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Having attended the meeting at Glenn Hills School last night, I haven't changed my mind that the dam should be removed for financial benefit as well as to the benefit of of the river itself and the use of anglers and paddlers up and down the river.

However, I can sympathize with the loss the area home owners presented. No more boating, swimming, water skiing and bluegill fishing. Their reports of water levels so low that canoes can't
make it through the shallow water might be remedied with some channeling to allow passage...while the dam is being removed.

I have watched the fish passage at Theinsville, and while some fish find their way up stream, the numbers seem rather small to me. I worry that a passage at Estabrook will not allow the recently planted sturgeon or the pike or perch to may the trip. And if the salmon, steelhead and brown trout don't come up in big numbers, the angling from Grafton, Theinsville and Kletch Park will be decimated.

With a permanent dam, low water periods will likely lower the water levels downstream and negatively affect fishing and paddling below the falls through Hubbard Park, Riverside Park and on down river. This, too, will impact waterborne wildlife in those areas.

Dams are a very emotional issue for nearby residents who prefer to keep things as they were...even if saving them is financially and ecologically unsound.

Thank you,

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