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Although I attended the DNR's meeting on the Estabrook Dam, I did not speak. I would like it known that I am in favor of repairing the Estabrook Dam. I really don't understand why, after the Common Council had already voted to repair the Dam, there is so much waste of taxpayer's money rehashing the YES VOTE in favor of the dam. How many more times does another meeting or study have to be done?

I have lived on the river just up from the Dam for 20 years. When I moved here and the dam was functioning, there was a lot of wildlife bordering the river. I do NOT see that wildlife now. I could see fish jump. I no longer do. There were people using the river, having fun on the river. Now, nobody. In many places the river is now just too shallow for even a canoe. By the way, if someone really watched the river in front of my house, there are ducks that stand on the bed of the river and the water doesn't even come up to their bellies!

I am also tired of several economic arguments used by such politicians such as Abele and Barrett that claim taxpayers money is being used to build a lake for rich landowners. What Lake? I have never seen one nor have I ever been told by city/county government that I live on a lake. in fact, I was told that my house cost more because it was "on the river." I have also repeatedly been told when paying my property tax that my taxes are higher than those for a comparable house to mine that I PAY MORE TAXES BECAUSE MY HOUSE IS "ON THE RIVER." Does anybody seriously think that if the dam is not repaired/replaced my property will NOT lose its value? Will my taxes be adjusted for that loss of value? I think not.

Abele says repairing the dam is building a lake for "wealthy landowners." Perhaps he and all those ignorant of what this area is like should make themselves familiar with this neighborhood It is one of the oldest sections of Glendale. It is a middle class neighborhood made up of teachers, musicians, small business owners, office personnel, etc. Are these taxpayers considered the "wealthy?" I think not.

I have seen two baseball games since the Braves(Yes, I mean the Milwaukee Braves.)stopped playing here. I have not seen a professional basketball game since Lou Al Cinder(Yes, I know that is not his present name.) played for the Bucks. YET MY TAXES HAVE BEEN USED TO PAY FOR TWO VERY EXPENSIVE STADIUMS THAt I DO NOT USE! At least access to the river is available to the public. And, it is free! Now Barrett is planning on using taxpayer money to build his streetcar,another "public" project that I probably will seldom if ever use. How many millions will that trolley cost? How many millions will be spent on the maintenance of the stadiums and the street car? Need-less-to-say, I am thoroughly disgusted with these two local politicians and their supporters.

I urge that the Estabrook Dam be repaired.

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