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## The City of Ypsilanti Secures Funding For the Removal of Peninsular Dam

**Ypsilanti, MI, December 4, 2024:** The City of Ypsilanti, in partnership with the Huron River Watershed Council, is pleased to announce that they have secured funding to remove Peninsular Dam.

This project results from contributions from many partners, including the US Fish and Wildlife Service, the Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes and Energy, the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation, and the Walters Family Foundation.

The City of Ypsilanti recently received a \$7.5 Million grant from the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation's National Coastal Resilience Fund, which completed the fundraising for the project. The City is excited to embark on the next phase of this project and work to remove the dam.

"We have reached a significant milestone in securing enough funding to remove the Peninsular Dam and are eager to move on to the next stage of this project. The City of Ypsilanti has limited resources and a growing need for investment in our aging infrastructure, and this achievement is nothing short of remarkable. Removing the dam will make room for both environmental renewal and future growth. Removing the dam and restoring the river opens new possibilities for revitalizing our city, enhancing resilience, and ensuring a better quality of life for our residents." said Andrew Hellenga, City Manager of the City of Ypsilanti.

"Having full funding for the Peninsular Dam removal project signifies more than just financial readiness—it's a testament to the City's commitment to restoring the river's natural flow, revitalizing ecosystems, and creating new opportunities for recreation and connection. It's about healing the environment while investing in a legacy of sustainability and resilience for future generations," said Mayor Nicole Brown.

The project results from cooperative efforts and open community involvement. The City of Ypsilanti is exceptionally appreciative of the Huron River Watershed Council for its efforts in obtaining funding and continuing to push the project forward. Daniel Brown, Watershed Planner at the Huron River Watershed Council, said, "This is a one-in-a-lifetime opportunity to restore the river, make Ypsilanti a safer, healthier place to live, and improve resilience to climate change." The Huron River Watershed Council's mission is to protect and restore the river for healthy and vibrant communities.

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The City of Ypsilanti has 20,000 residents, spans 4.5 square miles, and is known for its rich history, Huron River parks, and as the home of Eastern Michigan University. To keep up with the City of Ypsilanti information, [subscribe](#) for email updates and follow us on [Facebook](#).