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I am familiar with this project and am concerned that the benefits pale in comparison to the risks. Aside from the cost to operate and maintain the dam, which far outweigh the cost of removal, the ecological impacts should take priority over any recreational benefits provided to operating motorized watercraft in a small area. There is no shortage of motorized boating opportunities in this area and should be considered when looking at the total cost to provide convenience to a select few individuals.

I enjoy the Milwaukee River and have enjoyed the progress made in restoration. Let's see that progress continue. I am not a biologist, but common sense would have me believe that running water in a more natural environment makes for a healthier eco-system than pooled unnatural water.

Thanks,

Chris Laird

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