

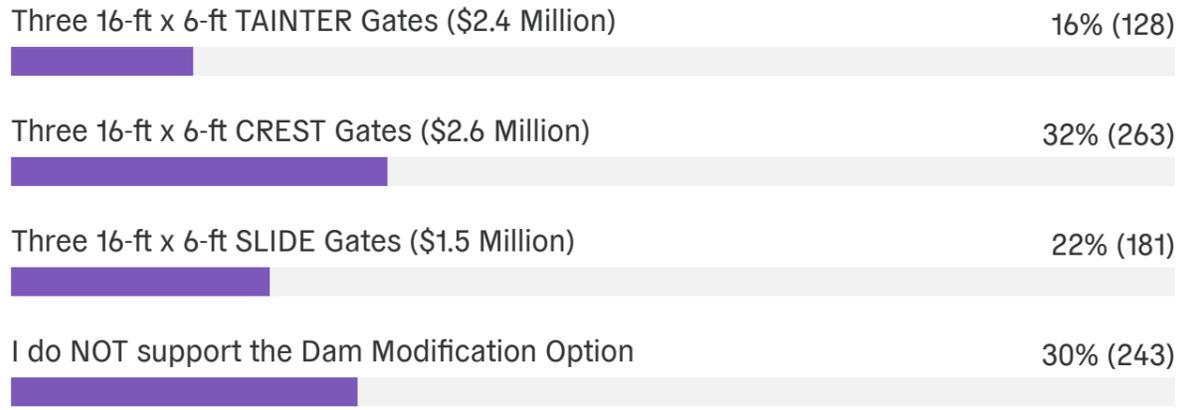


Echo Lake Dam Spillway Survey

Survey Results
FINAL

01/18/2022

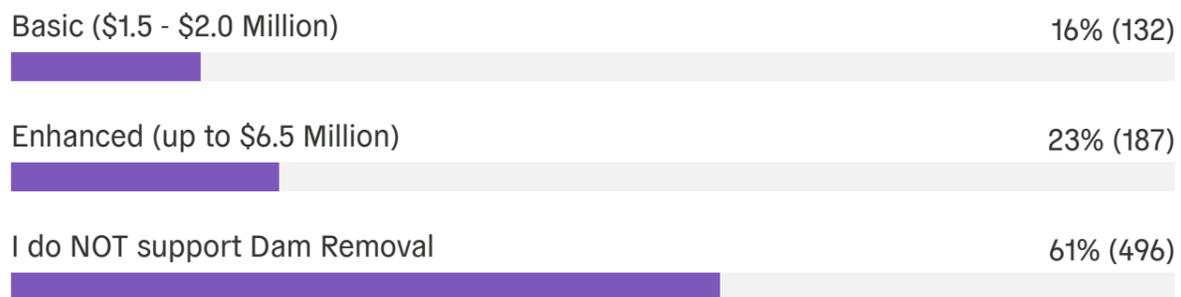
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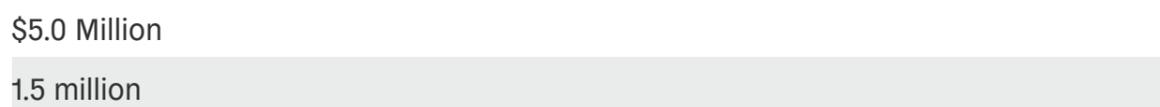
Would you support dredging of Echo Lake in conjunction with dam modification? (additional \$2.4 Million)



I support the Dam Removal Project. Below is my selection for the Dam Removal option. (Select One)



How much would you be willing to spend on the Dam Removal Enhanced Project? (List anywhere between \$1.5 Million and \$6.5 Million)



2 Million
\$4 million
.
4.8 million
6.5
0
5
2.5M
3 million
2.5 Million
\$6.5 Million - Do it right.
5
6.5 million
Take a referendum just like we did for the school. Thank you!!
\$4 million to \$5 million
5 million
\$5.0M
6.5m
N/A
5 million
zero
Spend what we need to create a visitor and resident friendly area
2.6
3 million
Unsure
\$3 million
2.6 million
0
6.5 Million
6.5 Million
5 million
0\$
0
I believe 3 million seems relatively reasonable
0
5.5 million
5 million
6.5
I believe you cant put a price tag on the beauty of the lake for generations to come. Just do the work get it done and everyone can enjoy it for the rest of thier lives and children's lives.
6.5
6.5
0
3 to 4 million
6.5 mm

Zero

4million

0

As little as possible.

4.5 million

6.5 million

5 million

5 million

I don't support the removal of the dam.

3 million

2.0 million

6.5 Million

3 million

6.5

5 million

6 million

3 million

\$2 Million

1.5

Spendi the infrastructure monies state Luis receiving

1.5 - 2

2 - 6 million, depending on what exactly the "enhancements" are. I like the boardwalks and piers but not trying to develop fishing ponds. Let's let the river be a river and the city can provide accessibility to river recreation.

4.4

\$1.5 Million

6 million

3.2 million

1.5

I support investing in return to a natural state (while at additional cost today) long term it is the most financially sound choice. 6.5+ million

4 million

6.5 million

2 million

5million

2

Whatever it takes to save our lake

6.5 mil so it's done well.

5 million

4.5

Nothing

none

1.5

Not applicable. I live in Lake Geneva

6.5million

5 million

- 4.5 million
- 6.5million
- \$4 million
- 0
- No damage removal
- 5 million
- 2.0M
- 6.5 million
- 0
- what ever it takes to repair the DAM for the future and return this body of water into the destination of Burlington it has been.
- 6.5
- \$4 million
- 5.2 Million, or same as aquatic center
- 0
- Zero dollars
- 4 Million
- Zero
- 3 million
- \$6.5 million
- 3 million
- \$6 Million
- 3 MILLION
- 6 million
- 6.5
- 4 million
- \$4.0 million
- 2.5
- \$6.5 million
- \$5 million
- 6
- 4
- 2.5 mil
- I would be willing to spend more on the Dam modification & dredging options. We need to keep the dam for the esthetic & historical aspects of the city.
- 2 million
- 6.5 million
- 4 million
- 2.5
- 3.5 million
- 4 million
- 5.0
- 2.6 million
- 4 mill
- 5.0 million
- 6.5M

- 6.5 million
- 6.5
- 6-6.5
- \$3-\$4 million
- \$1.5 million
- 6.5M
- 2.4 Million
- 4 million
- 4.5 million
- 6.5
- Whatever it takes to complete and provides for your going mtc and upkeep for the next 25 years.
- 0
- 3 million
- I would prefer to keep the dam but if the dam is removed then I think you need to make sure what is put on its place is really nice. So I would think you'd need to be in the 5-6 million
- 4 million
- 0
- 1.5
- 0
- 2mil
- Considering I have about \$100 to my name, I would not, personally, be willing to any money. However, I think the city needs to spend money to dredge the lake and repair the dam, so
- 3.5 million
- 1.5 million
- 4 mill
- Zero
- 5 M
- 2 to 3 million if the lake and the river were dredged at the same time
- 4 million
- 6.5
- 4 million
- 4 million
- 4.5m
- Not 6.5 million
- 3.5
- 2 million
- 6.5
- 3.5 million
- 6.5 million
- \$0
- Whatever it takes to keep the water and make it usable
- 5 million
- \$4M

0

As much as it costs to be able to keep Echo lake as it is a staple and landmark to the community.

4.5 million

5 million

4.5 million

5

4.5 million

Less than 4 million

3 million

NONE

\$5MM

5.3

6.5 million to make it attractive focal point

1.5 million

\$1.5 - 3.0.

6

2.0 Million

No more than 6.5 million including the inevitable cost overruns.

\$3 Million

3 million

Between basic and enhanced. Removing things such as the fishing ponds (fish the river) and adding gardens or basic visual attractions for locals or temporary guests.

3-4 million

2m to 3m over 10 to 15 years

What ever amount does not cost me as a tax payer anything.

3 million

None. If I answered i do not support the dam removal, this question is irrelevant then.

At least as much as was spent on Maryland St rebuild. Why not as much as a pool.

\$4 million

4 million

\$4.0 Million

4M

1.5 million

5 million

\$3.5 Million

6.5 Million

6.5

\$1.5 million

\$4 million

2 million

6.5

3 million

\$6.5 m

1.5M

1.5

- 5 million
- \$1.5 Million
- 5 million
- 6.5
- Only the cost of removing any non natural debris, (old tires etc.)
- \$5 millionI think we need the lake as is.
- \$2.5 million
- 1.5million
- 4.0 million
- Up to 6 million
- None
- 5 dolla
- 1.5m
- 6.5 million
- 3 million
- 6.5
- 6.5mm
- 6.5 million
- 2 million
- 3 million
- Don't support this
- Nothing..leave it alone
- \$6.5 million
- 2.5 million
- 6.5 Million
- 2 million
- 2.5 million
- 00000
- 4 million
- 4.5MM
- 6.5 million
- 2.5 million
- 2 million
- \$1.5
- \$6.5
- 6.5 Million
- 6 million
- \$5 million
- The basic cost of \$1.5 - \$2 million.
- I don't support the Dam Removal enhancement project
- \$1.5 Million
- I do not support the removal of the dam.
- \$3 Million. Perhaps more for really nice enhancements.
- \$3.0
- 6.5 million

- 6,500,000
- 6.5 Million
- 3 million
- \$2.5M
- 5 million
- \$1.5 million
- 2 million
- \$3 Million, unless grants can be obtained.
- \$6.5M
- \$0.00 I want to keep the dam and restore the lake. It's a beautiful feature which has been enjoyed for generations and should continue to be enjoyable for generations to come. Please do not remove the dam.
- Dam removal is important to me and I feel even at the higher end of cost would be worth the long term investment to the community
- 2.0
- 4.5 million
- 6.5 million
- Not sure
- 2 million
- Do not remove the dam.
- None
- \$5 Million
- \$4,000,000
- 2 million
- I don't believe the dam should be removed
- 4 million
- \$1.5 million
- 6.5 million
- 4 million
- \$6.5 million
- 4 million
- 2.5 mm
- \$2 million
- Really depends on what is being proposed. I'd be willing to lean on the higher end if the project included both a more native approach to the landscaping as well as an interactive hardscape/ structure/ activities within the grounds.
- Zero
- 6.5 million
- 3m
- 5 million
- I would go mid range up to 4.5 million
- I would not support it because there are too many unknowns, it's a large impact area and there hasn't been an attractive proposal.
- DO NOT SUPPORT
- 2 million estimate
- \$5.0 Million
- 6.5 million

6.5 millioin

I would support the 6.5 million. As a community we need to think of the future. First and foremost is an ecologically smart project that sustains itself for generations. Removal of the dam along with enhancement projects are a must. I am not sure if all ideas have been thought of and shared. Various walking bridges, wooden pathways, historical and nature markers, canoe/kayak launches, fishing posts, bird watching posts, children outdoor learning area etc.

3 million

1.5 million

Whatever it takes to make it beautiful!

up to \$6.5 million

2 million

\$3.0 Million

\$3 milliom

4 million

Depends on what is replacing the lake. If it is something useful and makes the community more appealing then I'm for it. It sure if the above plan is worth 6.5 million.

\$4.0 million

Cheapest route that allows for the proper removal.

6.5 million

what it takes to keep it

3 to 4 million

\$3 million

\$0

1.5

6500000

6.5 million

SUPPORT \$3.5 MILLION

5 million to 6 million

0

\$3.0 million

3.4

I don't support it at any level.

0

\$6.5

6.5 million.

2 million

6.5 million

6.5 million

1.5 million

\$6.5 Million

1.5

4.25

1.5

1.5m

5 million

\$6.5 million

1.5 million investment would be enough to make the area look good

\$5M

\$6.5 Million

2.5 mill

5 million

0

mid cost to keep under 5 million with possibilities of upgrades through other organizational donations.

6.5 million

2.0 million

0

6.5

5 million

5

6.5

6.5 million

That would depend on the outcome. I think that the dam adds to the enviroment of downtown.

I don't support dam removal

2,000,000

\$4 million

\$6.5 Million

Any amount that does not require an increase in property tax.

\$5 million

1.5

The Los west amount

3 Million

5.5 million

3 million

6.5 million

6.5 million

6.5

\$6.5 Million

nothing

\$6.5 M

Max is 6.5 million

3 million

6.5 MILLION

\$6.5 million

5 million

None

5

\$3.6 million

\$0

\$6.5 million

6 million

- \$4 million
- \$5 million
- 6 million
- 5m
- \$1.5 M
- As much as it takes.
- 3.0 million
- \$6.5 million
- Do not support this option! Believe we would loose our identity without Echo Lake!
- \$3 million
- 6.5
- 6.5 Million
- 2.5
- 6.5 Million
- \$0
- I do not support the removal of the Dam
- Have a referendum.
- 4-5 million
- 1.5m
- \$6.5 million
- As much as it takes
- \$3.5 million
- Zero
- 6 million
- 2.0 million
- 2.5 million
- I do not feel cost is a concern as long as the lake is left. I do not agree with the removal of the dam or the lake. SAVE ECHO LAKE!!!!
- \$3 Million
- \$6.5 million
- I am Comfortable with a reasonable cost for a project that can update and beautify our current Dam and area
- 5,000,000
- As stated above I do not support the dam removal.
- 3 Million
- 6.5 million
- \$5 Million
- 6.5 million
- 1.5
- \$3 million
- Zero
- 4.7
- 6.5million
- Up to \$4 million, without grant monies. The Basic would still be preferred over the Dam Modification options.
- \$1.5 Million

\$6.5 million if necessary.

4.8 millon

5. million

5. million

3 million

1.5

\$3.5 - 4 Million

Between 2.5 and 5 million.

4000000

6 million

6.5 Million

4 million

3 million

6.5 million

2.5 mil

DO NOT WANT DAM REMOVED!!!!

0

\$0

5 million

\$4 million

6.5 million

\$3.5 Million

\$6,5 Million

5M

5M

3.5 millon

3000000

\$6.5 Million

1.5 million

\$2 million

\$2.5 Million

None

6.5

6.5 million

6.5 million

If you are asking me personally, I do not have 1.5 - 6.5 to million dollars spend on this project. That said, I feel it would be worth spending 6.5 million dollars to see the enhanced removal project com to fruition. If, and only if, the enhanced project is created with the full options as listed above.

\$6.5 million

5 Million

\$5.5M

6.5 million

Unsure at this point, it would depend on the design options.

\$6.5 Million

\$0.00

5 million but do not install smaller ponds alongside the river. It will collect algae and geese because the depth will be too shallow.

5 million

I do not support removal. Why create a swamp right in our village? Once the dam is removed, it will be IMPOSSIBLE to ever create a lake again. The DNR will never approve it.

5 million

4.5 million

\$2 million

absolutely nothing.

\$5 million

4.0 million

3.0 million

0.00

5 million

6.5 mil

5 million

0

In order for this to make sense it should cost less than any dam restoration options.

\$100 annually

I do not support the Dam Removal. It is a ludicrous idea. In no way shape or form should it be even considered. The lake has been part of the community for hundreds of years. The list of pros and cons are extremely inaccurate. If the dam is removed the lake will become a parasite infested swamp, with constant horrible smells, ruining one of this town's staple features. If you remove the dam, it will remove the future of this town. Removing the dam shouldn't even be an option.

\$0

\$0

5 million

5 million

4 million

Please fix the dam and save Echo Lake. It would be worth it to dredge and clean up the lake as well. You could spread out the payments over a number of years and have plenty of money from taxpayers. And if taxpayers payments are spread out it would be a minimum yearly payment for the taxpayers

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3.5 million

\$6.4MM

5million.

\$0

0. I do not support dam removal

1.5 million

3,000,000

Zero ... save the lake

\$6.5 million. Let's do it right the first time.

2 million

Around \$4 million

0

6.5 million

Up to but no more than 3 + million dollars, and replace the dam as needed with some enhancements.

Up to \$2. million

\$4 million

6.5

\$4 Million

6.5 million

1.5 to 4 million

5

2.4 million

6.5 Million

4.5 million

No Expenditures, it can't be afforded

6.5 million

0\$

\$3,000,000

None

\$6.5mm

Please provide any comments, questions or concerns

Save Echo Lake! Burlington WILL NOT be the same without it!

The DNR dam requirement needs to be met as quickly and cheaply as possible. Enhancements to the pond/lake like dredging are a separate issue with a separate price tag that we should consider outside the pressure of the overall dam question. (I live outside of Burlington but have a business in the city,)

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DO not remove the dam

Remove the dam. See what happens over the next few or many years. Accrue for some improvements. Could be a lovely and useable waterway and park. Walkways, nature walks with bridges. Doesn't have to be this fortress of concrete as proposed for fishing.

With enhanced removal, would you still have to dredge and could the water be used for recreation? It seems like the enhanced removal should include dredging if those walkways and things are going to be built too.

I have been in Burlington for 33 years so I am not a historian that remembers the lake from when I was a child. I don't really believe that the current lake provides much benefit other than saying we have the lake - I also believe that the dredging of the lake will be an ongoing expense forever. I think it will be very nice looking when it is all done returning it back to a flowing river.

Take a referendum just like you did for the school. Leave it up to US people to vote!!!! TY!

To me, the dam is a part of my heritage as a resident of the Burlington area. I remember the many hours of fishing below the dam and do not want to take away that joy for people in the future. In part, I am referring to the spring run of the white bass

to the area below the dam. As an 86 year old man, I would like that privilege passed on.

My vote is to preferably replace the dam but ONLY IF the lake is also dredged. If that's too high of a price tag for the city, then just do the basic dam removal. As a citizen, I don't want a wetland/marsh in the middle of town so my preference is to keep the lake by rebuilding the dam.

While I completely understand most people are in favor of saving the dam. This will not be the end. There will be continuous maintenance and our children will have the same fight on their hands in the future. There is so much more beauty and potential to removing the dam. It does not service it's purpose and is only going to continue to cost money. There will be more future dredging, there will be more costly dam maintenance. I like the dam....I like Echo Park. But this is a long term financial decision.

Echo Lake is a beautiful part of our community. It should remain intake!

More info could have been provided regarding annual maintenance costs for each option. We just had a referendum for a new school, property taxes are already too high, and inflation is at 40 year high.

We should pray to God for His vision for the Dam and then move forward. Keeping in mind the many blessings we have received from the River Dam flowing through Burlington, WI.

As a future bride of Veterans Terrace, I do not support the removal of the dam. A big selling point of the venue was the sunsets on the lake. Since my wedding is coming up within the next two years, this would directly affect my wedding, and the wedding of all of those near the same time.

Echo lake is vital to operation of veterans terrace and draw a lot of business to the venue. Without it, intangible amounts of non-profit donations from Veterans Terrace could be lost.

It's hard to decide what to say as far as a what I would be willing to spend for enhancement because 1) this survey doesn't make it clear how (if at all) taxes would be affected and 2) there is no explanation of what we get with a low/middle/high budget

The dam is a feature that helps make Burlington a destination and needs to be preserved.

This a necessary infrastructure enhancement for Burlington to grow and be better to draw more attention and positive businesses.

With Dam Modification and Dredging Options could the 15' "no dredge zone" have some of the sediment be used as a cost savings repair/replace lost shoreline to the '2017 Flood' around ALL the lake - especially my/neighbor's north shore which had shore washed away and undermined in 2017, catches the brunt of wind driven wave erosion, and never was addressed when the park shoreline was enhanced several years past. Then have all the shoreline ripped to prevent shoreline erosion both "normal" and "catastrophic" events as 2017, or if a less expensive shore protection is available such as native plantings - utilize that. Also, would the sediment be an additional cost saving used as part of the proposed berm through the park? Given that the typical DNR use of sediment when a dam is removed is to "leave in place" and provide grass seed for ground cover, and the cost to temporarily store then haul away is significant, could this usage be discussed and/or added to any of Dam proposals? Also, no matter which Option is accepted; it should be an absolute that the useless and unsafe Milwaukee Avenue boat ramp forever disappears. for Echo Lake. Lastly, if the Dam remains, perhaps some of the "enhancements" listed within the 'removal option' such as a "trolling only" restriction be put in place, kayak launches, and fishing piers be included in the restored lake's recreational improvements.

Echo lake has been a great thing for Burlington. If you make it a wetlands, the cost to maintain it will be higher over the years and will it be taken care of like it should be or will it slowly be neglected?

Burlington is simply better with the lake!!!

What is the estimated tax increase on the value of a 250,000.00 property . We know something needs to be done. It would be a bigger draw if the area would increase utilization.

We need to save our dam and dredge Echo Lake for the future of our city.

This shouldn't be a question. Fix or replace what we have. The lake is a major asset of the entire community. Dredge it to clean it, bring back boat racing and add a public launch for small craft. The launch along Milwaukee Ave is not suitable. Bring back festivals at the park. If the city could tax us for the pool, which can only be used for 3 months a year, they can definitely do it for a resource that can be used 12 months out the year. Do the right thing and listen to the majority of your constituents

I support the dam modification plan but only if it includes dredging of the lake. Without dredging, I would only support the removal with the enhanced plan to make the most of the area. The lake is currently useless in my opinion. Too shallow to do much, doesn't support a good fishery either. I've tried kayaking the lake and it was difficult with the mud and largely not worth it.

N/A

I think the new dam designs would be unsightly. The dam removal option with the advance option would bring a bunch of new activities. Echo lake is a sore right now.

Your survey is geared to dam removal and quite frankly unless a person has attended a meeting and learned what each option means, they are only guessing on your survey. Your survey does not give a dimension of the potential river which in essence could be nothing more than a creek with its dependence on the white river. Very disappointed that in the survey you even put in "highly likely for grant opportunities on the dam removal enhancements".....really, why wasn't the same put in for keeping the dam and dredging? Very disappointed in a survey that is skewed.

Tainter dam gates option, but only if combined with dredging to deepen and improve the lake.

I own a dam (Hilburn mill pond) upstream from Burlington. There is an impact of losing the pond. It will not be the same and this is a focal point for Burlington. We have been without our pond since the flood making repairs and the area has never been the same with only a river.

remove it and leave it alone. we put the dam there in the first place. it doesn't belong, so it should go away and let nature do with it what it wants.

If it's going to cost millions less and is actually better for the environment and water quality, why would anyone consider rebuilding the dam?

I think fixing the dam and dredging the lake is important to keeping the beautiful lake in town and making it useful again

Whether you replace the dam or not there is a significant cost. Plus if the dam is removed the area that is now Echo lake will always fill up with water during any large rain event thus creating a constant issue with odor forever. The lowest cost dam replacement with dredging the lake is still less than the cost of the pool.

I don't understand question 4, it would be better if it was broken down as a cost per constituent or specify options of payment (extra residential tax, gas tax, etc.)

Thank you for sending this information and survey. It is very helpful. Please note that we are not in favor of dam removal. We do not believe that this option will be a positive short or long term enhancement.

I support all projects that return things back as nature intended

I think the landowners directly impacted should be educated and asked for their feedback separately. The river/lake has a huge impact on their property. This survey can be taken by anyone but the city taxpayers are the ones paying. How do you know who wants what? The impact of the lake/river on people's lives differs and you should take that into account; maybe some opinions matter more than others? Personally, I'd like the dam removed and I definitely don't want to have to pay for dredging with my tax dollars. I disagree with trying to maintain a lake where a river ought to be; we'd be fighting natural processes and that's expensive. We have wonderful lakes close by that

we all have access to. I find rivers to be very attractive for recreation and would like to see the city develop better river access and natural areas along the river for birds and wildlife.

The lake is an asset for the community. I can't tell you how many times I myself, my kids, and my grandkids have went to the lake to sit and watch the water flow from the dam. The lake is so peaceful. My kids have fished on the lake. Pictures of all sorts have been taken at the lake - weddings, get togethers, family reunions and many more.

My primary concern would be that dam removal would increase downstream flooding. What consideration has been given to unintended consequences?

Definitely a tough consideration. I look forward to hearing how others in the community feel.

I love water. Being near it soothes my being. Although I was drawn to Burlington because of the central water features of this community, I also have a strong environmental understanding. We no longer need the damn for industry, it is purely cosmetic. For the long term environmental and fiscal health of our community, we need to restore the wetlands to their natural state. I think we also need a effective "re-naturing" campaign that coincides with this project to highlight the uses of this additional green space. I DO NOT support turning more of this space into lawn. Green grass is an environmental wasteland with no bio-diversity or ecological value. As a community we need to support our natural environment and the species of wildlife that also call Burlington home. There are many constituents in our community who do not want to see their "lake" disappear. If we can create a beautiful place for them to gaze out their living room windows; filled with native birds, small mammals and amphibians, they may continue to find value in this gem of our city.

I know this is expensive. But once you take it out, the DNR will never let you put it back. This is a needed investment to help promote tourism and commercial growth. In turn it could lead to slightly lower taxes if the increased usability brings in more tax paying businesses. This is like yanking a bandaid, it hurts for a minute but you feel so much better later.

A lake management committee needs to be formed & funding secured for ongoing needs

Wetlands would be prettier to look at than the current shallow lake. I don't feel we need an expense dam that is unnecessary for anything except a waterfall look that would look just as pretty for the town without the dam.

My thought on this is that the majority of Burlington does not know of this or how to voice an opinion. To simply put out an insert that will tend to be thrown out with the junk mail isnt suffice. I really believe it should have been sent with the taxes. If something is sent out to all tax payers it should be official so as not to discard.

Stop destroying our communities

I've been a resident of Burlington for the past 6 years and feel that Echo Lake, as well as the dam, are a prominent attractions. I believe they should try and be preserved, as much as possible, for their original beauty and nostalgia.

the dam is huge for the community

Dam removal is the best option. Restore the natural wetlands.

I think replacing the dam and dredging the lake it make it a nice place for fishing family picnics and get together's

Please do not remove the dam!

We can NOT loose Echo lake as it stands. There is NO way you can know for sure just what the river will look like after the dam is gone. I highly doubt that it will be that big and wide and I know from living in East Troy for over half my life that restoration is next to impossible. It will cost twice what you think to improve and maintain any level of utilization of that lake bed. Please keep Echo Lake and make it beautiful and useful again.

I see advantages to keeping/removing dam. We are too hung up on the money!

Dam removal sounds like the best option for natural restoration. Let's try to keep the area as natural as possible for the great white egrets and other birds that populate the area. Improvements that would allow more kayaking would be amazing as well.

Leave it how it is, but start cleaning the lake more often!

Na

Need to keep the Dam, I support the improvements.

It is the staple of downtown and a major draw to the community. Removing this would be detrimental to the future growth of this community and our mission. This waterway could be used for so much more if invested in and then maintained. Yes it's expensive to fix however it's even more costly on the community to remove and lose this gem!

Echo Lake is nothing but a muck pond now. Nostalgia has no place in deciding how to deal with the current situation. Please contact the River Alliance of WI for info on the removal of the dam on the Baraboo River. The project turned out really well.

The dam has become a staple of the city. Fix it up, clean up the lake and move on with other things.

I feel it is essential to Burlington to maintain the natural beauty of Echo Lake. Our community has taken a dramatic turn for the worse with all the tree loss without equal replacement. I would be happy to pay higher taxes to improve the lake with dredging and would love if a walking/ biking path could be added to connect to other side of the city.

I support keeping the dam and echo lake. Dredging and improving the area around it

No comment

I would think that the majority of residents would want the lake dredged if the dam is kept and modification without dredging would not be a choice.

Echo Lake is a cornerstone of the community and would be a devastating loss to the city if it were to be removed. It is a place where many come to gather—including residents from other areas—for community events, weddings, general recreation, and to find some peace and quiet. Without the draw of the scenery of our lake, Burlington would lose a key aspect of its personality and much of the beauty that our city has to offer. As a city resident who has spent untold hours utilizing Echo Park, I strongly oppose eliminating the lake and changing the very landscape of the city itself in order to save some money in the short-term.

Removing the dam would incur a lot more cost to fill in lake and build whatever the city would plan to put there. Dredge the lake and bring back boat races!

Where is the money coming from? How is this going to effect my tax bill?

It's such a staple thing in our community, we use that area for events and gatherings. We cannot lose this!

I support keeping the dam and dredging the Lake. I would potentially support removing the dam but unless there is a proposed and ready to go option to address the Lake area...I say keep the dam. I just have no faith that if we remove the dam that something will actually be done with the Lake bed area anytime soon.

All options will cost taxpayers money and it is clear the DNR is requiring a reponse. With this in mind I am for whatever option will keep the aesthetics of the park and city-meaning keep the dam area intact and make the lake usable. The lake should be rid of algae and smell, have a small boat launch and offer winter sports. The basic dam removal for 2 million really does not improve the area and the cost could escalate depending what the community feels is needed..... Not sure what else we "need" and whatever might go there (wetlands, retention ponds, paths, park) will also have ongoing expense. Fix/rebuild the dam and find an ongoing solution to the lake issue. I really feel these are two separate issues that just happened to come to awareness at the same time. The Dam is being pushed by the DNR but the lake has been an issue for awhile and should be maintained. Yes if the Dam is removed it would avoid the maintenance expense that is needed for the lake but would require a plan/expense/maintenance for the landscape that remains.

The city has not taken care of Echo lake over the years. I see saving the damn as a waste of money where we can use that money elsewhere. The White river should be returned to its natural flow to help alleviate future flooding. Restoring wetlands have shown that they help in reducing the amount of floods in the area.

Let it be natural

Keep Echo Lake and make it more usable and a source of income to help offset these costs and continued maintenance.

I would be willing to spend more on the Dam modification & dredging options. We need to keep the dam for the esthetic & historical aspects of the city.

Echo lake a special part of Burlington a lot of family time happens there because of the lake. I think putting in a canoe launch would be appreciated

"Echo Lake" is not a lake. It never has been and never will be a lake. The "enhanced project" will create a natural resource asset for the City that can actually be used; not simply looked-at. "Echo Lake" is not visually appealing even in its best state. Please proceed with the Enhanced Project. If not, the city will be revising this matter time and time again . Andrew Tully

I believe that the dam should stay. It's a staple for our community. We put so much into the veterans terrace, if we dredged the dam and didn't fix it, I believe that it would turn people away from a party or wedding spot. Almost everyone has at least one memory of the dam. I personally remember as a child walking across the current dam.

Any replacement of the dam and dredging has to continue to be done as regular maintenance in the years to come. It is more cost effective and environmentally sound to return the river to its natural state, removing the dam, and allowing the land to return to shoreline as it was before the dam was built. Please remove the dam, and be done with the discussion.

I did select an option for both Dam restoration and removal. I honestly prioritize removal over restoration as it is better for the local ecology and the dam no long really serves a purpose as we no longer have mills on the lake. I selected both tho because should the decision be to restore the dam I would rather see gates that pass debris easily as well as have the lake dredged to see better water quality.

Absolutely should be returned to as close to natural as possible. Even though expensive, long term, I believe dam removal would be the most sustainable and best for the city.

I feel strongly that while it's more costly to repair or replace many things than to remove them, that's part of keeping a nice town and having amenities. We have the expense of keeping them up. If we chose to remove everything that aged we wouldn't have anything left

The costs should be presented in annual costs to the individual tax payer.

When or if they dredge the lake , I was wondering if they could sell the dredging material. I was around for the honey lake dredging and the material they dumped on the our fields was very rich in nutrients and even the company doing the dredging stated numerous times if they sold the material they could have made a lot of money to cover the cost

Neglecting the maintenance In The past. Derelict of duties to our community.

Why did it take this long to move forward on this?

I believe restoration of the rivers natural state is the wisest way to help the rivers beauty and health. The pond is an eyesore.

Gad your doing the survey. This will be a tough decision either way.

Without the lake and dam most of the natural beauty of Burlington would be lost forever. NO do-overs on this- need to get it right!!

How many houses and businesses are impacted by dam removal?

