



## **Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors** *Supervisor Anthony Staskunas, 17th District*

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### **Supervisor Anthony Staskunas Welcomes Demolition of Estabrook Dam** *Says financial savings and environmental benefits outweigh the costs of repair*

MILWAUKEE – Supervisor Anthony Staskunas announced his strong support for removing the Estabrook Park dam and released the following statement.

"I believe strongly that the Estabrook Park dam should be torn down and removed, rather than repaired. There are many good financial and environmental reasons for removing the dam.

"The one-time cost of removing Estabrook dam is significantly less than the cost to repair and then maintain the dam on a yearly basis. At a time when Milwaukee County is forced to raise new revenue to avoid unacceptable cuts to our budget, the \$1.7 million cost to remove the dam is favorable to the \$4.1 million repair plus \$160,000 annual maintenance cost.

"There are significant environmental benefits to removing the Estabrook dam, including reduced flooding risk to more than 50 homeowners. A free-flowing river will improve water quality and aquatic habitat, allow fish to travel upstream, and eliminate the shallow, stagnant pond in Lincoln Park, which would improve the experience of park visitors.

"Some property owners located upstream from the Estabrook dam argue for a restored and repaired dam to create shallow lake to be used by a small number of upstream property owners. I don't believe that Milwaukee County taxpayers should be forced to pay to extra to repair the dam for the enjoyment of only a small number of residents, when removing it would be less costly and healthier for the river."

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