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To: DNR ESTABROOK
Subject: I Support REMOVING the Estabrook Dam
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Good afternoon Kristina Betzold,

I am writing to you to express my opinion about the Estabrook dam. I **SUPPORT** the recommendation by the Milwaukee County Parks to **REMOVE** the Estabrook Dam. Not only does repairing the dam cost twice as much as the removal but the repair would have negative environmental impacts on the river, the surrounding riparian lands, and the wildlife. Removing the dam will restore the natural flow to the river improving water quality, increase and improve habitat opportunities for fish, mussels, and other aquatic species, and reduce flooding. Removing the dam will remove the amount of debris and sediment loading behind the dam. Removing the dam will not limit recreation on the river to just a few residents with riverfront property in Glendale; but, instead increase recreation opportunities such as paddling, hiking, and fishing to ALL the residents of Milwaukee County. I will be incredibly disappointed as a tax payer if my hard earned money goes towards the repair of structure that creates an impoundment that compromises the health of my local watershed. Thank you for allowing me to express my opinion in favor of **REMOVING** the Estabrook Dam.

Have a great Day!

Joanna Demas

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