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Dear Milwaukee Water Works,

Thank you for the lovely reservoir park renovation. To the many 'behind the scenes' and 'in front of the crowd' people who assisted with the renovation of Reservoir Park, thank you for your work.

I have lived in the 2300 block of North Bremen Street across from the park for 22 years this year. I have loved the park all of those years.

I was an active participant in the extended planning process that the Milwaukee Water Works and City of Milwaukee used. I appreciated the patience, flexibility, and creativity that were used in both soliciting input and accommodating the resulting diverse range of suggestions that were offered up.

The results speak for themselves and they are lovely. Thank you for saving so many beautiful trees and for keeping the neighborhood feel.

I wanted to let you know how often I am seeing people using the park! What especially tickles me is seeing the people who are using the stairs and walking path to create a close convenient workout (with a strategic pause or two to enjoy the view). This is so cool! Additionally, I am surprised at how many people decide to pull over and hike up the stairs to check out the view.

I confess that I miss the height of the original structure, the sounds of traffic were barely audible at all from my second story porch, and now I hear the traffic very clearly but I love the extra sunlight that comes through my downstairs windows later into the afternoon. What I lost in quiet I gained in daylight.

Thank you, everyone, very much, for all the hard work, detailed planning, and persistence. I can speak for my neighbors, we love the results, and I am absolutely sure that future generations will enjoy this unique Milwaukee landmark and lovely park for years to come.

Sincerely, with gratitude,

Katherine Hannah

P.S. Also thanks for keeping the nearby residents so informed of the process and the activity. I derived comfort as I watched the sometimes dramatic changes in the park knowing what was next and what the timeline was.