



# HF 1929: Coon Rapids Dam Repair

**\$7,084,000 is appropriated from the bond proceeds fund to improve the structural integrity, safety and operational capabilities of the Coon Rapids Dam on the Mississippi River.**

- The Coon Rapids Dam, located on the Mississippi River between the cities of Brooklyn Park in Hennepin County and Coon Rapids in Anoka County, was reconstructed by the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (MnDNR) beginning in 2012 to serve as a major barrier to invasive carp. MnDNR received \$16 million in Bond funding appropriated in the 2011 1st Special Session. The work was completed in 2016. There have been no additional state appropriations since 2011.
- The Coon Rapids Dam serves as the last major upstream invasive carp barrier on the Mississippi River and helps protect the multi-billion dollar tourism and sport fishing industry of central Minnesota.
- The dam serves as the centerpiece for Mississippi Gateway Regional Park in Brooklyn Park (Hennepin County) and Coon Rapids Dam Regional Park in Coon Rapids (Anoka County). Together, those two parks serve over 1 million visitors each year.
- Under a joint powers agreement, Coon Rapids Dam is owned and operated by Three Rivers Park District and MnDNR is responsible for all dam maintenance.
- The 2024 dam inspection identified four areas that need repair:
  - Underwater repairs: \$1,200,000
  - Auxiliary spillway repairs: \$975,000
  - Old powerhouse area repairs: \$3,200,000
  - Hydraulic cylinder replacement and improvements: \$1,709,000
- If funding is secured, the project design would commence in January 2026 with construction during the 2027 construction season.

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