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- I want to show some applications of this concept.


## Valuing the Benefit of a Project

- The Government builds a new dam, creating a new lake. What are the recreational benefits from this lake?
- We can analyze this with consumer surplus

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- Should it be expanded to 300,000 ?
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So what are the Costs? $00-$
Gain $=\frac{1}{2} B H=\frac{1}{2}(100,000)(\$ 3.33)=\$ 166,667$


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