## **Economic Development Riverfront Enhancement**

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City Council Work Session Presentation

**City of Northfield** 



## Strategic Plan (2018-2020)

## **Economic Development**

A Community That's Economically Thriving

### Affordable Housing

A Community Where Everyone Can Afford to Live

#### Infrastructure

A Community Where Infrastructure Supports Its Objectives

### Diversity, Equity & Inclusion

A Community that Welcomes Everyone

#### **Operational Effectiveness**

A Community with a Government that Works

### Climate Change Impacts

A Community that's Resilient and Sustainable

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Strategic Initiative:

f) Riverfront Expansion Plan.

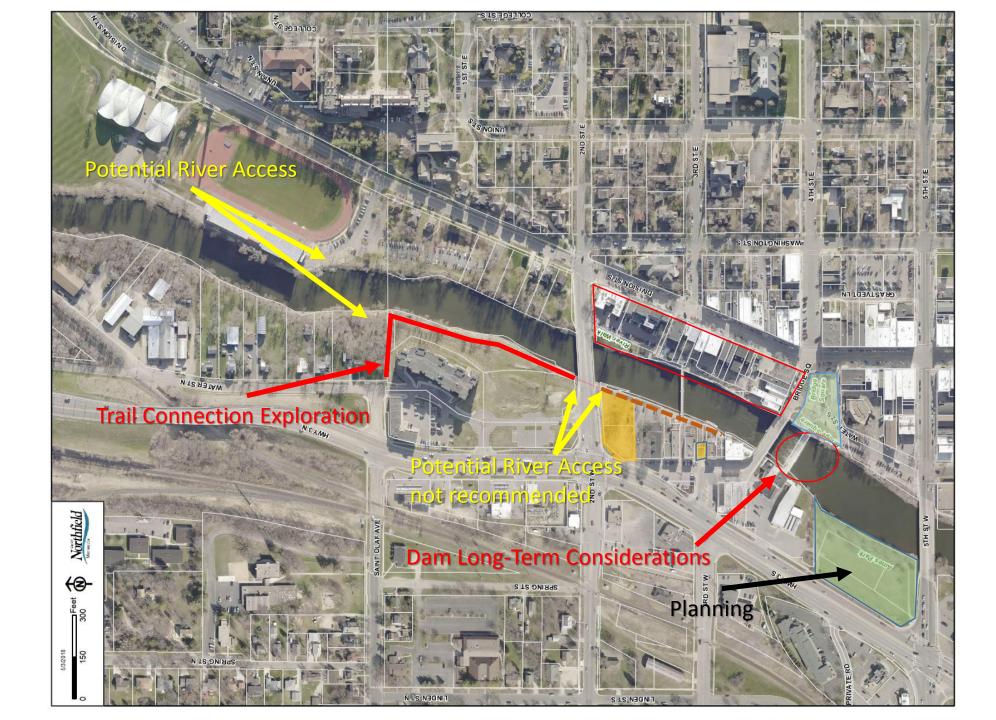
Enhance the asset of the Cannon River as a unique sense of place in an effort to strengthen downtown retail and visitors to Northfield.

## Riverfront Expansion Plan

- Economic Development Outcomes:
  - Expanded commercial tax base
  - Enhanced tourism
  - Expanded downtown

#### Other Strategic Plan Relevant Areas:

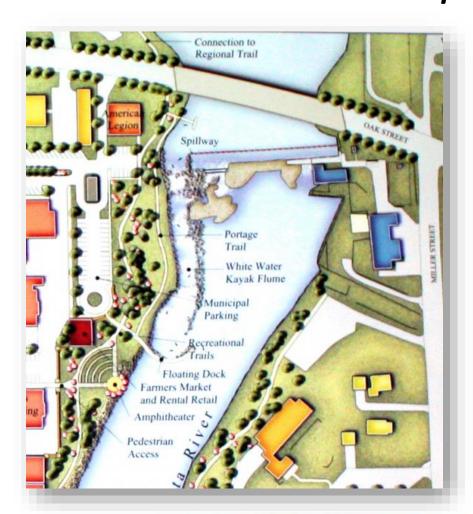
- Climate Change Impacts (stormwater management)
- Housing (potentially related to development opportunities)



