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FYI, found this notice on another site. A good thing IMO, especially the stream enhancements that go along with the dam removal.

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Saucon Park Dam Removal

Elm, PA – It has been several years in the making but a dam on Saucon Creek in Northampton County is set to be removed. Work on the Saucon Park Dam located in Hellertown, may begin as early as this week. The dam which is located on Saucon Creek is a tributary of the Lehigh River.

The funding for this project came from two grants that were received. The 1st from American Rivers through their NOAA Community-Based Restoration Program Partnership Grant in the amount of \$25,000. The 2nd is from DEP's Growing Greener Funding in the amount of \$64,000.

The dam is owned by the City of Bethlehem and is being removed to avoid liability and maintenance issues due to flooding. Project partners include the Pennsylvania Fish & Boat Commission, URS Corporation, Urban Research and Development Corporation, Northampton County Sportsmen's Clubs, Northampton County Conservation District, and Wildlands Conservancy.

In addition to the dam removal, there will be 800 plus feet of stream bank stabilization work completed using devices such as a J-hook rock vane and rootwads."