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<b>Title</b>	<i>How much should my dam removal cost?</i>
<b>Abstract</b>	Dam removal has become a popular river restoration tool in the mid-Atlantic. Still, despite the increasing frequency of projects taking place, many project managers and dam owners are unsure how to create a budget, what their costs might be and how to find experienced consultants. In our role as project manager, river restoration funder, technical advisor or dam removal advocate, American Rivers has reviewed budgets for projects across Pennsylvania, Maryland, New Jersey, New York, Delaware and Virginia. We will provide specific information on costs for average projects across the region based on our management experience and general information on the costs of common dam removal tasks, such as surveying, permitting, etc. The purpose of this talk is to provide information and advice to novice dam removal project managers who are eager to make a change in their watershed, but have been stuck at square one