Echo Lake Dam to me is the cornerstone of Burlington. We must do everything to preserve it. If there's any business that utilizes / benefits from the Dam perhaps should pay a higher tax rate. In addition - I would build commerce around the Dam to

increase revenue and help pay for future maintenance. Dredging and the ability to increase water level to bring back fishing and boating activities i.e. boat races and of course keep the Kiwanis car through the ice raffle every year, and ice skating rink. Dam Committee and Bob G. Thanks for all that you do and engaging taxpayers :) Vince

My grandfather helped build this dam, and I consider Echo Park a huge and integral part of Burlington. Losing the lake will not help the city move forward.

Let the people who want to save the lake pay for it

Make echo lake a public lake where kids have a beach and can swim in summer!

With the City's new branding effort of being a destination for scenic trails and water activities, it makes sense to keep the Dam. Everyone that lives here or visits here has only seen the Echo Lake and Dam features of our city, not a swamp with a river flowing through. No living person has seen the White River in its natural state at this location. Dam removal would give the City a completely different look. Restoration to its original state would eliminate flood control. Remember the floods of 2008 and 2017, even with some flood control? . The dam was built back in the mid 1800's with subsequent modifications later. Dredging the lake would perhaps provide more water recreational area for fishing, boats, canoes and kayaks. Giving the river back to nature does not make sense to turn it in to a swamp again. Look what has happened to the Milwaukee River after they destroyed the North Ave. Dam. After many years, it's still a mess! Echo Lake and the Dam have always been seen as a serene setting when entering the City from the North. We have spent a lot more money on other projects in the city, like the public pool. We should be able to fund this project for the promotion and preservation of our recreational water activities. Our water features and parks in Burlington were key factors for our family moving here. It's unique and should be preserved! Robert Gariepy 2132 Stonegate Rd. City

Echo lake is a staple to Burlington. If it's drained, what would go there? Plus, draining it would make the town smell AWFUL.

I believe that if the river and the lake were dredged and made deeper people would go to fish more and kayak on the river and the lake more businesses in the area would benefit better for that

Dam removal would take away the beauty of the lake and the surrounding area.

It is vital that we do what is necessary to preserve and keep our Echo Lake. We must pay the cost now to insure we have this gem in the City of Burlington for the future! We should be using this beautiful lake more as an attraction ie; paddle boats rentals and ice skating rink with vendors for the weekends, the fishing derbies, etc...Please keep our lake and dam!

Most communities would give their eye teeth to have what we have here. Don't blow it!

Echo lake is a staple of the community and visually appealing to the city, with modifications and upgrades it could be a great recreation area.

Removing the dam would have a profoundly negative effect on the ecosystem up-river from the lake and dam as well as immediately surrounding it. Removing the dam will lead to nuisance and invasive plants and weeds, any dam removal enhancements will require extensive maintenance costs and upkeep. I fully support modifying the dam and dredging the lake and making it an even larger attraction to our city.

The damn stinks and has routine algae buildup. Mosquitos are horrible there during the summer.

None

Please keep what we have and know! Too much uncertainty with removing and the loss of a city gem.

What has been considered as a reduction to the existing budget in order to accommodate some or all of these expenses? Where can we cut existing budget/projects that don't have an urgent timeline? I'd hope as good stewards of taxpayer dollars we are considering options beyond just increased taxes for some or all of the cost.

Save Echo lake

None

Has anyone looked into aeration for the lake not allowing sediment to settle. This would keep it suspended and with minimal water redirecting allowing the sediment to continue flushing down the river? This could be a good way to keep the lake cleaned out.

Save the dam as the lake is beautiful.

My family and friends travel to Burlington to get Adrian's ice cream and eat in Echo Park multiple times a year. The scenic view of the water flow has added to many photo opportunities over the years. I proposed to my wife there. My children play along the banks, feeding ducks and making memories. It has meant a lot to many generations and I hope to have it continue to be so. Thank you for the opportunity to voice my opinion

Don't be stupid!

I do not support the dredging as you will have to continually do that to keep it maintained.

Whatever solution which makes entering Burlington inviting and beautiful. Burlington has done a lot with downtown know let's do same with this project.

Going back to all natural is the best thing. Because it back to the way it would have been. Good for the fish, wildlife, and environment.

A bit curious about the impact of either option regarding upstream and downstream from Burlington? Besides cost, how does this effect (if at all) our options moving forward?

Although I've enjoyed the look of Echo Lake and the dam for the past 20 years that I've lived in Burlington, I feel that removing the dam and allowing Echo Lake to disappear would eventually also be a very tranquil, peaceful setting with natural wetlands which would probably encourage wildlife to be observed "in the city!"

Cost for removal far outweighs the benefits. Please keep the dam.

First, this mandate came down in 2015. Why are we addressing it last minute? Nothing was said to the public before 2021. It is 2022 and we are still deciding! This might be addressed more cheaply when the issue was first brought to the attention of the city. Although I am voting for letting the land revert to its natural state, if the city decides to go ahead with the project, the crest gates make the most sense. Whether dredging should be done is a separate consideration. Essentially, residents abutting the lake and some merchants who hope to attract business are asking the rest of us to support their property values by paying for an artificial landscape. I don't think the lake attracts that much commercial value to the city and why should I subsidize some property owners when the money could be used for things that are used by all residents, e.g. better street maintenance and maintaining good snow removal or clean water? Climate change is presenting new challenges and we don't yet know what will confront us in future years; we need to plan for as yet unanticipated costs.

Basic dam removal and increase Echo Park to include wetlands with trails.

The land now occupied by Echo lake along the river by Wagner park will be unsightly for years if the dam is removed. The White river will be nowhere as large as is depicted in the artist's rendition of a free flowing river. The dam should be replaced and the lake dredged. The dredging should also be considered for the river by Wagner park. This would enhance the recreational use of the river greatly.

The dam has been a landmark for many years, however the lake is unusable and unappealing. The space can be used in a much healthier and appealing way.

Keep a dredged out Echo Lake as its own identity, with a berm along the river. I am sure the core of engineers could find a way to keep the water levels up. Then a dam would not be needed. Note. If a dam is done I would suggest a fish ladder be installed. That way game fish can get into the White River from the Fox River. My father George B. Bieneman tried to get this done back in the early 1900s but with no success. He said that the White River was full of game fish before the full dam was installed.

your proposals are amazingly and openly skewed to dam renovation, cost estimates, descriptions are all pro dam renovation and detrimental to picking dam removal. city works manager has PUBLICLY stated that dam removal will create dry land usable for parkland - yet official descriptions coming out in the city newsletter, news reports, official descriptions use the word swamp or wetlands. this is a railroad job, it will be an effective one, but it will cause continued harm to the greater Burlington environment, political trust, general level of honesty

The dam is the center of our city's identity.

You have not taken care of the lake or the dam for the past 40 years so confidence in you taking care of it in the future after we spend all the money is very low. You should choose the option with the least amount of up keep and maintenance, because as city you are very poor at taking care of things, till the last minute and at he highest cost. For instance you do not take care of the sewer grates in the fall with the street sweeper many are still covered with leaves and debris.

This survey is very misleading. 1) You give 3 options for the type of gate. Then you ask me to select one type of gate. However, when providing a direct cost impact on property taxes, you don't align the name of the gate option 1, option 2 and option 3 costs with the actual impact on property taxes. 2) In addition to 3 types of choices of gates without dredging, you should have an additional 3 options for gates with dredging. How am I suppose to answer these questions? 3) dredging DOES NOT need to be done at the same time. It can be done at a different time . 4) there should not be an impact on property taxes. The city knew this and should have been putting money aside to address this for a long time.

Dredge a little deeper for kayaking and canoeing. Or Wanasak and Scherrer will build condos on it for a buck. Removing it will affect property value of homes around it. DNR will want swamp wetland. Make use of it for kayaking , canoeing and fishing. During the winter use as skating rink. and make no fishing in rink area.

None at this time.

The removal of the dam restores the river to it s natural status and it will make for a healthier waterway. I envision we could use the river for activities such as kayaking , canoeing etc... I have visited other communities where the dam has been removed and the residents I spoke with (business owners, and residents) overwhelmingly recommended removal.. Down the road we could improve the land to a useful space for the community. This could include a variety of activities; music venue, disc golf , hiking, etc.... I think it would be a big plus for the community and a big attraction. It would be much more attractive than the lake has been in recent years, plus the lake presently is not suitable for recreation. And to make it a recreational lake would require further dredging on a regular basis with increased costs.

If we can spend \$5 million on a pool that's used about 3 months of the year, why would we not restore the dam/lake that can be utilized all year.

If Echo Lake is dredged, multiple fountains should should be installed for visual effect and to promote water movement within the bay area. We may also want to install aeration around the bay which will reduce the potential of algae growth. Additionally, these items will promote the flow of water into and out of the bay area, which will reduce the long term build up of sludge again.

Can not live in the past. When you are green you are growing, when ripe you are not far from rotten. We MUST make the city/area to be attractive to grow like we all want. Sadly it will cost.

The Dam was put there to serve the City and it no longer provides the service anymore. Time to Remove!

Echo Lake has been an important part of Burlington and it's history and I feel it is very important to keep it.

Let it go back to natural river.

Whatever plan costs the least!..... It's getting more and more expensive to live in this city.....May have to leave after 50 years of living here!

Lets get rid of the stinky mud hole some people call a lake. Fill it in and make a larger park.

Thanks for the survey but why not put this to referendum?

There has been a lot of discussion on Echo Lake which is important, but don't forget about the rest of "Echo Lake" which is the part by Wagner Park. Please consider that in the discussion of dredging. Echo Lake by Wagner Park is filled with silt and beginning to fill in and have cattails.

the DNR grant ranges were not shown

Na

The dam is a real asset to the city, I think it is beautiful. You could use the dam as a basis for a draw name to the city. "The Best Little City By Dam Site".

I support Dam Removal. The other modifications are bandaid solutions. Let's revamp our community by removing the constant eye sore that is Echo lake and make the acreage work for all residents by creating more trails and green space for all. Let's invest in long term solutions for the city

It is a barely usable, hardly safe, and often ugly lake that park users shun for the most part. If restored, ever worsening and unsightly algae issues will be fought. Also, it will be subject to changing DNR and Wis. state health and safety rules and regs. As an example, say some people were to become seriously ill due to exposure to a toxic algae or bacteria growing in the lake. The state could mandate the dam's removal next year. If taken out, ongoing dam maintenance, dredging, and satisfying ever changing state rules are eliminated. I suggest selling the recovered land to a developer. Let the free market handle the enhancements. Get the land on the tax roll and stop fighting mother nature. The city cannot win with the dam in. The city cannot lose and could gain increased tax revenues from developement. Fiscally, esthetically, health and safety, and ecologically the right thing to do is to remove it.

I think we need to keep lake as is.

Is this study being conducted with the potential to remove the Rochester dam in Waterford, which is on the Fox River? Soon or later that dam has to go or be upgraded. Losing a dam on the White River and Fox River could impact downtown Burlington if not done wisely. Don't get me wrong though I am still in favor of eliminating the White River Dam at Echo Park.

none

Improve the dam, keep the lake.

I would love to see the river restored and open up opportunities for river and more walking trails downtown.

save the lake

It is unclear if any of the dam modification proposals provide a permanent solution to the algae issue. If keeping the dam will require current and future dredging to eliminate algae, then I support removal plan. Not too thrilled with layout of enhanced removal plan however. I like the concept of kayak launches and walking paths and fishing ponds. I would support up to \$6.5mm if end result is visually appealing and provides recreational opportunities.

If removed it would be a smelly eyesore in our downtown area and be wasted space. Spend the money, fix it right

If the dam is removed the muddy mess of wet land area will be a eye sore as well as a weedy bug infested area. Any upgrades to this wetland area will be costly, even more than upgrading the dam and dredging of present lakebed combined.

Dam removal is the only correct option.

I want it to remain as it is..beautiful.

It's a sin to destroy this.

I believe that the long term costs to keeping the dam are a burden to our city. Burlington would benefit more from the removal of the dam and the restoration of the

wetland surrounding the river. There are opportunities to install boardwalks and trails that will have more use to the community than a shallow lake that needs constant upkeep and cannot be used for recreational sport. The lake in its current state is a blight on Echo Park and it will continue to be so.

I'd prefer the damn removal over adding gates

Restore the river channel short term. Plan for future improvements and funding.

I would like to see echo lake dredged and restore the dam because that is the beauty and history of Burlington .it is nice to see the nature and beauty.I sure don't want to see the lake dried up and be a smelly sight.

I support keeping the dam. However, our taxes have increased incredibly since we moved here and this is upsetting. We moved here from Racine for numerous reasons one of which was high taxes. Perhaps an effort for fundraising or private donations, or a go fund me account could begin the process and the remainder a loan and added residence taxes.

If you look at other areas where dams have been removed, it has been for the benefit of the ecosystem (such as the Snake River in Idaho). As an outdoorsman, I stand strongly behind dam removal to return the river to its natural state.

The lake is stagnant and smells in the summer

We don't need any more taxes.

I do not want the lake. It is used for so little and it smells most of the time. That area could be better used.

Echo Lake is the heart of Burlington. Clean it up and fix the dam.

Dredging Echo to what depth

Once again I see costs for living in this city continue to increase. We are paying for a new school, another charge that was on my taxes for the city, the library is considering an addition,...what next! This is why the young people are leaving the city. If a dam is to be rebuilt, what about generating electricity from it? Haven't heard anything about this... Would a new dam be covered under the new infrastructure bills/laws?

Otherwise, let's restore the natural flow of the river and give the wildlife some new areas that they have lost due to our building along the Fox River and White Rivers over the last decade.

I strongly support construction of a new dam and dredging of echo lake

I love the waterfall over the current dam, but do not think that would be a feature of a dam that would provide improved flood control. The stagnant lake, as it now exists, should go. Remove the dam and restore the White River winding through parkland, with enhancements.

The improvement of Echo Lake will be the best result of this project.

If dredged, how deep would the lake be?

Could the use of netting that catches river garbage, also be utilized? I saw a product that somehow doesn't trap the fish as well. Also, what is the benefit of the dam, other than having a shallow lake to view? (It does offer nice views for downtown Burlington currently)

The survey was designed to specifically support the construction of a dam -- by placing those as the first choices -- and describing the river rehab as a \$1.5 to \$6.5M expense (2-3x the cost of a new dam) with no medium choice. I suggest it is immediately redesigned to generate unbiased responses. All choices should be equally visible and given equal ranking.

I truly think the Dam and Echo Lake enhances Burlington. If it is improved it will both enhance the river, the lake, and the park.

I would like to see the most environmentally friendly long term option, as well as the most economical long term option for us taxpayers. It seems like removal is the best route. Keeping or enhancing the dam will not result in a high quality lake resource. Dredging would be a continual and expensive process. However, removal will restore natural wetlands to the area, and depending on enhancement options, increase

recreational opportunities - while still providing the community with an affordable and aesthetic long term option.

If we are going to do anything and spend a lot of money, an effort should be made to make this a tourist destination for Burlington. Tourism could very well help pay for some costs. I know this is a lot of money for our inflationary economy, but can fundraising be a possibility to help with the costs, as well?

Dredge enough to restore recreational use of the lake. Create a Management Plan in coordination with local advocacy groups and the State.

Save Echo Lake Please

As a home owner in town and mother who frequently utilizes echo park, Burlington could be much improved by removal of echo lake dam. The new land could be restored and could be an attraction due to the multiple wedding venues for photography and trails could be added which would fall in the with the "city or trails" idea that is being implemented. The current "lake" is not healthy and does not add any beauty. Some people may have fond memories of utilizing the "lake" and desire to keep it but this is short sighted. I also realize that the individuals who own homes on the "lake" are resistant to change but those handful of homes should not be making decisions for the whole community. We have beautiful browns like for kayaking and water activities and nothing would be lost by the removal of this stagnant water redden with algae and geese. For the long term health of the ecology in the river and surrounding area, as well as, the beauty and goals for this community as stated in the Burlington town improvement plan, the community as a whole would benefit from removal of the dam and restoration of the land.

dam important for flooding issues down stream.

The lake and the park are community assets enjoyed by many people of all economic levels and have been for many generations. We need to preserve them.

Allow Mother Nature to take charge and decide the best outcome by restoring the river to its original flow prior to damn construction. Best solution!

Echo Lake drew me to Burlington. It is a plus. Make it usable and dredge it. Retain the distinctive feature that is part of Burlington.

I support dam modification Crest option

Dam modification will be adding more costs to the tax payers in the future. Let nature take it course. The dam is not needed.

Make it look pretty. The cheapest option is rarely the best one. People don't swim, and they normally fish in the river parts anyway. The lake is just algea and goose poop. Improve the town. The boardwalk and fishing pier plans look amazing - especially if they could connect to the existing Riverwalk. An attractive town with more activities will attract younger families and new and vibrant businesses.

The removal of the dam will allow a simple fix to a massive problem. Even if the dam were to be upgraded/repared and the dredging of Echo Lake takes place, we will still have this problem years down the road of Echo Lake filling back up with river sediment. The river sediment would be one of the many problems that could occur. The algae growth and the smell are two other problems that will not go away even with dredging and repairing the dam.

I think by restoring the lake and dredging will keep the beauty of Burlington. The lake is a big draw for visitors out of town. By dredging the lake it will bring more people here for fishing, boating and restore the lake boat races which brought a lot of visitors to our area. By adding walkways along the lake would be a big plus for our community as well as drawing people to our community. I prefer having the water spill over the dam because people like the beauty of a dam. The problem with that is the same problem we have now. It doesn't keep the sediment from building up. I just want to restore the lake no matter which way you go with the project. Burlington needs this lake.

I look forward to hearing more options for the dam removal, I'm sure there are other communities that have done this with creative and successful outcomes. It would be

great to have a variety of ideas given- as there are 3 dam options given and then just one, significantly higher priced dam removal option . Thank you the efforts to date!

I pay enough taxes now and I'm not willing to pay anymore for this

the presentation stated that the modification options will not contain a 200 year flood- the one we had in 2017 was not a 200 year flood and Houston, TX has had 4-5 500 year floods in the 21st century- the mod will be a face value only and not offer protection in case of a 200 year flood

I'm not sure if I would like large areas of wetlands. I like the walkways and fishing bridges. I think the river should go back to the original flow pattern. If we dredge Echo lake now it will need to be done again in a few years.

Will the DNR allow a land restoration option other than a managed wetland? How would the newly created riverfront be accessible under the basic removal option? What would it cost to make the riverfront accessible under a dam removal option? What is the expected river quality (depth, width and clarity) under a dam removal option? Would the river bed need restoration? Are there any potential negative downstream impacts, such as additional sediment allowed down river to the Wilmot Dam, Grass Lake, Fox Lake, the Chain O'Lakes and McHenry Dam?

I strongly urge the elected officials to work to save echo lake and its surrounding. It is an integral part of this community and has been for a very long time. I would be disappointed if that was taken away from us. I am a life long resident and I live in the immediate area and one of the things that I was looking forward to as my retirement approaches was being at the lake and the park and visiting the surrounding businesses, like Chris's Usa, Adrians, and going to the parks and watching baseball games, while also spending time at Echo enjoying the lake, the park environment, walking my dog etc. It has been discouraging that our city officials have not done more the last few years to protect the park, the lake (hello algae lets take a little pride in our community), and have allowed our community as a whole to fall behind other surrounding areas, considering some of the crap this city has wasted money on it would be nice to see it actually used on something that makes this community better would be refreshing for a change. On a side note whoever keeps pushing the condo development in my neighborhood ie Falcon Ridge, and garbage like the "city of trails" should move somewhere else as they clearly don't understand what Burlington is about. Its time to get back to enjoying events at Echo, where is the Lions Chicken BBQ? Where is the corn and brat fest? While I understand the boat races no longer being there I don't understand why the city continually fails to use this beautiful park as a centerpiece in its community and to lose the lake and its surrounding will continue to diminish a community that I already see as going backwards.

The removal of a body of water or lake that is a defining and prominent showpiece of downtown Burlington would be absurd. The options presented are stated clearly, which is very helpful to educate the community. The most expensive alternative, which would rob the community of beauty and recreation, would be a gigantic mistake, and make me question our elected officials capability to lead.

I realize action needs to be taken to resolve the concern. But please choose a fiscally responsible solution while balancing the other needs of the city, as well as the increased tax burden we're experiencing due to the pool and school referendums.

In the past when the lake was drained the whole city stunk for months until water was restored. There is also a lot of junk in the lake which I don't believe has been figured in the costs of removing the dam. We need echo lake in this community.

Knowing the amount(s) of potential grants for river/wetland restoration would be helpful for answering question number 4; How much would you spend on dam removal project?

As a community we need to think of the future. First and foremost is an ecologically smart project that sustains itself for generations. Removal of the dam along with enhancement projects are a must. I am not sure if all ideas have been thought of and shared. Various walking bridges, wooden pathways, historical and nature markers, canoe/kayak launches, fishing posts, bird watching posts, children outdoor learning area etc.

remove the lake which adds no value to the community. Nobody walks the lake or attends it as a designation. Fix the intersection by Adrians with the added space.

Burlington spends tax payer money like we have an endless supply of money. We don't NEED Echo lake. There are many lakes in this area. For once do what is necessary at the lowest cost.

we need the echo lake because it is a big part of our city.

I believe the Dam removal enhancement would bring more new business to Burlington and also increase home values, I understand the sentimental value of the dam but removing the dam brings on new and exciting possibilities.

None

Worried how the center of town will look as a muddy wetland. Would be nice if it were a useable lake that would attract visitors to it whether it be for fishing, swimming, recreation, or boat races.

Keep the dam, dredge and improve the quality of the mill pond. The dam and pond have been a part of our community since the eighteen hundreds. Originally powering mills on the West Bank. It is a well established part of this city's history. Keep the dam.

This survey didn't outline important information. What is the benefit of dredging the lake? I said no to that because you didn't provide enough information. Also, none of these options fully explained the overall environmental benefits or drawbacks.

Will the homeowners on the water be compensated if the dam is removed from the lost of water access?

I know you will get tremendous pushback from the community but the dam needs to go.

Thank you for considering community input. The Echo Park area is a valuable park area and provides great beauty, memories and history to our city. I would like to see the dam replaced. Best of luck in the decision.

Two points: I think the lake redredged is an underutilized recreational resource which is highly visible in the core of town. The bay at Milwaukee St. could support a man-made beach and floating pier with paddle boats and kayak rentals. Additionally, since forefathers thought channeling the rivers through a narrow concrete channel in the heart of a city was a good idea (NOT), at the very least, to avoid future basement back ups all over Burlington, the stormwater laterals emptying into the river upstream should be capped and redirected further south of the highest water. With only a few major, concurrent rainfalls they are under water where the concrete channel raises water levels quickly at the exact confluence of two rivers. It was a terrible idea but one that cannot be changed now without relocating many structures. We can redirect stormwater lines though directing flow further south where the river widens to its natural flood catch basin tendencies.

Please remove the dam.

I am a lifetime resident of Burlington. I think restoring Echo Lake is important to the future of our city. It is my understanding that the sediment removal is a significant portion of the cost to restore the lake and improving the water quality. As an option to hauling and disposing of the sediment could an island be created that would utilize the sediment? If the lake is 70 acres a small island could contain all of the material on-site and potentially create a nice location for fishing and other water activities. Connect it to the park with a foot bridge for access. Just an idea that I have been thinking about.

This can a great tourist attractions

In my opinion dam removal will result in estimated 67 acres of swamp. I foresee large expenditure to improve and maintain the resulting swamp. Even grassed park areas will Require annual maintenance costs..

I choose for the enhanced Dam removal. I feel this would revitalize the community by:
1. Embracing our new image away from the old chocolate city era and into the city of trails. This a perfect opportunity to add more trails and more traffic to an area close to our great downtown. 2. Restoring the river and dredging out the lake bed. Honestly I love going fishing there with my sons, however in the summer when there's algae

blooms it smells too bad and I just fish in the river regardless. Enhancing the current lake area would bring back more options to not only use the area for water recreation but also as hiking, pictures, environmental education purposes, etc. There's much more potential in the restoring land than investing in the lake I believe. 3. Financially... it seems as though going with the cheaper option never pans out. Choosing to restore and enhance is expensive, however it not only is beneficial to the park but also to our community. I feel as though it adds more pros to those who are on the fence about moving here or may think Burlington is a traditional small town. The business revitalization consultant pointed out that we must reinvest to the community and downtown area specifically. I feel this would be a great opportunity, especially for visiting families or potential new residents. I believe that choosing removal and enhancement is a tough pill to swallow for those who live on the lake or may enjoy it as it currently is, however the removal many benefits that are worth investing in. Benefits that may also be free with the inclusion of grant funds. It is my hope that folks can look to the future when considering this option.

I support the most ecologically friendly decision. I would also like more trails and wet lands.

Has BASD spent their entire Taj Mahal for teachers windfall budget yet? Borrow the money from them interest free, save Echo Lake and kill two birds with one stone.

We need to keep Echo Lake, but it must be a clean lake no matter what it takes!!

Removal with enhanced lakebed offers the option that best serves the community

The dam no longer serves its original purpose.

My concern is can people outside of the city take the survey while not paying taxes here?

Keep the lake. Dredge at a later date after dam is paid off. If this is economically feasible. I think the water adds interest and beauty. It also adds winter recreation. Ice pond for skating and fishing.

We see pictures of a wide river with a foot bridge. Geneva Lake will not provide enough water for more than a trickle that you can jump over. Look at the river flow in Lyons. Try to canoe or kayak there.

More wetland would look nice too

I live in a condo and feel my taxes are already way too high so I support any option that will not raise my taxes further.

If catching debris is the option chosen; how much would the yearly maintenance costs increase to?

How would the river/land be affected upstream and downstream if dam removal was undertaken?

I support the Dam removal with enhanced upgrades. Currently there is little or no use for any recreation unless you are a fisherman fishing below the dam in the summertime or try and ice fish in the wintertime where there are no fish at all ... We need more wetlands and nature trails that will help with keeping our environment clean and healthy. This will be a good opportunity for young adults who are in 4-H and other organizations like our boy scouts to help and educate our community the importance of protecting our wetlands and the good that our plants and birds that need these areas to survive. fishing ponds would be excellent opportunities for our youth and would also benefit our children in our schools to learn about or natural resources. Thank you

removal and dredging to clean up years of silt

Feel more recreational opportunities with keeping the lake and performing the dredging. Less maintenance than filling lake in, creating ponds which will end up with algae in them. Also much less grass to mow keeping lake. But dredging is a must and maybe should explore deeper than 4 ft.

Regardless of dam modification or removal, Echo Lake should not have algae or be unsightly in the long-term.

Burlington would not be Burlington without the dam and the lake

The proposed dams all look so industrial. Yes, we would keep the "lake" but the river look and be awful. And the lake may develop toxic algae. Last summer it really had a foul smell for many weeks with garbage floating on top of the scum. There are grants available for letting rivers return to their natural state. We have to acknowledge that stopping a river is not what nature wants. There will always be issues and consequences. Ongoing maintenance will also be needed. A natural flowing river is better for fish and for kayaking.

The lake is part of this town. My favorite memories of Burlington growing up are the fire works on the lake the boat races we use to have and chocolate fest. Along with fishing the river and lake then walking across the street to have some ice cream

We need to think long term not just making a quick fix that could cost more in the long run.

I like the lake

I am against removal of the dam.

I don't believe we should let the same people who have not properly managed the waterway. Have any say in the current decisions, nor should they have any say in the future of the park and dam. If they were doing their jobs, this wouldn't be an issue.

The dam needs to be gone.

I hope that whatever you decide to do you will keep Echo Lake and the dam. It is a big part of Burlington's history.

We will only be prolonging the inevitable if we do not remove the dam, engineers, ecologists and others know the best long term solution is to restore the river back to original state. Prior to man made involvement of a dam. Why saddle the next or even future generations with the costs and challenges that will have to eventually happen if we keep the dam. Our generation can not be selfish and short sighted in only thinking of what we want in the here and now. Think of the long term possibilities of restoring the river back to what nature intended and the opportunities it presents for future space for a wonderful park and green space for generations to enjoy and change at a much lessor cost.

I think modifying the dam is the best approach to keeping this waterway part of the City of Burlington.

My taxes are high enough already - I don't want them to go up any more.

Dredging of the lake will allow for more fishing, canoeing, and ice fishing too. Didn't the big flood cause a lot of silt, and soil to fill the lake? Now it needs to be cleaned up, since it wasn't done after the flood.

Removing the dam and Echo Lake would be hazardous to the entire currently thriving eco-system. Let's give the town a lake to be proud of and for the people of the city to be able to use with dredging of the lake!

I feel a large full scale change-up of the area would be great. Remove the dam and better utilize the area reclaimed.

Burlington would not be historic without the dam

I enjoy Echo Lake and park the way they are, but the spillway is a safety hazard for kayakers and dam maintenance and dredging operations represent indefinite future costs. I think removing the dam and restoring the river would be more ecologically responsible and more economical. Additionally, I believe that if the area receives the proper enhancements, it will be just as much or even more enjoyable for the community than Echo Lake in the long run. The short section of river below the dam is always packed with fishers in the summer. So long as the proposed fishing ponds allow for ice fishing in the winter, I don't see any lasting cons with dam removal. Dam removal is a show of respect for the natural ecology, a reclamation of land for public enjoyment, and a pragmatic option which is both safer and more financially viable in the long term.

I think creating a beautiful park would be an excellent attraction for our city, and improving the downtown area makes sense for the sake of our future prosperity.

After much thought and research, I am in favor of the Dam Removal Project. Retaining and modifying the dam does not provide enough spillway capacity to give protection against a significant flood, e.g. a 200 year. It is only a matter of time until we experience such a significant flood event.

The existing dam serves no practical purpose or function and is a detriment to improving the water quality of the White River. Dam removals along the Des Plaines River in northern Illinois have resulted in significant water quality improvements of that waterbody. Similar water quality improvements within the White River watershed would result from the removal of this dam.

With dam removal and restoration of wetlands. Including boardwalks. The potential for increased crime is possible. The growth of brush and trees would be significant in a 10 year period and would need an increased law enforcement presence. And it's accompanied costs. Along with maintaining the piers and boardwalk.

I do not want to increase our taxes. If people want to put a foot bridge or any other improvements, ask for private donations! Where is the option of remove dam, and nothing else without the landscaping. Stop spending money you do not have.

The dam is a City Landmark and needs to stay.

How often would the Lake need to be dredged? I would also like to see a better "enhanced" map of the area without the dam including named landmarks. We are basing our decision to fix the dam based on dredging just once considering it is so expensive to dredge.

Echo Lake and the dam is a part of Burlington that is enjoyed by residents and visitors. let keep it.

Echo Lake has always been a part of Burlington. I grew up on Echo Lake and remember canoeing and ice skating out there all the time. I think Burlington would be missing out on so much without the dam and/or lake. The dam is such a beautiful part of the park and the lighting that was put on it really beautifies it that much more thanks to the Wagners. I truly hope that the leaders of the Burlington community take into consideration on what a vital part that the dam and lake play into this city.

I've grown up in Burlington and my favorite summer activities involved getting ice cream at Adrian's and then walking across the street to look at the lake. My friends and I kayak on the lake and Fox River frequently. During the winter, it brings me joy to see kids ice skating on the lake. It's such a beautiful landmark, and it has such a beautiful impact on our community. Getting rid of the lake would take so much away from so many people, and it wouldn't be a pretty process. Hopefully it gets to stick around.

