

SAVE THE RIVER | SAVE THE WILDLIFE

Concerned Citizens Opposed to the Partial Removal of the Fourth Street Dam / Whitewater Park



City of Stoughton States... [Source: WI DNR – Stoughton Application IP-SC-2022-13-01906]

- The purpose of the proposed project is to provide a recreational amenity, naturalize the river and improve habitat, and increase safety of river users. There is a need to remove the existing instream hazard presented by the Fourth Street Dam and provide navigability to the reach as well as restore the river and connect the aquatic habitat of the river upstream and downstream of the dam.
- The existing dam superstructure, bridge, radial tainter gates, and sluiceway stoplogs will be removed and an adjustable whitewater feature constructed on the existing dam foundation.
- The initial project construction will include dewatering the work site and water diversion.

Residents' Concerns...

- Design deficiencies and concerns of conflicts of interest with the General Contractor, Design & Engineering, and Environmental impacts all being provided by one entity...the Builder of the Whitewater Park.
- Design failures that would prohibit the sustainability of the Stoughton Fair.
- City of Stoughton funds and resources could amount to millions of dollars depending on the success of grant writing.
- Environmental impact and permanent impact to the Yahara River upstream and surrounding wetlands.
- Exposure of toxic material by lowering water levels and hidden costs for remediation.
- What will the impact be on other uses of Mandt Park, including the Stoughton Fair?
- Has the City of Stoughton adequately looked at other alternatives, such as a year-round Aquatic Center?

Upcoming 2023 Public Open Houses

The Chorus Public House
154 W. Main Street - Stoughton
7:00 p.m.
June 14 | July 12 | August 23

WEBSITES / SOCIAL MEDIA

Do More Than Listen...Become Involved

Websites | Social Media

Created by the “Friends of Yahara Bay”. Also join their Facebook page for more information:

www.savethedam.net

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/964047224046249/members>

BE COUNTED...Sign the Petition to Save the River, Save the Wildlife, Save the Dam:

www.change.org ... type in “Stoughton, WI Save the Dam” or

<https://chnq.it/NTTCPFqD>

The Tragedy of Funks Dam – The Town of Merton in Waukesha County:

<http://rrna.us/DNRsHistoryofPollutingtheLake/tabid/2123/Default.aspx>

Upper Oconomowoc River Nutrient and Sediment Study – Memorandum Report No. 258:
(2021, SEWPRC Study)

<https://www.sewrpc.org/SEWRPCFiles/Publications/mr/mr-258-upper-oconomowoc-river-nutrient-and-sediment-study.pdf>