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I could write a book about how I feel about yet another diversion proposal! But I will try to keep my comments short and to the point.

This project alone will not damage the Great Lakes very much, if at all. I fear that the fact that the water is going to get treated and go back into the lake will be grounds for approval.

I'd like to know exactly how much water (percentage) is actually going to make it back INTO the lake. This water will be used and wasted and will end up in places where it won't go through treatment. That means that not 100% is going back to the lake. So, even if only a very small percentage is not returning, IT IS STILL A PERCENTAGE.

Why is this a problem? Because Waukesha is doing it. Now Mount Pleasant. Who is next? This will begin a long chain of diversion approvals that will accelerate in years to come. The logic? Well, Waukesha and Racine did it, so we shouldn't have a problem getting approved! Then, no harmful or adverse affects will be seen, thus promoting governments to continue approving communities in other watersheds to obtain Great Lakes water.

We will not see it. Our grandchildren, their children and so on WILL SEE IT! Do we want to rob from them? Do we not care about the future of our lakes and citizens after we are gone?

We already know that one of the biggest diversions in history - the Chicago Sanitary and Shipping Canal - has proved to pose a major threat NOW to the Great Lakes...Asian Carp. Did they know this when they put the canal in? NO! They saw nothing but harmless engineering. Just like people are seeing harmless engineering now.

Maybe my next comment won't hold water with a bunch of scientists. But taking water from outside a community's watershed is MORALLY WRONG! If anyone considers the earth to be alive, they will understand that the more we try to alter nature, the more we anger her and cause destruction upon ourselves. I am not just some crazy environmentalist! This has also been evident in science! The more you screw with something, the more it will have to adjust to reach equilibrium. This is the same effect with urban development which causes flooding hazards because of the development.

I don't know what other options the community has for obtaining more water. I am unsure whether or not it can receive it from groundwater. If there is another option, GO WITH IT!

If there truly is no other option, which I highly doubt, then I have to say this: If a community cannot be sustained by its surrounding water WITHIN its own watershed, then that community doesn't need to exist! If that offends anybody, they need to rethink their morals and priorities!

If these comments offend anybody, I am not sorry and refuse to apologize. I speak on behalf of Mother Earth and the water that has been graciously given to us by our creator. We were put on this planet to care for it and respect it. It has been given to us to use and enjoy, NOT TO ABUSE. This IS A MORAL ISSUE INDEED. We cannot be greedy. THINK about how selfish these communities have become, wanting to disturb the natural flow of waters on the earth. THINK of how these actions will affect our offspring.

I will tell you right now that I will fight tooth and nail to end all diversions and make them illegal under all circumstances. You have not heard the last of me!

Thank you for taking the time to consider my comments.

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