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SUE BLACK, DIRECTOR OF PARKS, RECREATION AND CULTURE

January 28, 2011

To: Tanya L. Meyer- Water Management Engineer- Milwaukee Service Center
State of Wisconsin-Department of Natural Resources

Dear Ms. Meyer:

This letter is in response to your letter dated July 28, 2009 regarding the Estabrook Dam. Milwaukee County has been evaluating and reviewing the options of dam removal or dam repair. Pursuant to the Order, we are providing you with an update on our findings.

The Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors approved \$2,100,000 to make repairs to the dam alone in the 2010 Milwaukee County Capital Projects Budget. Total estimated costs to repair the dam, remove the sediment and perform the required vegetation restoration are estimated at \$4,500,000 to \$5,000,000. Funding related to sediment removal and restoration has not been approved and allocated by the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors. Performing repairs to the dam without the necessary sediment removal and restoration would ultimately result in the dam being compromised again and taxpayer dollars spent in vain.

We are working diligently to come to a final decision on the most prudent way to proceed. This situation is somewhat complicated by the transitions occurring in Milwaukee County government. While it is Milwaukee County's plan to meet the DNR's requested deadline of repairing or removing the dam by July 27, 2012, please understand that, during this transition time, the county does not yet have a comprehensive and funded solution.

We look forward to your continued cooperation in this matter of mutual concern.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in purple ink that reads "Sue Black".

Sue Black
Director, Milwaukee County Department of Parks, Recreation and Culture

