

CITY OF NORTHFIELD, MINNESOTA  
CITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION 2023-109  
APPROVING AMES MILL DAM REMOVAL FEASIBILITY STUDY  
RECOMMENDATIONS OPTION 3 - LONG ROCK RAPIDS  
AND AUTHORIZING PHASE 2 EXPLORATION

WHEREAS, Riverfront Enhancement Action Plan prioritized projects and strategies that may allow for the maximization of riverfront enhancements that would fulfill desired outcomes such as “enhanced tourism” and “expanded downtown” within the “Economic Development: A Community That’s Economically Thriving” Strategic Priority Area; and

WHEREAS, the Riverfront Enhancement Action Plan provides a framework to advance strategic priorities, guide future actions and realize an exciting regional experience, and

WHEREAS, the 2020 Riverfront Enhancement Action Plan Sequence Chart has Ames Mill Dam Reconstruction/Removal as a key project to be explored for activating the river and improving river ecology; and

WHEREAS, the City hired Barr Engineering to prepare a Feasibility Study to review options for the removal of the Ames Mill Dam; and

WHEREAS, the feasibility study look and four different option related to keeping or removing the dam with rock rapids; and

WHEREAS, stakeholder and public input was received on the different option and concluded that there was general support for the Option 3 – Long Rock Rapids due to enhancing the river recreation opportunities, improving safety, an improving river ecology.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL THAT:

The City Council hereby adopts the Ames Mill Dam Feasibility Report Recommendation Option 3 – Removal of the Dam with Long Rock Rapid and authorizes staff to explore phase 2 – ownership transfer from Post Holding Inc. to the City of Northfield and exploration of funding.

PASSED by the City Council of the City of Northfield on this 21st day of November 2023.

ATTEST

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City Clerk

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Mayor

VOTE:    \_\_\_ POWNELL    \_\_\_ HOLMES    \_\_\_ NESS    \_\_\_ PETERSON WHITE  
          \_\_\_ REISTER    \_\_\_ SOKUP    \_\_\_ ZUCCOLOTTO