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How in the twenty-first century can you consider building a dam on a major river? A dam the serves no purpose and is not wanted by most of us who use the parks. It is time to remove the dam. The number of homes who would benefit from the pool is not justified by the cost of the dam.

I live next to Estabrook Park and Lincoln Park and often walk the trails. The impoundment pool will benefit a very small number of homes and only those homes, just as it did before 2008. On the park side of the river, there is little to no access to the pool. Those areas are almost inaccessible and seldom used. Even before 2008, when the dam gates were operational, very few people visited the pool. There are no picnic areas, no paved paths, and no fishing spots. There is a rough trail along side the river, but that trail is just as beautiful now as when the dam was operational. In fact, I see more wildlife and plants now than before.

Supervisor Lipscomb, and a few home owners, are the only people fighting for this dam. The rest of us want the river restored to it's natural state.