

# The Case to be made for Reinvesting in America's Watershed Dams



**Huge, gaping gullies ripped the landscape 40 and 50 years ago.**

**Watershed dams stopped the gullies and flooding.**



**Over time, the dams filled with sediment from eroding lands.**

**Without cleanout, building a higher dam, or other action, the dams could fail and result in a gully once again.**



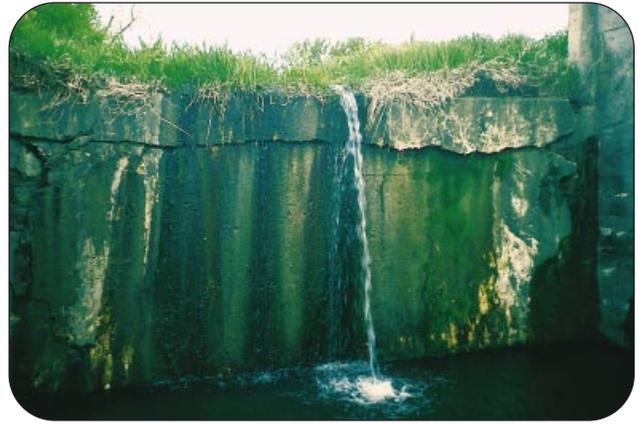
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*This dramatization taken from an actual site in western Iowa. See back side for photos of common problems with aging watershed dams.*

# Dam Problems



**FILLING WITH SEDIMENT**



**CRACKED, FAILING CONCRETE**



**SLIDING, SLOUGHING EARTH**



**FAILED SPILLWAYS**



**NEW GULLIES IN FILLED DAMS**



**SAFETY HAZARDS, MORE PEOPLE**

*America's aging watershed dams are facing these problems and more. It's time to reinvest and rebuild those with the most serious problems.*