

Look Out Milwaukee! Here Comes Tons of Hazards to Boating in Downtown and the Harbor That are Stopped by Estabrook Dam

Estabrook Dam keeps tons of trees, logs and debris from entering the harbor. This photo taken at Estabrook Dam shows some of the materials that are stopped at the dam.

Without the Estabrook Dam, all of this and more will end up in downtown to be a hazard to those using the river and an eyesore to those using the river walk.

The City of Milwaukee and MMSD will ultimately be saddled with the cost for clean up. VOTE NO on the scheme to rezone and remove Estabrook Dam



The county has the money appropriated, additional state funds are available and the county's position for years has been to fix the Estabrook Dam.



Because The Dam Has Been Open, Lincoln Park Riverbed Has Become Overgrown With Trees and Bushes Causing Enhanced Flood Risk.

Lincoln Park prior to the opening of the gates in 2009. This picture shows the river free flowing into the main channel.



Since then the main channel has been filling in, trees and shrubs growing and an island has formed in the main channel forcing the river to take a sharp turn right into the west oxbow causing increased potential flooding upstream.

The areas outlined to the left and below show how the river is becoming blocked because the dam is open because lower water levels is causing blockage.



Lincoln Park Overgrowth is Blocking the River Which Cause More Upstream Flooding

This view looking south from the railroad bridge just north of Lincoln Park shows the island and vegetation growth that is now blocking the river. This will continue to grow if Estabrook Dam is not restored.

The net effect is the creation of a partial dam that backs up the river and creates additional flood risk.



New island formation



This view from the main Lincoln Park island looking northeast is irrefutable evidence that nature is building its own natural dangerous dam because the dam gates have been open .

Note that the blockage goes across the entire river, forcing the river to take a sharp turn which will back up the river **flooding upstream property owners.**

This view also shows the blockage looking north from Hampton bridge.



More Proof Lincoln Park Overgrowth is Blocking the River Which Will Cause More Upstream Flooding

New island formation



Looking east from the north Lincoln park bridge you see that the river is being forced to take a sharp turn causing further headwater back up.

Expansion of existing island



Looking southeast you see that the existing island is expanding further choking the flow of the river.

Looking further south you see that a tree trunk has been caught in the shallow waters of the main channel. More will accumulate over time creating more blockage



Lincoln Park Blatz Pavilion - Not What It Used To Be

Blatz Pavilion used to be a site that children could fish off the wall, launch canoes and even learn to ice skate in the winter.

Then - prior to 2009



Now



Look what has happened since the dam has been open. With the river lowered, what used to be a nice river inlet for the community is now blocked by overgrowth.

At last August's National Night Out the children could only pretend to fish. Is this good for the Lincoln Park Community. No!

The Estabrook Dam provides benefits for all of the neighborhood.

Pretend Fishing



Open Dam Eyesores.

Looking south from Blatz Pavilion you see more overgrowth and weeds growing in the water making it look more like swamp instead of a river



Many properties along the river have boat houses that will need to be abandoned unless Estabrook Dam is repaired. Who is going to pick up the cost of this and other riverbank and outfall remediation?



For more information see:
<http://milwaueeriverpreservation.org/>

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