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I am writing in concern of the future of the Hinckley Reservoir. I understand the reasons that the reservoir/dam was initially constructed. Much has changed from the initial construction. The reservoir has huge fluctuations--sometimes a drop of a couple of feet in a day. There are many people with recreational properties there, as well as two campgrounds full of people. Many of these people have boats moored at the shoreline. A two foot drop makes it difficult to leave a boat moored on shore overnight. My family has had a seasonal site for 12 years at Trails End Campground. The last few years, the depletion of the reservoir has bordered on ridiculous. I walk during the week along a trail along side of the canal. I am amazed during weeks when there is little water in the reservoir, that the canal seems to be overflowing. There are many New York lakes that serve the same purpose as the reservoir, and their waters remain at a fairly constant level until the fall. I am sure that the powers that are pulling this water could work together to ensure that the homeowners and seasonal people can have enough water to enjoy the spring through summer months. The state boasts a large launch and scenic overlook. The boat launch isn't always operational due to water levels, and what's to look at when there is little water and a lot of mud? There is also a lot of erosion taking place on the shoreline. There should be a study done on this. It's very evident from looking at the shoreline from a boat..

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