While the dam and Echo Lake are staples in some peoples' minds, it just isn't a feasible path to the future. The first dam meeting I attended, the consultant fairly clearly stated the current dam and even modified versions stand little chance to truly provide flood protection for significant floods (50+ year floods). So without flood protection, the decision comes down to what is more useful, visually appealing, and cost-effective. Dam removal provides the best outcome for all three of those facets, mainly because the current status of the lake doesn't satisfy any of them. The lake isn't useful as the water is too shallow for effective fishing, let alone boating and swimming. The lake is too shallow causing water temperatures to rise causing unsightly algae blooms. The cost of dam removal vs dam modification/repair (required if keeping dam) is neutral (maybe positive in favor of dam removal due to grant availability), and ultimately keeping the dam likely would require dredging the lake, a costly endeavor we would need to fund every few years in perpetuity. For all those reasons, removing the dam makes sense for Burlington (in addition to it being a preferred approach by state biologists for WI waterways). Not to mention, Burlington has done a great job of making changes to the downtown to make it more vibrant and fun, without sacrificing traditional Burlington. I think the dam removal with enhancements example shown is a tremendous next step for our city.

What are the timelines ? There should be a referendum.

I suspect all your estimates are low. My tax money should not go to the few who own property on the 'lake'.

Echo lake is a very important visual as well as useful aid to the city of Burlington's attractiveness... we must restore echo lake and figure out ways to use it for recreational activities.

The natural state of the River was no dam. The dam offers little flood control. The dam perpetuates sediment collection and will require ongoing dredging. The removal of much clay and soils by the Burlington Brick and Tile north of Echo Park also creates a return to natural area which will require more fill. However, I believe dam removal and some minor land rehab is better. The grandiose park plan is being used to skew this discussion. A more slimmed down land rehab would due fine. After all, even with saving the dam, no more additional park space is added.

Water flow should be preserved and echo lake should be kept, no matter the cost as this is a valuable asset.

I believe Echo Lake and the Dam is essential to all thing Burlington. I wish there were other funding sources, however when has the DNR ever provided funding for their decisions. Dredging is essential! The Lake over the last 15 years has lost some its luster with the continuous build-up of sediment (exacerbated by the flood), rendering it almost useless for recreational activities, and options. At one point the Veteran's Terrace looked at adding a fountain out in the middle, until the lake was found to be too shallow. For years we had the boat races on Echo (Jaycee's Brat Day Boat Regatta) then as part of Chocolatefest, until the bottom was too mucky and shallow for some of the tunnel boats. Keep both no matter what the cost!

Whichever option is chosen, I hope that recreational use of the area is improved to include kayaking, paddleboards, fishing, and possibly a beergarden.

The Dam does not serve any purpose in today's age. Remove the dam and let the river return to its normal state along with wetland enhancements

I do not want to see the dam removed. I feel like it will leave a swampy wetland in the middle of the city to attract bugs and create a smell that will not be good for the businesses near there

I feel that returning the river to the way nature intended would be the best route for the city to go. What people fail to realize is the maintainence on the new dam will quickly exceed the costs of removing it. The city will need to maintain the dam for MANY years to come and eventually need to be replaced AGAIN. I know its not the popular option, but I feel that it is the best route.

Burlington has several parks on the river with bridges already. The lake is more iconic and visual driving through town. The ponds idea would need aeration and w/o a berm, the wetland area would flood up from time to time and IMO would be a massive mosquito breeding ground. Is there enough water flow for electricity production, even a small amount? Would be 24/7 power and green. The WDNR has been anti dams lately which I disagree with them on that. The 500 yr flood requirement is mostly to force dam removal. Burlington had its 500yr flood recently and we all survived and since the city sits on the natural flow part of the river, the floods will occur whether the dam is there or not. Truth is the dams help reduce flooding if operated correctly, DNR is whacked in its thinking and has way too much power My vote is dam and possibly dredging. Scott Orchard St

Remove the dam and create a beautiful area. Echo Lake is an eyesore.

SAVE ECHO LAKE

I believe that Echo Lake is an asset to the community. Having lived here for almost 30 years, I've watched the lake's quality--depth, clarity, and beauty diminish due to lack of dredging.

This dam is part of what makes Burlington beautiful.

My previous city removed a dam and expanded their park system to include a beautiful river walk. The effort reduced the smell of stagnant water greatly. Removing

the dam and reshaping the land around it in Burlington makes good sense ecologically aesthetically.

I want a natural restoration

If the dam is replaced and the lake stays, are there any plans to increase opportunities for recreational use?

I have lived in Burlington for almost 50 years. I've enjoyed Echo Lake in many recreational ways. I want my grandchildren to experience the beauty, fun, and recreational experiences I've had over the years. I'm proud of our city and all it has to offer. Echo Lake and the Park are the gateway to our city. It's an important first impression. If we don't do right by this, anyone coming to Burlington will believe we have little regard for the appearance of our city now and in the future.

It will be expensive either way, but if Burlington wants to attract new residents and visitors something really nice has to be done.

Hope we see a dam their and save the LAKE!

Dam should be removed for clear river passage. Long term less costly of all options and also to maintain

How often would dredging need to be done at the cost of 2.4 million? That needs to be considered when looking at replacing and not removing.

The lake can be dredged in the future after we get the grants for the dam can cover for that cost.

6.5 million

Are the projected costs of the Basic and Enhanced Dam Removal Project listed above, \$1.5-\$2 million and up to \$6.5 Million respectively, without the grants? If so, what is the projected grant monies and what is the likelihood that a grant would be awarded.

Remove the Dam

Let's do it right the first time. We are having these problems because it was messed with before. Let's not repeat and create problems in the future. This will provide jobs to the community forever.

How much grant money that could be received could depend on the option decision. If grant money is limited or unavailable, I would swayed to vote for Basic Removal option.

The removal option is the only one that mentions possible grants, that's good. I have lived in Burlington for over 70 years, my amount of recreational use of the lake is sooooo minimal. I question keeping the lake based on recreational value. I would rather have a park for walking or pickleball. It also seems it would open up many more opportunities to attract things like China Lights, music festivals art festivals and beautiful gardens. Plus, no one would ever have to be concerned about dredging the lake again. Also, I am not clear which DNR requirement is covered by the 5 million repair / dredge. Is it the 100 or 500 year plan?

Quit wasting money on surveys and fix it

If there was a way to also include some type of parking for the enhanced property it would be even better!

I believe that removing the dam would benefit not only the health of the environment but also the health of the community. It's better economically, yes there would need to be some upfront work in maintaining the natural space but over time nature doesn't need our help. It's a resilient, stable and efficient solution and I truly believe in it.

Keep the beauty and nature as it is and rebuild the dam to beautify burlington

The river would be so health with the dam removal. Having the river restored on how nature intended is the best thing for the community.

The dam modification seems to be the most cost effective if the Slide Gate option is used. The 1.5 mil slide gate could allow the sediment to eventually flush out a channel leaving the rest of Echo Lake shallow. The lake is currently shallow and not used for rec other than Ice fishing, so I see no problem with that. The lakes aesthetics seems to

be its major attribute so that still leaves the problem of algae. Maybe look into algae control mechanisms and get a quote on that. Add it to the equation. I support this option. The Dam Removal has two issues both good and bad. Removal will definitely change the landscape so what is spent on enhancement is critical to the decision. If a cost-effective enhancement is bundled into the project, all issues are taken care of ending up with a beautiful recreation area and a natural river still flowing through the town. Spending 6.5 mil however requires some due diligence that I would examine very close as a taxpayer. I do have a question regarding the water level if the dam is removed. The water level will drop considerably with the dam removed. How will removing the dam effect the current water levels above and below the dam as it stands? What other features, upstream and downstream of the dam change besides draining Echo Lake? I'd like to know what the Corp of Engineers has determined. If the decision is made to move forward with the Dam Removal project, my recommendation is there is a cap put on the spending. Big difference between 1.5 and 6.5 that has to be justified. Second, ask for three or four different enhancement plans on a scale of 2.5 mil to 5 mil for example. Make sure there are no questions that go unanswered with a clear understanding of the outcome of each plan. With either plan being approved, make certain there is oversight on this project. Big projects like this have tendencies to go over budget or find obstacles that either slow it down or increase the cost due to unforeseen problems. Address this in the original contracts. Publish the progress and expenditures to the taxpayers and general public. A company's reputation has much value so keep the project public. Use a local contractor if at all possible. Thx for listening, Gary Gunderson

city of burlington can spend 5 million on a pool that is only open 3 months of the year but can't find the resources to fix a natural resource that everyday thousand of people enjoy they view as they pass thru our city! not many cities have a park and lake in walking distance

The White River should be returned to its natural flow, and the area will be better off in the long run. If the dam is modified, the City will need to spend on going dollars to dredge and maintain the dam.

This area is a focal point of the city. Many many people use this area of all ages and demographic. it is an important asset to the city and its residents and should be kept up in a fashion to bring joy to families for many years to come

One fishing pond for the enhanced option

removal of dam is the only wise thing to for the future

Get rid of dam as long as it will prevent flooding

The dam is the doorway to Burlington. It's beautiful. Fix and maintain it. The dam and lake should have been taken care of and maintained before some of the other projects were done. The lake is the cities treasure. Don't destroy it.

River and Dam Restoration Leaders, I am a member of the SMH Graduate Class of 1970, Echo Lake/White River Cleanup. In participation of our Nation's First Earth Day (April 22, 1970), our graduation class decided our Civic Project should be the cleanup of Echo Lake and the White River area below the dam. our decision was timely, because The City had fully opened the dam and drained Echo Lake. For several days, we removed (Dump truck load after load) of decades worth of haphazardly discarded Industrial, Commercial and Residential debris from the exposed (hardened muck) lake bed and river area. Natural aquatic plants and life were mostly nonexistent. That action gave me a lifelong inspiration to support a healthy and sustainable environment. So despite that I no longer reside in Burlington, I have an unending personal interest in it's environment health and wellbeing. Attached is a short video of the City of West Bend (and two other communities) Dam Removal and results. <https://youtu.be/cCQiaT1KcPo> Please consider taking trips to communities in Wisconsin where dam removal/s are/have taken place, before making a final decision on this important environmental, social and economic project. Thank you, Mike Weidert 920-268-5393 mwweidert@hotmail.com

I am very concerned Dam removal will create an eyesore and a smelly, depressing part of our fine city. It would be a shame to wreck this for our inhabitants, visitors and our

wildlife.

I suggest removing the dam and then determining what needs to be done after the river has reestablished itself. Please check with other Wisconsin communities about their success with removing dams. We are the city of rails and trails and that includes water trails also. Spending money on a new dam will not solve the problem and we will have recurring expenses to maintain the land. It is a waste. Let's move forward and let Mother Nature do what she knows is best. Thank You

Do not change having the lake. Dredge if we must, but keep the lake for fishing (year round), competitive boat racing, ice rink skating, Kiwanis fund raising. Without the lake there would be no Echo, only a big hole in the middle of town.

Please list specifically what enhancements would be. Also the survey is a little confusing. You could support both or neither based on the survey. What if a resident supports both, but slightly prefers one over the other. This survey has no way to report that.

Dredge Echo Lake. The lake is important to Burlington residents, like myself and utilized often to enjoy activities such as Fishing, with my family. I support putting my tax dollars towards improving and saving Echo Lake.

The lake provides very little economic and recreational value if any. The enhanced removal version is obviously the best route in regards to the reducing environmental impacts, reducing threats to public health downstream, and creating a potential greenspace with many opportunities for recreation and commerce. The area exposed would provide a centralized park that many cities would dream of. The funding for removal of the dam would be much easier when looking at state grants and partnership potential. I no longer live in Burlington but spent many days playing ice hockey on Echo Lake. That is the only time I spent recreating on Echo Lake. Creating a public greenspace in a great location could have an amazing impact on Burlington WI. Best of luck

Burlington is a beautiful place to live and in my opinion, the city has some of the best parks and trails in in Southeastern Wisconsin. Echo Lake is part of our history and I respect it as such, but the only constant in life is change. The dam serves no real purpose any more and the features in the enhanced removal proposal would offer a wonderful place for the community members and wildlife to enjoy in harmony.

We need to maintain the Echo Lake the way it is.

I'm not in favor of removing the lake. When taken care of, the lake is a beautiful, serene setting right in the middle of town. This is a draw for residents as well as a way to showcase a city we can be proud of to those passing through. Funding will be needed to maintain the area, dam removal or not. I vote for bringing back the beauty to what it once was and not allow it to become an eyesore again.

Think of all the wildlife that uses the lake. please do not take it away.

Remove the dam and make natural river banks. Let the water flow as it should.

Would like to see bidding vote on it

Downtown Burlington continues to struggle. The two rivers and Echo Lake are among the few assets we have that make downtown desirable. Why would we eliminate one of those assets especially when such a decision is essentially irreversible?????

I would like to see Burlington work towards a more resilient, stable, and efficient model and I believe that entails removing the dam and restoring the river ecosystem. Not only would it be a healthier ecosystem and more capable of handling changes over time (drought, floods, etc.), but it also will be healthier to our city by removing the unnecessary dangers of an unneeded dam that creates undercurrents capable of drowning individuals or that has the ability to release a massive reserve of potential energy in an event of a dam failure, which would spiral into a series of issues dealing with infrastructure, public park spaces, private properties, and ultimately fixing the dam once again. A dam removal and restoration option would be the wisest choice for Burlington today and Burlington tomorrow in regards to our overall health, ecology, economy, emotions, community relationships, and more. It would be a project that

would lift the city to a brighter, more capable future of working with nature instead of fighting against it.

Back to original wetland, plus outside financial help and increased river health makes sense in long run to support dam removal.

I support saving the lake and dam

The lake is beautiful--please try to keep it! Also I would love to see more recreational use out of it!

We recently bought a home here in Burlington and the lake was a huge attraction. It such a unique thing to have in town. This would be so disappointing to not have this feature.

The DNR is out of control.....we need Smaller Government and less regulations. Eliminate these unneeded, unwanted agencies with their unelected bureaucrats who believe they have No accountability to "We the People" who pay their exorbitant salaries and pensions!!

Echo lake is a beautiful feature of our city and would hate to see it go. I would love to see money put towards restoration and dredging. Does not make sense to do an expensive, enhanced removal when cost of restoration was one of the main concerns. Doing basic removal would leave unsightly wetlands in a highly visible, high-traffic area of our city.

I do not support the Dam Removal. It is a ludacris idea. In no way shape or form should it be even considered. The lake has been part of the community for hundreds of years. The list of pros and cons are extremely inaccurate. If the dam is removed the lake will become a parasite infested swamp, with constant horrible smells, ruining one of this towns staple features. If you remove the dam, it will remove the future of this town. Removing the dam shouldn't even be an option.

I do not support the dam removal. If the dam is removed, it will be removing part of the town. The dam been there for hundreds of years. It is an important staple of Burlington. Removal should not even be an option. If it's removed, the lake bed will become a mosquito infested, parasite ridden, cesspool of nauseous fumes.

I don't support the dam removal. Removing the dam would be a huge mistake and would scar this town for life. The dam has been part of this town for hundreds of years. The cost to repair the dam is a small price to pay to keep one of this towns staple features.

I've seen how bad East Troy looks. I don't want that for Burlington. And why add a soccer field to a park?

The lake is a beautiful feature that welcomes visitors as they enter our newly revitalized downtown. The dam is a gorgeous accent to our city and the Vets terrace. Re/Maintaining the dam gives us control over water flow and could potentially save our neighbors to the north and south during times of high or low water (rain and or snow melt). Dredging the lake and making it viable could bring more interest to town. Let's bring back the boat races. Let's make a beach and swimming area at Echo Lake Park. We have plenty of marshland in this area and many beautiful paths to walk and bike. We do not need more.

Please save Echo Lake. I don't think Burlington would be the same for me without Echo Lake. I grew up going there and so many great memories. I used to ride my bike there almost daily as a kid with my friends. Go fishing, playing at the playground, meeting friends there. I used to ride my bike across the dam right at the falls. Rock climbing across the river to the Island was absolutely priceless!! Hockey was big for me on Echo Lake. As kids we would go there every day and play hockey on Echo Lake. Shovel a rink out there and play all day. I loved it, such a fond memory for me. It really would be a shame to lose the Crown Jewel of Burlington. Echo Lake and Echo Park are a staple of the beauty of Burlington in my opinion. Please save Echo Lake

Save the lake!

I believe Burlington governmental officials are to blame for this mess for not addressing this issue sooner. If the city can spend money on the aquatic center, which

benefits some, the city can spend money on the dam/dredging project which benefits all. Lastly, I believe the current Park Board has an agenda against the dam, specifically Mr. Riggs, who is unfortunately strongly opposed to the dam. Best case is that this should go to referendum with citizens voting for the outcome.

I'm personally comfortable with either option. However I am concerned how the removal of dam will effect everything up stream. Perhaps a study has already been done? If a dam were to stay I would think we get echo lake dredged to make it a usable lake at the same time. Also I roughly figure it comes to a price tag of 500\$ per person. How would we tax our city to pay for this. I think this is a small price tag to maintain our water way.

Thomas Griesman

People don't realize how beautiful Burlington really is. I was born here stayed through high school then moved away and moved back. It's so so pretty and I didn't see it until after coming back. I do not support removing the dam especially for more development. Whatever is decided I hope that it is still natural beauty and a piece of nature downtown. Please do not make space for any buildings. If someone wants to make an entertainment center or housing structures etc. let's consider moving those ideas to the chocolate fest grounds as we are not using that anymore.

Please don't remove the dam!

Very concerned how much this will add to my taxes. I'm a senior on a fixed income.

Save the lake

I would like to see the dam removed, it will help both the White and Fox Rivers fish and wildlife. It will improve kayaking,, canoeing,, and fishing giving residents more recreational opportunities. It will create more parkland and remove an unsightly shallow, weed filled lake.

Do what needs to be done to Save the lake its the focal point of town and includes many childhood memories not only for myself but my own children.

I've lived here since 1987 and have memories of the lake, etc BUT if we want to think about what is best for the longterm health of the fisheries, ecosystems, and cost, the dam should be removed and natural wetlands supported. The long term pros should significantly outweigh the short term cons of it being temporarily unsightly. I think too many people are emotionally connected to the dam and are failing to consider or understand the positive benefits of an enhanced wetland. What a wonderful opportunity to attract native species and create a fresh, natural space to enjoy! This seems to be the most cost effective option as well. I am strongly in favor of removing the dam.

Replacing the dam with some enhancements will keep the integrity of the water area and the park as is at present with some moderate changes. Further changing the parks area at Echo Park and adding more park area, walking areas, fishing spots and adding to more maintenance to the many parks that Burlington now has to maintain just adds to the cost of all the parks that we now try to maintain as is at present. Adding more park land to maintain stresses the already thin employee staff (3 employees full time) which will stretch their work load further. Burlington has many beautiful parks and adding more to their maintenance will not be good for this community.. As a former Park Board member from 1992 thru 2007, I am very concerned regarding adding more maintenance to the already thin full time park maintenance staff.

Please save the Dam.

Algae bloom are more contingent upon nutrient load in sediment than water depth. nutrient load entering Echo lake will be continuous from Honey creek, Sugar creek and the White river. Also run off from adjacent lands. WE DONT KNOW IF BOTTOM DRAW WILL FLUSH SEDIMENT. We need to consider the future of the river. The fisheries will greatly improve. Perhaps we could enjoy more kayaking and canoeing on the river too. A wetland would attract wildlife. We need to look forward... If there is sentimental attachment to the dam; than save a piece of it with the history, as a marker. Lets do

what is best for the health of the river and the future for generations to come. Thank you Sharon

I've been a part of the Burlington community since 1987 and I do not believe it makes sense to restore the dam strictly for the reasons of nostalgia (currently serves no purpose) and allowing a lake area to continue to be unusable due the consistent algae blooms that now appear annually because of its shallow depth and increased levels of muck and sediment. For this reason, it would be foolish to vote for restoring the dam and NOT support the dredging of Echo Lake. However, dredging will always need to be done on a regular basis to keep the lake free of algae, which would become quite costly at \$2.4 million per occurrence as long term maintenance. Even in going with the cheapest dam restoration option (slide gates at \$1.5 million) and dredging one time at \$2.4 million, the total cost would be \$3.9 million. Why not spend that same amount of money to remove the dam and create enhancements to what would become a beautiful area of wetlands and habit for all to enjoy recreationally? For this reason, I would be in favor up supporting a project cost of \$4 million to remove the dam reverting the river to its natural space and the incorporation of enhancements/improvements - roughly the same minimum cost to replace the dam at its cheapest option and a one-time dredging.

I think that Echo lake was, is, and can still be an asset to the city. It is underutilized and neglected at this time. We need to restore this to the beautiful lake it was! There are too many unknowns in removal for essentially the same cost up front and we don't need a swamp in the middle of the city.

This project cannot be competed without Public Referendum or a large increase in taxes, which cannot be afforded even with a stipend grant. I am against this project.

save the damn dam. if you can have bike trails you can have water ways. more important than bike trails

I live on Honey Lake. We in Honey lk Rehab dist. ALONE pay for our lake and damn. I don't expect to have to pay for Burlington's problem

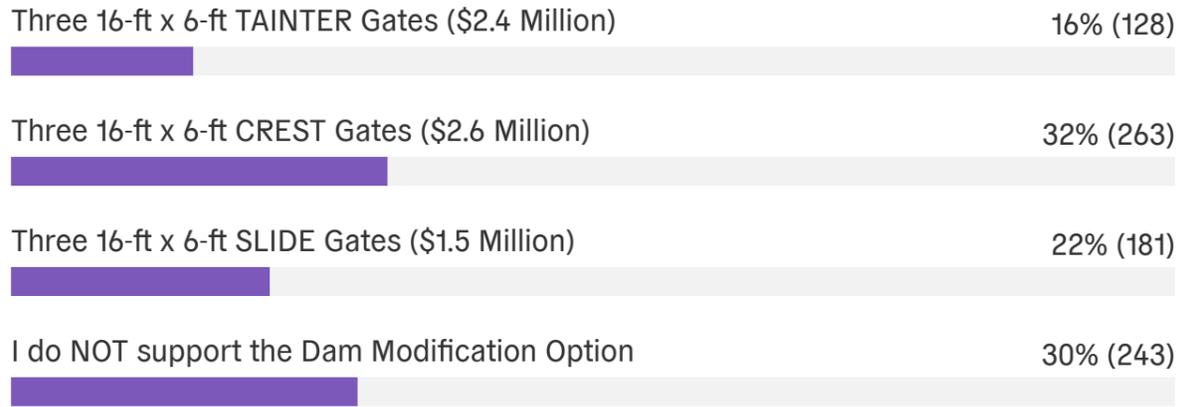
Put up for public vote!

Is there a way in which this should be part of your budget planning (maintenance/future costs) instead of increasing taxes?

Echo Lake should be improved to its its fullest extent. Don't destroy the lake.

I support the Dam Modification Project. Below is my selection of gates for the Dam Modification option. (Select One)

Overview

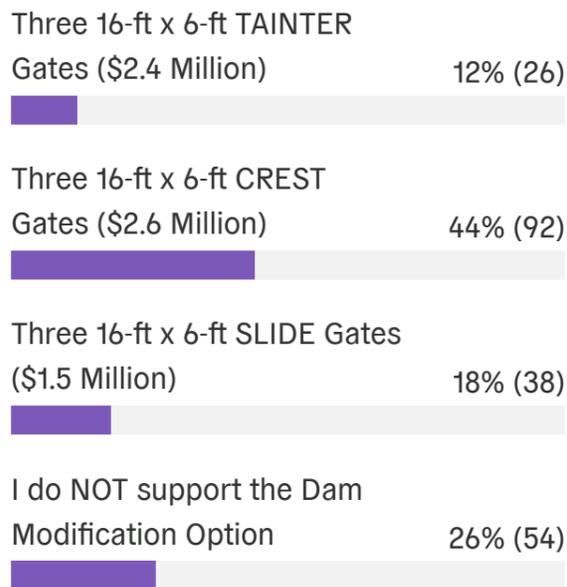


Breakdowns

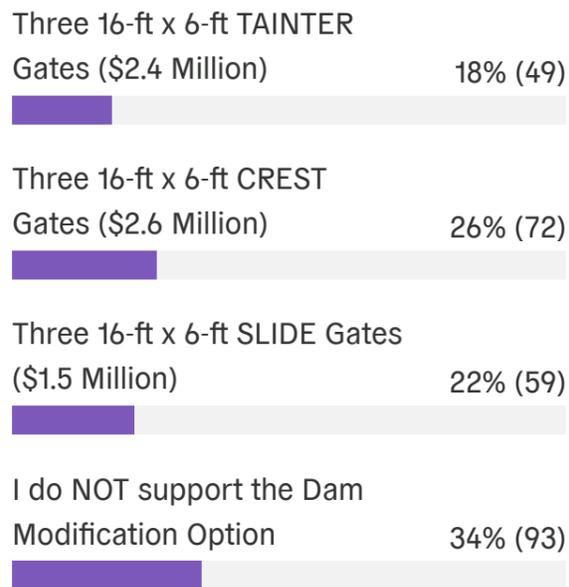
Gender

Responses broken down by the gender of the respondent. Currently, most public data only supports male, female, and unknown.

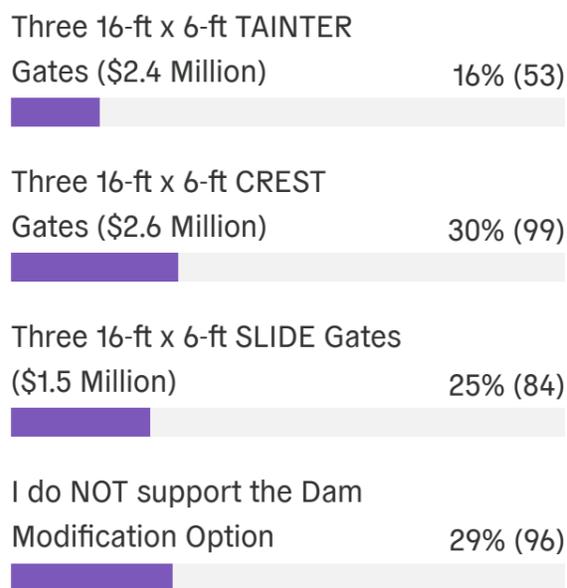
Female



Male



Unknown



Age Range

Responses broken down by age of the respondent. Respondents for whom age are unknown are not included in these breakdowns.

25-34

Three 16-ft x 6-ft TAINTER
Gates (\$2.4 Million) 16% (4)

Three 16-ft x 6-ft CREST
Gates (\$2.6 Million) 28% (7)

Three 16-ft x 6-ft SLIDE Gates
(\$1.5 Million) 8% (2)

I do NOT support the Dam
Modification Option 48% (12)

35-44

Three 16-ft x 6-ft TAINTER
Gates (\$2.4 Million) 20% (16)

Three 16-ft x 6-ft CREST
Gates (\$2.6 Million) 32% (26)

Three 16-ft x 6-ft SLIDE Gates
(\$1.5 Million) 26% (21)

I do NOT support the Dam
Modification Option 23% (19)

45-54

Three 16-ft x 6-ft TAINTER
Gates (\$2.4 Million) 8% (7)

Three 16-ft x 6-ft CREST
Gates (\$2.6 Million) 42% (36)

Three 16-ft x 6-ft SLIDE Gates
(\$1.5 Million) 20% (17)

I do NOT support the Dam
Modification Option 30% (26)

55-64

Three 16-ft x 6-ft TAINTER
Gates (\$2.4 Million) 12% (11)

Three 16-ft x 6-ft CREST
Gates (\$2.6 Million) 42% (39)

Three 16-ft x 6-ft SLIDE Gates
(\$1.5 Million) 18% (17)

I do NOT support the Dam
Modification Option 27% (25)

65-74

Three 16-ft x 6-ft TAINTER
Gates (\$2.4 Million) 17% (19)

Three 16-ft x 6-ft CREST
Gates (\$2.6 Million) 27% (31)

Three 16-ft x 6-ft SLIDE Gates
(\$1.5 Million) 18% (21)

I do NOT support the Dam
Modification Option 38% (43)

75 years or older

Three 16-ft x 6-ft TAINTER
Gates (\$2.4 Million) 19% (9)

Three 16-ft x 6-ft CREST
Gates (\$2.6 Million) 26% (12)

Three 16-ft x 6-ft SLIDE Gates
(\$1.5 Million) 28% (13)

I do NOT support the Dam
Modification Option 28% (13)

Unknown

Three 16-ft x 6-ft TAINTER
Gates (\$2.4 Million) 17% (62)

Three 16-ft x 6-ft CREST
Gates (\$2.6 Million) 30% (112)

Three 16-ft x 6-ft SLIDE Gates
(\$1.5 Million) 24% (90)

I do NOT support the Dam
Modification Option 28% (105)

Precinct

The geographic area in which the respondent lives. This is determined by the location of the reported household.

