

ESTABROOK DAM REMOVAL UNDERWAY

EDITOR'S NOTE: River Revitalization Foundation generally does not take a position on controversial issues per our advocacy policy, unless there is a direct impact on our mission as Milwaukee's urban rivers land trust. When Milwaukee County Parks recommended Estabrook dam removal, the RRF board supported this action as it aligned with our mission and the recommendations in the Riverway Plan (1991) to make decisions that improve the environmental quality of the Milwaukee River Basin. The health of the river, its adjoining lands, and the vitality of the ecosystem and the watershed are of utmost importance for our region.

Kimberly Gleffe, Executive Director

(October 2017 – MMSD.com) The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) is awarding more than \$2 million in grants to the Milwaukee Metropolitan Sewerage District (MMSD) to remove the dilapidated Estabrook Dam on the Milwaukee River, an effort that will help reduce the risk of flooding for more than 50 homes.

"There's absolutely no question that removal is the best option financially and for reducing the threat of flooding for dozens of homeowners. It's great to see that state and federal partners agree with this environmentally beneficial project and are backing it with significant financial resources."

Milwaukee Mayor Tom Barrett &
Milwaukee County Executive Chris Abele

Grant Funding Sources

There are two grants from DNR and one from the Fund for Lake Michigan that make up the \$2.3 million. DNR is investing \$2 million in Estabrook Dam removal out of funding from the Environmental Protection Agency's Great Lakes Restoration Initiative to repair Areas of Concern in Wisconsin waterways. DNR is also providing \$50,000 from a state program that funds dam removals. Fund for Lake Michigan announced a \$250,000 grant in 2016.

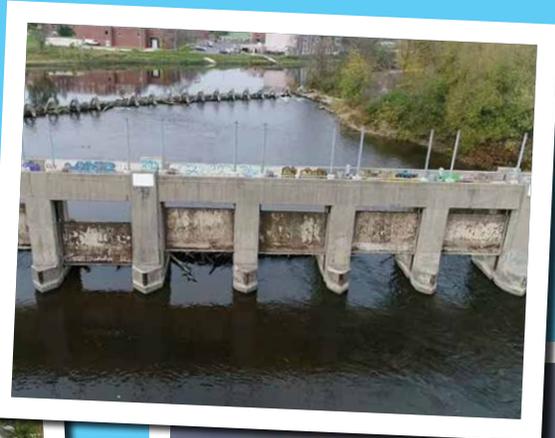
Flood Risk Analysis

Recently completed MMSD modeling shows that by removing the dam, the current mapped floodplain will be reduced more than a foot in some locations upstream, taking more than 50 homes out of the floodplain. During dry weather, river elevations and flows will be very similar to what they have been the past eight to nine years since the gates of the dam were ordered to remain open.

Out of nearly 300 comments on the removal project, more than 85% support removal.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

GET READY FOR SPRING!

TO VOLUNTEER, contact the RRF office at 414-271-8000

All events listed on our website: www.riverrevitalizationfoundation.org

APRIL EARTH DAY AND ARBOR DAY CELEBRATION

April date TBD

Earth Day will be honored in partnership with the Kiwanis Club of Milwaukee. Join us and Kiwanis Club volunteers to beautify our Turtle Park site and Kiwanis Landing. This year's special project will be building a shed! Volunteers will meet at the RRF offices at 2134 Riverboat Rd. Gloves, tools and supplies will be provided. See you there!

JUNE NATIONAL TRAILS DAY

Saturday, June 2, 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm

In celebration of National Trails Day® Greenway Director Aaron Zeleske will lead a 5-mile hike through the Greenway. Wear solid hiking boots or shoes and dress for the weather. Along the way you'll learn about the environmental and social aspects of our beloved Greenway.



"Hi I'm Aaron. Come hike with me."

MAY KIWI OPEN GOLF OUTING!

Monday, May 21

SAVE THE DATE! – The Kiwanis Club of Milwaukee will hold its 16th Annual "Kiwi Open" Golf Outing on Monday, May 21st at the beautiful Western Lakes Golf Club. Some proceeds benefit Kiwanis Landing at our Turtle Park site, southern entrance to the Greenway. Please call the Kiwanis Club office for details on golf and sponsorship opportunities at 414-276-1331 or email at kiwanismke@sbcglobal.net

"KIWI OPEN" FUNDRAISING GOLF OUTING



Saturday, June 16, 3:00 pm – 7:00 pm

JOIN US FOR AN EVENING IN NATURE: NATURAL RESOURCES FOUNDATION FIELD TRIP*

Milwaukee River Greenway Hike and Paddle! Hike the scenic Milwaukee River Greenway to see greenspace restoration, revitalization and conservation efforts of urban natural areas. Then board kayaks for a short paddle down the Greenway water trail on the Milwaukee River. Enjoy grilled sausages and local beer while sitting around a campfire. Kayaks, food and drink provided. Cost \$30 per person.

