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To: DNR ESTABROOK
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To DNR,

I have been waiting 7 long years for this issue to get resolved, it is nice to see we finally have a meeting we get to discuss the repairs of the dam. But wait, now we still have to spend time listening to more rhetoric on why the dam should be torn down, even after the county board has voted twice to go forward with repairs. How long is this going to continue. The only proof The DNR needs is looking at the condition of this impoundment area. No one can do any recreational activities in this area. Before the dam was shut down, we could boat, fish, water ski and look at the beautiful lake area we once had. Now all we have is a 12 inch river at best and most places have turned into disgusting mud flats. Where once I had water up to my sea wall, I now have 20 to 30 feet of exposed river bank that is infested with weeds and small trees and trash.
I have a vintage boat house that has been there for 50 years that has a pontoon boat in it that I cannot even get it to a boat landing because there is not enough water to get it out. I have spent 150 thousand dollars putting an addition on to my house that now looks out over a pathetic shallow useless river. I bought my house 28 years ago because I wanted to own river frontage property. This is gone. What price to you put on this loss?? I pay almost twice the property taxes my neighbors across the street because I am on this river.

The groups that want to remove this dam always stress this is the cheapest alternative for taxpayers. They are not taking into account any of the restoration of shorelines all up and down this impoundment, and what price to you put on loss of all recreation that once was so prevalent on this river. The people that use this river do not have the money to run commercials and pay for advertisements we are middle class homeowners and inner city people that enjoy Lincoln park. The DNR is suppose to protect people like us not listen to special interest groups that have no vested interest in the river and its future. I have lived on this river for over 25 years and I want to continue to live here. Before this issue I saw the river getting cleaner and more and more people using it for boating and fishing or just enjoying the view from the shoreline. Can you say the shape the river is in now is better?? None of these special interest groups have come down to my

property to see what I am dealing with and I have invited them countless times. When I go down and look at what this river has become I get so depressed and mad I cannot go in my back yard anymore.

Please continue with repair and protect the little guy on this issue. I will gladly have any DNR rep. over to my property . And by the way, I don't live in a Mansion like the Riverkeepers say in their adds, just a modest house that use to be on a lake impoundment in the heart of the city. This impoundment was created 85 years ago so people could enjoy an urban lake, please do the right thing and repair the dam and bring back this beautiful waterway.

Sincerely
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