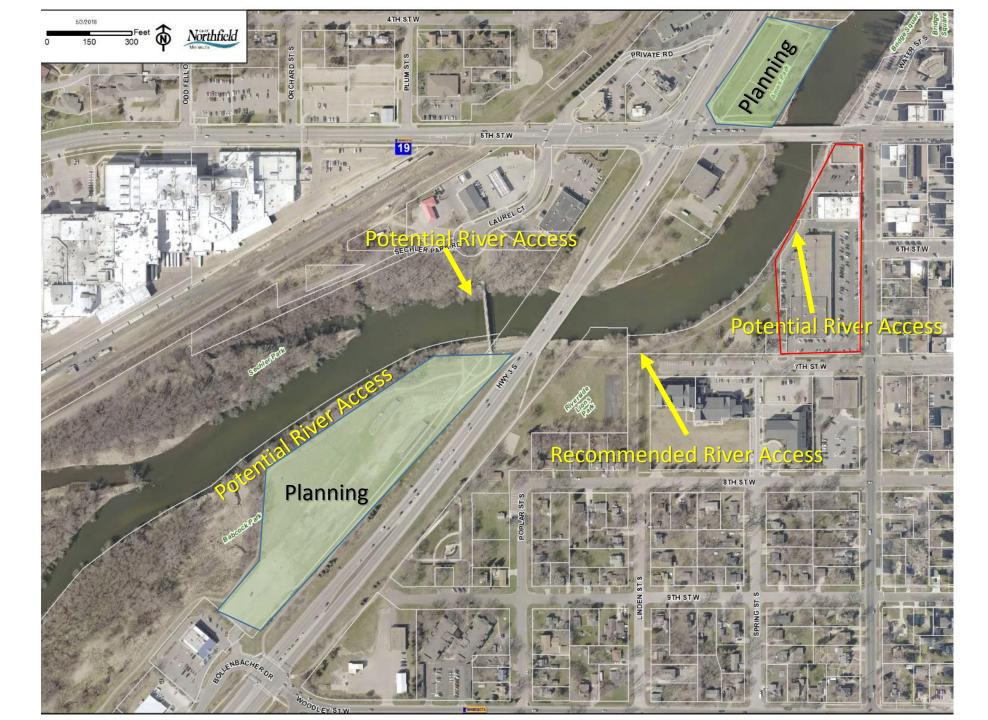
# Riverfront Expansion Plan underpass concept



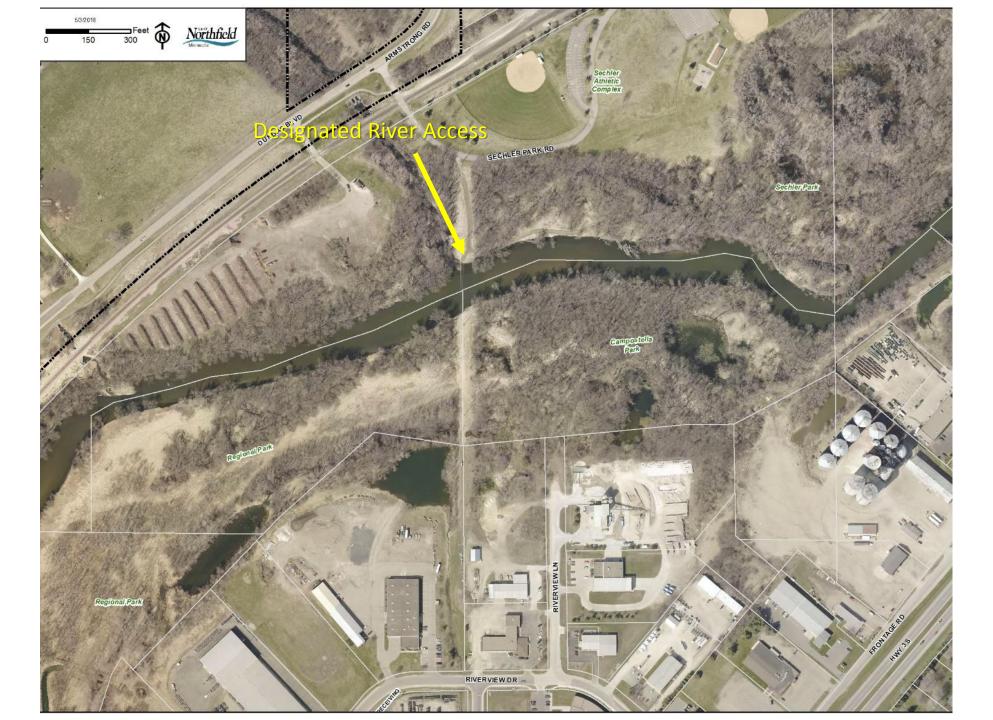
## Riverfront Expansion Plan Dam Exploration















## Riverfront Expansion Plan

- Next Steps:
  - Parks and Open Space Trail Plan Update
  - Park Board/Planning Commission
    - Review studies existing
    - River Access Points thoughts?
    - Trail Extension behind hotel & condo thoughts?
    - Future possible small area plan for Ames Park, Babcok Park, Dam, "river trail"
  - EDA Strategic Plan (site specific project assistance)
  - Increasing tourism on EDA Strategic Initiative (riverfront events)
- Key partners: DNR, MnDOT, Xcel Energy, Northfield Roundtable, NDDC, Chamber of Commerce