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From: Rich LaBombard
Sent: Monday, October 17, 2022 9:21 AM
To: davebette@charter.net
Cc: Pam Aalderink
Subject: RE: The Lake Allegan Association -Calkins Dam

Received and forwarded to the City Clerk.

Rich LaBombard
City Manager

From: davebette@charter.net <davebette@charter.net>
Sent: Friday, October 14, 2022 1:56 PM
To: Rich LaBombard <rlabombard@douglasmi.gov>
Subject: The Lake Allegan Association -Calkins Dam

Dear Mr. LaBombard,

My name is David Thompson. I live on Lake Allegan and as a Lake Allegan Association Board member I am reaching out to cities between the Lake Allegan Calkins Bridge Dam and Lake Michigan. The Lake Allegan Association currently has 333 members living on Lake Allegan

We are working closely with the Allegan Township Board, the Valley Township Board and the Allegan County Commission to address the recent announcement from Consumers Energy that destroying the Calkins Bridge Dam and allowing Lake Allegan to drain to Lake Michigan is being considered. This is only one possible decision Consumers Energy proposed. Consumers Energy's Josh Burgett indicated that while it may take five to ten years to completely destroy the Dam a decision is planned to be made by last quarter of 2023 on the fate of the Dam.

There has been no indication that the pollution will be cleaned up before the dam is removed.

With the possible removal of the Allegan City Dam a great deal of highly polluted sediment will travel to Lake Allegan only to back-up at the Calkins Dam and if the Calkins Dam is removed the pollution will move on to your river front and Lake Michigan.

Removing the Calkins Dam will release an estimated 628,169,600 gallons of polluted water hitting your shores. Along with an estimated 1.5 million carp and other polluted fish and five kinds of invasive weeds (tall thimbleweed, garlic mustard, maianthemum, bloodroot, wine grape and millfoil).

It will also release very high levels of phosphorus into the river going on to Lake Michigan.

The Lake Allegan Association is looking into investing into an Economical Study of Allegan and the surrounding townships. The loss of tax revenue alone will destroy Allegan and Valley Townships.

Please receive this email as a respectful communication with you and your office. We are in no way trying to interfere with your office or business. We would very much like your support in convincing Consumers Energy to keep the Calkins Bridge Dam, we will but respect your viewpoint.

Kindest Regards,

Dave Thompson

Lake Allegan Association