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My name is Carol Raasch and I live at 1125 W. Riverview Dr., Glendale 53209. I do not live on the river, as I am across the street from the houses that do. However, I do have the dubious honor of being declared 100 yr flood plain - which results in a huge financial burden, without the benefits.
But that is not my main point.

I listened to the arguments for rebuilding the dam at the recent hearing, and found them quite interesting. All the proponents for rebuilding only seemed to care about their own personal situation, and the loss of 'their lake'. However, the proponents for removal seemed to care more about the environment and the health of the river.

I walk along the river in Kletzsch Park or Lincoln Park almost daily, rain or shine, summer and winter. And, contrary to statements from dam rebuilding proponents, the critter population is alive and well. I listen to the bullfrogs croaking, I enjoy the song of the spring peepers, I see turtles sunning themselves. I had a wonderful experience last year - as I was walking along the rivers edge in Kletzsch Park,I looked down and saw frogs, literally hundreds, and they were mating! I certainly learned a whole lot about frog reproduction that day! I also enjoy watching the herons fishing (probably on some of those newly hatched froglets!), and listening to the various owls with their unique calls. And of course, also abundant are other wildlife - possums, muskrats, other critters I can't identify, and also the requisite deer and coyotes. The wild population is alive and well along and in the river! And if it is like that now, just think what it could be with the removal of the dam.

Please, let the river return to being what it is best at - being a river.

Thank you,

Carol Raasch