



**SURVEY COMMENTS / QUESTIONS – TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 30, 2021**

- Shoreline restoration – especially the north shore, could some of the sediment be pushed up to the existing shoreline, then riprapped for stability in options for dam restoration? Restoration should be a must as does dredging. If dam goes who pays for the wetland restoration again? North side of the lake are many private property owners with Riparian Rights.
  - Please do not destroy the beauty of Burlington. My husband was the supervisor of the Southeast District for the DNR. Many years ago, he was approached on the lake (1980s). He advised them then to dredge it and nothing was ever done. Please don't destroy it.
  - Echo Lake is one of the factors that helped make my decision to move here some 30 years ago. Coming into town on Hwy 11, so picturesque.
  - Totally against removal of the dam. Too much unknown. We know what we have now and want to keep it.
  - Can the dredge material be converted into fertilizer? How will our taxes change? Will dredging go beyond the railroad trestle.
  - If you removed the dam once the upland is all drained down, there will not be much of a river. It will be a small stream. It will look nothing like the colorful one-dimensional pictures. I have done lake restoration after dam removals.
  - Basic removal is a no go. It will leave behind a mess, with no guarantee of any water way. To have a body of water in the middle of a city is an attraction. Let's please start caring for it. Please see my beautiful photos of Echo Lake on Facebook@susanlacanne.
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- If the dam is modified how does the retaining wall affect the current pavilion? If the retaining wall is 200 feet closer, does it come to the pavilion. Are fees included for restoration of the pavilion?
  - Save Echo Lake & Dam
  - The lake and dam are a landmark in the heart of the community and provides many opportunities for recreation, commerce and natural resources. I believe it should be done right the first time and should be done with long-term safety and fiscal responsibility.
  - Keep the dam. Need to evaluate the long-term maintenance costs of each option.
  - I am in full support of saving the dam and lake. I would also like to have a lake management plan and like committee. The eco system above the lake would be significantly negatively affected if the dam was removed. Our City is known for the lake and dam. I am also in support of dredging and promoting the lake for recreational purposes for the community.
  - I just move here from Caledonia but have been following the issue since the beginning of the issue.
  - I want to thank you for all of the community engagement and valuable information provided. I support saving the dam.
  - Keep my beautiful lake.
  - I own property in Burlington. I lived here for more than 50 years, Echo Lake and Dam are the crown jewel of Burlington. I am a veteran and removal would affect Veteran's and Memorial Day.
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- 6<sup>th</sup> generation Perkins Family who built the original dam. What will be done to preserve the historical aspect. Built on 1837 grain, wood and cotton roll as far away as Western Europe.
  - Save the Dam.
  - Have a lot of concerns with upkeep if the dam is removed as we struggle with current upkeep (Boardwalk, chipping, etc.) and it takes away from a traditional based gathering place. Let's take care of this gem we have and have it for our children. Will this go to a vote for all city taxpayers to have a voice? Keep what we have and know.
  - Where does the sediment that is removed with dredging go? How much does moving the sediment cost? Disposal? Who will pay for this? Only City residents? Long term maintenance costs area a concern. I am conflicted as you can tell.
  - Still taking in the information trying to analyze the best option for Burlington.
  - Your park is beautiful. We visit weekly to shop, lunch, and visit Veterans Park. It is a favorite of our grandchildren. If you remove the dam, enhancements become expensive and will never be completed.
  - No knowing all of the natural impacts of either choices it feels that bringing the rivers back to its natural flow would have the best long-term health of our land / water. Change is hard so that becomes the focus of negativity. There's a verbal group resisting change. They are informed and verbal and have some good points. I think there needs to be equal information given to the short- and long-term benefits of no dam.
  - I think your estimate of wetlands after dam removal are in error. This is the same elevation drop as the previous 11 + miles of the White River and the only non-solid shoreline is directly above the "waterfall" impediment with renovation – people did ask for "boating". Where are the boat launches? The access roads to the launches? The boat trailer parking lot for Echo and for Wagner?
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- Love the enhancements. Would the playground stay? Would the City allow any establishment there? Envisioning hot dogs or ice cream. A beer garden would be the perfect addition to the playground / trails / bridge enhancements.
- It would improve the visual appearance to remove the dam. What does the sludge analysis show? Are we opening a source of pollution of compounds stored over 150 years?
- Dredging only via referendum.



**SURVEY COMMENTS / QUESTIONS– WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 12, 2022**

- The dam makes the park. Been coming to the park, and the dam with family before I was a resident. Save the dam.
- Save the Lake!
- My property is on Sugar Creek. I hope the dam is modified so my creek water remains healthy and flowing. Also, I appreciate the wetlands surrounding the area and the wildlife that live there.
- From our experience do not let the invasive species take hold. We have had many draw downs in East Troy over 40 years but the return of water took care of cattails and other invasives. Don't let them proliferate.



**SURVEY COMMENTS / QUESTIONS– WALK INS**

- Fill in lake along Milwaukee Ave 100 ft for park user safety
- Removal ONLY!!
- Covid prevents me from attending meeting. I have too little knowledge of these gates to pick one. However, I would support whichever one meets the DNR demands and disturbs the least to our beautiful Dam & Park. I do not have any confidence in what would remain with removal. Please don't leave us with something like East Troy!!! There are too many unknown costs to enhanced projects.

