Save Silverwaters slipping soul!

In recent times, our local lake Silverwater has been flooded with pollution. A once colourful place appealing to those of all ages and species has now become wasted, arid and polluted. There used to be children running around chasing the laughing wildlife while adults took a well needed relaxation under the cool shade of a tree. Now, the water is grey and filled with junk. The smell of rubbish and dead fish lingers around any-one who is deceived by the wastelands previous glory until they crack and flee.

New research done by ERHS (Environmental River health society) shows that Silverwater is only going to create health-related issues. It is confirmed that the murky atmosphere of the lake reaches far distances and harms the lungs of anyone who breathes it in. Up to 60% of the population living anywhere within 1.6 Kilometres report having Asthma, pneumonia and other lung related issues. This adds up to the fact that they are constantly struggling to breathe because of the chemicals that are being emitted from the lake. The other 40% of people are getting infected due to touch or communication.

Lead scientist Max Wang announces his deep concern over the lake. “As the founder of the ERHS, it is my duty to research on the less fortunate rivers in the local area and try to save them. Silverwater seems to only be plummeting in its condition, very close to reaching the NR category. (Non-repairable). I believe immediate action must be taken to ensure that Silverwater is accepted in the community, and many can play there again. In fact, I too miss the days where me and my scientists would take a break there, simply socializing and having picnics with one another. It breaks my heart to see it so down.”.

However, there are those who are not willing to restore the lake. Hundreds of people argue that if we did, jobs would be taken down, further downgrading our economy, and making many leave. To counteract this, I must say that due to Silverwaters wellbeing, the jobs are not worth it here anyway. To come here is like working back in the olden days. You go there for minimum wage and breathe dirty air. By replenishing the river, we could have new jobs such as rangers that protect wildlife. We could have lifeguards that make sure no-one is drifting down the lake. There are more ways to get a job than you may think.

Another fact I would like to add is that property has since been declining in value ever since Silverwaters corruption. It seems that society is not willing to pay millions to be in a polluted and dirty environment. All the waste here is already taking its toll on the current people here. Less people are going outside because they want to avoid the smell and many people are learning bad habits by dunking all of their trash into the river, thus making many of us more un-energetic than the average man. Property values have been decreased every year by a drastic %18. This is worse for our economy.

Another thing we need to think about is the future of our community. If we do not act and wait for Silverwater to slowly degrade, our children will inherit almost nothing. Just a house worth a few hundred-thousand dollars and a dirty lake that will always turn the whole town grey. Previously it was a vibrant, sparkling area with the power to evoke happiness in even the dullest of people. The sun shined brightly on the water and every mid-night sparkle was as precious as a jewel. By not helping our lake, we are taking away the happiness of many others who had fun and happy memories in here and even worse, our future will not even have any of them.

We also need to consider the wildlife. It is not right for the tadpoles, frogs, turtles and other marine life to suffer because of our actions. Many of them have been forced to flee from the creek because of the pollution we have caused and are struggling to find a new home. It is unfair for them and our children.

So, as the sunset falls and we all suffer another day of isolation, I compel you to take part in this parade. We need all the help we can get if we want our future to be as vivid and gleaming as our past. It is possible to reverse what we have done. If we work together and make sure we use cleaning technologies and community cleanups, I am sure we can turn our beloved creek around. We need all the help we can get if we really want to alter the creek. I hope you have read this, and I have convinced you to help. This creek is our legacy and it is up to us to save it.