233

Three 16-ft x 6-ft TAINTER
Gates (\$2.4 Million) 0% (0)

Three 16-ft x 6-ft CREST
Gates (\$2.6 Million) 0% (0)

Three 16-ft x 6-ft SLIDE Gates
(\$1.5 Million) 0% (0)

I do NOT support the Dam
Modification Option 100% (1)

7067

Three 16-ft x 6-ft TAINTER
Gates (\$2.4 Million) 0% (0)

Three 16-ft x 6-ft CREST
Gates (\$2.6 Million) 0% (0)

Three 16-ft x 6-ft SLIDE Gates
(\$1.5 Million) 100% (1)

I do NOT support the Dam
Modification Option 0% (0)

AVON 042

Three 16-ft x 6-ft TAINTER
Gates (\$2.4 Million) 0% (0)

Three 16-ft x 6-ft CREST
Gates (\$2.6 Million) 100% (1)

Three 16-ft x 6-ft SLIDE Gates
(\$1.5 Million) 0% (0)

I do NOT support the Dam
Modification Option 0% (0)

BARABOO CITY WARD 05

Three 16-ft x 6-ft TAINTER
Gates (\$2.4 Million) 0% (0)

Three 16-ft x 6-ft CREST
Gates (\$2.6 Million) 0% (0)

Three 16-ft x 6-ft SLIDE Gates
(\$1.5 Million) 0% (0)

I do NOT support the Dam
Modification Option 100% (2)

BRIGHTON TOWN WARD 2

Three 16-ft x 6-ft TAINTER
Gates (\$2.4 Million) 0% (0)

Three 16-ft x 6-ft CREST
Gates (\$2.6 Million) 0% (0)

Three 16-ft x 6-ft SLIDE Gates
(\$1.5 Million) 100% (1)

I do NOT support the Dam
Modification Option 0% (0)

BURLINGTON CITY WARD 1

Three 16-ft x 6-ft TAINTER
Gates (\$2.4 Million) 10% (1)

Three 16-ft x 6-ft CREST
Gates (\$2.6 Million) 50% (5)

Three 16-ft x 6-ft SLIDE Gates
(\$1.5 Million) 30% (3)

I do NOT support the Dam
Modification Option 10% (1)

BURLINGTON CITY WARD 2

Three 16-ft x 6-ft TAINTER
Gates (\$2.4 Million) 15% (11)

Three 16-ft x 6-ft CREST
Gates (\$2.6 Million) 34% (25)

Three 16-ft x 6-ft SLIDE Gates
(\$1.5 Million) 18% (13)

I do NOT support the Dam
Modification Option 33% (24)

BURLINGTON CITY WARD 3

Three 16-ft x 6-ft TAINTER
Gates (\$2.4 Million) 19% (10)

Three 16-ft x 6-ft CREST
Gates (\$2.6 Million) 34% (18)

Three 16-ft x 6-ft SLIDE Gates
(\$1.5 Million) 11% (6)

I do NOT support the Dam
Modification Option 36% (19)

BURLINGTON CITY WARD 4

Three 16-ft x 6-ft TAINTER
Gates (\$2.4 Million) 20% (6)

Three 16-ft x 6-ft CREST
Gates (\$2.6 Million) 30% (9)

Three 16-ft x 6-ft SLIDE Gates
(\$1.5 Million) 13% (4)

I do NOT support the Dam
Modification Option 37% (11)

BURLINGTON CITY WARD 5

Three 16-ft x 6-ft TAINTER
Gates (\$2.4 Million) 14% (5)

Three 16-ft x 6-ft CREST
Gates (\$2.6 Million) 33% (12)

Three 16-ft x 6-ft SLIDE Gates
(\$1.5 Million) 28% (10)

I do NOT support the Dam
Modification Option 25% (9)

BURLINGTON CITY WARD 6

Three 16-ft x 6-ft TAINTER
Gates (\$2.4 Million) 10% (5)

Three 16-ft x 6-ft CREST
Gates (\$2.6 Million) 41% (21)

Three 16-ft x 6-ft SLIDE Gates
(\$1.5 Million) 16% (8)

I do NOT support the Dam
Modification Option 33% (17)

BURLINGTON CITY WARD 8

Three 16-ft x 6-ft TAINTER
Gates (\$2.4 Million) 13% (8)

Three 16-ft x 6-ft CREST
Gates (\$2.6 Million) 45% (27)

Three 16-ft x 6-ft SLIDE Gates
(\$1.5 Million) 18% (11)

I do NOT support the Dam
Modification Option 23% (14)

BURLINGTON TOWN WARD 02

Three 16-ft x 6-ft TAINTER
Gates (\$2.4 Million) 67% (2)

Three 16-ft x 6-ft CREST
Gates (\$2.6 Million) 33% (1)

Three 16-ft x 6-ft SLIDE Gates
(\$1.5 Million) 0% (0)

I do NOT support the Dam
Modification Option 0% (0)

BURLINGTON CITY WARD 7

Three 16-ft x 6-ft TAINTER
Gates (\$2.4 Million) 9% (6)

Three 16-ft x 6-ft CREST
Gates (\$2.6 Million) 21% (14)

Three 16-ft x 6-ft SLIDE Gates
(\$1.5 Million) 25% (17)

I do NOT support the Dam
Modification Option 45% (30)

BURLINGTON TOWN WARD 01

Three 16-ft x 6-ft TAINTER
Gates (\$2.4 Million) 0% (0)

Three 16-ft x 6-ft CREST
Gates (\$2.6 Million) 75% (3)

Three 16-ft x 6-ft SLIDE Gates
(\$1.5 Million) 25% (1)

I do NOT support the Dam
Modification Option 0% (0)

BURLINGTON TOWN WARD 03

Three 16-ft x 6-ft TAINTER
Gates (\$2.4 Million) 43% (3)

Three 16-ft x 6-ft CREST
Gates (\$2.6 Million) 29% (2)

Three 16-ft x 6-ft SLIDE Gates
(\$1.5 Million) 14% (1)

I do NOT support the Dam
Modification Option 14% (1)

BURLINGTON TOWN WARD 04

Three 16-ft x 6-ft TAINTER
Gates (\$2.4 Million) 0% (0)

Three 16-ft x 6-ft CREST
Gates (\$2.6 Million) 0% (0)

Three 16-ft x 6-ft SLIDE Gates
(\$1.5 Million) 50% (2)

I do NOT support the Dam
Modification Option 50% (2)

BURLINGTON TOWN WARD 05

Three 16-ft x 6-ft TAINTER
Gates (\$2.4 Million) 0% (0)

Three 16-ft x 6-ft CREST
Gates (\$2.6 Million) 67% (2)

Three 16-ft x 6-ft SLIDE Gates
(\$1.5 Million) 33% (1)

I do NOT support the Dam
Modification Option 0% (0)

BURLINGTON TOWN WARD 06

Three 16-ft x 6-ft TAINTER
Gates (\$2.4 Million) 33% (2)

Three 16-ft x 6-ft CREST
Gates (\$2.6 Million) 50% (3)

Three 16-ft x 6-ft SLIDE Gates
(\$1.5 Million) 0% (0)

I do NOT support the Dam
Modification Option 17% (1)

BURLINGTON TOWN WARD 07

Three 16-ft x 6-ft TAINTER
Gates (\$2.4 Million) 20% (1)

Three 16-ft x 6-ft CREST
Gates (\$2.6 Million) 20% (1)

Three 16-ft x 6-ft SLIDE Gates
(\$1.5 Million) 0% (0)

I do NOT support the Dam
Modification Option 60% (3)

BURLINGTON TOWN WARD 08

Three 16-ft x 6-ft TAINTER
Gates (\$2.4 Million) 60% (3)

Three 16-ft x 6-ft CREST
Gates (\$2.6 Million) 20% (1)

Three 16-ft x 6-ft SLIDE Gates
(\$1.5 Million) 20% (1)

I do NOT support the Dam
Modification Option 0% (0)

BURLINGTON TOWN WARD 09

Three 16-ft x 6-ft TAINTER
Gates (\$2.4 Million) 0% (0)

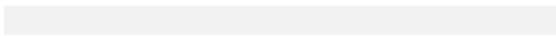
Three 16-ft x 6-ft CREST
Gates (\$2.6 Million) 0% (0)

Three 16-ft x 6-ft SLIDE Gates
(\$1.5 Million) 0% (0)

I do NOT support the Dam
Modification Option 100% (2)

BURLINGTON TOWN WARD 10

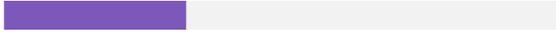
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Gates (\$2.4 Million) 0% (0)



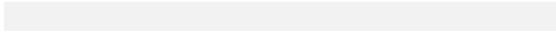
Three 16-ft x 6-ft CREST
Gates (\$2.6 Million) 67% (4)



Three 16-ft x 6-ft SLIDE Gates
(\$1.5 Million) 33% (2)

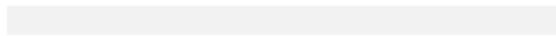


I do NOT support the Dam
Modification Option 0% (0)



BURLINGTON TOWN WARD 11

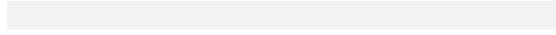
Three 16-ft x 6-ft TAINTER
Gates (\$2.4 Million) 0% (0)



Three 16-ft x 6-ft CREST
Gates (\$2.6 Million) 50% (1)



Three 16-ft x 6-ft SLIDE Gates
(\$1.5 Million) 0% (0)

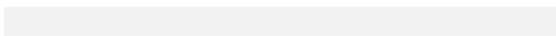


I do NOT support the Dam
Modification Option 50% (1)

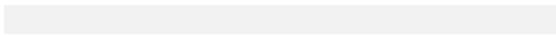


CALEDONIA VLG WARD 05

Three 16-ft x 6-ft TAINTER
Gates (\$2.4 Million) 0% (0)



Three 16-ft x 6-ft CREST
Gates (\$2.6 Million) 0% (0)



Three 16-ft x 6-ft SLIDE Gates
(\$1.5 Million) 100% (1)



I do NOT support the Dam
Modification Option 0% (0)

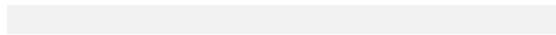


GENEVA TOWN WARD 5

Three 16-ft x 6-ft TAINTER
Gates (\$2.4 Million) 0% (0)



Three 16-ft x 6-ft CREST
Gates (\$2.6 Million) 0% (0)



Three 16-ft x 6-ft SLIDE Gates
(\$1.5 Million) 0% (0)

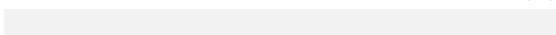


I do NOT support the Dam
Modification Option 100% (1)



GENOA CITY VLG WARD 2

Three 16-ft x 6-ft TAINTER
Gates (\$2.4 Million) 0% (0)



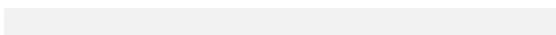
Three 16-ft x 6-ft CREST
Gates (\$2.6 Million) 100% (1)



Three 16-ft x 6-ft SLIDE Gates
(\$1.5 Million) 0% (0)



I do NOT support the Dam
Modification Option 0% (0)

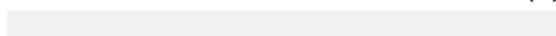


LAKE GENEVA CITY WARD 05

Three 16-ft x 6-ft TAINTER
Gates (\$2.4 Million) 0% (0)



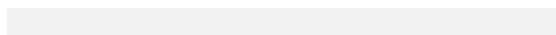
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Three 16-ft x 6-ft SLIDE Gates
(\$1.5 Million) 100% (1)

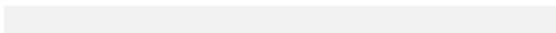


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Modification Option 0% (0)

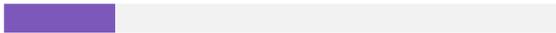


LYONS TOWN WARD 1

Three 16-ft x 6-ft TAINTER
Gates (\$2.4 Million) 0% (0)



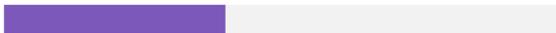
Three 16-ft x 6-ft CREST
Gates (\$2.6 Million) 20% (1)



Three 16-ft x 6-ft SLIDE Gates
(\$1.5 Million) 40% (2)



I do NOT support the Dam
Modification Option 40% (2)

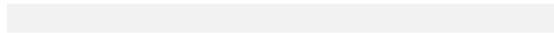


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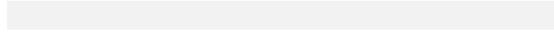
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Gates (\$2.4 Million) 100% (3)



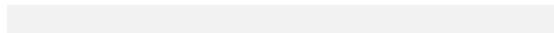
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Gates (\$2.6 Million) 0% (0)



Three 16-ft x 6-ft SLIDE Gates
(\$1.5 Million) 0% (0)

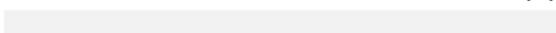


I do NOT support the Dam
Modification Option 0% (0)

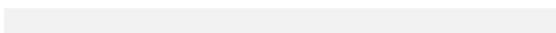


LYONS TOWN WARD 3

Three 16-ft x 6-ft TAINTER
Gates (\$2.4 Million) 0% (0)



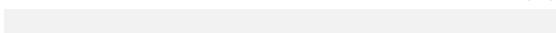
Three 16-ft x 6-ft CREST
Gates (\$2.6 Million) 0% (0)



Three 16-ft x 6-ft SLIDE Gates
(\$1.5 Million) 100% (1)

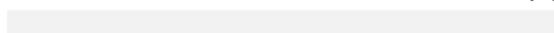


I do NOT support the Dam
Modification Option 0% (0)

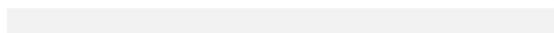


LYONS TOWN WARD 5

Three 16-ft x 6-ft TAINTER
Gates (\$2.4 Million) 0% (0)



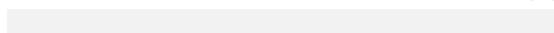
Three 16-ft x 6-ft CREST
Gates (\$2.6 Million) 0% (0)



Three 16-ft x 6-ft SLIDE Gates
(\$1.5 Million) 100% (1)

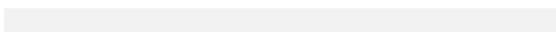


I do NOT support the Dam
Modification Option 0% (0)

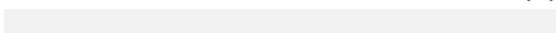


LYONS TOWN WARD 7

Three 16-ft x 6-ft TAINTER
Gates (\$2.4 Million) 0% (0)



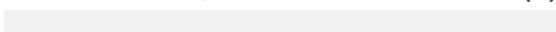
Three 16-ft x 6-ft CREST
Gates (\$2.6 Million) 0% (0)



Three 16-ft x 6-ft SLIDE Gates
(\$1.5 Million) 100% (1)

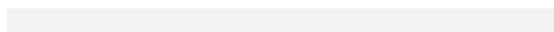


I do NOT support the Dam
Modification Option 0% (0)



MT PLEASANT VLG WARD 12

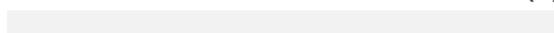
Three 16-ft x 6-ft TAINTER
Gates (\$2.4 Million) 0% (0)



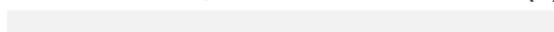
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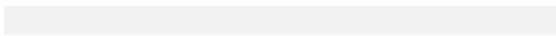


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OAK CREEK CITY WARD 06

Three 16-ft x 6-ft TAINTER
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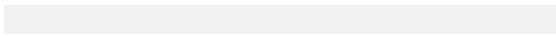
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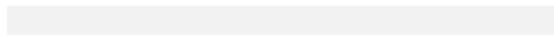


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Modification Option 0% (0)



RAYMOND VLG WARD 6

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Gates (\$2.4 Million) 0% (0)



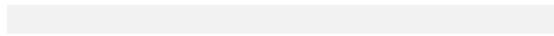
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Gates (\$2.6 Million) 0% (0)



Three 16-ft x 6-ft SLIDE Gates
(\$1.5 Million) 100% (1)



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Modification Option 0% (0)

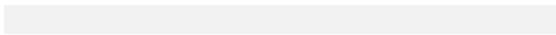


ROCHESTER VLG WARD 1

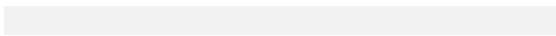
Three 16-ft x 6-ft TAINTER
Gates (\$2.4 Million) 50% (1)



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(\$1.5 Million) 0% (0)

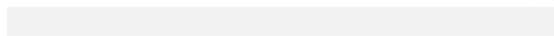


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Modification Option 50% (1)



ROCHESTER VLG WARD 2

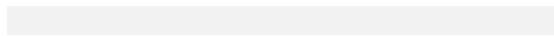
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Gates (\$2.4 Million) 0% (0)



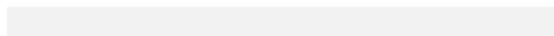
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Gates (\$2.6 Million) 100% (2)



Three 16-ft x 6-ft SLIDE Gates
(\$1.5 Million) 0% (0)

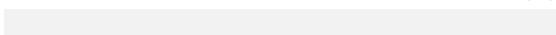


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ROCHESTER VLG WARD 3

Three 16-ft x 6-ft TAINTER
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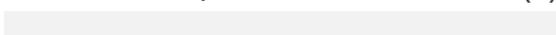
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Three 16-ft x 6-ft SLIDE Gates
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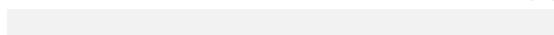


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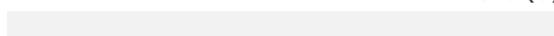
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Gates (\$2.4 Million) 0% (0)



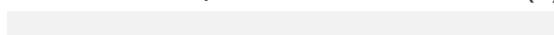
Three 16-ft x 6-ft CREST
Gates (\$2.6 Million) 100% (2)



Three 16-ft x 6-ft SLIDE Gates
(\$1.5 Million) 0% (0)



I do NOT support the Dam
Modification Option 0% (0)



ROCHESTER VLG WARD 5

Three 16-ft x 6-ft TAINTER
Gates (\$2.4 Million) 0% (0)

Three 16-ft x 6-ft CREST
Gates (\$2.6 Million) 100% (1)

Three 16-ft x 6-ft SLIDE Gates
(\$1.5 Million) 0% (0)

I do NOT support the Dam
Modification Option 0% (0)

ROCHESTER VLG WARD 6

Three 16-ft x 6-ft TAINTER
Gates (\$2.4 Million) 20% (1)

Three 16-ft x 6-ft CREST
Gates (\$2.6 Million) 0% (0)

Three 16-ft x 6-ft SLIDE Gates
(\$1.5 Million) 20% (1)

I do NOT support the Dam
Modification Option 60% (3)

SALEM LAKES VLG WARD 06

Three 16-ft x 6-ft TAINTER
Gates (\$2.4 Million) 0% (0)

Three 16-ft x 6-ft CREST
Gates (\$2.6 Million) 100% (1)

Three 16-ft x 6-ft SLIDE Gates
(\$1.5 Million) 0% (0)

I do NOT support the Dam
Modification Option 0% (0)

SALEM LAKES VLG WARD 12

Three 16-ft x 6-ft TAINTER
Gates (\$2.4 Million) 0% (0)

Three 16-ft x 6-ft CREST
Gates (\$2.6 Million) 0% (0)

Three 16-ft x 6-ft SLIDE Gates
(\$1.5 Million) 100% (1)

I do NOT support the Dam
Modification Option 0% (0)

SPRING PRAIRIE TOWN WARD 1

Three 16-ft x 6-ft TAINTER
Gates (\$2.4 Million) 0% (0)

Three 16-ft x 6-ft CREST
Gates (\$2.6 Million) 100% (1)

Three 16-ft x 6-ft SLIDE Gates
(\$1.5 Million) 0% (0)

I do NOT support the Dam
Modification Option 0% (0)

SPRING PRAIRIE TOWN WARD 3

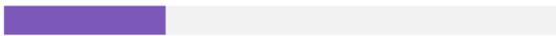
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Gates (\$2.4 Million) 50% (1)

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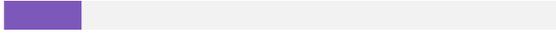
Three 16-ft x 6-ft SLIDE Gates
(\$1.5 Million) 0% (0)

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SPRING PRAIRIE TOWN WARD 4

Three 16-ft x 6-ft TAINTER
Gates (\$2.4 Million) 29% (2)


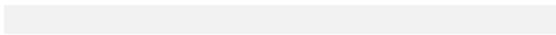
Three 16-ft x 6-ft CREST
Gates (\$2.6 Million) 29% (2)


Three 16-ft x 6-ft SLIDE Gates
(\$1.5 Million) 14% (1)


I do NOT support the Dam
Modification Option 29% (2)


WATERFORD VLG WARD 7

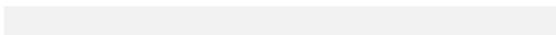
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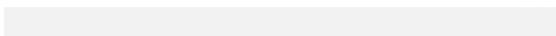

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Gates (\$2.6 Million) 0% (0)


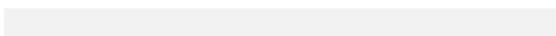
Three 16-ft x 6-ft SLIDE Gates
(\$1.5 Million) 100% (1)


I do NOT support the Dam
Modification Option 0% (0)


WHARTON TWP

Three 16-ft x 6-ft TAINTER
Gates (\$2.4 Million) 0% (0)


Three 16-ft x 6-ft CREST
Gates (\$2.6 Million) 0% (0)


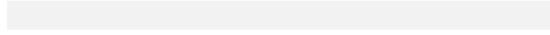
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(\$1.5 Million) 0% (0)


I do NOT support the Dam
Modification Option 100% (1)


SUN PRAIRIE CITY WARD 15

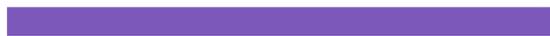
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Gates (\$2.4 Million) 100% (1)

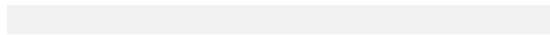

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Gates (\$2.6 Million) 0% (0)

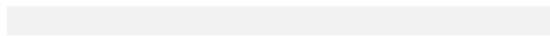

Three 16-ft x 6-ft SLIDE Gates
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Modification Option 0% (0)


WEST ALLIS CITY WARD 04

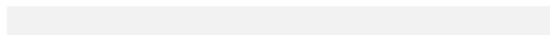
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Gates (\$2.4 Million) 100% (1)


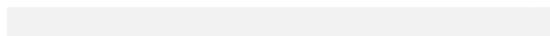
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Gates (\$2.6 Million) 0% (0)


Three 16-ft x 6-ft SLIDE Gates
(\$1.5 Million) 0% (0)


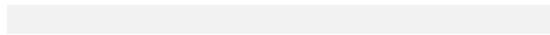
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Modification Option 0% (0)


WHEATLAND TOWN WARD 1

Three 16-ft x 6-ft TAINTER
Gates (\$2.4 Million) 0% (0)


Three 16-ft x 6-ft CREST
Gates (\$2.6 Million) 0% (0)


Three 16-ft x 6-ft SLIDE Gates
(\$1.5 Million) 100% (1)

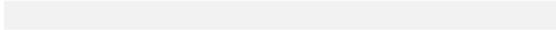

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WHEATLAND TOWN WARD 2

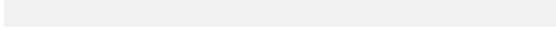
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Gates (\$2.4 Million) 100% (1)



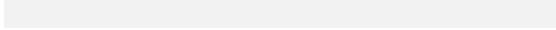
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Gates (\$2.6 Million) 0% (0)



Three 16-ft x 6-ft SLIDE Gates
(\$1.5 Million) 0% (0)



I do NOT support the Dam
Modification Option 0% (0)

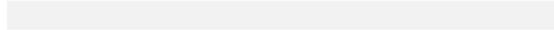


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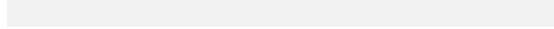
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Gates (\$2.4 Million) 100% (1)



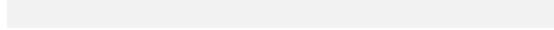
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Gates (\$2.6 Million) 0% (0)



Three 16-ft x 6-ft SLIDE Gates
(\$1.5 Million) 0% (0)

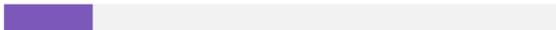


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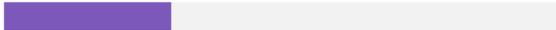


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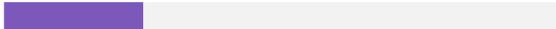
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Gates (\$2.4 Million) 16% (53)



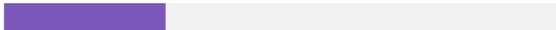
Three 16-ft x 6-ft CREST
Gates (\$2.6 Million) 30% (99)



Three 16-ft x 6-ft SLIDE Gates
(\$1.5 Million) 25% (84)



I do NOT support the Dam
Modification Option 29% (95)

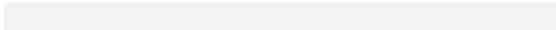


City Council Commissioner District

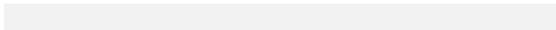
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BARABOO CITY ALDERMANIC 3

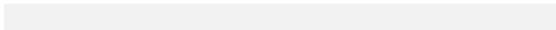
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Gates (\$2.4 Million) 0% (0)



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Gates (\$2.6 Million) 0% (0)



Three 16-ft x 6-ft SLIDE Gates
(\$1.5 Million) 0% (0)

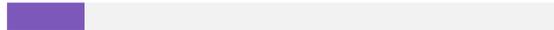


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Modification Option 100% (2)

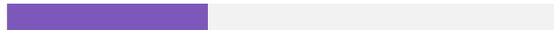


BURLINGTON CITY ALDERMANIC 1

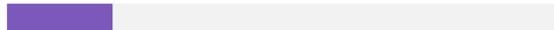
Three 16-ft x 6-ft TAINTER
Gates (\$2.4 Million) 14% (12)



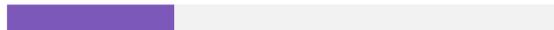
Three 16-ft x 6-ft CREST
Gates (\$2.6 Million) 36% (30)



Three 16-ft x 6-ft SLIDE Gates
(\$1.5 Million) 19% (16)



I do NOT support the Dam
Modification Option 30% (25)



BURLINGTON CITY ALDERMANIC 2

Three 16-ft x 6-ft TAINTER
Gates (\$2.4 Million) 19% (16)

Three 16-ft x 6-ft CREST
Gates (\$2.6 Million) 33% (27)

Three 16-ft x 6-ft SLIDE Gates
(\$1.5 Million) 12% (10)

I do NOT support the Dam
Modification Option 36% (30)

BURLINGTON CITY ALDERMANIC 4

Three 16-ft x 6-ft TAINTER
Gates (\$2.4 Million) 11% (14)

Three 16-ft x 6-ft CREST
Gates (\$2.6 Million) 32% (41)

Three 16-ft x 6-ft SLIDE Gates
(\$1.5 Million) 22% (28)

I do NOT support the Dam
Modification Option 35% (44)

OAK CREEK CITY ALDERMANIC 2

Three 16-ft x 6-ft TAINTER
Gates (\$2.4 Million) 0% (0)

Three 16-ft x 6-ft CREST
Gates (\$2.6 Million) 0% (0)

Three 16-ft x 6-ft SLIDE Gates
(\$1.5 Million) 100% (1)

I do NOT support the Dam
Modification Option 0% (0)

BURLINGTON CITY ALDERMANIC 3

Three 16-ft x 6-ft TAINTER
Gates (\$2.4 Million) 11% (10)

Three 16-ft x 6-ft CREST
Gates (\$2.6 Million) 38% (33)

Three 16-ft x 6-ft SLIDE Gates
(\$1.5 Million) 21% (18)

I do NOT support the Dam
Modification Option 30% (26)

LAKE GENEVA CITY ALDERMANIC 3

Three 16-ft x 6-ft TAINTER
Gates (\$2.4 Million) 0% (0)

Three 16-ft x 6-ft CREST
Gates (\$2.6 Million) 0% (0)

Three 16-ft x 6-ft SLIDE Gates
(\$1.5 Million) 100% (1)

I do NOT support the Dam
Modification Option 0% (0)

SAN JOSE CITY CNCL 01

Three 16-ft x 6-ft TAINTER
Gates (\$2.4 Million) 0% (0)

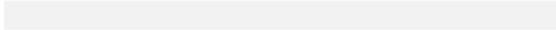
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Gates (\$2.6 Million) 0% (0)

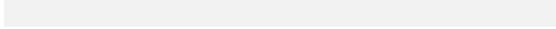
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(\$1.5 Million) 100% (1)

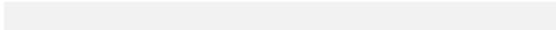
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Modification Option 0% (0)

SUN PRAIRIE CITY ALDERMANIC 4

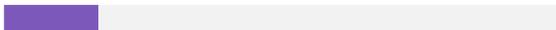
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Gates (\$2.4 Million) 100% (1)

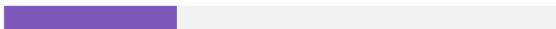

Three 16-ft x 6-ft CREST
Gates (\$2.6 Million) 0% (0)


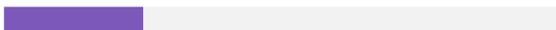
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(\$1.5 Million) 0% (0)


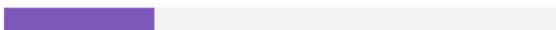
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Modification Option 0% (0)


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Three 16-ft x 6-ft TAINTER
Gates (\$2.4 Million) 17% (74)


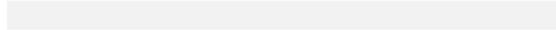
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Gates (\$2.6 Million) 31% (132)


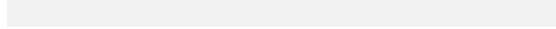
Three 16-ft x 6-ft SLIDE Gates
(\$1.5 Million) 25% (106)


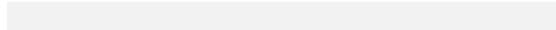
I do NOT support the Dam
Modification Option 27% (116)


WEST ALLIS CITY ALDERMANIC 1

Three 16-ft x 6-ft TAINTER
Gates (\$2.4 Million) 100% (1)

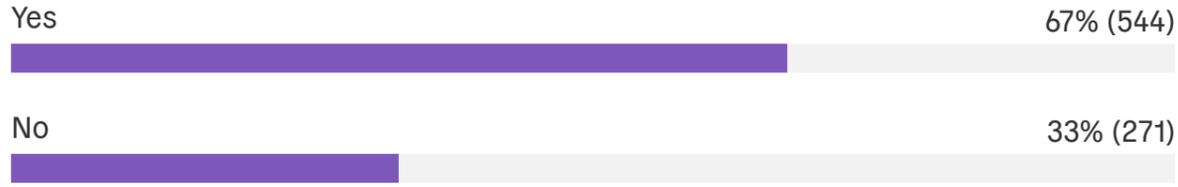

Three 16-ft x 6-ft CREST
Gates (\$2.6 Million) 0% (0)


Three 16-ft x 6-ft SLIDE Gates
(\$1.5 Million) 0% (0)


I do NOT support the Dam
Modification Option 0% (0)


Would you support dredging of Echo Lake in conjunction with dam modification? (additional \$2.4 Million)

Overview



Breakdowns

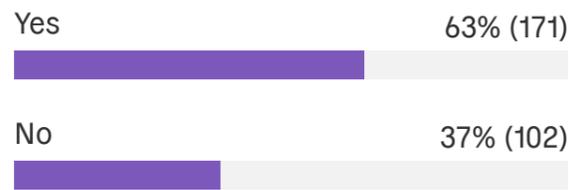
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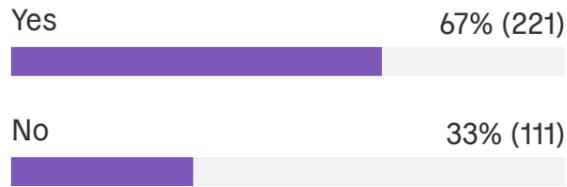
Female



Male



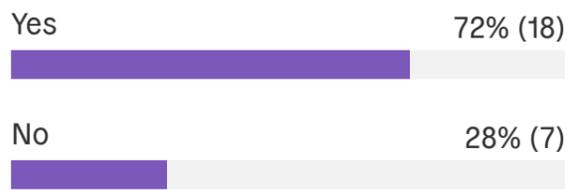
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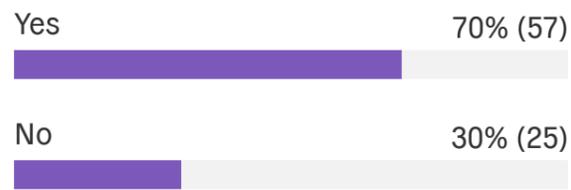
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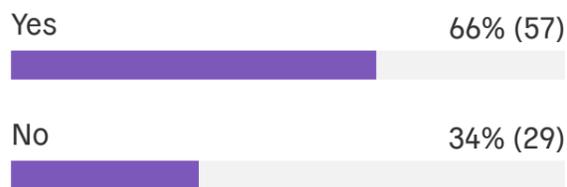
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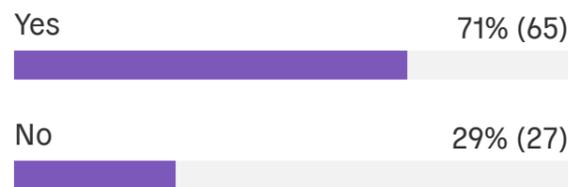
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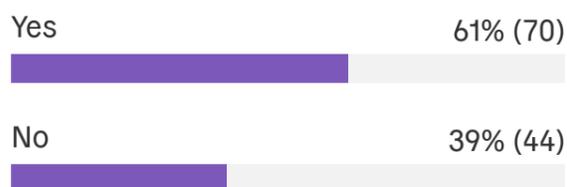
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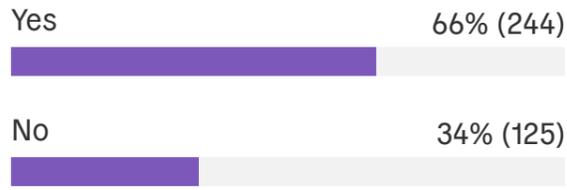
65-74



75 years or older



Unknown



Precinct

The geographic area in which the respondent lives. This is determined by the location of the reported household.

