



QUARTERLY NEWS

FUTURE OF DAM IN QUESTION

The Michigan Department of Environmental Quality wants the City of Corunna to do something with the Corunna dam, but what that something will be and how much it will cost is still uncertain.

The dam is on the state's significant danger list, according to Trevor Wagonmaker, engineering consultant for Capital Consultants in Lansing. The state could eventually push the city to either repair or destroy the dam.

However, the Corunna Dam Review Committee has decided to wait to make a final recommendation to council until it gets more cost information and input from the community. "(Eventually), it will be the people's choice", said committee chairperson Don Mehigh.

Capital Consultants was hired by the city to study the dam and give suggestions for its future. They came up with four options: complete removal, lowering the existing dam and creating rapids at the site, building a new dam, or repairing the dam.

The most costly of the four would be to build a new dam, estimated at \$1.8 million, with no state grants available to help with the cost. Repairing the dam would cost approximately \$850,000 with no grants available. Complete removal of the dam would cost in the area of \$750,000 but Wagonmaker

believes there are grants available to cover most, if not all, of the cost. Creating rapids out of the existing site would cost approximately \$450,000 and would keep some water ponded above the rapids for recreation. There may be grant money available to help with this cost.

The biggest obstacle to any of the options is money. Corunna City Manager, Joe Sawyer, told the Dam Review Committee that the city does not have any funds available to put into the dam. If money is needed, it will probably come from Corunna residents in the form of an additional millage on city taxes.

To get an idea how Corunna residents feel about this issue, there is a brief questionnaire enclosed with this newsletter with a more detailed survey to follow in the future. Residents are asked to give their opinion regarding the dam then return the questionnaire to Corunna City Hall. The next meeting of the Corunna Dam Review is on April 18, 4 p.m., at Corunna City Hall. The public is invited to attend.

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