

# Save Argo Pond!



## Argo Pond is a Unique City Park

- Argo Pond hosts thousands of canoers and kayakers each year.
- Argo Pond provides safe, flat water for non-expert canoers and kayakers.
- Argo Pond hosts hundreds of anglers each year.
- Argo Pond is a calm body of water where seniors and kids can recreate with confidence.
- Argo Pond is the **ONLY** place for safe, competitive rowing in the city.

## Removing Argo Dam Makes No Ecological Sense

- Removing Argo Dam **WILL NOT** improve the health of the river.
- Preserving Argo Dam is not contrary to environmental values.
- **Argo Pond meets MDEQ water quality standards** (Geddes and Barton don't)
- There are 4 dams in Ann Arbor; removing one will not return the river to a free flowing waterway.
- Argo Pond provides habitat for fish (bass, bluegills) and pond wildlife (ducks, amphibians).
- There is much more habitat for game fish in an 85 acre pond than in a short stretch of river.
- Argo Pond is not filling with sediment. Sediment is trapped by Barton Dam, 1 mile upstream.
- Draining Argo Pond will expose acres of mudflats; susceptible to invasive plant species.

## Argo Dam is in Excellent Condition

- Argo Dam was built new in 1972, after citizens voted and approved a \$3 million bond.
- Argo Dam is in excellent condition (2007 MDEQ Safety Inspection).
- The down-stream embankment needs maintenance and repairs (2001 MDEQ Safety Inspection).
- MDEQ directed the City to make repairs to the embankment in July, 2002: the City did not comply.

## Removing Argo Dam Makes No Economic Sense

- The cost for repairing the embankment **IS FAR LESS** than the cost for removing the dam.
- There are no federal or state grants for removing Argo Dam.
- Keeping Argo Dam is not expensive: less than 1% of the City's Parks and Recreation budget.
- Argo Dam is a potential source of revenue through hydro-power; a significant "green" asset.

**Keep Argo Pond! It's a jewel we can ALL enjoy for generations to come.**

## ***WHAT CAN YOU DO TO SAVE ARGO POND?***

**Contact your City Council representatives to tell them  
you oppose removal of Argo Dam.**

**For more information go to: [www.saveargopond.org](http://www.saveargopond.org)**

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