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Hello,

After attending the recent EIS Public Hearing and reviewing the WDNR EIS, I feel that the following Alternatives listed in the EIS should not be considered as viable options to address the Estabrook Dam: Alternative 1, 5, and 6.

The Estabrook Dam is an unnecessary piece of infrastructure that is at the end of it's lifespan. I believe that complete removal of the dam is the best option. The current dam does not allow for proper fish spawning and migrating activities, nor does it allow for recreational navigability. It is simply an obstacle for both humans and wildlife. The only people who benefit from the repair or replacement of the dam are those who live upstream and utilize the "lake". The funny thing is that there happens to be a really big lake just east of Estabrook Park that has the capacity to take on . The North Avenue Dam was removed and that area now has more visitors than ever. To replace or repair the dam without fish passage would be a complete waste of taxpayer dollars. We need to bring the Milwaukee River back to a fully functional urban waterway and remove the eyesore that is Estabrook Dam. I feel it is incredibly unfair for the local residents of the "lake" upstream of the dam to ask the Milwaukee County residents to pay for a piece of infrastructure that is unnecessary and environmentally irresponsible. It will be a terrible disappointment if the WDNR and other governing bodies allowed for alternatives 1, 5 or 6 to be implemented. It would be an awful disservice to the Milwaukee County community members.
Thank you,

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