Construction (Cost) includes; moving dirt, engineering, legal, land acquisition, and environmental impact statements. Dams require intensive construction and have far reaching impact on river ecosystems.

Destroy prime farm land (Cost)
Eliminates agricultural land and stops fresh sediment from collecting downstream.
Destroy wildlife habitat (Cost)
Dams prevent fish from reaching upstream spawning and nursery habitat. Eliminate wet lands. Degrade stream habitat. Alter river flows and decrease water quantity and quality downstream affecting aquatic animals.

Displace people (Cost)
Dams can cause millions of people to relocate.
Destroy or disrupt transportation arteries (Cost) (highways, Interstates, railroads)
Dams flood cities, roads, and infrastructure that will need to be replaced. New routes may require new bridges.

Increase sedimentation (silt, sand, gravel)
Dams hold back sediment filling the reservoir and creating removal costs. Nutrient rich sediment is blocked from enriching areas below the dam.