

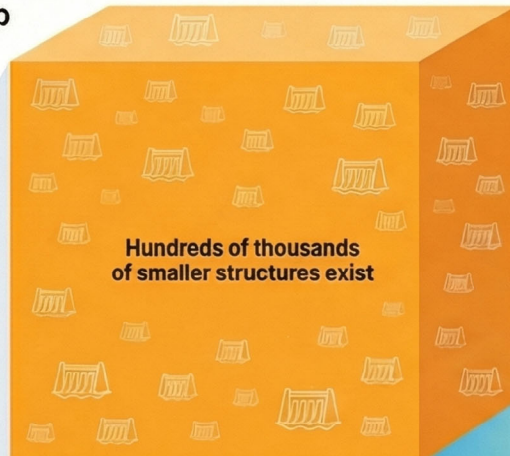
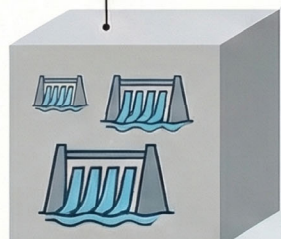
Hidden Dams: The “Invisible” Liability for Homeowners

The Scale of the Hidden Problem

The National Inventory Gap

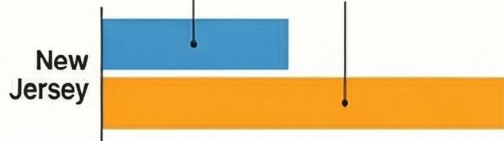
While the U.S. tracks 90,000 major dams...

National Inventory (NID):
~90,000 major dams



Regulatory Discrepancies

■ National Inventory (NID): ~830 Dams
■ State Regulated (NJDEP): ~1,745 Dams



In New Jersey, state-regulated dams nearly double those listed in national databases.

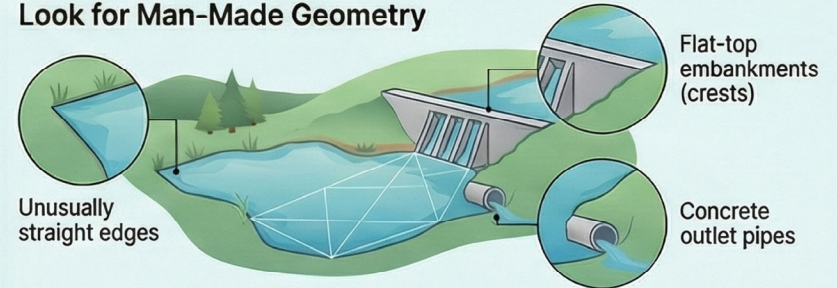


The Ownership Trap

Homeowners may unknowingly inherit responsibility for dam maintenance, vegetation control, and safety inspections.

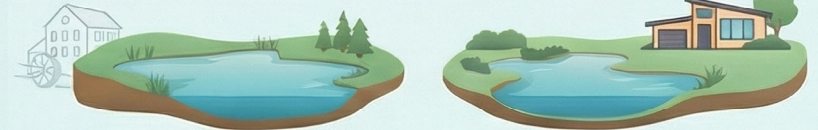
Field Guide: How to Spot a Hidden Dam

Look for Man-Made Geometry



The “Natural” Pond Illusion

Many scenic ponds are actually embankments built for 19th-century mills or mid-century landscaping.



19th-Century Mill Embankment

Mid-Century Landscaping

Check Downstream Red Flags

