From:	Jim Cauley
To:	DNR ESTABROOK
Subject:	Estabrook Dam
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Dear Wisconsin DNR,

My wife and I favor the removal of the Estabrook dam for many reasons.
We enjoy canoeing on the Milwaukee River, but currently we are not able to canoe from Kletsch park downstream due to two dams - the Estabrook and Kletzch park dams. (We do canoe from Grafton to Thiensville and from Thiensville to Kletzch, as well as from Shorewood to Lake Michigan.

Removal is much more prudent than repairs that will only last 20 years before more major work must be done.
Removal will improve water quality.
Removal will improve fish habitat and the diversity of fish species that are present in the river. (The proposed repair with a fish passage will not work during much of the year.)
Removal will reduce flood risk upstream from the dam.
Removal will reduce public safety risk downstream.

The private property owners on the river above the dam should not be able to force the public to fund the rebuilding of the dam just so they can have their own lake to play in when there are many more compelling interests in favor of removal.

Thank you for considering our thoughts.
Jim Cauley & Brenda Andrews