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AVON 042



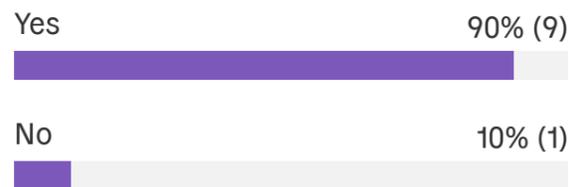
BARABOO CITY WARD 05



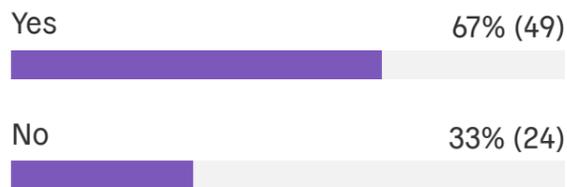
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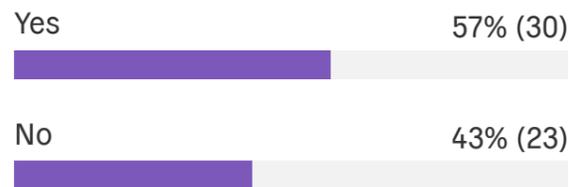
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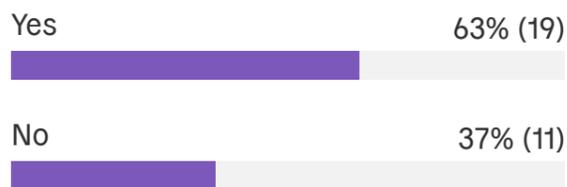
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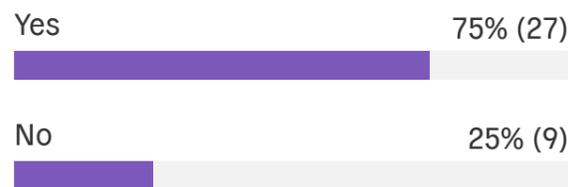
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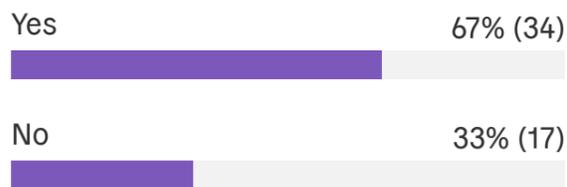
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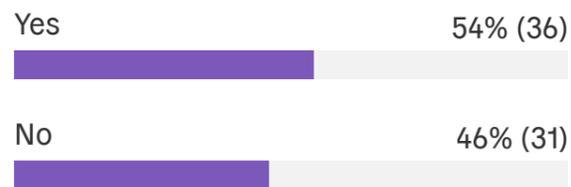
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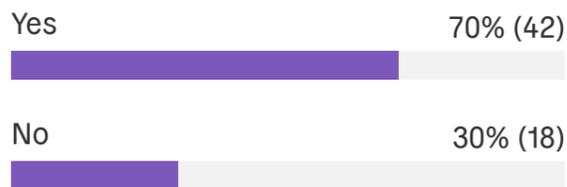
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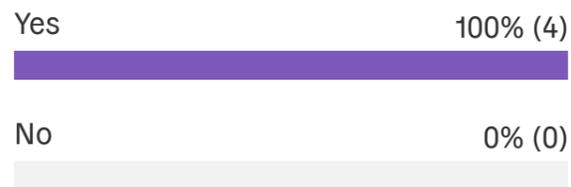
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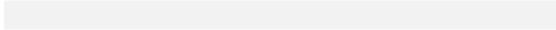


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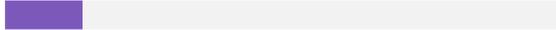
BURLINGTON TOWN WARD 02

Yes 100% (3)


No 0% (0)


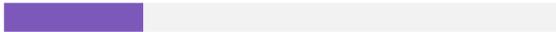
BURLINGTON TOWN WARD 03

Yes 86% (6)


No 14% (1)


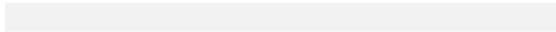
BURLINGTON TOWN WARD 04

Yes 75% (3)


No 25% (1)


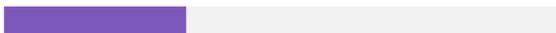
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Yes 100% (3)


No 0% (0)


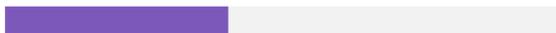
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Yes 67% (4)

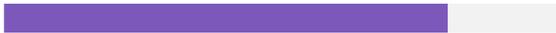

No 33% (2)


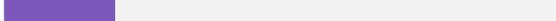
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Yes 60% (3)

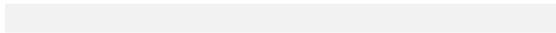

No 40% (2)


BURLINGTON TOWN WARD 08

Yes 80% (4)


No 20% (1)


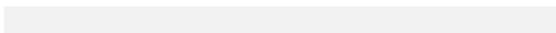
BURLINGTON TOWN WARD 09

Yes 0% (0)


No 100% (2)


BURLINGTON TOWN WARD 10

Yes 100% (6)


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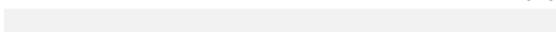
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Yes 50% (1)

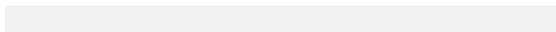

No 50% (1)


CALEDONIA VLG WARD 05

Yes 100% (1)

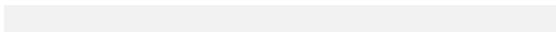

No 0% (0)


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Yes 0% (0)


No 100% (1)

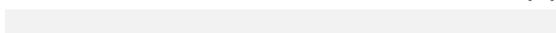

GENOA CITY VLG WARD 2

Yes 0% (0)


No 100% (1)

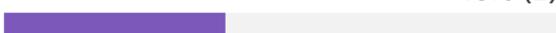

LAKE GENEVA CITY WARD 05

Yes 100% (1)

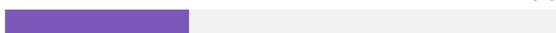

No 0% (0)


LYONS TOWN WARD 1

Yes 60% (3)

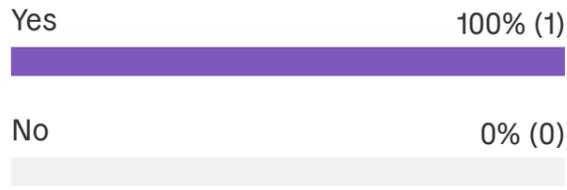

No 40% (2)


LYONS TOWN WARD 2

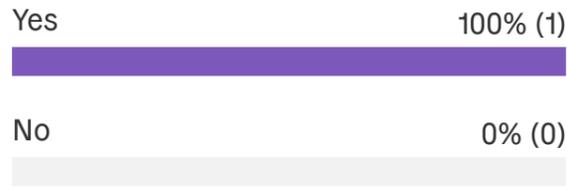
Yes 33% (1)


No 67% (2)

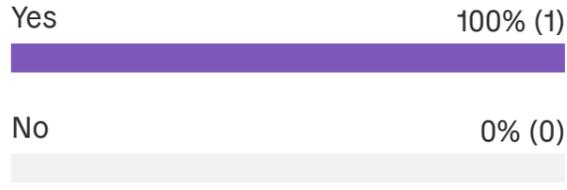

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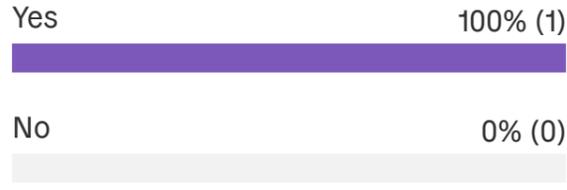
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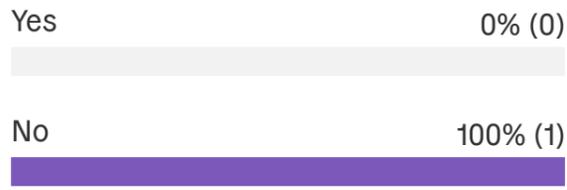
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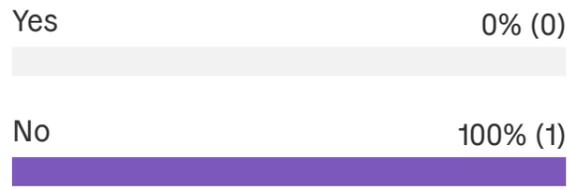
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OAK CREEK CITY WARD 06



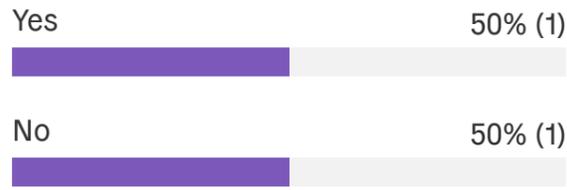
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ROCHESTER VLG WARD 1



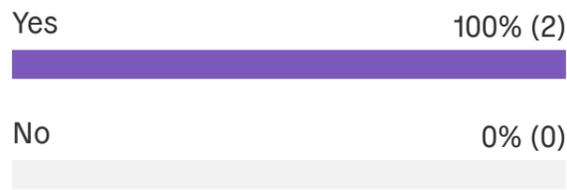
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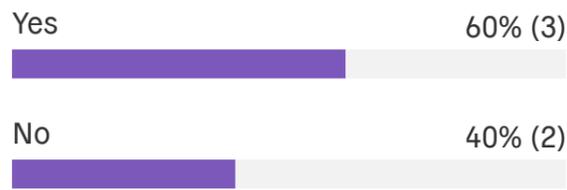
ROCHESTER VLG WARD 4



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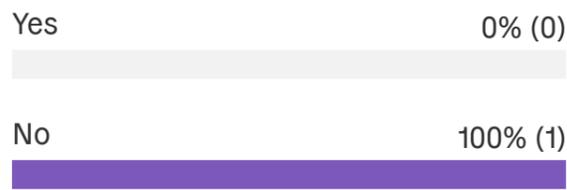
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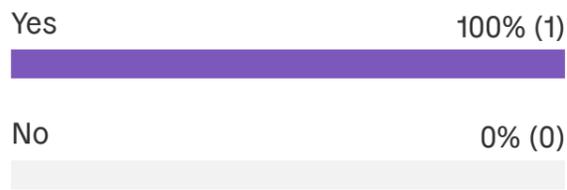
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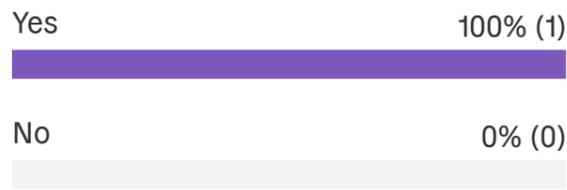
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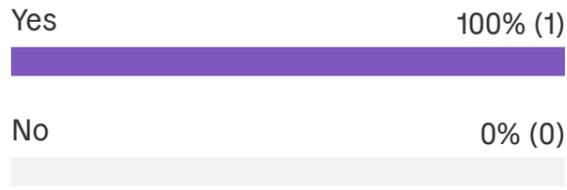
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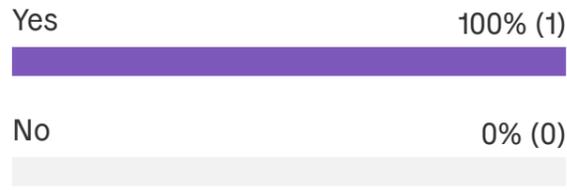
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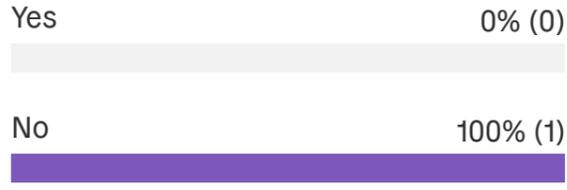
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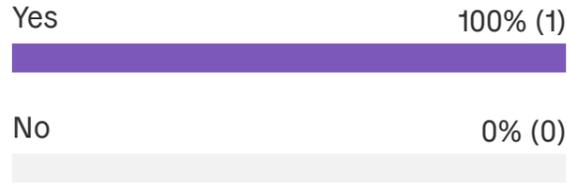
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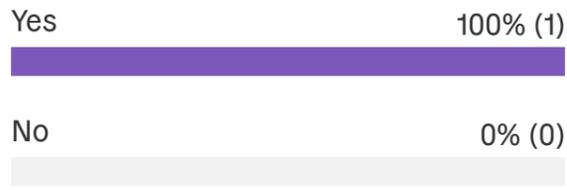
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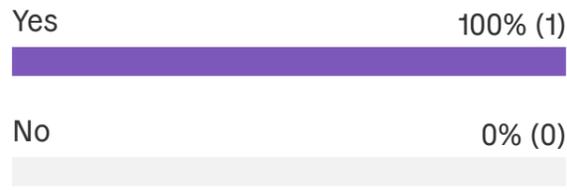
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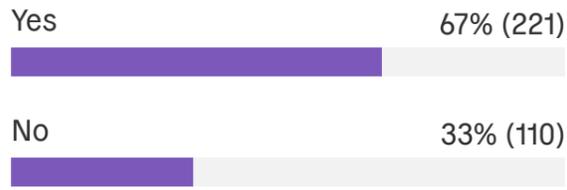
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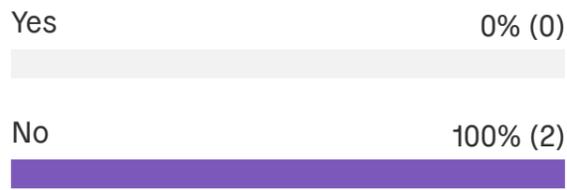
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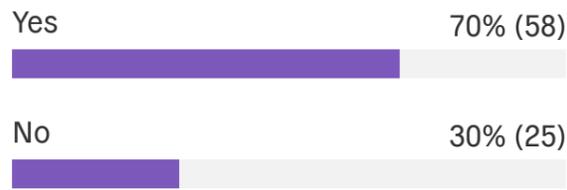
City Council Commissioner District

Responses broken down by who the respondents' city council commissioner is.

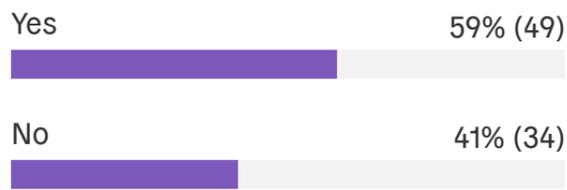
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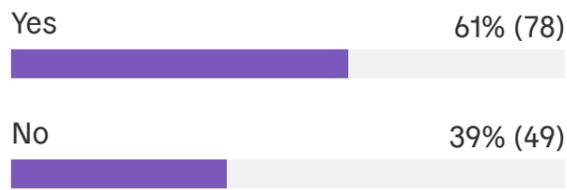
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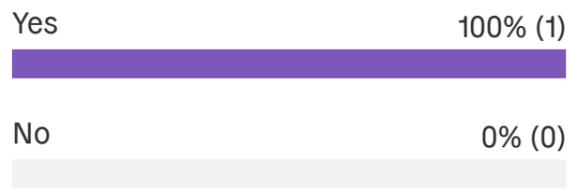
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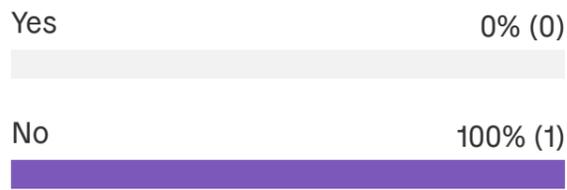
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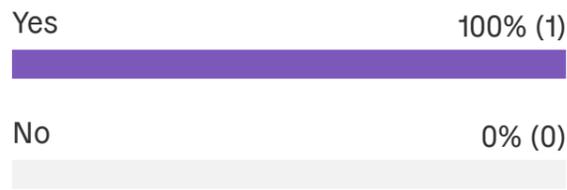
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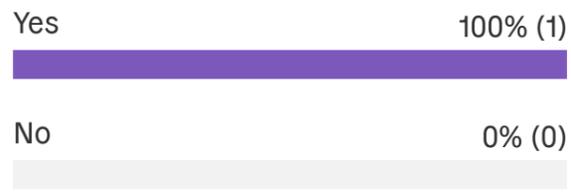
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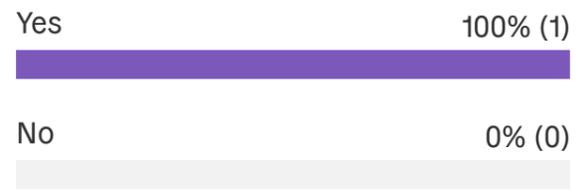
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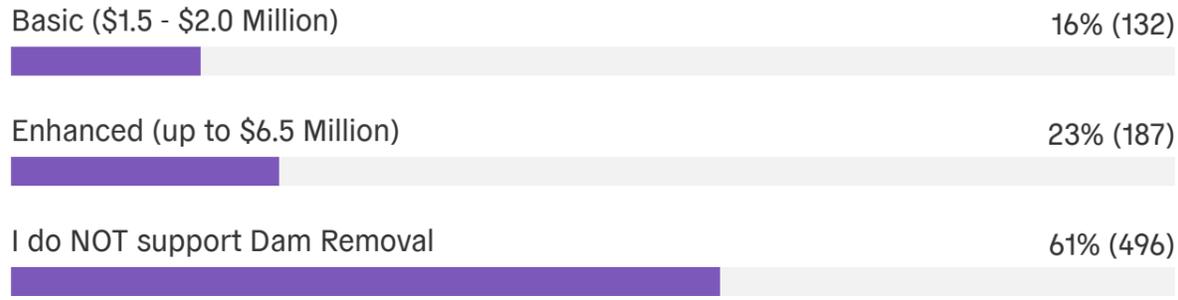


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I support the Dam Removal Project. Below is my selection for the Dam Removal option. (Select One)

Overview

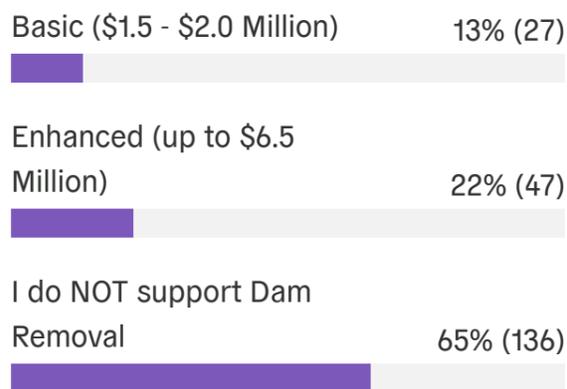


Breakdowns

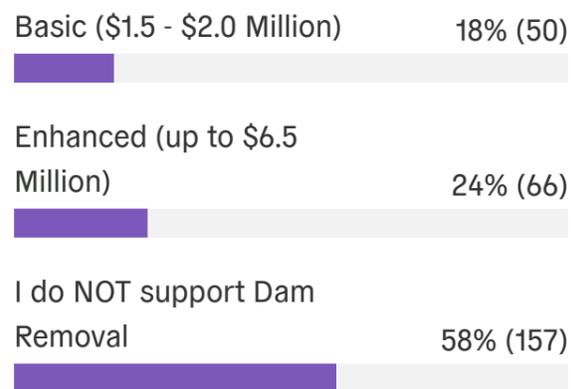
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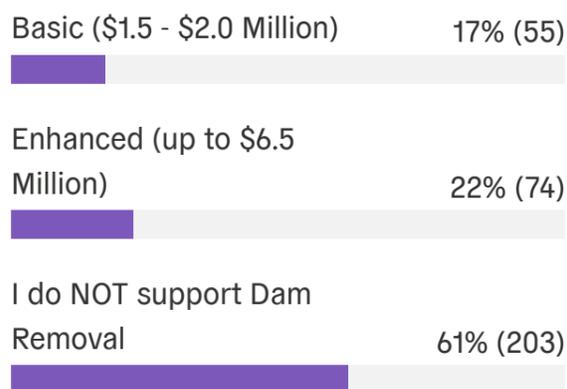
Female



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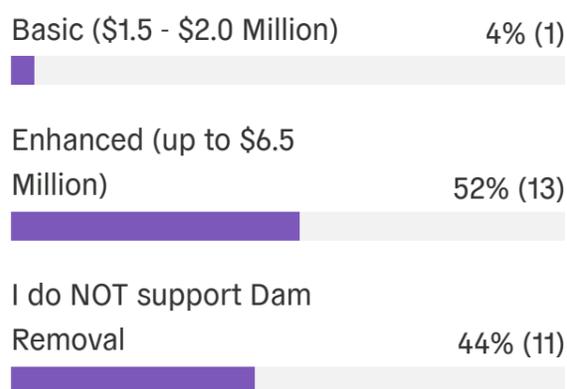
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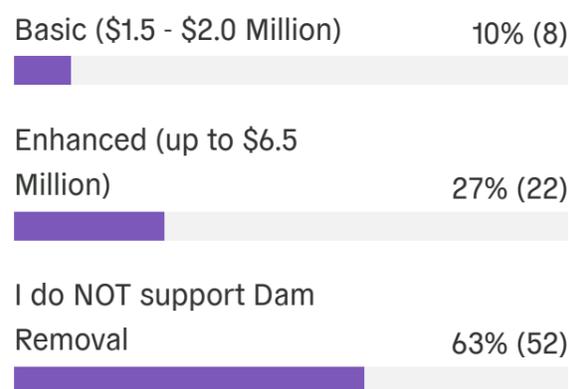
Age Range

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25-34



35-44



45-54

Basic (\$1.5 - \$2.0 Million) 16% (14)

Enhanced (up to \$6.5 Million) 27% (23)

I do NOT support Dam Removal 57% (49)

55-64

Basic (\$1.5 - \$2.0 Million) 20% (18)

Enhanced (up to \$6.5 Million) 20% (18)

I do NOT support Dam Removal 61% (56)

65-74

Basic (\$1.5 - \$2.0 Million) 21% (24)

Enhanced (up to \$6.5 Million) 18% (21)

I do NOT support Dam Removal 61% (69)

75 years or older

Basic (\$1.5 - \$2.0 Million) 17% (8)

Enhanced (up to \$6.5 Million) 17% (8)

I do NOT support Dam Removal 66% (31)

Unknown

Basic (\$1.5 - \$2.0 Million) 16% (59)

Enhanced (up to \$6.5 Million) 22% (82)

I do NOT support Dam Removal 62% (228)

Precinct

The geographic area in which the respondent lives. This is determined by the location of the reported household.

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Basic (\$1.5 - \$2.0 Million) 0% (0)

Enhanced (up to \$6.5 Million) 0% (0)

I do NOT support Dam Removal 100% (1)

7067

Basic (\$1.5 - \$2.0 Million) 0% (0)

Enhanced (up to \$6.5 Million) 0% (0)

I do NOT support Dam Removal 100% (1)

AVON 042

Basic (\$1.5 - \$2.0 Million) 0% (0)

Enhanced (up to \$6.5 Million) 0% (0)

I do NOT support Dam Removal 100% (1)

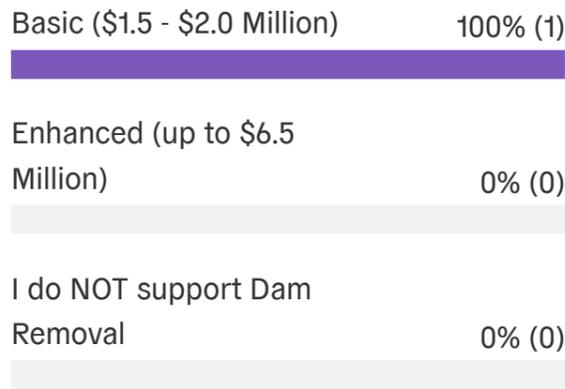
BARABOO CITY WARD 05

Basic (\$1.5 - \$2.0 Million) 0% (0)

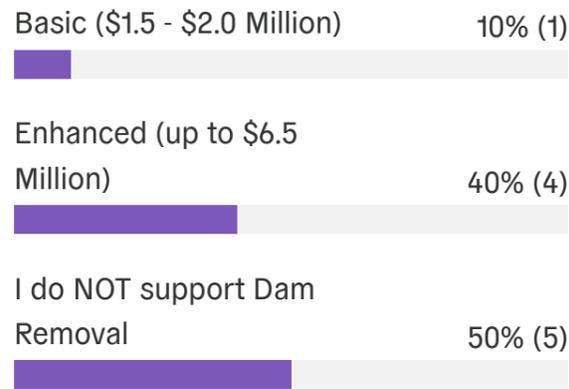
Enhanced (up to \$6.5 Million) 100% (2)

I do NOT support Dam Removal 0% (0)

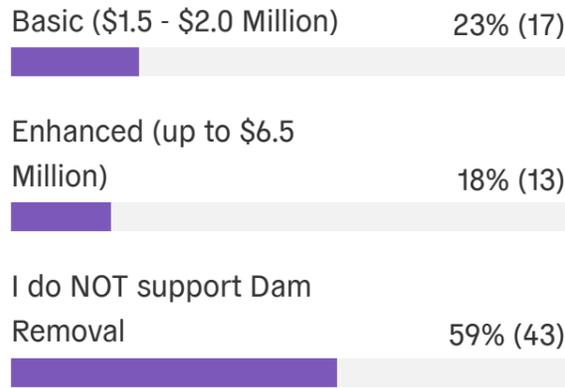
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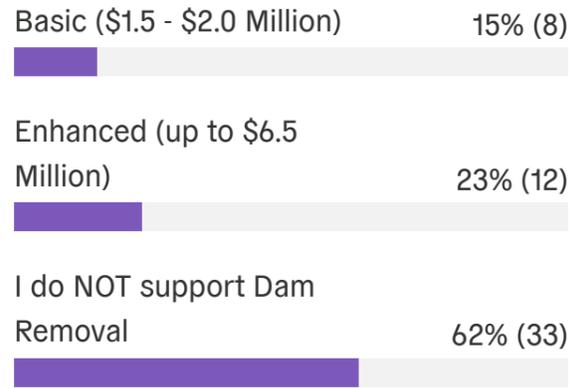
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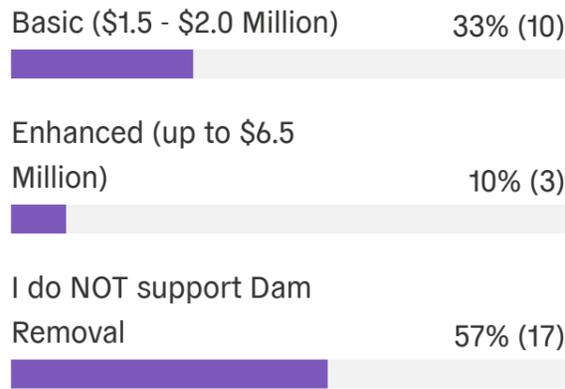
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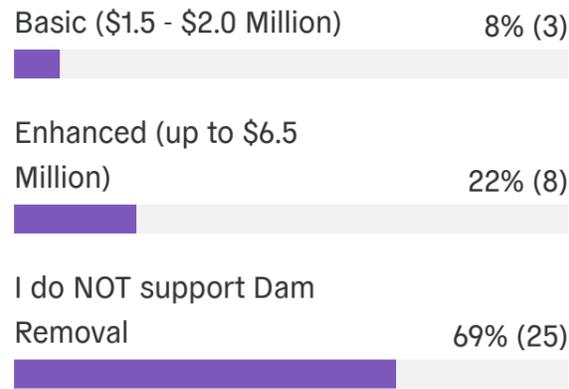
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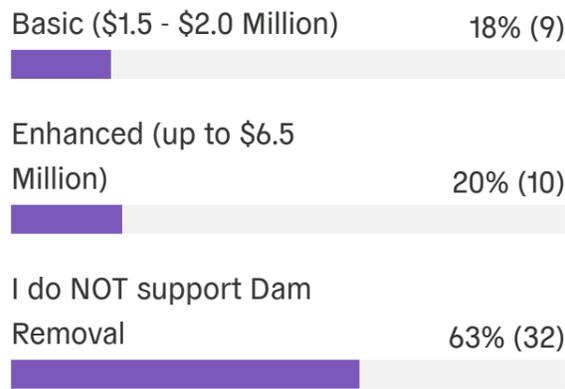
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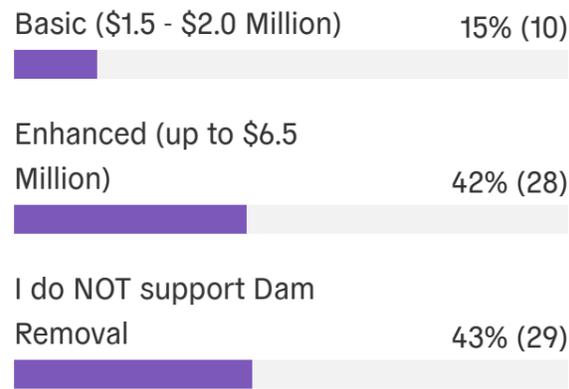
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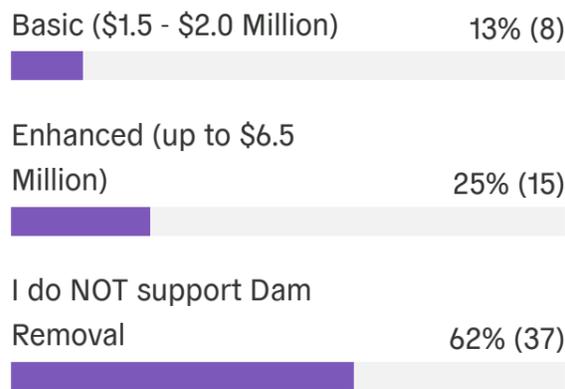
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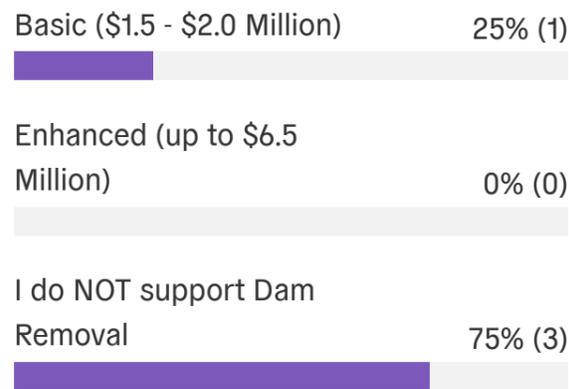
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BURLINGTON CITY WARD 8



BURLINGTON TOWN WARD 01



BURLINGTON TOWN WARD 02

Basic (\$1.5 - \$2.0 Million) 0% (0)

Enhanced (up to \$6.5 Million) 33% (1)

I do NOT support Dam Removal 67% (2)

BURLINGTON TOWN WARD 04

Basic (\$1.5 - \$2.0 Million) 25% (1)

Enhanced (up to \$6.5 Million) 25% (1)

I do NOT support Dam Removal 50% (2)

BURLINGTON TOWN WARD 06

Basic (\$1.5 - \$2.0 Million) 17% (1)

Enhanced (up to \$6.5 Million) 0% (0)

I do NOT support Dam Removal 83% (5)

BURLINGTON TOWN WARD 08

Basic (\$1.5 - \$2.0 Million) 0% (0)

Enhanced (up to \$6.5 Million) 40% (2)

I do NOT support Dam Removal 60% (3)

BURLINGTON TOWN WARD 10

Basic (\$1.5 - \$2.0 Million) 0% (0)

Enhanced (up to \$6.5 Million) 33% (2)

I do NOT support Dam Removal 67% (4)

BURLINGTON TOWN WARD 03

Basic (\$1.5 - \$2.0 Million) 14% (1)

Enhanced (up to \$6.5 Million) 0% (0)

I do NOT support Dam Removal 86% (6)

BURLINGTON TOWN WARD 05

Basic (\$1.5 - \$2.0 Million) 0% (0)

Enhanced (up to \$6.5 Million) 0% (0)

I do NOT support Dam Removal 100% (3)

BURLINGTON TOWN WARD 07

Basic (\$1.5 - \$2.0 Million) 20% (1)

Enhanced (up to \$6.5 Million) 20% (1)

