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In reference to the Wilder Dam FERC No. 1892, Wilder Dam, Great River Hydro LLC and the relicensing. The current ability to access the river is extremely limited. There is no safe walkable access from various locations and the area is not accessible by any public standard. There needs to be resources available to the town for improvements to the boat launch and simple access to the water that is safe and accessible. The flow of the water throughout the seasons has a major impact on portage areas and local resources are not available. Pedestrian access should be inclusive and encourage walking and biking to the public areas currently managed by the town. The boat launch should be expanded to manage the demand of this recreational asset in our community which draws users from all over the region for water and passive recreation. Parking is limited and public resources such as picnic areas, bathroom access are a few improvements that will support the current and future demand of this community resource. The ability to fund such improvements with support from Great River Hydro and the town makes perfect sense. Incorporating a capital improvement fund where GRH financial resources from the Wilder Dam can be put back into the recreational resources there that are available to the public through the town of hartford is imperative. Financial resources are necessary from Great River Hydro to support the recreational, historical, and environmental value of this resource to present and future generations our the community in and around the Wilder Dam which includes Kilowatt North and South facilities.

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