

 <p>CITY OF ST. CHARLES ILLINOIS • 1834</p>	AGENDA ITEM EXECUTIVE SUMMARY		Agenda Item number: 6b
	Title:	A Resolution Creating a Task Force Regarding the Impact of the St. Charles Dam	
	Presenter:	City Administrator Heather McGuire	
Meeting: Government Operations Committee		Date: February 5, 2024	
Proposed Cost: \$		Budgeted Amount: \$	Not Budgeted: <input type="checkbox"/>
TIF District: Choose an item.			
Executive Summary (if not budgeted, please explain):			
<p>As presented at the January 22, 2024 City Council Winter Workshop, a task force was proposed for the Fox River St. Charles Dam. The United States Army Corp of Engineers released a draft study regarding removal of nine dams along the Fox River, including the St. Charles Dam. Before the City makes a determination regarding either support or opposition to removal of the Dam, the City must assess multiple factors, including gathering public input. The City believes the creation of a task force to solicit public input and analyze all the relevant information is the most prudent approach with the task force making final comments to the City in one year.</p>			
Attachments (please list):			
Resolution			
Recommendation/Suggested Action (briefly explain):			
Recommend to approve a Resolution Creating a Task Force Regarding the Impact of the St. Charles Dam			

**City of St. Charles, Illinois
Resolution No. _____**

**A Resolution Creating a Task Force Regarding
the Impact of the St. Charles Dam**

**Presented & Passed by the
City Council on**

WHEREAS, the Fox River is a feature and utilized amenity in the City of St. Charles (“City”) for a variety of purposes; and

WHEREAS, in September 2023, the United States Army Corp of Engineers (“Army Corps”) released a draft study regarding removal of nine dams along the Fox River, including the St. Charles Dam (“Dam”); and

WHEREAS, the Dam is currently owned by the Illinois Department of Natural Resources (“IDNR”); and

WHEREAS, if the Army Corps final plan recommends removal of the Dam, IDNR will request concurrence from the City before commencing removal; and

WHEREAS, before the City makes a determination regarding removal of the Dam, the City must assess multiple factors, including gathering public input; and

WHEREAS, the City believes the creation of a task force to solicit public input and analyze all the relevant information is the most prudent approach.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and City Council of the City of St. Charles, Kane and DuPage Counties, Illinois, as follows:

SECTION 1: TASK FORCE. A Fox River Dam Task Force is hereby created.

SECTION 2: MEMBERSHIP. The Task Force shall have nine (9) total members, all of which are residents of the City of St. Charles, with the Chair to be determined by the membership, allocated as follows:

- City of St. Charles: Five (5), including three (3) elected officials, to be appointed by the Mayor with consent of the City Council.
- St. Charles Park District: Three (3), including at least one (1) but not more than two (2) elected officials, to be appointed by the President
- River Corridor Foundation: One (1)

SECTION 3: OBJECTIVE. The Task Force shall assess and provide a written analysis of the impact of dam removal to the City and Park District on the following categories:

1. Environmental
2. Economic Development (including the impact on both commercial and residential property owners)
3. Recreational (including the impact on both commercial and residential property owners)
4. Any other categories deemed necessary by the Task Force

SECTION 4: PUBLIC INPUT. The Task Force shall engage the public and solicit input, through, at minimum, a website to engage public feedback, and in-person forums.

SECTION 5: RECOMMENDATIONS. The Task Force shall report back to Park District Board and City Council at least quarterly.

SECTION 6: COST SHARING. Expenditures shall be split by the City Council and Park District for any necessary consultants to evaluate technical aspects and produce summaries. Costs shall be approved by each board in advance of any expenditures according to their respective purchasing policies.

SECTION 6: TIMELINE. The Task Force shall endeavor to complete all evaluations and make final reports to the City Council and Park District no later than March 1, 2025 unless otherwise extended by the City Council and Park District.

PRESENTED to the City Council of the City of St. Charles, Illinois, this ___ day of February, 2024

PASSED by the City Council of the City of St. Charles, Illinois, this ___ day of February, 2024

APPROVED by the Mayor of the City of St. Charles, Illinois, this ___ day of February, 2024

Lora Vitek, Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk

COUNCIL VOTE:

Ayes:

Nays:

Absent:

Abstain: