Town Council adopted Resolution No. 2024-42, allowing the condemnation of Johnson's Pond, "to ensure public safety, and to **provide recreational access** to the public." **Judge ruled in favor of Town ownership of the Dam and Pond**

Adoption of Resolution No. 2024-98 - Transferred Redevelopment Rights

Town Council adopted Resolution 2024-98 transferring the redevelopment rights of the pond, property, dam and dam structures of Johnson's Pond, to **create a public benefit** for Town residents in accordance with Town of Code of Ordinances, Part II, Section 187-4

NOV 12, 2024

Adoption of Resolution No. 2024-03 - Acquisition Actions

Town Council adopted Resolution No. 2024-03 to **acquire by purchase or condemnation** of the dam, dam structures, Pond, and associated property at Johnson's Pond

Ordinance states the Town, "...shall create a public benefit for Town residents by redeveloping the Pond for public use that shall include, but not be limited to, expanded public access, boat ramps, parking, facilities, and the like for public recreation and use"