I do NOT support Dam Removal 60% (3)

BURLINGTON TOWN WARD 09

Basic (\$1.5 - \$2.0 Million) 50% (1)

Enhanced (up to \$6.5 Million) 0% (0)

I do NOT support Dam Removal 50% (1)

BURLINGTON TOWN WARD 11

Basic (\$1.5 - \$2.0 Million) 0% (0)

Enhanced (up to \$6.5 Million) 50% (1)

I do NOT support Dam Removal 50% (1)

CALEDONIA VLG WARD 05

Basic (\$1.5 - \$2.0 Million)	0% (0)
Enhanced (up to \$6.5 Million)	0% (0)
I do NOT support Dam Removal	100% (1)

GENEVA TOWN WARD 5

Basic (\$1.5 - \$2.0 Million)	0% (0)
Enhanced (up to \$6.5 Million)	100% (1)
I do NOT support Dam Removal	0% (0)

GENOA CITY VLG WARD 2

Basic (\$1.5 - \$2.0 Million)	0% (0)
Enhanced (up to \$6.5 Million)	100% (1)
I do NOT support Dam Removal	0% (0)

LAKE GENEVA CITY WARD 05

Basic (\$1.5 - \$2.0 Million)	100% (1)
Enhanced (up to \$6.5 Million)	0% (0)
I do NOT support Dam Removal	0% (0)

LYONS TOWN WARD 1

Basic (\$1.5 - \$2.0 Million)	0% (0)
Enhanced (up to \$6.5 Million)	40% (2)
I do NOT support Dam Removal	60% (3)

LYONS TOWN WARD 2

Basic (\$1.5 - \$2.0 Million)	0% (0)
Enhanced (up to \$6.5 Million)	0% (0)
I do NOT support Dam Removal	100% (3)

LYONS TOWN WARD 3

Basic (\$1.5 - \$2.0 Million)	100% (1)
Enhanced (up to \$6.5 Million)	0% (0)
I do NOT support Dam Removal	0% (0)

LYONS TOWN WARD 5

Basic (\$1.5 - \$2.0 Million)	0% (0)
Enhanced (up to \$6.5 Million)	0% (0)
I do NOT support Dam Removal	100% (1)

LYONS TOWN WARD 7

Basic (\$1.5 - \$2.0 Million)	0% (0)
Enhanced (up to \$6.5 Million)	0% (0)
I do NOT support Dam Removal	100% (1)

MT PLEASANT VLG WARD 12

Basic (\$1.5 - \$2.0 Million)	0% (0)
Enhanced (up to \$6.5 Million)	0% (0)
I do NOT support Dam Removal	100% (1)

OAK CREEK CITY WARD 06

Basic (\$1.5 - \$2.0 Million) 0% (0)

Enhanced (up to \$6.5 Million) 0% (0)

I do NOT support Dam Removal 100% (1)

ROCHESTER VLG WARD 1

Basic (\$1.5 - \$2.0 Million) 50% (1)

Enhanced (up to \$6.5 Million) 50% (1)

I do NOT support Dam Removal 0% (0)

ROCHESTER VLG WARD 3

Basic (\$1.5 - \$2.0 Million) 0% (0)

Enhanced (up to \$6.5 Million) 50% (1)

I do NOT support Dam Removal 50% (1)

ROCHESTER VLG WARD 5

Basic (\$1.5 - \$2.0 Million) 0% (0)

Enhanced (up to \$6.5 Million) 0% (0)

I do NOT support Dam Removal 100% (1)

SALEM LAKES VLG WARD 06

Basic (\$1.5 - \$2.0 Million) 0% (0)

Enhanced (up to \$6.5 Million) 0% (0)

I do NOT support Dam Removal 100% (1)

RAYMOND VLG WARD 6

Basic (\$1.5 - \$2.0 Million) 0% (0)

Enhanced (up to \$6.5 Million) 0% (0)

I do NOT support Dam Removal 100% (1)

ROCHESTER VLG WARD 2

Basic (\$1.5 - \$2.0 Million) 0% (0)

Enhanced (up to \$6.5 Million) 0% (0)

I do NOT support Dam Removal 100% (2)

ROCHESTER VLG WARD 4

Basic (\$1.5 - \$2.0 Million) 0% (0)

Enhanced (up to \$6.5 Million) 0% (0)

I do NOT support Dam Removal 100% (2)

ROCHESTER VLG WARD 6

Basic (\$1.5 - \$2.0 Million) 20% (1)

Enhanced (up to \$6.5 Million) 40% (2)

I do NOT support Dam Removal 40% (2)

SALEM LAKES VLG WARD 12

Basic (\$1.5 - \$2.0 Million) 0% (0)

Enhanced (up to \$6.5 Million) 0% (0)

I do NOT support Dam Removal 100% (1)

SPRING PRAIRIE TOWN WARD 1

Basic (\$1.5 - \$2.0 Million) 0% (0)

Enhanced (up to \$6.5 Million) 0% (0)

I do NOT support Dam Removal 100% (1)

SPRING PRAIRIE TOWN WARD 4

Basic (\$1.5 - \$2.0 Million) 14% (1)

Enhanced (up to \$6.5 Million) 14% (1)

I do NOT support Dam Removal 71% (5)

WATERFORD VLG WARD 7

Basic (\$1.5 - \$2.0 Million) 0% (0)

Enhanced (up to \$6.5 Million) 0% (0)

I do NOT support Dam Removal 100% (1)

WHARTON TWP

Basic (\$1.5 - \$2.0 Million) 0% (0)

Enhanced (up to \$6.5 Million) 100% (1)

I do NOT support Dam Removal 0% (0)

WHEATLAND TOWN WARD 2

Basic (\$1.5 - \$2.0 Million) 0% (0)

Enhanced (up to \$6.5 Million) 0% (0)

I do NOT support Dam Removal 100% (1)

SPRING PRAIRIE TOWN WARD 3

Basic (\$1.5 - \$2.0 Million) 0% (0)

Enhanced (up to \$6.5 Million) 0% (0)

I do NOT support Dam Removal 100% (2)

SUN PRAIRIE CITY WARD 15

Basic (\$1.5 - \$2.0 Million) 0% (0)

Enhanced (up to \$6.5 Million) 0% (0)

I do NOT support Dam Removal 100% (1)

WEST ALLIS CITY WARD 04

Basic (\$1.5 - \$2.0 Million) 0% (0)

Enhanced (up to \$6.5 Million) 0% (0)

I do NOT support Dam Removal 100% (1)

WHEATLAND TOWN WARD 1

Basic (\$1.5 - \$2.0 Million) 0% (0)

Enhanced (up to \$6.5 Million) 0% (0)

I do NOT support Dam Removal 100% (1)

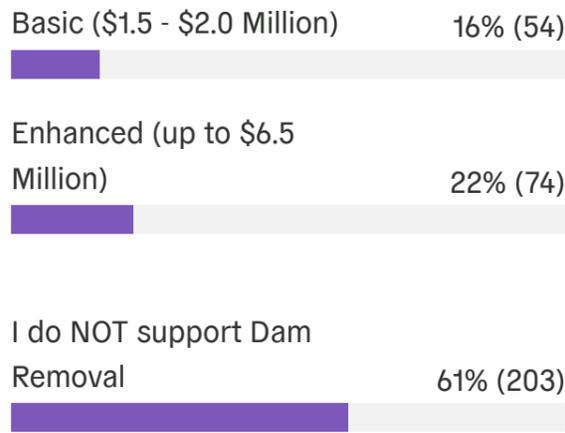
WHEATLAND TOWN WARD 5

Basic (\$1.5 - \$2.0 Million) 0% (0)

Enhanced (up to \$6.5 Million) 0% (0)

I do NOT support Dam Removal 100% (1)

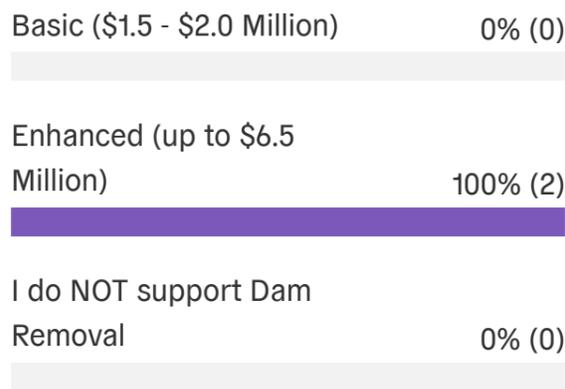
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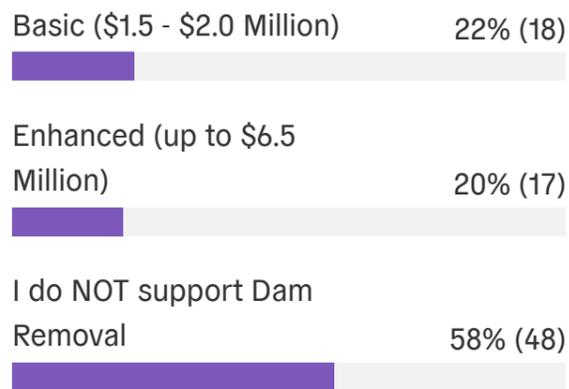
City Council Commissioner District

Responses broken down by who the respondents' city council commissioner is.

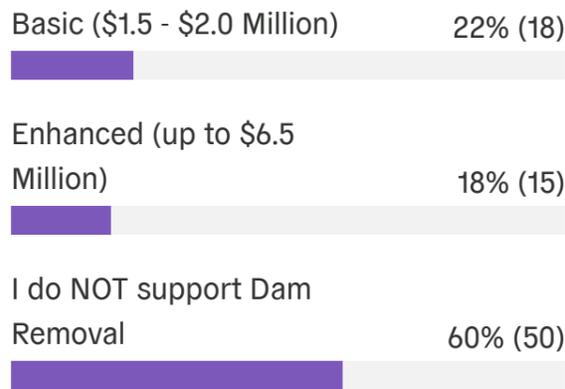
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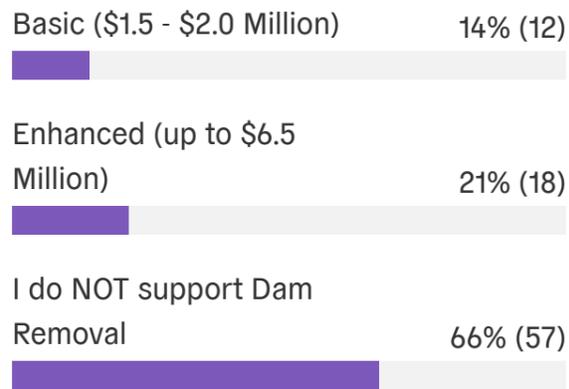
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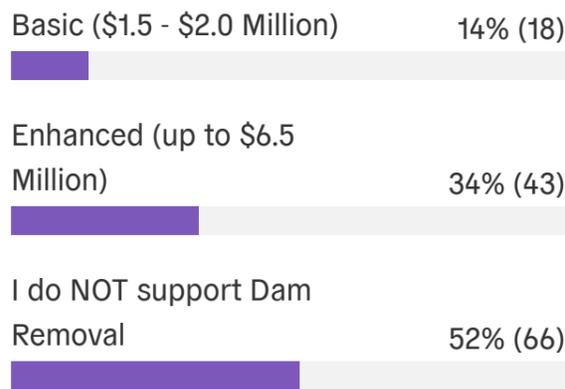
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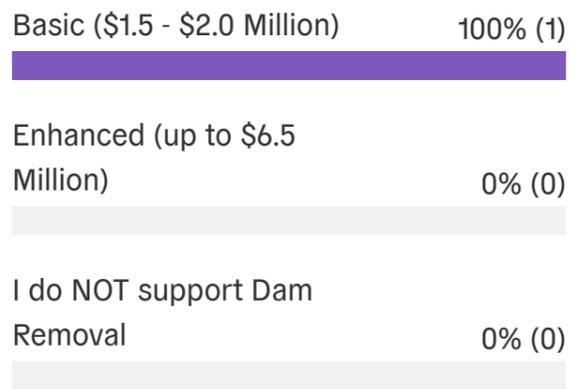
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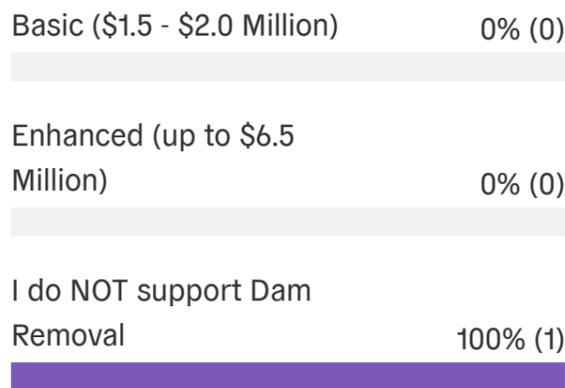
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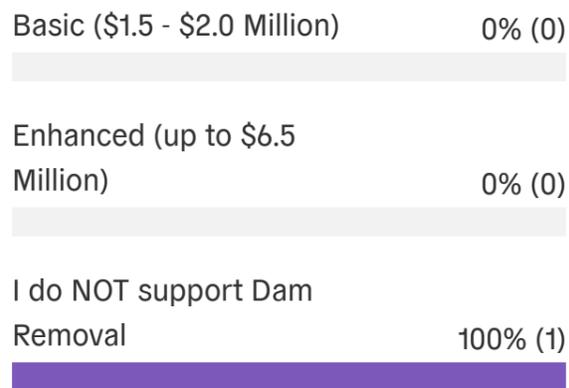
LAKE GENEVA CITY ALDERMANIC 3



OAK CREEK CITY ALDERMANIC 2



SAN JOSE CITY CNCL 01



SUN PRAIRIE CITY ALDERMANIC 4

Basic (\$1.5 - \$2.0 Million) 0% (0)

Enhanced (up to \$6.5 Million) 0% (0)

I do NOT support Dam Removal 100% (1)

Unknown

Basic (\$1.5 - \$2.0 Million) 15% (65)

Enhanced (up to \$6.5 Million) 21% (92)

I do NOT support Dam Removal 63% (271)

WEST ALLIS CITY ALDERMANIC 1

Basic (\$1.5 - \$2.0 Million) 0% (0)

Enhanced (up to \$6.5 Million) 0% (0)

I do NOT support Dam Removal 100% (1)

How much would you be willing to spend on the Dam Removal Enhanced Project? (List anywhere between \$1.5 Million and \$6.5 Million)

Responses

- \$5.0 Million
- 1.5 million
- 2 Million
- \$4 million
- .
- 4.8 million
- 6.5
- 0
- 5
- 2.5M
- 3 million
- 2.5 Million
- \$6.5 Million - Do it right.
- 5
- 6.5 million
- Take a referendum just like we did for the school. Thank you!!
- \$4 million to \$5 million
- 5 million
- \$5.0M
- 6.5m
- N/A
- 5 million
- zero
- Spend what we need to create a visitor and resident friendly area
- 2.6
- 3 million
- Unsure
- \$3 million
- 2.6 million
- 0
- 6.5 Million
- 6.5 Million
- 5 million
- 0\$
- 0
- I believe 3 million seems relatively reasonable
- 0
- 5.5 million
- 5 million

6.5

I believe you cant put a price tag on the beauty of the lake for generations to come. Just do the work get it done and everyone can enjoy it for the rest of thier lives and children's lives.

6.5

6.5

0

3 to 4 million

6.5 mm

Zero

4million

0

As little as possible.

4.5 million

6.5 million

5 million

5 million

I don't support the removal of the dam.

3 million

2.0 million

6.5 Million

3 million

6.5

5 million

6 million

3 million

\$2 Million

1.5

Spendi the infrastructure monies state Luis receiving

1.5 - 2

2 - 6 million, depending on what exactly the "enhancements" are. I like the boardwalks and piers but not trying to develop fishing ponds. Let's let the river be a river and the city can provide accessibility to river recreation.

4.4

\$1.5 Million

6 million

3.2 million

1.5

I support investing in return to a natural state (while at additional cost today) long term it is the most financially sound choice. 6.5+ million

4 million

6.5 million

2 million

5million

2

Whatever it takes to save our lake

6.5 mil so it's done well.

5 million

4.5

Nothing

none

1.5

Not applicable. I live in Lake Geneva

6.5million

5 million

4.5 million

6.5million

\$4 million

0

No damage removal

5 million

2.0M

6.5 million

0

what ever it takes to repair the DAM for the future and return this body of water into the destination of Burlington it has been.

6.5

\$4 million

5.2 Million, or same as aquatic center

0

Zero dollars

4 Million

Zero

3 million

\$6.5 million

3 million

\$6 Million

3 MILLION

6 million

6.5

4 million

\$4.0 million

2.5

\$6.5 million

\$5 million

6

4

2.5 mil

I would be willing to spend more on the Dam modification & dredging options. We need to keep the dam for the esthetic & historical aspects of the city.

2 million

6.5 million

4 million

2.5

3.5 million

4 million

5.0

2.6 million

4 mill

5.0 million

6.5M

6.5 million

6.5

6-6.5

\$3-\$4 million

\$1.5 million

6.5M

2.4 Million

4 million

4.5 million

6.5

Whatever it takes to complete and provides for your going mtc and upkeep for the next 25 years.

0

3 million

I would prefer to keep the dam but if the dam is removed then I think you need to make sure what is put on its place is really nice. So I would think you'd need to be in the 5-6 million

4 million

0

1.5

0

2mil

Considering I have about \$100 to my name, I would not, personally, be willing to any money. However, I think the city needs to spend money to dredge the lake and repair the dam, so

3.5 million

1.5 million

4 mill

Zero

5 M

2 to 3 million if the lake and the river were dredged at the same time

4 million

6.5

4 million

4 million

4.5m

Not 6.5 million

- 3.5
- 2 million
- 6.5
- 3.5 million
- 6.5 million
- \$0
- Whatever it takes to keep the water and make it usable
- 5 million
- \$4M
- 0
- As much as it costs to be able to keep Echo lake as it is a staple and landmark to the community.
- 4.5 million
- 5 million
- 4.5 million
- 5
- 4.5 million
- Less than 4 million
- 3 million
- NONE
- \$5MM
- 5.3
- 6.5 million to make it attractive focal point
- 1.5 million
- \$1.5 - 3.0.
- 6
- 2.0 Million
- No more than 6.5 million including the inevitable cost overruns.
- \$3 Million
- 3 million
- Between basic and enhanced. Removing things such as the fishing ponds (fish the river) and adding gardens or basic visual attractions for locals or temporary guests.
- 3-4 million
- 2m to 3m over 10 to 15 years
- What ever amount does not cost me as a tax payer anything.
- 3 million
- None. If I answered i do not support the dam removal, this question is irrelevant then.
- At least as much as was spent on Maryland St rebuild. Why not as much as a pool.
- \$4 million
- 4 million
- \$4.0 Million
- 4M
- 1.5 million
- 5 million
- \$3.5 Million
- 6.5 Million

- 6.5
- \$1.5 million
- \$4 million
- 2 million
- 6.5
- 3 million
- \$6.5 m
- 1.5M
- 1.5
- 5 million
- \$1.5 Million
- 5 million
- 6.5
- Only the cost of removing any non natural debris, (old tires etc.)
- \$5 millionI think we need the lake as is.
- \$2.5 million
- 1.5million
- 4.0 million
- Up to 6 million
- None
- 5 dolla
- 1.5m
- 6.5 million
- 3 million
- 6.5
- 6.5mm
- 6.5 million
- 2 million
- 3 million
- Don't support this
- Nothing..leave it alone
- \$6.5 million
- 2.5 million
- 6.5 Million
- 2 million
- 2.5 million
- 00000
- 4 million
- 4.5MM
- 6.5 million
- 2.5 million
- 2 million
- \$1.5
- \$6.5
- 6.5 Million

6 million

\$5 million

The basic cost of \$1.5 - \$2 million.

I don't support the Dam Removal enhancement project

\$1.5 Million

I do not support the removal of the dam.

\$3 Million. Perhaps more for really nice enhancements.

\$3.0

6.5 million

6,500,000

6.5 Million

3 million

\$2.5M

5 million

\$1.5 million

2 million

\$3 Million, unless grants can be obtained.

\$6.5M

\$0.00 I want to keep the dam and restore the lake. It's a beautiful feature which has been enjoyed for generations and should continue to be enjoyable for generations to come. Please do not remove the dam.

Dam removal is important to me and I feel even at the higher end of cost would be worth the long term investment to the community

2.0

4.5 million

6.5 million

Not sure

2 million

Do not remove the dam.

None

\$5 Million

\$4,000,000

2 million

I don't believe the dam should be removed

4 million

\$1.5 million

6.5 million

4 million

\$6.5 million

4 million

2.5 mm

\$2 million

Really depends on what is being proposed. I'd be willing to lean on the higher end if the project included both a more native approach to the landscaping as well as an interactive hardscape/ structure/ activities within the grounds.

Zero

6.5 million

3m

5 million

I would go mid range up to 4.5 million

I would not support it because there are too many unknowns, it's a large impact area and there hasn't been an attractive proposal.

DO NOT SUPPORT

2 million estimate

\$5.0 Million

6.5 million

6.5 millioin

I would support the 6.5 million. As a community we need to think of the future. First and foremost is an ecologically smart project that sustains itself for generations. Removal of the dam along with enhancement projects are a must. I am not sure if all ideas have been thought of and shared. Various walking bridges, wooden pathways, historical and nature markers, canoe/kayak launches, fishing posts, bird watching posts, children outdoor learning area etc.

3 million

1.5 million

Whatever it takes to make it beautiful!

up to \$6.5 million

2 million

\$3.0 Million

\$3 milliom

4 million

Depends on what is replacing the lake. If it is something useful and makes the community more appealing then I'm for it. It sure if the above plan is worth 6.5 million.

\$4.0 million

Cheapest route that allows for the proper removal.

6.5 million

what it takes to keep it

3 to 4 million

\$3 million

\$0

1.5

6500000

6.5 million

SUPPORT \$3.5 MILLION

5 million to 6 million

0

\$3.0 million

3.4

I don't support it at any level.

0

\$6.5

6.5 million.

2 million

6.5 million

6.5 million

1.5 million

\$6.5 Million

1.5

4.25

1.5

1.5m

5 million

\$6.5 million

1.5 million investment would be enough to make the area look good

\$5M

\$6.5 Million

2.5 mill

5 million

0

mid cost to keep under 5 million with possibilities of upgrades through other organizational donations.

6.5 million

2.0 million

0

6.5

5 million

5

6.5

6.5 million

That would depend on the outcome. I think that the dam adds to the enviroment of downtown.

I don't support dam removal

2,000,000

\$4 million

\$6.5 Million

Any amount that does not require an increase in property tax.

\$5 million

1.5

The Los west amount

3 Million

5.5 million

3 million

6.5 million

6.5 million

6.5

\$6.5 Million

nothing

\$6.5 M

Max is 6.5 million

- 3 million
- 6.5 MILLION
- \$6.5 million
- 5 million
- None
- 5
- \$3.6 million
- \$0
- \$6.5 million
- 6 million
- \$4 million
- \$5 million
- 6 million
- 5m
- \$1.5 M
- As much as it takes.
- 3.0 million
- \$6.5 million
- Do not support this option! Believe we would loose our identity without Echo Lake!
- \$3 million
- 6.5
- 6.5 Million
- 2.5
- 6.5 Million
- \$0
- I do not support the removal of the Dam
- Have a referendum.
- 4-5 million
- 1.5m
- \$6.5 million
- As much as it takes
- \$3.5 million
- Zero
- 6 million
- 2.0 million
- 2.5 million
- I do not feel cost is a concern as long as the lake is left. I do not agree with the removal of the dam or the lake. SAVE ECHO LAKE!!!!
- \$3 Million
- \$6.5 million
- I am Comfortable with a reasonable cost for a project that can update and beautify our current Dam and area
- 5,000,000
- As stated above I do not support the dam removal.
- 3 Million
- 6.5 million

- \$5 Million
- 6.5 million
- 1.5
- \$3 million
- Zero
- 4.7
- 6.5million
- Up to \$4 million, without grant monies. The Basic would still be preferred over the Dam Modification options.
- \$1.5 Million
- \$6.5 million if necessary.
- 4.8 millon
- 5. million
- 5. million
- 3 million
- 1.5
- \$3.5 - 4 Million
- Between 2.5 and 5 million.
- 4000000
- 6 million
- 6.5 Million
- 4 million
- 3 million
- 6.5 million
- 2.5 mil
- DO NOT WANT DAM REMOVED!!!!
- 0
- \$0
- 5 million
- \$4 million
- 6.5 million
- \$3.5 Million
- \$6,5 Million
- 5M
- 5M
- 3.5 millon
- 3000000
- \$6.5 Million
- 1.5 million
- \$2 million
- \$2.5 Million
- None
- 6.5
- 6.5 million
- 6.5 million

If you are asking me personally, I do not have 1.5 - 6.5 to million dollars spend on this project. That said, I feel it would be worth spending 6.5 million dollars to see the enhanced removal project com to fruition. If, and only if, the enhanced project is created with the full options as listed above.

\$6.5 million

5 Million

\$5.5M

6.5 million

Unsure at this point, it would depend on the design options.

\$6.5 Million

\$0.00

5 million but do not install smaller ponds alongside the river. It will collect algae and geese because the depth will be to shallow.

5 million

I do not support removal. Why create a swamp right in our village? Once the dam is removed, it will be IMPOSSIBLE to ever create a lake again. The DNR will never approve it.

5 million

4.5 million

\$2 million

absolutely nothing.

\$5 million

4.0 million

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6.5 mil

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In order for this to make sense it should cost less than any dam restoration options.

\$100 annually

I do not support the Dam Removal. It is a ludacris idea. In no way shape or form should it be even considered. The lake has been part of the community for hundreds of years. The list of pros and cons are extremely inaccurate. If the dam is removed the lake will become a parasite infested swamp, with constant horrible smells, ruining one of this towns staple features. If you remove the dam, it will remove the future of this town. Removing the dam shouldn't even be an option.

\$0

\$0

5 million

5 million

4 million

Please fix the dam and save Echo Lake. It would be worth it to dredge and clean up the lake as well. You could spread out the payments over a number of years and have plenty of money from taxpayers. And if taxpayers payments are spread out it would be a minimum yearly payment for the taxpayers

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3.5 million

\$6.4MM

5million.

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0. I do not support dam removal

1.5 million

3,000,000

Zero ... save the lake

\$6.5 million. Let's do it right the first time.

2 million

Around \$4 million

0

6.5 million

Up to but no more than 3 + million dollars, and replace the dam as needed with some enhancements.

Up to \$2. million

\$4 million

6.5

\$4 Million

6.5 million

1.5 to 4 million

5

2.4 million

6.5 Million

4.5 million

No Expenditures, it can't be afforded

6.5 million

0\$

\$3,000,000

None

\$6.5mm

Please provide any comments, questions or concerns

Responses

Save Echo Lake! Burlington WILL NOT be the same without it!

The DNR dam requirement needs to be met as quickly and cheaply as possible. Enhancements to the pond/lake like dredging are a separate issue with a separate price tag that we should consider outside the pressure of the overall dam question. (I live outside of Burlington but have a business in the city,)

DO not remove the dam

Remove the dam. See what happens over the next few or many years. Accrue for some improvements. Could be a lovely and useable waterway and park. Walkways, nature walks with bridges. Doesn't have to be this fortress of concrete as proposed for fishing.

With enhanced removal, would you still have to dredge and could the water be used for recreation? It seems like the enhanced removal should include dredging if those walkways and things are going to be built too.

I have been in Burlington for 33 years so I am not a historian that remembers the lake from when I was a child. I don't really believe that the current lake provides much benefit other than saying we have the lake - I also believe that the dredging of the lake will be an ongoing expense forever. I think it will be very nice looking when it is all done returning it back to a flowing river.

Take a referendum just like you did for the school. Leave it up to US people to vote!!!! TY!

To me, the dam is a part of my heritage as a resident of the Burlington area. I remember the many hours of fishing below the dam and do not want to take away that joy for people in the future. In part, I am referring to the spring run of the white bass to the area below the dam. As an 86 year old man, I would like that privilege passed on.

My vote is to preferably replace the dam but ONLY IF the lake is also dredged. If that's too high of a price tag for the city, then just do the basic dam removal. As a citizen, I don't want a wetland/marsh in the middle of town so my preference is to keep the lake by rebuilding the dam.

While I completely understand most people are in favor of saving the dam. This will not be the end. There will be continuous maintenance and our children will have the same fight on their hands in the future. There is so much more beauty and potential to removing the dam. It does not service it's purpose and is only going to continue to cost money. There will be more future dredging, there will be more costly dam maintenance. I like the dam....I like Echo Park. But this is a long term financial decision.

Echo Lake is a beautiful part of our community. It should remain intake!

More info could have been provided regarding annual maintenance costs for each option. We just had a referendum for a new school, property taxes are already too high, and inflation is at 40 year high.

We should pray to God for His vision for the Dam and then move forward. Keeping in mind the many blessings we have received from the River Dam flowing through Burlington, WI.

As a future bride of Veterans Terrace, I do not support the removal of the dam. A big selling point of the venue was the sunsets on the lake. Since my wedding is coming up within the next two years, this would directly affect my wedding, and the wedding of all of those near the same time.

Echo lake is vital to operation of veterans terrace and draw a lot of business to the venue. Without it, intangible amounts of non-profit donations from Veterans Terrace

could be lost.

It's hard to decide what to say as far as a what I would be willing to spend for enhancement because 1) this survey doesn't make it clear how (if at all) taxes would be affected and 2) there is no explanation of what we get with a low/middle/high budget

The dam is a feature that helps make Burlington a destination and needs to be preserved.

This a necessary infrastructure enhancement for Burlington to grow and be better to draw more attention and positive businesses.

With Dam Modification and Dredging Options could the 15' "no dredge zone" have some of the sediment be used as a cost savings repair/replace lost shoreline to the '2017 Flood' around ALL the lake - especially my/neighbor's north shore which had shore washed away and undermined in 2017, catches the brunt of wind driven wave erosion, and never was addressed when the park shoreline was enhanced several years past. Then have all the shoreline riprapped to prevent shoreline erosion both "normal" and "catastrophic" events as 2017, or if a less expensive shore protection is available such as native plantings - utilize that. Also, would the sediment be an additional cost saving used as part of the proposed berm through the park? Given that the typical DNR use of sediment when a dam is removed is to "leave in place" and provide grass seed for ground cover, and the cost to temporarily store then haul away is significant, could this usage be discussed and/or added to any of Dam proposals? Also, no matter which Option is accepted; it should be an absolute that the useless and unsafe Milwaukee Avenue boat ramp forever disappears. for Echo Lake. Lastly, if the Dam remains, perhaps some of the "enhancements" listed within the 'removal option' such as a "trolling only" restriction be put in place, kayak launches, and fishing piers be included in the restored lake's recreational improvements.

Echo lake has been a great thing for Burlington. If you make it a wetlands, the cost to maintain it will be higher over the years and will it be taken care of like it should be or will it slowly be neglected?

Burlington is simply better with the lake!!!

What is the estimated tax increase on the value of a 250,000.00 property . We know something needs to be done. It would be a bigger draw if the area would increase utilization.

We need to save our dam and dredge Echo Lake for the future of our city.

This shouldnt be a question. Fix or replace what we have. The lake is a major asset of the entire community. Dredge it to clean it, bring back boat racing amd add a public launch for small craft. The launch along Milwaukee Ave is not suitable. Bring back festivals at the park. If the city could tax us for the pool, which can only be used for 3 months a year, they can definitely do it for a resource that can be used 12 months out the year. Do the right thing and listen to the majority of your constituents

i support the dam modification plan but only if it includes dredging of the lake. without dredging, i would only support the removal with the enhanced plan to make the most of the area. the lake is currently useless in my opinion. too shallow to do much, doesn't support a good fishery either. I've tried kayaking the lake and it was difficult with the mud and largely not worth it.

