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I attended the DNR public hearing on March 22, 2016. Thank you for providing this opportunity for concerned citizens to be heard.

I appreciated the comments of property owners who would like to see the dam repaired so they can enjoy many of the activities they have enjoyed in the past. However, I have also lived on waterways--I grew up near Lake Michigan; I have lived in Wausau near the Wisconsin River; I have lived in Shiocton on the Wolf River. I now live in Glendale near the Milwaukee River. I also want to enjoy water activities, but I don't expect that things must stay the same or return to past.

Today we view our unique Wisconsin environment in a different way. Instead of artificially trying to "improve" upon nature, we are finally seeing the value in letting nature take charge. I strongly support the removal of the dam in order to restore a more natural river ecosystem.

The Milwaukee Co. Park system has been dealing with budgetary challenges which have impacted the quality and quantity of services to our park facilities and services. It is a wasteful use of our scarce dollars to repair and maintain a dam when the benefits are limited. I would rather the money be spent on dam demolition and future development of riverwalks and other enhancements for the enjoyment of nature.

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