



To: LCCMR Board

RE: City of Melrose Dam Removal / Rock Arch Rapids Project

Dear Board Members:

The City of Melrose is committed to achieving the goals as defined in the LCCMR Legislation, including dam removal and construction of the Rock Arch Rapids to restore fish passage and complete habitat improvement along the channel re-alignment.

The City's consultant will work collaboratively with the DNR to complete a final design that meets the hydraulic parameters necessary to ensure that the Rock Arch Rapids are an asset to the City and the natural environment. The City understands that changes to the current design will be required to eliminate the DNR concerns.

In addition to looking at flattening the slope and extending the Rock Arch Rapids further into the lake, the City will be investigating the benefits and costs associated with acquiring the parcel upstream of the dam to allow a significant lengthening of the Rock Arch Channel. Our current work plan has been revised to reflect the design and permitting efforts to resume upon approval and availability of the grant funds.

The ultimate goal of the City is to meet the permitting requirements of the DNR to provide a project that eliminates the potential for dam failure, allows fish passage, and eliminates significant erosion through instream and shoreline enhancements. The City is committed to securing and providing the required \$1,400,000 match with a minimum of \$700,00 coming from City funds. We have submitted a revised work plan to LCCMR staff for review and approval.

If you have any questions prior to our June 5th presentation, please call Tessa Beuning at 320-256-4278 or Mike Nielson, WSB at 320-534-5940.

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