

From: Tom Gartner
To: [Edina Mail](#)
Subject: Dam Removal Support
Date: Monday, August 21, 2017 1:48:30 PM

Dear City Council,

I wanted you to know that while I'd prefer to keep the Arden Park dam in place, I understand the many reasons for having it removed.

My kids and I enjoy fishing there, but we realize there will still be places to do so that do not keep fish from moving upstream.

I support moving forward with the plan.

Sincerely,

Tom Gartner
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From: Chris Sadar
To: [Edina Mail](#)
Subject: The MCWD and City of Edina plan for Arden Park
Date: Wednesday, August 23, 2017 9:11:10 PM

Dear Edina City Council,

We encourage you to veto the plan to remove the waterfall from Arden Park. Removing the waterfall would be destructive and unnecessary. We are concerned about destruction of a natural habitat for birds and waterfowl; destruction of a relatively safe and manageable waterfall and eddy for kayakers, tubers, swimmers, and fishers of all ages; elimination of several beautiful willows; and elimination of an inviting green space where people can gather to enjoy the sights and sounds of rushing water.

Our family often stops at the falls just to listen--in the autumn when we are so aware of the coming freeze and then again in the spring to hear the welcome thaw. When our kids were young, they got very used to this stop and were quite sure this was the only way home, no matter where we were coming from.

Many Edina homeowners spend thousands of dollars to install fountains which bring the pleasing sounds of moving water to their backyards. How ironic that we deem it necessary to remove those natural sounds from a park where they are enjoyed by all.

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