From: ehansen@wi.rr.com
To: DNR ESTABROOK
Subject: Comments on DNR DEIS for Estabrook Dam, Milwaukee Co.
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I am writing to support removal of the Estabrook Dam. The DNR's Draft Environmental Impact Statement should include that option and not only the option of rebuilding the dam.

I want a free flowing natural river -- a restoration similar to what happened when the North Avenue Dam was removed.

I've watched that restoration first hand. It has been 26 years since the North Ave. Dam came out - and the improvements are truly massive. Fish, birds and other wildlife are notable. Even more notable is the widespread use of the river corridor by citizens on multi use trails.

With the leadership of the Urban Ecology Center, the River Revitalization Foundation and other groups, many volunteers have helped to turn the old mud flats into well-enjoyed areas. I believe water quality will also be better when the Estabrook Dam is removed.

In addition I am a paddler as well as a fisherman - both activities that relate to a free flowing river - not an artificial lake constructed by a high maintenance dam.

Sincerely,

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