

To: City Council
RE: Lakes District
Date: December 12, 2024

I would request the city council to not approve the resolution to create a city wide lake management district at this time.

I request more citizen feedback via a list of signatures obtained by the lakes advisory committee from city of Whitewater citizens, city of Whitewater property owners, and eligible voters to determine the level of support people in Whitewater are willing and able to pay.

Another option would be for the city to mail out a survey (this could be included in with water bills or property tax bills) to obtain citizen feedback related to which lake projects eligible voters desire completed and about how much money local citizens want to spend.

I encourage council to determine the level of city wide local support for a lakes district including the business park for this new property tax, before the council takes action on the creation of a new property tax.

The city manager states, in part, in his memorandum to council dated Nov. 22, 2024;
“The creation of a lake district introduces a new tax levy, and decisions of this nature should not be made without demonstrating broad public support.”

“To ensure transparency and public engagement, I recommend the following actions:

- 1. Engage in the petition process;*
- 2. Non-Binding Referendum “*

Thank you,

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