



# MEMORANDUM

**TO:** LRRWMO Board & Member Cities

**FROM:** City of Anoka

**DATE:** September 14, 2023

**RE:** City of Anoka Support of the Anoka Rum River Dam Reconstruction and Modification Project

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On September 8, 2022, the LRRWMO board made a motion supporting the proposed legislation being pursued by the City of Anoka and area state legislators in order to improve the safety and functionality of the City of Anoka Dam on the Rum River. And on May 23, 2023, the State Bonding Bill was presented to the Governor Dayton and on May 24, 2023 he signed the State Bonding Bill into law. As part of the bill, there was \$500,000 granted to the City of Anoka for feasibility studies for the design, engineering, and environmental analysis for the repair and reconstruction of the Rum River Dam. See attached *City of Anoka – Rum River Dam Legislative Brochure*.

On July 10, 2023, Anoka's State of Minnesota 2024 Capital Budget request was officially part of the Capital Budget System. And on September 13, 2023, the Capital Investment Committee Legislative Bus Tour stopped at the Anoka Dam.

On September 18, 2023, Anoka City Council adopted a resolution supporting the 2024 Capital Budget General Obligation Bonding request for the Anoka Rum River Dam Reconstruction and Modification Project.

The City of Anoka is requesting Letters of Support from the Lower Rum River Watershed Management Organization, the City of Andover, and the City of Ramsey for the Anoka Rum River Dam Reconstruction and Modification Project. Attached is a letter of support template for your reference and/or your use if the project is supported by your organization. The deadline for Anoka staff to submit these letters is October 13, 2023.

The City of Anoka is requesting the LRRWMO board and member cities support the Anoka Rum River Dam Reconstruction and Modification Project by submitting a Letters of Support prior to the October 13<sup>th</sup> deadline.

