

Dam Safety History

Mt. Vernon City staff should have been aware of the importance of authorizing development in the area of, and particularly below, the Knox Cattle Dam.

- 1963 – Ohio Department of Natural Resources – Dam Safety program initiated
- 1969 – Several Ohio dam failures led to revised law requiring periodic dam inspections
- 1972 – Buffalo Creek Dam, WV fails 125 dead
- 1972 – National Dam Inspection Act
- 1970s – Knox Cattle Dam regulation began in mid-1970s per Mayor Mavis' August 5, 2019 letter to Landings Property Owners
- 1976 – Teton Dam, ID fails 14 dead
- 1977 – Kelly Barnes Dam, GA fails 39 dead
- 1980s – Various acts passed and programs initiated
- 1983 – Association of Dam Safety Organizations forms
- 1996 – National Dam Safety Act
- 1998 – FEMA launches Model Dam Safety Program