



Application for DNR River Programs Dam-mitigation Technical Assistance

Many low-head dams have deteriorated and need to be sensibly decommissioned or stabilized in some way. Others were built for functions that are simply no longer needed, or are too hazardous to maintain. Iowa DNR provides technical assistance to dam owners and managers willing to mitigate hazards and fish movement blockages on major rivers throughout Iowa. The type of assistance ranges from developing and / or installing warning signage systems; to assisting with development of appropriate / locally acceptable dam mitigation concepts; to restoration design assistance for certain types of projects. Physical mitigation concepts are described in the [Chapter 4 of Iowa's 2010 Statewide Plan for Dam Mitigation](#). Minimum watershed size prioritized under DNR's dam mitigation plan is 25 square miles for urban areas and 50 square miles for rural streams. Request the watershed size at your dam if you are unsure. Applications are taking on a rolling basis. Your application will be added to a queue, and prioritized according to our staffing resources, local commitment, and priorities described in [Chapter 5 of Iowa's 2010 Statewide Plan for Dam Mitigation](#).

Applicant organization name: _____

Application date: _____

Applicant contact name / title: _____

Phone #: _____ **E-mail:** _____

Mailing address, City, State, Zip: _____

County: _____ **Name of dam:** _____

River Name: _____

Dam location description: _____

- 1. Please list all entities with ownership of dam and/or construction access to dam. List address, phone, and e-mail contact for each entity if different from above.**
- 2. Please describe problems at the site for which you need assistance.**
- 3. Please describe possible solutions you believe may help.**
- 4. Who would you identify as having an interest in the future of the dam? (i.e., anglers, homeowners, water utility, etc.) What controversies do you expect?**



5. Please describe any input those interested parties have had in discussion about possible mitigation of the dam?
6. What local resources are available to help develop a project (communication, education, project management, engineering review, staff or volunteers to write grants or other fundraising, equipment, etc.)?
7. What services are you requesting? (i.e. – Dam warning sign system design and installation; education / listening event assistance to gather stakeholder ideas; survey; concept development, restoration or mitigation design assistance; developing RFP, funding source identification, project management, and permitting / compliance assistance)
8. How likely is it that you will pursue a project resulting from this assistance? (circle one)

{Low 1 2 3 4 5 High}

Local owner or authorized agent signature:

Local owner or authorized agent signature (signatures of additional owners of dam or construction access):

Mail signed application to:

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You will receive an initial contact within two weeks of receiving your application submission.