From: Annette Enters
To: DNR ESTABROOK
Subject: Comment Regarding the Estabrook Dam EIS
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Dear Ms. Betzold,

As you heard various times during the hearing on Tues., March 22, we also want to thank you and the other DNR representatives for considering our comments on this issue.

Our address is 5230 N. Milwaukee River Parkway, Milwaukee, 53209

We are in favor of the repair of the Estabrook Dam and support the EIS, including the fish ladder and winter drawdown.

Being riparians, of course, we benefit from the water level being higher. But there are many others who use Lincoln park for picnicking, hiking and biking. About 1 year after the drawdown in 2008, we noticed along the Oakleaf Trail in Lincoln Park, that weeds grew up because of the low water level and became as tall as trees, completely blocking the view of the water. What is the point of having a river right in the city if it cannot be enjoyed by the masses?

One other point, the riparians in Glendale who support dam removal site the threat of flooding. Has that been a problem during the decades that the dam has been in place? The only floods that we have seen have been since 2008. These were severe conditions which had nothing to do with the dam.

Thanks again for your time and attention to the Milwaukee River and Estabrook Dam.

Sincerely,

Mark and Annette Enters