From: John December
To: DNR ESTABROOK
Subject: DNR Must Consider Removing the Estabrook Dam
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Kristina Betzold,

I'm writing to ask that you recommend removing the Estabrook Dam located on the Milwaukee River in Glendale. The Dam is a serious hazard to water quality, natural resources, and safety.

The people opposing removing the Estabrook Dam have a conflict of interest--they seek public funds to prop up their property prices. It is not right for private landowners to demand public funds to pay for a structure with a proven failure history with the goal of propping up the perceived value of their own property.

The County has a failed history of maintaining and operating this dam, and the stakes get higher as the dam continues to age and degrade. This Dam's failure could lead to serious results and liability if this negligence results in tragic injury or death to anyone or damage to other property.

Without considering dam removal as a viable alternative, the DNR is not doing their duty to protect our natural resources and make informed management decisions that best protect the environment and the community.

Removing the Estabrook Dam would:
1) improve water quality in the Milwaukee River and Milwaukee Estuary,
2) improve fish passage and therefore recreational fishing opportunities,
3) reduce flood and safety risk,
4) save Milwaukee County residents at least more than $4 million over the next 20 years, and
5) remove a serious safety hazard.

Thank you,

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