

Economic Benefits of the **Calkins Bridge Dam** on the **Kalamazoo River**

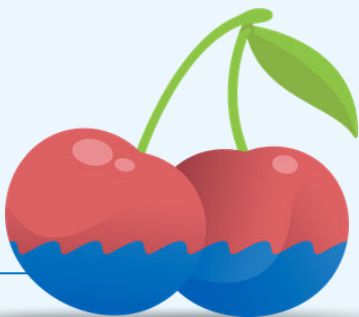
Consumers Energy owns and operates **one hydroelectric dam** on the Kalamazoo River



Calkins Bridge Dam

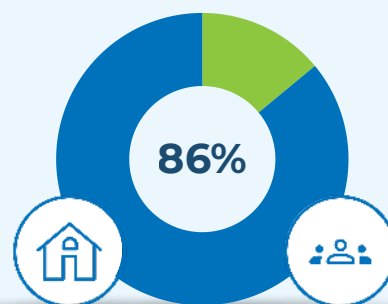
Capacity (MWs): **2.6** | Average MW/Day: **1.5**

33%



The impoundment created by this dam, Lake Allegan, covers around **1,700 acres**, which is almost **1/3 the size of Traverse City**.

86%



86% of people who own or rent property near Lake Allegan want the dam to be relicensed and for plant operations to continue.

Employment



The Calkins Bridge Dam and its impoundment supports **60 jobs** in the region.



After all taxes, expenses, and costs are deducted, those jobs generate **\$2.0M in take-home pay and \$3.3M in business profits** for the region's economy each year.

Recreation



94% of people who own or rent property near Lake Allegan say they rely on the dam and impoundment for recreation.



97% said they would use the river and surrounding land less for recreation if the dam were removed.



The dam and its impoundment attracts more than **17,700 visits per year**.



Recreation fuels **\$858,800 in annual tax revenue**.
Local: **\$198,800**
County: **\$55,900**
State: **\$355,500**
Federal: **\$248,500**

Properties

\$69,000

Property taxes paid by Consumers Energy in 2024 for property associated with the Calkins Bridge Dam.

The Waterfront Premium

The **461 residential properties** bordering Lake Allegan are **valued \$62,600 higher** on average than neighboring properties.

\$1.5M

In extra annual tax revenue for local governments driven by waterfront property premium.

To view the full property owner survey results and economic contribution studies, go to consumersenergy.com/hydrofuture