



Common Council Meeting Agenda Item

Meeting Date: August 18, 2026

Agenda Item: Railing & fence damage Old Stone Mill Dam (Cravath Lake).

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BACKGROUND

(Enter the who, what when, where, why)

During the significant spring storm events in April 2026, a substantial amount of debris accumulated at the Cravath Lake dam and spillway. The debris included dead cattails and other vegetation, logs and tree debris, sections of piers, and other materials that were carried downstream by the elevated water levels and flows.

A large portion of this debris became lodged against the safety railings located along the spillway. The force and weight of the accumulated debris caused significant damage to one section of railing. One side of the railing collapsed and is currently bent at approximately a 90-degree angle.

The railings serve an important public-safety function at the dam. They provide a physical barrier intended to prevent boaters, kayakers, canoeists, and other lake users from inadvertently entering the spillway area. Because of the damage caused by the spring storms, replacement of the damaged section is necessary to restore the safety barrier.

While the contractor performing the current dam repair work was on site, City staff requested a quote to replace the damaged railing. The contractor provided a quote of \$12,654 for the replacement.

Staff subsequently contacted a local contractor who has previously completed railing fabrication work for the City, including a railing section at the White Building. The local contractor inspected the project and provided a quote of \$4,900 to construct the replacement railing.

The local contractor will fabricate the replacement railing for the City. The contractor currently has an estimated three- to five-week workload before the railing can be completed.

PREVIOUS ACTIONS – COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

(Dates, committees, action taken)

N/A

FINANCIAL IMPACT

(If none, state N/A)

\$4,900 to be covered under the Dam Repair Capital Project

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

N/A

ATTACHMENT(S) INCLUDED
(If none, state N/A)

1.) Photos

