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**Sent:** Thursday, September 5, 2019 10:58 AM
**To:** 'Scott marks'; 'Jack Garberg'; 'Chris Heim '; 'Ron Tomczik'
**Cc:** 'Nancy Pauly '; 'Chris Klar'
**Subject:** Jevne Park Project (increases the retention pond capacity)

Dear Mayor & Council members,

I attended the August council meeting wherein Bassett Creek Watershed made a presentation on the benefits of the proposed expansion of the retention pond @ Jenve Park. As near as I could tell, there were two benefits:

- Minimal help in the evert of a decent but not too big rainfall (no help with a big rainfall)
- Removal of about 4 pounds of phosphorus over a calendar year

I have gone on line and read the last TMDL report (basically unreadable) and other sources in an attempt to determine how much phosphorus enters Medicine Lake in an average year.
While I don't have a real good answer, it appears at a minimum the number is in excess of 1,000 pounds (most of this might be from decomposing leaves, etc.) This would make the benefit of this project basically zero.
I understand this project will cost at a minimum an additional $400,000 of taxpayer dollars to complete. I am not sure how much has been spent so far, but, I'm afraid the number is in the many thousands.
If we can't find a better value proposition for this $400,000 we shouldn't spend it.

I understand there will be some relatively minor cost for ongoing maintenance of $ 3-9,000 per year.
There also might be some relatively large additional cost in terms of road repair.

I am a taxpayer for: Federal, state, county and city government. These funds ( $400,000+) come from people like me. Please don't spend our valuable dollars for projects with minimal value. Please vote down this project now so no more tax dollars are spent.
The cost/benefit analysis seems to be mind-boggling.