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Public Comment: Area C

Thank you for the opportunity to respond to the MPCA plan for Area C. I appreciate the clear way that the information was presented so that even those of us with limited scientific background could understand the complexities of arriving at the various recommendations.

The greatest concern that I have is the Balancing Criteria. From what I understand, the long-term effectiveness and permanence is questionably defined. Using a 10-year flood and 100-year flood as criteria for evaluating the effects of flooding (with 2 noted occurrences, but whether they were 10- or 100-year floods was not specified) is concerning in the age of rapid climate change. A more substantial analysis would use a 500- or 1000-year flood stage. Given the uncertainty of climate change, it would seem far more conservative and risk-mitigating to anticipate the more extreme situations that continue to occur.

Thank you for considering my input for this important analysis and future legacy for generations to come.

With gratitude for your service,

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