N/A

I think the new dam designs would be unsightly. The dam removal option with the advance option would bring a bunch of new activities. Echo lake is a sore right now.

Your survey is geared to dam removal and quite frankly unless a person has attended a meeting and learned what each option means, they are only guessing on your survey. Your survey does not give a dimension of the potential river which in essence could be nothing more than a creek with its dependence on the white river. Very disappointed that in the survey you even put in "highly likely for grant opportunities on the dam removal enhancements".....really, why wasn't the same put in for keeping the dam and dredging? Very disappointed in a survey that is skewed.

Tainter dam gates option, but only if combined with dredging to deepen and improve the lake.

I own a dam (Hilburn mill pond) upstream from Burlington. There is an impact of losing the pond. It will not be the same and this is a focal point for Burlington. We have been without our pond since the flood making repairs and the area has never been the same with only a river.

remove it and leave it alone. we put the dam there in the first place. it doesn't belong, so it should go away and let nature do with it what it wants.

If it's going to cost millions less and is actually better for the environment and water quality, why would anyone consider rebuilding the dam?

I think fixing the dam and dredging the lake is important to keeping the beautiful lake in town and making it useful again

Whether you replace the dam or not there is a significant cost. Plus if the dam is removed the area that is now Echo lake will always fill up with water during any large rain event thus creating a constant issue with odor forever. The lowest cost dam replacement with dredging the lake is still less than the cost of the pool.

I don't understand question 4, it would be better if it was broken down as a cost per constituent or specify options of payment (extra residential tax, gas tax, etc.)

Thank you for sending this information and survey. It is very helpful. Please note that we are not in favor of dam removal. We do not believe that this option will be a positive short or long term enhancement.

I support all projects that return things back as nature intended

I think the landowners directly impacted should be educated and asked for their feedback separately. The river/lake has a huge impact on their property. This survey can be taken by anyone but the city taxpayers are the ones paying. How do you know who wants what? The impact of the lake/river on people's lives differs and you should take that into account; maybe some opinions matter more than others? Personally, I'd like the dam removed and I definitely don't want to have to pay for dredging with my tax dollars. I disagree with trying to maintain a lake where a river ought to be; we'd be fighting natural processes and that's expensive. We have wonderful lakes close by that we all have access to. I find rivers to be very attractive for recreation and would like to see the city develop better river access and natural areas along the river for birds and wildlife.

The lake is an asset for the community. I can't tell you how many times I myself, my kids, and my grandkids have went to the lake to sit and watch the water flow from the dam. The lake is so peaceful. My kids have fished on the lake. Pictures of all sorts have been taken at the lake - weddings, get togethers, family reunions and many more.

My primary concern would be that dam removal would increase downstream flooding. What consideration has been given to unintended consequences?

Definitely a tough consideration. I look forward to hearing how others in the community feel.

I love water. Being near it soothes my being. Although I was drawn to Burlington because of the central water features of this community, I also have a strong environmental understanding. We no longer need the dam for industry, it is purely cosmetic. For the long term environmental and fiscal health of our community, we need to restore the wetlands to their natural state. I think we also need an effective "re-naturing" campaign that coincides with this project to highlight the uses of this additional green space. I DO NOT support turning more of this space into lawn. Green grass is an environmental wasteland with no bio-diversity or ecological value. As a community we need to support our natural environment and the species of wildlife that also call Burlington home. There are many constituents in our community who do not want to see their "lake" disappear. If we can create a beautiful place for them to gaze out their living room windows; filled with native birds, small mammals and amphibians, they may continue to find value in this gem of our city.

I know this is expensive. But once you take it out, the DNR will never let you put it back. This is a needed investment to help promote tourism and commercial growth. In turn it could lead to slightly lower taxes if the increased usability brings in more tax paying businesses. This is like yanking a bandaid, it hurts for a minute but you feel so much better later.

A lake management committee needs to be formed & funding secured for ongoing needs

Wetlands would be prettier to look at than the current shallow lake. I don't feel we need an expense dam that is unnecessary for anything except a waterfall look that would look just as pretty for the town without the dam.

My thought on this is that the majority of Burlington does not know of this or how to voice an opinion. To simply put out an insert that will tend to be thrown out with the junk mail isn't suffice. I really believe it should have been sent with the taxes. If something is sent out to all tax payers it should be official so as not to discard.

Stop destroying our communities

I've been a resident of Burlington for the past 6 years and feel that Echo Lake, as well as the dam, are a prominent attractions. I believe they should try and be preserved, as much as possible, for their original beauty and nostalgia.

the dam is huge for the community

Dam removal is the best option. Restore the natural wetlands.

I think replacing the dam and dredging the lake it make it a nice place for fishing family picnics and get together's

Please do not remove the dam!

We can NOT loose Echo lake as it stands. There is NO way you can know for sure just what the river will look like after the dam is gone. I highly doubt that it will be that big and wide and I know from living in East Troy for over half my life that restoration is next to impossible. It will cost twice what you think to improve and maintain any level of utilization of that lake bed. Please keep Echo Lake and make it beautiful and useful again.

I see advantages to keeping/removing dam. We are too hung up on the money!

Dam removal sounds like the best option for natural restoration. Let's try to keep the area as natural as possible for the great white egrets and other birds that populate the area. Improvements that would allow more kayaking would be amazing as well.

Leave it how it is, but start cleaning the lake more often!

Na

Need to keep the Dam, I support the improvements.

It is the staple of downtown and a major draw to the community. Removing this would be detrimental to the future growth of this community and our mission. This waterway could be used for so much more if invested in and then maintained. Yes it's expensive to fix however it's even more costly on the community to remove and lose this gem!

Echo Lake is nothing but a muck pond now. Nostalgia has no place in deciding how to deal with the current situation. Please contact the River Alliance of WI for info on the removal of the dam on the Baraboo River. The project turned out really well.

The dam has become a staple of the city. Fix it up, clean up the lake and move on with other things.

I feel it is essential to Burlington to maintain the natural beauty of Echo Lake. Our community has taken a dramatic turn for the worse with all the tree loss without equal replacement. I would be happy to pay higher taxes to improve the lake with dredging and would love if a walking/ biking path could be added to connect to other side of the city.

I support keeping the dam and echo lake. Dredging and improving the area around it

No comment

I would think that the majority of residents would want the lake dredged if the dam is kept and modification without dredging would not be a choice.

Echo Lake is a cornerstone of the community and would be a devastating loss to the city if it were to be removed. It is a place where many come to gather—including residents from other areas—for community events, weddings, general recreation, and to find some peace and quiet. Without the draw of the scenery of our lake, Burlington would lose a key aspect of its personality and much of the beauty that our city has to offer. As a city resident who has spent untold hours utilizing Echo Park, I strongly oppose eliminating the lake and changing the very landscape of the city itself in order to save some money in the short-term.

Removing the dam would incur a lot more cost to fill in lake and build whatever the city would plan to put there. Dredge the lake and bring back boat races!

Where is the money coming from? How is this going to effect my tax bill?

It's such a staple thing in our community, we use that area for events and gatherings. We cannot lose this!

I support keeping the dam and dredging the Lake. I would potentially support removing the dam but unless there is a proposed and ready to go option to address the Lake area...I say keep the dam. I just have no faith that if we remove the dam that something will actually be done with the Lake bed area anytime soon.

All options will cost taxpayers money and it is clear the DNR is requiring a reponse. With this in mind I am for whatever option will keep the aesthetics of the park and city-meaning keep the dam area intact and make the lake usable. The lake should be rid of algae and smell, have a small boat launch and offer winter sports. The basic dam removal for 2 million really does not improve the area and the cost could escalate depending what the community feels is needed..... Not sure what else we "need" and whatever might go there (wetlands, retention ponds, paths, park) will also have ongoing expense. Fix/rebuild the dam and find an ongoing solution to the lake issue. I really feel these are two separate issues that just happened to come to awareness at the same time. The Dam is being pushed by the DNR but the lake has been an issue for awhile and should be maintained. Yes if the Dam is removed it would avoid the maintenance expense that is needed for the lake but would require a plan/expense/maintenance for the landscape that remains.

The city has not taken care of Echo lake over the years. I see saving the damn as a waste of money where we can use that money elsewhere. The White river should be returned to its natural flow to help alleviate future flooding. Restoring wetlands have shown that they help in reducing the amount of floods in the area.

Let it be natural

Keep Echo Lake and make it more usable and a source of income to help offset these costs and continued maintenance.

I would be willing to spend more on the Dam modification & dredging options. We need to keep the dam for the esthetic & historical aspects of the city.

Echo lake a special part of Burlington a lot of family time happens there because of the lake. I think putting in a canoe launch would be appreciated

"Echo Lake" is not a lake. It never has been and never will be a lake. The "enhanced project" will create a natural resource asset for the City that can actually be used; not simply looked-at. "Echo Lake" is not visually appealing even in its best state. Please proceed with the Enhanced Project. If not, the city will be revising this matter time and time again . Andrew Tully

I believe that the dam should stay. It's a staple for our community. We put so much into the veterans terrace, if we dredged the dam and didn't fix it, I believe that it would turn people away from a party or wedding spot. Almost everyone has at least one memory of the dam. I personally remember as a child walking across the current dam.

Any replacement of the dam and dredging has to continue to be done as regular maintenance in the years to come. It is more cost effective and environmentally sound to return the river to its natural state, removing the dam, and allowing the land to

return to shoreline as it was before the dam was built. Please remove the dam, and be done with the discussion.

I did select an option for both Dam restoration and removal. I honestly prioritize removal over restoration as it is better for the local ecology and the dam no longer really serves a purpose as we no longer have mills on the lake. I selected both tho because should the decision be to restore the dam I would rather see gates that pass debris easily as well as have the lake dredged to see better water quality.

Absolutely should be returned to as close to natural as possible. Even though expensive, long term, I believe dam removal would be the most sustainable and best for the city.

I feel strongly that while it's more costly to repair or replace many things than to remove them, that's part of keeping a nice town and having amenities. We have the expense of keeping them up. If we chose to remove everything that aged we wouldn't have anything left

The costs should be presented in annual costs to the individual tax payer.

When or if they dredge the lake , I was wondering if they could sell the dredging material. I was around for the honey lake dredging and the material they dumped on the our fields was very rich in nutrients and even the company doing the dredging stated numerous times if they sold the material they could have made a lot of money to cover the cost

Neglecting the maintenance In The past. Derelict of duties to our community.

Why did it take this long to move forward on this?

I believe restoration of the rivers natural state is the wisest way to help the rivers beauty and health. The pond is an eyesore.

Gad your doing the survey. This will be a tough decision either way.

Without the lake and dam most of the natural beauty of Burlington would be lost forever. NO do-overs on this- need to get it right!!

How many houses and businesses are impacted by dam removal?

Echo Lake Dam to me is the cornerstone of Burlington. We must do everything to preserve it. If there's any business that utilizes / benefits from the Dam perhaps should pay a higher tax rate. In addition - I would build commerce around the Dam to increase revenue and help pay for future maintenance. Dredging and the ability to increase water level to bring back fishing and boating activities i.e. boat races and of course keep the Kiwanis car through the ice raffle every year, and ice scating rink. Dam Committee and Bob G. Thanks for all that you do and engaging taxpayers :) Vince

My grandfather helped build this dam, and I consider Echo Park a huge and integral part of Burlington. Losing the lake will not help the city move forward.

Let the people who want to save the lake pay for it

Make echo lake a public lake where kids habe a beach and can swim in summer!

With the City's new branding effort of being a destination for scenic trails and water activities, it makes sense to keep the Dam. Everyone that lives here or visits here has only seen the Echo Lake and Dam features of our city, not a swamp with a river flowing through. No living person has seen the White River in its natural state at this location. Dam removal would give the City a completely different look. Restoration to its original state would eliminate flood control. Remember the floods of 2008 and 2017, even with some flood control? . The dam was built back in the mid 1800's with subsequent modifications later. Dredging the lake would perhaps provide more water recreational area for fishing, boats, canoes and kayaks. Giving the river back to nature does not make sense to turn it in to a swamp again. Look what has happened to the Milwaukee River after they destroyed the North Ave. Dam. After many years, it's still a mess! Echo Lake and the Dam have always been seen as a serene setting when entering the City from the North. We have spent a lot more money on other projects in the city, like the public pool. We should be able to fund this project for the promotion and preservation of our recreational water activities. Our water features and parks in

Burlington were key factors for our family moving here. It's unique and should be preserved! Robert Gariepy 2132 Stonegate Rd. City

Echo lake is a staple to Burlington. If it's drained, what would go there? Plus, draining it would make the town smell AWFUL.

I believe that if the river and the lake were dredged and made deeper people would go to fish more and kayak on the river and the lake more businesses in the area would benefit better for that

Dam removal would take away the beauty of the lake and the surrounding area.

It is vital that we do what is necessary to preserve and keep our Echo Lake. We must pay the cost now to insure we have this gem in the City of Burlington for the future! We should be using this beautiful lake more as an attraction ie; paddle boats rentals and ice skating rink with vendors for the weekends, the fishing derbies, etc...Please keep our lake and dam!

Most communities would give their eye teeth to have what we have here. Don't blow it!

Echo lake is a staple of the community and visually appealing to the city, with modifications and upgrades it could be a great recreation area.

Removing the dam would have a profoundly negative effect on the ecosystem up-river from the lake and dam as well as immediately surrounding it. Removing the dam will lead to nuisance and invasive plants and weeds, any dam removal enhancements will require extensive maintenance costs and upkeep. I fully support modifying the dam and dredging the lake and making it an even larger attraction to our city.

The damn stinks and has routine algae buildup. Mosquitos are horrible there during the summer.

None

Please keep what we have and know! Too much uncertainty with removing and the loss of a city gem.

What has been considered as a reduction to the existing budget in order to accommodate some or all of these expenses? Where can we cut existing budget/projects that don't have an urgent timeline? I'd hope as good stewards of taxpayer dollars we are considering options beyond just increased taxes for some or all of the cost.

Save Echo lake

None

Has anyone looked into aeration for the lake not allowing sediment to settle. This would keep it suspended and with minimal water redirecting allowing the sediment to continue flushing down the river? This could be a good way to keep the lake cleaned out.

Save the dam as the lake is beautiful.

My family and friends travel to Burlington to get Adrian's ice cream and eat in echo park multiple times a year. The scenic view of the water flow has added to many photo opportunities over the years. I proposed to my wife there. My children play along the banks, feeding ducks and making memories. It has meant a lot to many generations and I hope to have it continue to be so. Thank you for the opportunity to voice my opinion

Don't be stupid!

I do not support the dredging as you will have to continually do that to keep it maintained.

Whatever solution which makes entering Burlington inviting and beautiful. Burlington has done a lot with downtown know let's do same with this project.

Going back to all natural is the best thing. Because it back to the way it would have been. Good for the fish, wildlife, and environment.

A bit curious about the impact of either option regarding upstream and downstream from Burlington? Besides cost, how does this effect (if at all) our options moving

forward?

Although I've enjoyed the look of Echo Lake and the dam for the past 20 years that I've lived in Burlington, I feel that removing the dam and allowing Echo Lake to disappear would eventually also be a very tranquil, peaceful setting with natural wetlands which would probably encourage wildlife to be observed "in the city!"

Cost for removal far outweighs the benefits. Please keep the dam.

First, this mandate came down in 2015. Why are we addressing it last minute? Nothing was said to the public before 2021. It is 2022 and we are still deciding! This might be been addressed more cheaply when the issue was first brought to the attention of the city. Although I am voting for letting the land revert to its natural state, if the city decides to go ahead with the project, the crest gates make the most sense. Whether dredging should be done is a separate consideration. Essentially, residents abutting the lake and some merchants who hope to attract business are asking the rest of us to support their property values by paying for an artificial landscape. I don't think the lake attracts that much commercial value to the city and why should I subsidize some property owners when the money could be used for things that are used by all residents, e.g. better street maintenance and maintaining good snow removal or clean water? Climate change is presenting new challenges and we don't yet know what will confront us in future years; we need to plan for as yet unanticipated costs.

Basic dam removal and increase Echo Park to include wetlands with trails.

The land now occupied by Echo lake along the river by Wagner park will be unsightly for years if the dam is removed. The White river will be nowhere as large as is depicted in the artist's rendition of a free flowing river. The dam should be replaced and the lake dredged. The dredging should also be considered for the river by Wagner park. This would enhance the recreational use of the river greatly.

The dam has been a landmark for many years, however the lake is unusable and unappealing. The space can be used in a much healthier and appealing way.

Keep a dredged out echo lake as its own identity, with a berm along the river. I am sure the core of engineers could find a way to keep the water levels up. Then a dam would not be needed. Note. If a dam is done I would suggest a fish ladder be installed. That way game fish can get into the white river from the fox river. My father George B Bieneman tried to get this done back in the early 1900 hundreds but with no success. He said that the white river was full of game fish before the full dam was installed.

your proposals are amazingly and openly skewed to dam renovation, cost estimates, descriptions are all pro dam renovation and detrimental to picking dam removal. city works manager has PUBLICLY stated that dam removal will create dry land usable for parkland - yet official descriptions coming out in the city newsletter, news reports, official descriptions use the word swamp or wetlands. this is a railroad job, it will be an effective one, but it will cause continued harm to the greater Burlington environment, political trust, general level of honesty

The dam is the center of our city's identity.

You have not taken care of the lake or the dam for the past 40 years so confidence in you taking care of it in the future after we spend all the money is very low. You should choose the option with the least amount of up keep and maintenance, because as city you are very poor at taking care of things, till the last minute and at the highest cost. For instance you do not take care of the sewer grates in the fall with the street sweeper many are still covered with leaves and debris.

This survey is very misleading. 1) You give 3 options for the type of gate. Then you ask me to select one type of gate. However, when providing a direct cost impact on property taxes, you don't align the name of the gate option 1, option 2 and option 3 costs with the actual impact on property taxes. 2) In addition to 3 types of choices of gates without dredging, you should have an additional 3 options for gates with dredging. How am I suppose to answer these questions? 3) dredging DOES NOT need to be done at the same time. It can be done at a different time . 4) there should not be an impact on property taxes. The city knew this and should have been putting money aside to address this for a long time.

Dredge a little deeper for kayaking and canoeing. Or Wanasak and Scherrer will build condos on it for a buck. Removing it will affect property value of homes around it. DNR will want swamp wetland. Make use of it for kayaking , canoeing and fishing. During the winter use as skating rink. and make no fishing in rink area.

None at this time.

The removal of the dam restores the river to it s natural status and it will make for a healthier waterway. I envision we could use the river for activities such as kayaking , canoeing etc... I have visited other communities where the dam has been removed and the residents I spoke with (business owners, and residents) overwhelmingly recommended removal.. Down the road we could improve the land to a useful space for the community. This could include a variety of activities; music venue, disc golf , hiking, etc.... I think it would be a big plus for the community and a big attraction. It would be much more attractive than the lake has been in recent years, plus the lake presently is not suitable for recreation. And to make it a recreational lake would require further dredging on a regular basis with increased costs.

If we can spend \$5 million on a pool that's used about 3 months of the year, why would we not restore the dam/lake that can be utilized all year.

If Echo Lake is dredged, multiple fountains should be installed for visual effect and to promote water movement within the bay area. We may also want to install aeration around the bay which will reduce the potential of algae growth. Additionally, these items will promote the flow of water into and out of the bay area, which will reduce the long term build up of sludge again.

Can not live in the past. When you are green you are growing, when ripe you are not far from rotten. We MUST make the city/area to be attractive to grow like we all want. Sadly it will cost.

The Dam was put there to serve the City and it no longer provides the service anymore. Time to Remove!

Echo Lake has been an important part of Burlington and it's history and I feel it is very important to keep it.

Let it go back to natural river.

Whatever plan costs the least!..... It's getting more and more expensive to live in this city.....May have to leave after 50 years of living here!

Lets get rid of the stinky mud hole some people call a lake. Fill it in and make a larger park.

Thanks for the survey but why not put this to referendum?

There has been a lot of discussion on Echo Lake which is important, but don't forget about the rest of "Echo Lake" which is the part by Wagner Park. Please consider that in the discussion of dredging. Echo Lake by Wagner Park is filled with silt and beginning to fill in and have cattails.

the DNR grant ranges were not shown

Na

The dam is a real asset to the city, I think it is beautiful. You could use the dam as a basis for a draw name to the city. "The Best Little City By Dam Site".

I support Dam Removal. The other modifications are bandaid solutions. Let's revamp our community by removing the constant eye sore that is Echo lake and make the acreage work for all residents by creating more trails and green space for all. Let's invest in long term solutions for the city

It is a barely usable, hardly safe, and often ugly lake that park users shun for the most part. If restored, ever worsening and unsightly algae issues will be fought. Also, it will be subject to changing DNR and Wis. state health and safety rules and regs. As an example, say some people were to become seriously ill due to exposure to a toxic algae or bacteria growing in the lake. The state could mandate the dam's removal next year. If taken out, ongoing dam maintenance, dredging, and satisfying ever changing state rules are eliminated. I suggest selling the recovered land to a developer. Let the

free market handle the enhancements. Get the land on the tax roll and stop fighting mother nature. The city cannot win with the dam in. The city cannot lose and could gain increased tax revenues from development. Fiscally, esthetically, health and safety, and ecologically the right thing to do is to remove it.

I think we need to keep lake as is.

Is this study being conducted with the potential to remove the Rochester dam in Waterford, which is on the Fox River? Soon or later that dam has to go or be upgraded. Losing a dam on the White River and Fox River could impact downtown Burlington if not done wisely. Don't get me wrong though I am still in favor of eliminating the White River Dam at Echo Park.

none

Improve the dam, keep the lake.

I would love to see the river restored and open up opportunities for river and more walking trails downtown.

save the lake

It is unclear if any of the dam modification proposals provide a permanent solution to the algae issue. If keeping the dam will require current and future dredging to eliminate algae, then I support removal plan. Not too thrilled with layout of enhanced removal plan however. I like the concept of kayak launches and walking paths and fishing ponds. I would support up to \$6.5mm if end result is visually appealing and provides recreational opportunities.

If removed it would be a smelly eyesore in our downtown area and be wasted space. Spend the money, fix it right

If the dam is removed the muddy mess of wet land area will be a eye sore as well as a weedy bug infested area. Any upgrades to this wetland area will be costly, even more than upgrading the dam and dredging of present lakebed combined.

Dam removal is the only correct option.

I want it to remain as it is..beautiful.

It's a sin to destroy this.

I believe that the long term costs to keeping the dam are a burden to our city. Burlington would benefit more from the removal of the dam and the restoration of the wetland surrounding the river. There are opportunities to install boardwalks and trails that will have more use to the community than a shallow lake that needs constant upkeep and cannot be used for recreational sport. The lake in its current state is a blight on Echo Park and it will continue to be so.

I'd prefer the dam removal over adding gates

Restore the river channel short term. Plan for future improvements and funding.

I would like to see echo lake dredged and restore the dam because that is the beauty and history of Burlington .it is nice to see the nature and beauty.I sure don't want to see the lake dried up and be a smelly sight.

I support keeping the dam. However, our taxes have increased incredibly since we moved here and this is upsetting. We moved here from Racine for numerous reasons one of which was high taxes. Perhaps an effort for fundraising or private donations, or a go fund me account could begin the process and the remainder a loan and added residence taxes.

If you look at other areas where dams have been removed, it has been for the benefit of the ecosystem (such as the Snake River in Idaho). As an outdoorsman, I stand strongly behind dam removal to return the river to its natural state.

The lake is stagnant and smells in the summer

We don't need any more taxes.

I do not want the lake. It is used for so little and it smells most of the time. That area could be better used.

Echo Lake is the heart of Burlington. Clean it up and fix the dam.

Dredging Echo to what depth

Once again I see costs for living in this city continue to increase. We are paying for a new school, another charge that was on my taxes for the city, the library is considering an addition,...what next! This is why the young people are leaving the city. If a dam is to be rebuilt, what about generating electricity from it? Haven't heard anything about this... Would a new dam be covered under the new infrastructure bills/laws?

Otherwise, let's restore the natural flow of the river and give the wildlife some new areas that they have lost due to our building along the Fox River and White Rivers over the last decade.

I strongly support construction of a new dam and dredging of echo lake

I love the waterfall over the current dam, but do not think that would be a feature of a dam that would provide improved flood control. The stagnant lake, as it now exists, should go. Remove the dam and restore the White River winding through parkland, with enhancements.

The improvement of Echo Lake will be the best result of this project.

If dredged, how deep would the lake be?

Could the use of netting that catches river garbage, also be utilized? I saw a product that somehow doesn't trap the fish as well. Also, what is the benefit of the dam, other than having a shallow lake to view? (It does offer nice views for downtown Burlington currently)

The survey was designed to specifically support the construction of a dam -- by placing those as the first choices -- and describing the river rehab as a \$1.5 to \$6.5M expense (2-3x the cost of a new dam) with no medium choice. I suggest it is immediately redesigned to generate unbiased responses. All choices should be equally visible and given equal ranking.

I truly think the Dam and Echo Lake enhances Burlington. If it is improved it will both enhance the river, the lake, and the park.

I would like to see the most environmentally friendly long term option, as well as the most economical long term option for us taxpayers. It seems like removal is the best route. Keeping or enhancing the dam will not result in a high quality lake resource. Dredging would be a continual and expensive process. However, removal will restore natural wetlands to the area, and depending on enhancement options, increase recreational opportunities - while still providing the community with an affordable and aesthetic long term option.

If we are going to do anything and spend a lot of money, an effort should be made to make this a tourist destination for Burlington. Tourism could very well help pay for some costs. I know this is a lot of money for our inflationary economy, but can fundraising be a possibility to help with the costs, as well?

Dredge enough to restore recreational use of the lake. Create a Management Plan in coordination with local advocacy groups and the State.

Save Echo Lake Please

As a home owner in town and mother who frequently utilizes echo park, Burlington could be much improved by removal of echo lake dam. The new land could be restored and could be an attraction due to the multiple wedding venues for photography and trails could be added which would fall in the with the "city or trails" idea that is being implemented. The current "lake" is not healthy and does not add any beauty. Some people may have fond memories of utilizing the "lake" and desire to keep it but this is short sighted. I also realize that the individuals who own homes on the "lake" are resistant to change but those handful of homes should not be making decisions for the whole community. We have beautiful browns like for kayaking and water activities and nothing would be lost by the removal of this stagnant water redden with algae and geese. For the long term health of the ecology in the river and surrounding area, as well as, the beauty and goals for this community as stated in the Burlington town improvement plan, the community as a whole would benefit from removal of the dam and restoration of the land.

dam important for flooding issues down stream.

The lake and the park are community assets enjoyed by many people of all economic levels and have been for many generations. We need to preserve them.

Allow Mother Nature to take charge and decide the best outcome by restoring the river to its original flow prior to dam construction. Best solution!

Echo Lake drew me to Burlington. It is a plus. Make it usable and dredge it. Retain the distinctive feature that is part of Burlington.

I support dam modification Crest option

Dam modification will be adding more costs to the tax payers in the future. Let nature take its course. The dam is not needed.

Make it look pretty. The cheapest option is rarely the best one. People don't swim, and they normally fish in the river parts anyway. The lake is just algae and goose poop. Improve the town. The boardwalk and fishing pier plans look amazing - especially if they could connect to the existing Riverwalk. An attractive town with more activities will attract younger families and new and vibrant businesses.

The removal of the dam will allow a simple fix to a massive problem. Even if the dam were to be upgraded/repared and the dredging of Echo Lake takes place, we will still have this problem years down the road of Echo Lake filling back up with river sediment. The river sediment would be one of the many problems that could occur. The algae growth and the smell are two other problems that will not go away even with dredging and repairing the dam.

I think by restoring the lake and dredging will keep the beauty of Burlington. The lake is a big draw for visitors out of town. By dredging the lake it will bring more people here for fishing, boating and restore the lake boat races which brought a lot of visitors to our area. By adding walkways along the lake would be a big plus for our community as well as drawing people to our community. I prefer having the water spill over the dam because people like the beauty of a dam. The problem with that is the same problem we have now. It doesn't keep the sediment from building up. I just want to restore the lake no matter which way you go with the project. Burlington needs this lake.

I look forward to hearing more options for the dam removal, I'm sure there are other communities that have done this with creative and successful outcomes. It would be great to have a variety of ideas given- as there are 3 dam options given and then just one, significantly higher priced dam removal option . Thank you the efforts to date!

I pay enough taxes now and I'm not willing to pay anymore for this

the presentation stated that the modification options will not contain a 200 year flood- the one we had in 2017 was not a 200 year flood and Houston, TX has had 4-5 500 year floods in the 21st century- the mod will be a face value only and not offer protection in case of a 200 year flood

I'm not sure if I would like large areas of wetlands. I like the walkways and fishing bridges. I think the river should go back to the original flow pattern. If we dredge Echo lake now it will need to be done again in a few years.

Will the DNR allow a land restoration option other than a managed wetland? How would the newly created riverfront be accessible under the basic removal option? What would it cost to make the riverfront accessible under a dam removal option? What is the expected river quality (depth, width and clarity) under a dam removal option? Would the river bed need restoration? Are there any potential negative downstream impacts, such as additional sediment allowed down river to the Wilmot Dam, Grass Lake, Fox Lake, the Chain O'Lakes and McHenry Dam?

I strongly urge the elected officials to work to save echo lake and its surrounding. It is an integral part of this community and has been for a very long time. I would be disappointed if that was taken away from us. I am a life long resident and I live in the immediate area and one of the things that I was looking forward to as my retirement approaches was being at the lake and the park and visiting the surrounding businesses, like Chris's Usa, Adrians, and going to the parks and watching baseball

games, while also spending time at Echo enjoying the lake, the park environment, walking my dog etc. It has been discouraging that our city officials have not done more the last few years to protect the park, the lake (hello algae lets take a little pride in our community), and have allowed our community as a whole to fall behind other surrounding areas, considering some of the crap this city has wasted money on it would be nice to see it actually used on something that makes this community better would be refreshing for a change. On a side note whoever keeps pushing the condo development in my neighborhood ie Falcon Ridge, and garbage like the "city of trails" should move somewhere else as they clearly don't understand what Burlington is about. Its time to get back to enjoying events at Echo, where is the Lions Chicken BBQ? Where is the corn and brat fest? While I understand the boat races no longer being there I don't understand why the city continually fails to use this beautiful park as a centerpiece in its community and to lose the lake and its surrounding will continue to diminish a community that I already see as going backwards.

The removal of a body of water or lake that is a defining and prominent showpiece of downtown Burlington would be absurd. The options presented are stated clearly, which is very helpful to educate the community. The most expensive alternative, which would rob the community of beauty and recreation, would be a gigantic mistake, and make me question our elected officials capability to lead.

I realize action needs to be taken to resolve the concern. But please choose a fiscally responsible solution while balancing the other needs of the city, as well as the increased tax burden we're experiencing due to the pool and school referendums.

In the past when the lake was drained the whole city stunk for months until water was restored. There is also a lot of junk in the lake which I don't believe has been figured in the costs of removing the dam. We need echo lake in this community.

Knowing the amount(s) of potential grants for river/wetland restoration would be helpful for answering question number 4; How much would you spend on dam removal project?

As a community we need to think of the future. First and foremost is an ecologically smart project that sustains itself for generations. Removal of the dam along with enhancement projects are a must. I am not sure if all ideas have been thought of and shared. Various walking bridges, wooden pathways, historical and nature markers, canoe/kayak launches, fishing posts, bird watching posts, children outdoor learning area etc.

remove the lake which adds no value to the community. Nobody walks the lake or attends it as a designation. Fix the intersection by Adrians with the added space.

