



October 31<sup>st</sup>, 2016

Rick Goldt – Upper Thames Conservation Authority

**Re: Comments Regarding Embro Dam Preferred Solution**

Rick

The Thames River Anglers has been dedicated to protecting and sustaining a viable multi-species fishery within the watershed for over 25 years through education, environmental advocacy and grassroots projects that help to rehabilitate the river. In particular our club has been working closely with the Upper Thames Conservation Authority during the last 5 years to reestablish wild brook trout in the headwaters of Embro Creek. The results of this program has exceeded our expectations.

<http://thamesriver.on.ca/2016/05/12/new-record-7500-brook-trout-reintroduced-may-12-2016/>

We are strongly in support of the preferred approach to decommission Embro Dam and create a naturalized channel. If approved and financially supported this decision would be yet another great example of a municipality, conservation authority, organizations and residents working together to improve and protect ecosystems for future generations.

Thanks again,  
Paul

Paul Holmes  
Stream Restoration Committee Lead and Chairman  
Thames River Anglers Association