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Subject: FW: [EXTERNAL] Opposing St. Johns Bayou New Madrid Floodway Project

I've been with the Wolf River Conservancy for 27 years now, and we appreciate your support with the Wolf River Restoration Project.

However, I want to inform the U.S. Corps that I vigorously oppose the St. Johns Bayou - New Madrid Floodway Project!

Closing off these vital wetlands to satisfy a few wealthy, politically powerful farmers does not make good ecological or financial sense.

The ability of this floodway to assist with major floods by storing and retaining floodwaters, its thousands of acres of wetlands that will be blocked by the new levee and the importance of these wetlands for wildlife, and the threats to communities downstream when major flooding occurs again are all great reasons for me to oppose this project.

Please register my opposition to this plan,

Thanks,

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