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Hello
I would like to submit comments regarding the status of the Estabrook Dam. I went to the Public Forum back on Mar 22 2016 to hear all thought on whether the dam sould be repaired or removed. I would like to state that I am in favor of removal of the dam permanently. There were no compelling reasons that benefited the whole city of Milwaukee to keep the dam in place. The ecological impact of keeping the dam and blocking natural flow is contradictory to the river's natural course and is a step backwards in reviving a severely damaged waterway. It also will allow for natural drainage of precipitation and reduce flooding risks in the area of the dam and upriver. Removal of the dam will also reduce financial strain to rebuild and then continue with annual maintenance, as well as reduce liability and risk to public safety.

The Milwaukee river is meant to flow freely, and not meant to be blocked just for the sake of enjoyment. That way of thinking stopped years ago. Why are we look backwards instead of forward? If people want to put a boat in a lake - there is a HUGE one due East of Milwaukee.

Look at all the recent dam removals across the nation, yet Milwaukee wishes to put one back in? That is not the way to make Milwaukee a better city for everyone.

Please remove the Estabrook Dam

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