

SILVER LAKE SANITARY DISTRICT

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January 30, 1997

File Ref:#3500

Richard Wissink
Wisconsin Dept. of Natural Resources
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Dear Rick,

Regrettably we are cancelling our plans to create an outlet from Silver Lake into Booth's Marsh. This project has been under consideration since 1986 and would have provided lake level control and an excellent spawning area for the northern pike and walleye in Silver Lake.

The attached letter from Mark Grahn rescinding his offer of an easement to cross his property is enclosed. In working with the Waushara County Land Conservation Dept., it seems like this is the only area where the elevations are proper to make this project work. Since we do not plan to use the condemnation process this means that this part of the project will not proceed. We do however intend to proceed with the second part which would divert storm water away from the Highway 21-73 intersection and Silver Lake. We have worked with the D.O.T. and land conservation personnel and believe we have an excellent plan. Survey work all the way to the White River is completed and the D.O.T. has agreed to install a large settling basin on the Sommers property in case of any accidental spills along the highway. The new Highway 21 will have five lanes of traffic from Wautoma to Silver Lake and then down to two lanes. This means this area could become accident prone.

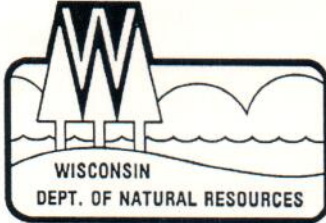
We are very concerned that any spill such as gasoline, fuel oil, or fertilizer could contaminate Silver Lake, the wet lands, or our sewer system. This plan provides for an area to contain any such spill until it could be cleaned up. We have made contact with the property owners involved and have received good cooperation. I am enclosing a construction plan for you and we would like to set up a meeting in the near future with the D.N.R., D.O.T. and Land Conservation Dept. to move ahead with this project.

Please contact me at 414-787-4748 or Gary Le Bouton at 414-787-0443 with any questions you may have.

Sincerely,

Victor Bartel, Chairman

cc Dick Koch
Al Niebur
Dave Algram



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September 11, 1996

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Silver Lake Sanitary District
Attn: Vic Bartell
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SUBJECT: Proposed outlet to Silver Lake.

Dear Mr. Bartell:

I am writing you in regards to our meeting on September 4, 1996 regarding the proposed outlets to Silver Lake, Booth's Marsh and Squaw Lake.

I would first like to confirm my statement that it is unlikely that the property owner where the proposed outlet to Silver Lake would go, would be able to construct a seawall across that portion of the lake that has eroded back.

The Department of Natural Resources does not grant permits for the extension of private property into the public waters of the State of Wisconsin.

I also have a number of concerns with the proposed project and what impacts the project will have on the water levels of Silver Lake, Booths Marsh, and Squaw Lake, as well as what impacts the proposed project will have on the water quality of the White River.

In order to address those concerns you should submit a topographical survey of elevations from Silver Lake all the way to the White River including any proposed and existing structures and roads.

You should also submit detailed diagrams of the proposed outlets as well as any water control structures that may or may not be on the proposed culverts.

I know that you already have some of that information done and it should be relatively easy to provide me with that information.

Once I have received that information I will sit down with the appropriate staff within the Department and determine if and what our concerns are with the proposed project and relay those concerns to you.

If you have any questions you can contact me at the address above or call (414)424-7885.

Sincerely,
Richard L. Wissink
Richard L. Wissink
Water Management Specialist

cc: Dick Koch, NER
Al Niebur, Area Fish Manager
Dave Algrem, Conservation Warden

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September 20, 1996

Vic Bartel
Rt. 2 Box 144
Wautoma, WI 54982

Dear Vic,

After much thought, I find that I must rescind my offer of an easement to cross my property on Silver Lake for the purpose of installing two 3' pipes for a water control project.

Apparently, it would be fine to run these two pipes out from my shore line into the lake, but it would not be fine to furnish a small section of my shore line to stop erosion of my property. This is all that I asked in return for the easement. I did not want to go out further into the lake than the existing retaining walls on both sides of this small section of the shore line.

For Rick Wissink to deny this very small improvement to my property, after issuing a permit for my neighbor to rebuild his wall this year, to the same elevation on the shore line is unbelievable.

I still think this is a very worthy project, to provide lake level control, and a fish spawning habitat, but the arrogance of the D.N.R. just doesn't make sense.

I am very sorry to have to turn you down.

Sincerely,



Mark Grahn