

From David Neck landowners Cayer, Dunham, and Diller

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I, Deb Cayer, have owned one side of the property on David neck for greater than 20 years and have lived in the neighborhood for over 30 years. For most of that time there was a natural impoundment at the end of David neck, enhanced by beaver activity on and off. As far as I know and have observed, this natural impoundment along with the beaver activity slowed the water flow into the mill pond below at certain times of year.

Recent human activity has destroyed the integrity of the natural impoundment due to attempts to strengthen and add to it and subsequent destruction of those actions by tearing them out. All of this activity has resulted in severe fluctuations in water levels on David which most likely has had negative impacts on the ecology of the pond, plus erosion of the embankments on either side, my property and the property of the Diller/Karp family.

Based on water level data going back 100 years or more, we favor leaving the impoundment as it is currently and having nature take its course. This may not be an option according to the DEP, as they are requiring removal of any alteration of the area including stone placement. We would be amenable to an earthen impoundment, but only with a legal guarantee that all permitting and maintenance would not be our responsibility and that issues of erosion would be addressed.

Unfortunately, as abutting landowners we have been told we are responsible for removal of the alterations made to the impoundment. We have been told that the two options are removal or permitting of an engineered impoundment. Therefore, our options as landowners are limited and we are at a loss of what to do now and are awaiting further developments on this issue.