***You must be an NRF member to register for this field trip (limit 20)!
To join, visit WisConservation.org**



We are again hosting a FULL MOON summer series including the ever popular Happy Hour: Drink Now! Howl Later!

STRAWBERRY MOON

Thursday, June 28, 5:00 pm – 8:00 pm (full at 12:53 am) **Sponsored by REI.**

June's strawberry moon got its name because the Algonquin tribes knew it as a signal to gather ripening fruit.



CORN MOON

Monday, Sept. 24, 5:00 pm – 8:00 pm

(full at 10:52 pm) September's corn moon got its name because it traditionally corresponds with the time of harvesting corn; sometimes called the barley moon too, as it is time to harvest and thresh barley.



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RIVER REVITALIZATION FOUNDATION STEWARDSHIP PLEDGE FORM The River Revitalization Foundation was created to establish a parkway for public access, walkways, recreation and education, bordering the Milwaukee, Menomonee and Kinnickinnic Rivers; to use the rivers to revitalize surrounding neighborhoods; and to improve water quality. **Thank You!**

SUSTAINERS CIRCLE LEVEL

Inquire about benefits!

- \$1,000
- \$500
- \$250
- \$100
- \$50
- \$25
- Surprise Us

Enclosed is my/our gift of \$ _____

Checks should be made out to River Revitalization Foundation.

Give securely online:

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click on the "DONATE" tab.

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Please remit to: River Revitalization Foundation, 2134 N. Riverboat Rd., Milwaukee, WI 53212

RIVER REVITALIZATION FOUNDATION FORB

FOSTER OUR RIPARIAN BIODIVERSITY Volunteer with RRF!

- Improve wildlife habitat
- Remove invasive species
- Establish native plants
- Maintain trails
- Collect seeds
- Control erosion

MONDAYS: 2-4

FRIDAYS: 1-4

*1st and 2nd
SATURDAY: 9-NOON
* Feb. - Nov.

2134 North Riverboat Road
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LOVE THE MILWAUKEE RIVER AND ITS SURROUNDING GREENSPACES?

Then get involved in RRF's stewardship volunteer opportunity, **F.O.R.B. (Fostering Our Riparian Biodiversity)**.

Activities will include but are not limited to: removing invasive species, establishing native plants and trees, maintaining trails, seed collecting, seed cleaning and controlling erosion.

Volunteers must be willing and able to participate in manual labor for at least two hours, outdoors, in varying weather conditions. Most importantly, a willingness to smile, have fun, and get dirty!

INCENTIVE PROGRAM: Volunteers that donate a total of 10 hours or more in a given year are provided free use of the RRF watercrafts on a reservation basis. Contact Amanda, our Trinity Fellow, for more information: avandongen@riverrevitalizationfoundation.org

Thanks to our donors in support of this program: **Antonia Foundation, James E. Dutton Foundation, Fund for Lake Michigan, Wisconsin Coastal Management Program.**

PLANT AND PADDLE WITH FORB



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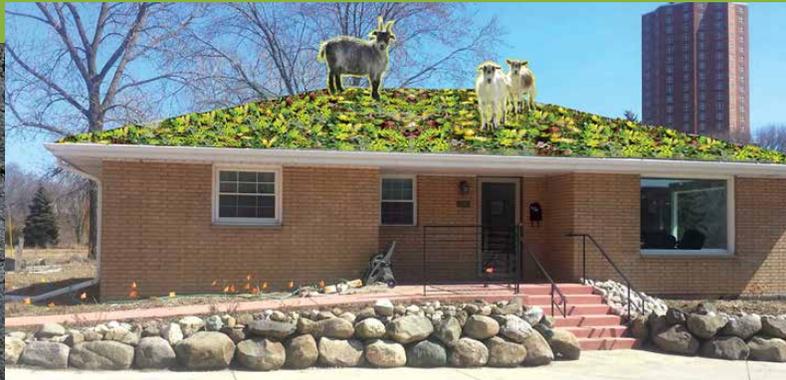
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GREEN ROOF TO BE INSTALLED IN MAY



River Revitalization Foundation, in its continued effort to utilize Best Management Practices and Green Infrastructure to manage storm water and run off, as well as demonstrate alternative energy saving projects, will install a Green Roof on our building this spring!

Funding we have received so far toward this project includes:

- MMSD \$5 sq. ft. reimbursement grant
- Antonia Foundation \$10,000
- Maihaugen Foundation \$10,000

- Rotary Club \$7,500
- SWWT \$5,000
- Veolia Water \$4,500
- Inbusch Foundation \$3,000
- Milwaukee Riverwalk District \$3,000
- Miller Coors \$2,500
- Kiwanis Club \$2,000
- Beer Capitol Distributing \$1,000

Many thanks to all of our donors who made this project possible!



A slope interrupter system will be installed on three sides of the roof. The south-facing side has solar panels.