

FRWC General Statement on Dam Removal

The Flint River Watershed Coalition (FRWC) supports dam removal and/or naturalization within the Flint River watershed, based on the best available scientific information and with consideration given to public costs and benefits. The FRWC will base its support for removal or replacement on the following considerations:

- the public benefits
- the dam poses a risk to public safety
- the project increases recreational access
- the project will provide structural or natural fish passage
- the project improves the ecology of the river or stream
- the projects supports the designated uses laid forth by Part 31, of the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act, P.A. 451 of 1994, as amended.
 - All waters of the State of Michigan are to be of the quality to meet seven designated uses:
 - 1.) Agriculture
 - 2.) Industrial water supply
 - 3.) Public water supply at the point of intake
 - 4.) Navigation
 - 5.) Warm or cold water fisheries
 - 6.) Other indigenous aquatic life and wildlife
 - 7.) Partial or total body contact recreation
- dam management decisions are made with full stakeholder involvement

FRWC Statement for Hamilton Dam Removal

As part of the City of Flint's need for ongoing improvements to water infrastructure, the FRWC supports the removal and replacement of the Hamilton Dam as outlined in the 2010 Riverfront Restoration Plan completed by Wade Trim in 2010. The project will consist of:

- a more naturalized series of rock rapids designed to maintain required upstream water level and bank head pressure that prevents contaminants from entering the river
- fish passage
- improvements for access and recreational use.

FRWC Statement regarding Thread Lake Dam

The Flint River Watershed Coalition supports further study on the potential to replace the Thread Lake Dam and its associated dams with more naturalized structures and installations of fish passage. Thread Lake Dam provides a valuable flat water recreation resource and helps contain potential sediment contamination (to be assessed). Solutions that support the designated uses for Thread Creek and Thread Lake and the improvement of the resource should be given priority.

FRWC Statement regarding Goodrich Dam

The Flint River Watershed Coalition supports the development of a plan that replaces the Goodrich dam with a more naturalized structure that allows for fish passage, strengthens the cold water fishery and other designated uses for Kearsley Creek, and increases public access in and around the Mill Pond area that better enables use of the flat water recreational resource created by the dam.