Burlington spends tax payer money like we have an endless supply of money. We don't NEED Echo lake. There are many lakes in this area. For once do what is necessary at the lowest cost.

we need the echo lake because it is a big part of our city.

I believe the Dam removal enhancement would bring more new business to Burlington and also increase home values, I understand the sentimental value of the dam but removing the dam brings on new and exciting possibilities.

None

Worried how the center of town will look as a muddy wetland. Would be nice if it were a useable lake that would attract visitors to it whether it be for fishing, swimming, recreation, or boat races.

Keep the dam, dredge and improve the quality of the mill pond. The dam and pond have been a part of our community since the eighteen hundreds. Originally powering mills on the West Bank. It is a well established part of this city's history. Keep the dam.

This survey didn't outline important information. What is the benefit of dredging the lake? I said no to that because you didn't provide enough information. Also, none of these options fully explained the overall environmental benefits or drawbacks.

Will the homeowners on the water be compensated if the dam is removed from the lost of water access?

I know you will get tremendous pushback from the community but the dam needs to go.

Thank you for considering community input. The Echo Park area is a valuable park area and provides great beauty, memories and history to our city. I would like to see the dam replaced. Best of luck in the decision.

Two points: I think the lake redredged is an underutilized recreational resource which is highly visible in the core of town. The bay at Milwaukee St. could support a man-made beach and floating pier with paddle boats and kayak rentals. Additionally, since forefathers thought channeling the rivers through a narrow concrete channel in the heart of a city was a good idea (NOT), at the very least, to avoid future basement back ups all over Burlington, the stormwater laterals emptying into the river upstream should be capped and redirected further south of the highest water. With only a few major, concurrent rainfalls they are under water where the concrete channel raises water levels quickly at the exact confluence of two rivers. It was a terrible idea but one that cannot be changed now without relocating many structures. We can redirect stormwater lines though directing flow further south where the river widens to its natural flood catch basin tendencies.

Please remove the dam.

I am a lifetime resident of Burlington. I think restoring Echo Lake is important to the future of our city. It is my understanding that the sediment removal is a significant portion of the cost to restore the lake and improving the water quality. As an option to hauling and disposing of the sediment could an island be created that would utilize the sediment? If the lake is 70 acres a small island could contain all of the material on-site and potentially create a nice location for fishing and other water activities. Connect it to the park with a foot bridge for access. Just an idea that I have been thinking about.

This can a great tourist attractions

In my opinion dam removal will result in estimated 67 acres of swamp. I foresee large expenditure to improve and maintain the resulting swamp. Even grassed park areas will Require annual maintenance costs..

I choose for the enhanced Dam removal. I feel this would revitalize the community by:

1. Embracing our new image away from the old chocolate city era and into the city of trails. This a perfect opportunity to add more trails and more traffic to an area close to our great downtown.
2. Restoring the river and dredging out the lake bed. Honestly I love going fishing there with my sons, however in the summer when there's algae blooms it smells too bad and I just fish in the river regardless. Enhancing the current lake area would bring back more options to not only use the area for water recreation but also as hiking, pictures, environmental education purposes, etc. There's much more potential in the restoring land than investing in the lake I believe.
3. Financially... it seems as though going with the cheaper option never pans out. Choosing to restore and enhance is expensive, however it not only is beneficial to the park but also to our community. I feel as though it adds more pros to those who are on the fence about moving here or may think Burlington is a traditional small town. The business revitalization consultant pointed out that we must reinvest to the community and downtown area specifically. I feel this would be a great opportunity, especially for visiting families or potential new residents. I believe that choosing removal and enhancement is a tough pill to swallow for those who live on the lake or may enjoy it as it currently is, however the removal many benefits that are worth investing in. Benefits that may also be free with the inclusion of grant funds. It is my hope that folks can look to the future when considering this option.

I support the most ecologically friendly decision. I would also like more trails and wet lands.

Has BASD spent their entire Taj Mahal for teachers windfall budget yet? Borrow the money from them interest free, save Echo Lake and kill two birds with one stone.

We need to keep Echo Lake, but it must be a clean lake no matter what it takes!!

Removal with enhanced lakebed offers the option that best serves the community

The dam no longer serves its original purpose.

My concern is can people outside of the city take the survey while not paying taxes here?

Keep the lake. Dredge at a later date after dam is paid off. If this is economically feasible. I think the water adds interest and beauty. It also adds winter recreation. Ice pond for skating and fishing.

We see pictures of a wide river with a foot bridge. Geneva Lake will not provide enough water for more than a trickle that you can jump over. Look at the river flow in Lyons. Try to canoe or kayak there.

More wetland would look nice too

I live in a condo and feel my taxes are already way too high so I support any option that will not raise my taxes further.

If catching debris is the option chosen; how much would the yearly maintenance costs increase to?

How would the river/land be affected upstream and downstream if dam removal was undertaken?

I support the Dam removal with enhanced upgrades. Currently there is little or no use for any recreation unless you are a fisherman fishing below the dam in the summertime or try and ice fish in the wintertime where there are no fish at all ... We need more wetlands and nature trails that will help with keeping our environment clean and healthy. This will be a good opportunity for young adults who are in 4-H and other organizations like our boy scouts to help and educate our community the importance of protecting our wetlands and the good that our plants and birds that need these areas to survive. fishing ponds would be excellent opportunities for our youth and would also benefit our children in our schools to learn about or natural resources. Thank you

removal and dredging to clean up years of silt

Feel more recreational opportunities with keeping the lake and performing the dredging. Less maintenance than filling lake in, creating ponds which will end up with algae in them. Also much less grass to mow keeping lake. But dredging is a must and maybe should explore deeper than 4 ft.

Regardless of dam modification or removal, Echo Lake should not have algae or be unsightly in the long-term.

Burlington would not be Burlington without the dam and the lake

The proposed dams all look so industrial. Yes, we would keep the "lake" but the river look and be awful. And the lake may develop toxic algae. Last summer it really had a foul smell for many weeks with garbage floating on top of the scum. There are grants available for letting rivers return to their natural state. We have to acknowledge that stopping a river is not what nature wants. There will always be issues and consequences. Ongoing maintenance will also be needed. A natural flowing river is better for fish and for kayaking.

The lake is part of this town. My favorite memories of Burlington growing up are the fire works on the lake the boat races we use to have and chocolate fest. Along with fist the river and lake then walking across the street to have some ice cream

We need to think long term not just making a quick fix that could cost more in the long run.

I like the lake

I am against removal of the dam.

I don't believe we should let the same people who have not properly managed the waterway. Have any say in the current decisions, nor should they have any say in the future of the park and dam. If they were doing their jobs, this wouldn't be an issue.

The dam needs to be gone.

I hope that whatever you decide to do you will keep Echo Lake and the dam. It is a big part of Burlington's history.

We will only be prolonging the inevitable if we do not remove the dam, engineers, ecologist and others know the best long term solution is to restore the river back to original state. Prior to man made involvement of a dam. Why saddle the next or even future generations with the costs and challenges that will have to eventually happen if we keep the dam. Our generation can not be selfish and short sighted in only thinking of what we want in the here and now. Think of the long term possibilities of restoring the river back to what nature intended and the opportunities it present for future space for a wonderful park and green space for generations to enjoy and change at a much lessor cost.

I think modifying the dam is the best approach to keeping this waterway part of the City of Burlington.

My taxes are high enough already - I don't want them to go up any more.

Dredging of the lake will allow for more fishing, canoeing, and ice fishing too. Didn't the big flood cause a lot of silt, and soil to fill the lake? Now it needs to be cleaned up, since it wasn't done after the flood.

Removing the dam and echo lake would be hazardous to the entire currently thriving eco-system. Let's give the town a lake to be proud of and for the people of the city to be able to use with dredging of the lake!

I feel a large full scale change-up of the area would be great. Remove the dam and better utilize the area reclaimed.

Burlington would not be historic without the dam

I enjoy Echo Lake and park the way they are, but the spillway is a safety hazard for kayaks and dam maintenance and dredging operations represent indefinite future costs. I think removing the dam and restoring the river would be more ecologically responsible and more economical. Additionally, I believe that if the area receives the proper enhancements, it will be just as much or even more enjoyable for the community than Echo Lake in the long run. The short section of river below the dam is always packed with fishers in the summer. So long as the proposed fishing ponds allow for ice fishing in the winter, I don't see any lasting cons with dam removal. Dam removal is a show of respect for the natural ecology, a reclamation of land for public enjoyment, and a pragmatic option which is both safer and more financially viable in the long term.

I think creating a beautiful park would be an excellent attraction for our city, and improving the downtown area makes sense for the sake of our future prosperity.

After much thought and research, I am in favor of the Dam Removal Project. Retaining and modifying the dam does not provide enough spillway capacity to give protection against a significant flood, e.g. a 200 year. It is only a matter of time until we experience such a significant flood event.

The existing dam serves no practical purpose or function and is a detriment to improving the water quality of the White River. Dam removals along the Des Plaines River in northern Illinois have resulted in significant water quality improvements of that waterbody. Similar water quality improvements within the White River watershed would result from the removal of this dam.

With dam removal and restoration of wetlands. Including boardwalks. The potential for increased crime is possible. The growth of brush and trees would be significant in a 10 year period and would need an increased law enforcement presence. And it's accompanied costs. Along with maintaining the piers and boardwalk.

I do not want to increase our taxes. If people want to put a foot bridge or any other improvements, ask for private donations! Where is the option of remove dam, and nothing else without the landscaping. Stop spending money you do not have.

The dam is a City Landmark and needs to stay.

How often would the Lake need to be dredged? I would also like to see a better "enhanced" map of the area without the dam including named landmarks. We are basing our decision to fix the dam based on dredging just once considering it is so expensive to dredge.

Echo Lake and the dam is a part of Burlington that is enjoyed by residents and visitors. let keep it.

Echo Lake has always been a part of Burlington. I grew up on Echo Lake and remember canoeing and ice skating out there all the time. I think Burlington would be missing out on so much without the dam and/or lake. The dam is such a beautiful part of the park and the lighting that was put on it really beautifies it that much more thanks to the Wagners. I truly hope that the leaders of the Burlington community take into consideration on what a vital part that the dam and lake play into this city.

I've grown up in Burlington and my favorite summer activities involved getting ice cream at Adrian's and then walking across the street to look at the lake. My friends and I kayak on the lake and Fox River frequently. During the winter, it brings me joy to see kids ice skating on the lake. It's such a beautiful landmark, and it has such a beautiful impact on our community. Getting rid of the lake would take so much away from so many people, and it wouldn't be a pretty process. Hopefully it gets to stick around.

While the dam and Echo Lake are staples in some peoples' minds, it just isn't a feasible path to the future. The first dam meeting I attended, the consultant fairly clearly stated the current dam and even modified versions stand little chance to truly provide flood protection for significant floods (50+ year floods). So without flood protection, the decision comes down to what is more useful, visually appealing, and cost-effective. Dam removal provides the best outcome for all three of those facets, mainly because the current status of the lake doesn't satisfy any of them. The lake isn't useful as the water is too shallow for effective fishing, let alone boating and swimming. The lake is too shallow causing water temperatures to rise causing unsightly algae blooms. The cost of dam removal vs dam modification/repair (required if keeping dam) is neutral (maybe positive in favor of dam removal due to grant availability), and ultimately keeping the dam likely would require dredging the lake, a costly endeavor we would need to fund every few years in perpetuity. For all those reasons, removing the dam makes sense for Burlington (in addition to it being a preferred approach by state biologists for WI waterways). Not to mention, Burlington has done a great job of making changes to the downtown to make it more vibrant and fun, without sacrificing traditional Burlington. I think the dam removal with enhancements example shown is a tremendous next step for our city.

What are the timelines ? There should be a referendum.

I suspect all your estimates are low. My tax money should not go to the few who own property on the 'lake'.

Echo lake is a very important visual as well as useful aid to the city of Burlington's attractiveness... we must restore echo lake and figure out ways to use it for recreational activities.

The natural state of the River was no dam. The dam offers little flood control. The dam perpetuates sediment collection and will require ongoing dredging. The removal of much clay and soils by the Burlington Brick and Tile north of Echo Park also creates a return to natural area which will require more fill. However, I believe dam removal and some minor land rehab is better. The grandiose park plan is being used to skew this discussion. A more slimmed down land rehab would due fine. After all, even with saving the dam, no more additional park space is added.

Water flow should be preserved and echo lake should be kept, no matter the cost as this is a valuable asset.

I believe Echo Lake and the Dam is essential to all thing Burlington. I wish there were other funding sources, however when has the DNR ever provided funding for their decisions. Dredging is essential! The Lake over the last 15 years has lost some its luster with the continuous build-up of sediment (exacerbated by the flood), rendering it almost useless for recreational activities, and options. At one point the Veteran's Terrace looked at adding a fountain out in the middle, until the lake was found to be too shallow. For years we had the boat races on Echo (Jaycee's Brat Day Boat Regatta) then as part of Chocolatefest, until the bottom was too mucky and shallow for some of the tunnel boats. Keep both no matter what the cost!

Whichever option is chosen, I hope that recreational use of the area is improved to include kayaking, paddleboards, fishing, and possibly a beergarden.

The Dam does not serve any purpose in today's age. Remove the dam and let the river return to its normal state along with wetland enhancements

I do not want to see the dam removed. I feel like it will leave a swampy wetland in the middle of the city to attract bugs and create a smell that will not be good for the businesses near there

I feel that returning the river to the way nature intended would be the best route for the city to go. What people fail to realize is the maintenance on the new dam will quickly exceed the costs of removing it. The city will need to maintain the dam for MANY years to come and eventually need to be replaced AGAIN. I know its not the popular option, but I feel that it is the best route.

Burlington has several parks on the river with bridges already. The lake is more iconic and visual driving through town. The ponds idea would need aeration and w/o a berm, the wetland area would flood up from time to time and IMO would be a massive mosquito breeding ground. Is there enough water flow for electricity production, even a small amount? Would be 24/7 power and green. The WDNR has been anti dams lately which I disagree with them on that. The 500 yr flood requirement is mostly to force dam removal. Burlington had its 500yr flood recently and we all survived and since the city sits on the natural flow part of the river, the floods will occur whether the dam is there or not. Truth is the dams help reduce flooding if operated correctly, DNR is whacked in its thinking and has way too much power My vote is dam and possibly dredging. Scott Orchard St

Remove the dam and create a beautiful area. Echo Lake is an eyesore.

SAVE ECHO LAKE

I believe that Echo Lake is an asset to the community. Having lived here for almost 30 years, I've watched the lake's quality--depth, clarity, and beauty diminish due to lack of dredging.

This dam is part of what makes Burlington beautiful.

My previous city removed a dam and expanded their park system to include a beautiful river walk. The effort reduced the smell of stagnant water greatly. Removing the dam and reshaping the land around it in Burlington makes good sense ecologically aesthetically.

I want a natural restoration

If the dam is replaced and the lake stays, are there any plans to increase opportunities for recreational use?

I have lived in Burlington for almost 50 years. I've enjoyed Echo Lake in many recreational ways. I want my grandchildren to experience the beauty, fun, and recreational experiences I've had over the years. I'm proud of our city and all it has to offer. Echo Lake and the Park are the gateway to our city. It's an important first impression. If we don't do right by this, anyone coming to Burlington will believe we have little regard for the appearance of our city now and in the future.

It will be expensive either way, but if Burlington wants to attract new residents and visitors something really nice has to be done.

Hope we see a dam their and save the LAKE!

Dam should be removed for clear river passage. Long term less costly of all options and also to maintain

How often would dredging need to be done at the cost of 2.4 million? That needs to be considered when looking at replacing and not removing.

The lake can be dredged in the future after we get the grants for the dam can cover for that cost.

6.5 million

Are the projected costs of the Basic and Enhanced Dam Removal Project listed above, \$1.5-\$2 million and up to \$6.5 Million respectively, without the grants? If so, what is the

projected grant monies and what is the likelihood that a grant would be awarded.

Remove the Dam

Let's do it right the first time. We are having these problems because it was messed with before. Let's not repeat and create problems in the future. This will provide jobs to the community forever.

How much grant money that could be received could depend on the option decision. If grant money is limited or unavailable, I would swayed to vote for Basic Removal option.

The removal option is the only one that mentions possible grants, that's good. I have lived in Burlington for over 70 years, my amount of recreational use of the lake is sooooo minimal. I question keeping the lake based on recreational value. I would rather have a park for walking or pickleball. It also seems it would open up many more opportunities to attract things like China Lights, music festivals art festivals and beautiful gardens. Plus, no one would ever have to be concerned about dredging the lake again. Also, I am not clear which DNR requirement is covered by the 5 million repair / dredge. Is it the 100 or 500 year plan?

Quit wasting money on surveys and fix it

If there was a way to also include some type of parking for the enhanced property it would be even better!

I believe that removing the dam would benefit not only the health of the environment but also the health of the community. It's better economically, yes there would need to be some upfront work in maintaining the natural space but over time nature doesn't need our help. It's a resilient, stable and efficient solution and I truly believe in it.

Keep the beauty and nature as it is and rebuild the dam to beautify burlington

The river would be so health with the dam removal. Having the river restored on how nature intended is the best thing for the community.

The dam modification seems to be the most cost effective if the Slide Gate option is used. The 1.5 mil slide gate could allow the sediment to eventually flush out a channel leaving the rest of Echo Lake shallow. The lake is currently shallow and not used for rec other than Ice fishing, so I see no problem with that. The lakes aesthetics seems to be its major attribute so that still leaves the problem of algae. Maybe look into algae control mechanisms and get a quote on that. Add it to the equation. I support this option. The Dam Removal has two issues both good and bad. Removal will definitely change the landscape so what is spent on enhancement is critical to the decision. If a cost-effective enhancement is bundled into the project, all issues are taken care of ending up with a beautiful recreation area and a natural river still flowing through the town. Spending 6.5 mil however requires some due diligence that I would examine very close as a taxpayer. I do have a question regarding the water level if the dam is removed. The water level will drop considerably with the dam removed. How will removing the dam effect the current water levels above and below the dam as is stands? What other features, upstream and downstream of the dam change besides draining Echo Lake? I'd like to know what the Corp of Engineers has determined. If the decision is made to move forward with the Dam Removal project, my recommendation is there is a cap put on the spending. Big difference between 1.5 and 6.5 that has to be justified. Second, ask for three or four different enhancement plans on a scale of 2.5 mil to 5 mil for example. Make sure there are no questions that go unanswered with a clear understanding of the outcome of each plan. With either plan being approved, make certain there is oversight on this project. Big projects like this have tendencies to go over budget or find obstacles that either slow it down or increase the cost due to unforeseen problems. Address this in the original contracts. Publish the progress and expenditures to the taxpayers and general public. A company's reputation has much value so keep the project public. Use a local contractor if at all possible. Thx for listening, Gary Gunderson

city of burlington can spend 5 million on a pool that is only open 3 months of the year but can't find the resources to fix a natural resource that everyday thousand of people

enjoy they view as they pass thru our city! not many cities have a park and lake in walking distance

The White River should be returned to its natural flow, and the area will be better off in the long run. If the dam is modified, the City will need to spend on going dollars to dredge and maintain the dam.

This area is a focal point of the city. Many many people use this area of all ages and demographic. it is an important asset to the city and its residents and should be kept up in a fashion to bring joy to families for many years to come

One fishing pond for the enhanced option

removal of dam is the only wise thing to for the future

Get rid of dam as long is it will prevent flooding

The dam is the doorway to Burlington. It's beautiful. Fix and maintain it. The dam and lake should have been taken care of and maintained before some of the other projects were done. The lake is the cities treasure. Don't destroy it.

River and Dam Restoration Leaders, I am a member of the SMH Graduate Class of 1970, Echo Lake/White River Cleanup. In participation of our Nation's First Earth Day (April 22, 1970), our graduation class decided our Civic Project should be the cleanup of Echo Lake and the White River area below the dam. our decision was timely, because The City had fully opened the dam and drained Echo Lake. For several days, we removed (Dump truck load after load) of decades worth of haphazardly discarded Industrial, Commercial and Residential debris from the exposed (hardened muck) lake bed and river area. Natural aquatic plants and life were mostly nonexistent. That action gave me a lifelong inspiration to support a healthy and sustainable environment. So despite that I no long reside in Burlington, I have an unending personal interest in it's environment health and wellbeing. Attached is a short video of the City of West Bend (and two other communities) Dam Removal and results. <https://youtu.be/cCQiaT1KcPo> Please consider taking trips to communities in Wisconsin where dam removal/s are/have taken place, before making a final decision on this important environmental, social and economic project. Thank you, Mike Weidert 920-268-5393 mwweidert@hotmail.com

I am very concerned Dam removal will create an eyesore and a smelly, depressing part of our fine city. It would be a shame to wreck this for our inhabitants, visitors and our wildlife.

I suggest removing the dam and then determining what needs to be done after the river has reestablished itself. Please check with other Wisconsin communities about their success with removing dams. We are the city of rails and trails and that includes water trails also. Spending money on a new dam with not solve the problem and we will have recurring expenses to maintain the land. It is a waste. Lets move forward and let Mother Nature do what she knows is best. Thank You

Do not change having the lake. Dredge if we must, but keep the lake for fishing (year round), competitive boat racing, ice rink skating, Kiwanis fund raising. Without the lake there would be no echo, only a big hole in the middle of town.

Please list specifically what enhancements would be. Also the survey is a little confusing. You could support both or neither based on the survey. What if a resident supports both, but slightly prefers one over the other. This survey has no way to report that.

Dredge Echo Lake. The lake is important to Burlington residents, like myself and utilized often to enjoy activities such as Fishing, with my family. I support putting my tax dollars towards improving and saving Echo Lake.

The lake provides very little economic and recreational value if any. The enhanced removal version is obviously the best route in regards to the reducing environmental impacts, reducing threats to public health downstream, and creating a potential greenspace with many opportunities for recreation and commerce. The area exposed would provide a centralized park that many cities would dream of. The funding for removal of the dam would be much easier when looking at state grants and partnership potential. I no longer live in Burlington but spent many days playing ice

hockey on Echo Lake. That is the only time I spent recreating on Echo Lake. Creating a public greenspace in a great location could have an amazing impact on Burlington WI. Best of luck

Burlington is a beautiful place to live and in my opinion, the city has some of the best parks and trails in in Southeastern Wisconsin. Echo Lake is part of our history and I respect it as such, but the only constant in life is change. The dam serves no real purpose any more and the features in the enhanced removal proposal would offer a wonderful place for the community members and wildlife to enjoy in harmony.

We need to maintain the Echo Lake the way it is.

I'm not in favor of removing the lake. When taken care of, the lake is a beautiful, serene setting right in the middle of town. This is a draw for residents as well as a way to showcase a city we can be proud of to those passing through. Funding will be needed to maintain the area, dam removal or not. I vote for bringing back the beauty to what it once was and not allow it to become an eyesore again.

Think of all the wildlife that uses the lake. please do not take it away.

Remove the dam and make natural river banks. Let the water flow as it should.

Would like to see bidding vote on it

Downtown Burlington continues to struggle. The two rivers and Echo Lake are among the few assets we have that make downtown desirable. Why would we eliminate one of those assets especially when such a decision is essentially irreversible??????

I would like to see Burlington work towards a more resilient, stable, and efficient model and I believe that entails removing the dam and restoring the river ecosystem. Not only would it be a healthier ecosystem and more capable of handling changes over time (drought, floods, etc.), but it also will be healthier to our city by removing the unnecessary dangers of an unneeded dam that creates undercurrents capable of drowning individuals or that has the ability to release a massive reserve of potential energy in an event of a dam failure, which would spiral into a series of issues dealing with infrastructure, public park spaces, private properties, and ultimately fixing the dam once again. A dam removal and restoration option would be the wisest choice for Burlington today and Burlington tomorrow in regards to our overall health, ecology, economy, emotions, community relationships, and more. It would be a project that would lift the city to a brighter, more capable future of working with nature instead of fighting against it.

Back to original wetland, plus outside financial help and increased river health makes sense in long run to support dam removal.

I support saving the lake and dam

The lake is beautiful--please try to keep it! Also I would love to see more recreational use out of it!

We recently bought a home here in Burlington and the lake was a huge attraction. It such a unique thing to have in town. This would be so disappointing to not have this feature.

The DNR is out of control.....we need Smaller Government and less regulations. Eliminate these unneeded, unwanted agencies with their unelected bureaucrats who believe they have No accountability to "We the People" who pay their exorbitant salaries and pensions!!

Echo lake is a beautiful feature of our city and would hate to see it go. I would love to see money put towards restoration and dredging. Does not make sense to do an expensive, enhanced removal when cost of restoration was one of the main concerns. Doing basic removal would leave unsightly wetlands in a highly visible, high-traffic area of our city.

I do not support the Dam Removal. It is a ludacris idea. In no way shape or form should it be even considered. The lake has been part of the community for hundreds of years. The list of pros and cons are extremely inaccurate. If the dam is removed the lake will become a parasite infested swamp, with constant horrible smells, ruining one

of this town's staple features. If you remove the dam, it will remove the future of this town. Removing the dam shouldn't even be an option.

I do not support the dam removal. If the dam is removed, it will be removing part of the town. The dam has been there for hundreds of years. It is an important staple of Burlington. Removal should not even be an option. If it's removed, the lake bed will become a mosquito infested, parasite ridden, cesspool of nauseous fumes.

I don't support the dam removal. Removing the dam would be a huge mistake and would scar this town for life. The dam has been part of this town for hundreds of years. The cost to repair the dam is a small price to pay to keep one of this town's staple features.

I've seen how bad East Troy looks. I don't want that for Burlington. And why add a soccer field to a park?

The lake is a beautiful feature that welcomes visitors as they enter our newly revitalized downtown. The dam is a gorgeous accent to our city and the Vets terrace. Re/Maintaining the dam gives us control over water flow and could potentially save our neighbors to the north and south during times of high or low water (rain and or snow melt). Dredging the lake and making it viable could bring more interest to town. Let's bring back the boat races. Let's make a beach and swimming area at Echo Lake Park. We have plenty of marshland in this area and many beautiful paths to walk and bike. We do not need more.

Please save Echo Lake. I don't think Burlington would be the same for me without Echo Lake. I grew up going there and so many great memories. I used to ride my bike there almost daily as a kid with my friends. Go fishing, playing at the playground, meeting friends there. I used to ride my bike across the dam right at the falls. Rock climbing across the river to the Island was absolutely priceless!! Hockey was big for me on Echo Lake. As kids we would go there every day and play hockey on Echo Lake. Shovel a rink out there and play all day. I loved it, such a fond memory for me. It really would be a shame to lose the Crown Jewel of Burlington. Echo Lake and Echo Park are a staple of the beauty of Burlington in my opinion. Please save Echo Lake

Save the lake!

I believe Burlington governmental officials are to blame for this mess for not addressing this issue sooner. If the city can spend money on the aquatic center, which benefits some, the city can spend money on the dam/dredging project which benefits all. Lastly, I believe the current Park Board has an agenda against the dam, specifically Mr. Riggs, who is unfortunately strongly opposed to the dam. Best case is that this should go to referendum with citizens voting for the outcome.

I'm personally comfortable with either option. However I am concerned how the removal of dam will effect everything up stream. Perhaps a study has already been done? If a dam were to stay I would think we get echo lake dredged to make it a usable lake at the same time. Also I roughly figure it comes to a price tag of 500\$ per person. How would we tax our city to pay for this. I think this is a small price tag to maintain our water way.

Thomas Griesman

People don't realize how beautiful Burlington really is. I was born here stayed through high school then moved away and moved back. It's so so pretty and I didn't see it until after coming back. I do not support removing the dam especially for more development. Whatever is decided I hope that it is still natural beauty and a piece of nature downtown. Please do not make space for any buildings. If someone wants to make an entertainment center or housing structures etc. let's consider moving those ideas to the chocolate fest grounds as we are not using that anymore.

Please don't remove the dam!

Very concerned how much this will add to my taxes. I'm a senior on a fixed income.

Save the lake

I would like to see the dam removed, it will help both the White and Fox Rivers fish and wildlife. It will improve kayaking,, canoeing,, and fishing giving residents more

recreational opportunities. It will create more parkland and remove an unsightly shallow, weed filled lake.

Do what needs to be done to Save the lake its the focal point of town and includes many childhood memories not only for myself but my own children.

I've lived here since 1987 and have memories of the lake, etc BUT if we want to think about what is best for the longterm health of the fisheries, ecosystems, and cost, the dam should be removed and natural wetlands supported. The long term pros should significantly outweigh the short term cons of it being temporarily unsightly. I think too many people are emotionally connected to the dam and are failing to consider or understand the positive benefits of an enhanced wetland. What a wonderful opportunity to attract native species and create a fresh, natural space to enjoy! This seems to be the most cost effective option as well. I am strongly in favor of removing the dam.

Replacing the dam with some enhancements will keep the integrity of the water area and the park as is at present with some moderate changes. Further changing the parks area at Echo Park and adding more park area, walking areas, fishing spots and adding to more maintenance to the many parks that Burlington now has to maintain just adds to the cost of all the parks that we now try to maintain as is at present. Adding more park land to maintain stresses the already thin employee staff (3 employees full time) which will stretch their work load further. Burlington has many beautiful parks and adding more to their maintenance will not be good for this community.. As a former Park Board member from 1992 thru 2007, I am very concerned regarding adding more maintenance to the already thin full time park maintenance staff.

Please save the Dam.

Algae bloom are more contingent upon nutrient load in sediment than water depth. nutrient load entering Echo lake will be continuous from Honey creek, Sugar creek and the White river. Also run off from adjacent lands. WE DONT KNOW IF BOTTOM DRAW WILL FLUSH SEDIMENT. We need to consider the future of the river. The fisheries will greatly improve. Perhaps we could enjoy more kayaking and canoeing on the river too. A wetland would attract wildlife. We need to look forward... If there is sentimental attachment to the dam; than save a piece of it with the history, as a marker. Lets do what is best for the health of the river and the future for generations to come. Thank you Sharon

I've been a part of the Burlington community since 1987 and I do not believe it makes sense to restore the dam strictly for the reasons of nostalgia (currently serves no purpose) and allowing a lake area to continue to be unusable due the consistent algae blooms that now appear annually because of its shallow depth and increased levels of muck and sediment. For this reason, it would be foolish to vote for restoring the dam and NOT support the dredging of Echo Lake. However, dredging will always need to be done on a regular basis to keep the lake free of algae, which would become quite costly at \$2.4 million per occurrence as long term maintenance. Even in going with the cheapest dam restoration option (slide gates at \$1.5 million) and dredging one time at \$2.4 million, the total cost would be \$3.9 million. Why not spend that same amount of money to remove the dam and create enhancements to what would become a beautiful area of wetlands and habit for all to enjoy recreationally? For this reason, I would be in favor up supporting a project cost of \$4 million to remove the dam reverting the river to its natural space and the incorporation of enhancements/improvements - roughly the same minimum cost to replace the dam at its cheapest option and a one-time dredging.

I think that Echo lake was, is, and can still be an asset to the city. It is underutilized and neglected at this time. We need to restore this to the beautiful lake it was! There are too many unknowns in removal for essentially the same cost up front and we don't need a swamp in the middle of the city.

This project cannot be completed without Public Referendum or a large increase in taxes, which cannot be afforded even with a stipend grant. I am against this project.

save the damn dam. if you can have bike trails you can have water ways. more important than bike trails

I live on Honey Lake. We in Honey lk Rehab dist. ALONE pay for our lake and damn. I don't expect to have to pay for Burlingtons's problem

Put up for public vote!

Is there a way in which this should be part of your budget planning (maintenance/future costs) instead of increasing taxes?

Echo Lake should be improved to its its fullest extent. Don't destroy the lake.