

My name is Peter Cannon. I live at 420 Sidney Street – a block from Lake Mendota and three blocks from the Tenney locks.

Increased growth in the county is creating more impervious surfaces. An increased portion of our rainfall coming in extreme events. As a result, we have absolutely no confidence that the county can keep an event like this summer from happening again.

Our house is one hundred years old this year. When we bought it in 1989 -- 29 years ago. There was no evidence that there had ever been water in the basement. Yet we had water in the basement in 2000 and again in 2008 – fortunately not major amounts either time. But it was enough water to make us worry every time the lake gets well above summer maximum. And Lake Mendota has reached at least $\frac{3}{4}$ of a foot over summer maximum 7 of the last 11 years. That's a level where my wife and I start worrying about every thunderstorm. Is this going to be the big one? The one that floods our basement completely? We're tired of worrying!

We support all the long-term proposals that have been advanced to reduce runoff, but they are long term and may not be enough to keep up with urbanization.

We think that setting up a panel of experts to guide decision making is important. There are a lot of details that need to be thought through. Frankly, my reaction to looking at what records I could find of the 1979 process was that it was thin on research. I have lots of questions I'd like to see answered.

But if the committee works to the end of March as the resolution states, or if the committee goes later into the summer -- residents of the isthmus, residents on the south side of Lake Monona and downstream face another summer of worry. Of course, next year could be a drought year but it could be the year we see a ten-inch rainfall as well. We're tired of worrying.

I'd suggest that the first question our experts answer is whether there is any obvious long-term damage from lowering the operating level for Lake Mendota by a foot for one summer. If their answer is "we can't think of any long-term damage that would be done by lowering the level by a foot for 2019", then the county board should ask DNR for an emergency order to cover 2019. That will

give us time to model flows, consider the impact on various levels on all four lakes
and request a new order to replace the 1979 order.

Thank you

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