

A DIVISION head Between City & County Not a Division Line

DEAR - Head of Corp of Engineers

I do believe Fargo N Dak has a right TO Flood Protection like any other City Townships or County in North Dakota. But Not this Metro Division Ditch they are lobbying for. In the next ~~few~~ few paragraphs I will tell you why.

1st off their is These subjects I will list these on 1st Money & the Over Cost of the Project. 2nd The Impacts it will have on upstream & Downstream Cities Schools - Homes & Public Chemitries 3rd - The Pitfalls & the what will happen if the Project fails TO deliver. 4th - what Everybody is going up & what Fargo is lacking or Not going anything up.

1st subject.

★ when the plan started it was Billed at 1.2 Billion Dollars at present it is at 1.7 Billion Dollars, But we are Not Counting on Overruns & Every Project has them. 1.7 Billion is just an Estimate on Construction well if this is going to take 8-10 years to Build you have 8-10 years on more Construction cost per year so that at an Increase, They Don't have the cost of the 6,000+ Acres Building sites - BUSINESS by outs & Home's

that have to be bought - 13 committees
that have to be moved - And what they
are telling me is Top dollar before the Division
is in place Current farm land is selling between
4,000 - 4500 dollars An acre 6,000 Acres x 4500
27 million dollars - with the Extra costs
plus the land in project could run
2 1/2 - to 3 Billion dollars, Now they will
tell you they have the Money I can
tell you with the Mass flooding that
Minot & Bismark North Dakota saw this
last year & Fargo Not seeing anything
that these 2 cities saw there will
be a lack of State Funding & the
Local amount with Moorhead Minn
wanting out of the Project they were
at one time a co-owner of the
Project, we come up short on
Local funding, Now with the U.S
Economy as Bad as it is & the
flooding that the East coast took
this past year & the flooding on the
Missouri Valley water side I don't see
the project ever coming to see the
light of Day The Money is Not
there on the Federal - State or Local
Outlets, what Fargo has wasted on

tho proceed alone they could have Built
all the levees flood walls & other
Structure like Grand Forks did back
in 1997 & Had Money IN the Bank
for other flood mitigation project.
another cost they don't want to mention
is the cost of Maintaining the Pandora
ditch is slated at 1 million dollars
a year. No one knows where that money
will come from. The 2nd Issue is
Impacts. If the ditch is Built
the towns of Hickson, & Bow &
Bakke Addition are wiped out - A Golf
Course that funds the City of Hickson
is gone. The people that live there go
to a Great School District the Knevel
Public School - In turn the School District
would lose Tax Money & State School
funding because the kids that would go there
will be lost. In comparison the Fargo
School District would lose Nothing
Also Richland School District would
be wiped out so we could lose 2
School District & Fargo would lose
~~the~~ ~~the~~ Their would be wide
spread flooding caused by the Ditch
Greater than we would have at
the present time. ~~the~~ The would

2nd ★

have been brought to your Attention
if you would have Let the people
or groups Min Dak - Coalition Appear before
your group or the @ Group at Washington
D.C. , See you Let the Metro Flood
Group Appear 2 Times with your group
IN Washington DC - Our group was
Denied Both Times - Does Not seem
fair. Doesn't you only saw the side
& I know they would tell you the
Bad side or the Negative Impacts this
will cause. Because Fargo Does Not
Care about the rural people or Towns
they are going to destroy. I did bring
this up with ~~Aaron~~ Aaron Synder
your core main Man IN mpis
and I quoted you trying to fix a
problem by creating a Bigger problem
fix the ^{down} upstream problems but create
Bigger problems upstream his response
was we cant fix the problem upstream
because we would have more if we kept
going upstream - Doesn't sound very good
But again Fargo Does'nt care because
they all taken care we just dont
Count out IN the Country.

3rd*

Now for the pit falls.
The metro flood team says It doesn't
Need all the Money to start This
Project. If the run out they will
Stop Construction & pick it up later
Well here is Today history lesson
This was tried in North Dakota
Back IN the Early 60-70's It was
Called Garrison Diversion or
Mudcage Channel IN Garrison
They started Construction completed 22 miles
did another stretch of 15 miles - had
about 18 miles to go funding ran out
completely the Project Never was &
Never will be completed. The Crossing
of 5 River in this Project will
Be Discontinued. I will tell you right
Now Crossing the Sheyene River will
be your Budget failure the river bank
will not be stable enough for a
1/2 wide crossing. The Bank are not
stable enough if you will Destroy All
5 River channels as we see them
Now - you will cause major flooding
ON the South outlet of these Rivers

They will back up & cause what spread
flooding that has never been a
problem before. What the project
will do is help Fargo & Fargo
only our half section will be
under water as the project continues
my Grandfather told me to see any
water it would have to back
up 10 miles away to reach us

Interstate 29 would be 5-6 feet deep
before we would see 5-6 inches at
our place. If this ditch or river
as I call it because it will be
wider than the Red River that is
project helps we would have 5-8 feet
of water on the land - what the Good
Lord could not do for over 120 years
you people would do in 1 year

So we went to Gamble
& have 2 unfinished diversion projects
in the state of North Dakota

★ 4 issue we has land lot of this
project and there is 147 of us
have never had a say in this
project ~~but~~ never been part of the
Group planning never was visited

or told where the Line would be drawn. Fargo main pt in Economical Development to built to fast put the housing project IN the Bottom of Drain Ditches that were built in the 60's they have built all the New Schools housing developments IN low lying Land that Always flooded IN the Early 60's 70's when I wasn't a part of Fargo. And Now they want us to give up Everything of Ours If the Shoe was on the other foot they would say No we give up Everything & receive Nothing IN return Fargo Gives up Nothing & receives all the Benefits. Does Not seem like a very Compatible Deal

IN closing I would like the opportunity with our group to visit with you & the people of your group IN Washington D.C Before any Decision are made. we have come up with several other plans but they keep falling on deaf ears we want to see a plan that would help out Everybody Not

Just Fargo NDak.
Grand folks built it without Destroy
Alec County - other places have to.
Stop this before it destroys us
all. I know you can & lets
make it for the Next Generations
To come.

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4th Generation to Live IN my
Great Grand Portrait house

My son is the 5th Generation to
live IN the same house

I Don't want it to end there
but if this project succeeds
we will lose it all.

please write to me or call me
our better yet come visit
your group is welcome

Thank you