





69.13% of property owners had their futures determined by Gregory and Rebecca VandenAkker and The West End Group. WEST END REMOVES THE FLOODPLAIN FOR THE POND, AND THE DAM OWNER AND ABUTTERS PAY.

*"You might be interested to know that natural evaporation from the pond surface in the heat of the summer can exceed 2" per week. ... This would equate to 0.024 in/hr. **that the pond is dropping on its own**".* SOURCE: VANDENAKKER DEP EXHIBIT, from the Charles Harris Company.

2 inches a week loss possible, with the Court Order, a dry pond is only weeks away at the most. From the Order:

the dam and maintain the water level at the top of the concrete spillway.

Spillway means a structure over or through which flood flows are discharged. If the flow is **controlled by gates, it is a controlled spillway**; if the elevation of the spillway crest is the only control, it is an uncontrolled spillway. The Judge ordered the boards with the control gates removed. So there is an only one controlled spillway left 7 feet below the dam per Dam Safety.

That said, the Judge gave Gregory and Rebecca VandenAkker their way, and the Court Order required us to do what the VandenAkkers sought. Now they and they alone can live with the consequences of their actions. Discharge was today increased 60%. Now everyone else will suffer. The abutters, the children that fished here, the elderly that sat here, the photographers, the wildlife etc.

Fortunately we have biologists and engineering figures to establish just how much damage the VandenAkkers have caused to this floodplain. Any celebration of the loss of this pond by West End will be short lived.

The dam etc.was renovated with volunteer work and private capital for the enjoyment of young and old. The West End group will NOT control this dam or its ultimate outcome, which is to be returned back to the young and old and the countless people who enjoy this pond. This is not, and never has been, about money. It is about people and their enjoyment, to them we dedicate this effort.