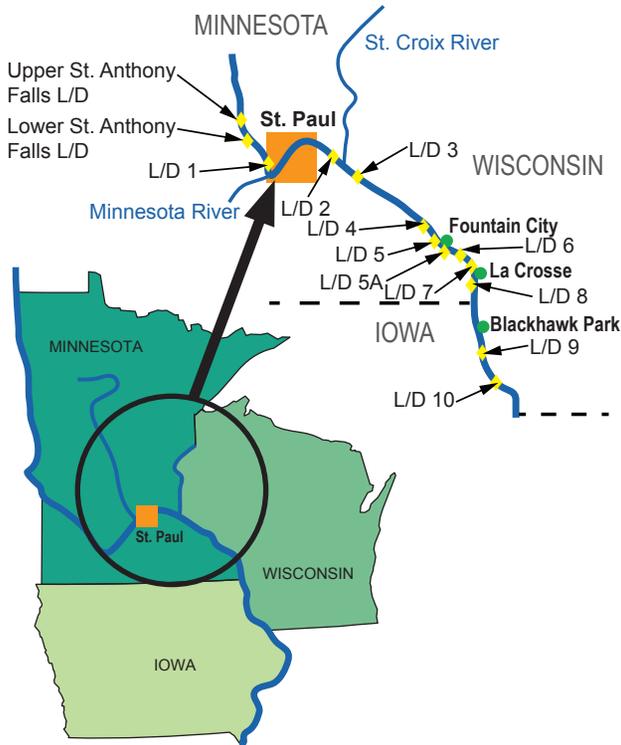


Lock and Dam No. 2 is located at Hastings, Minnesota, and serves as a link in the Upper Mississippi River water system of 29 locks and dams.

Upper Mississippi River



The St. Paul District’s navigation program provides a safe, reliable, cost-effective and environmentally sustainable waterborne transportation system on the Upper Mississippi River for the movement of commercial goods and for national security needs. To do this, the district maintains a 9-foot navigation channel and 13 locks and dams from Minneapolis to Guttenberg, Iowa.



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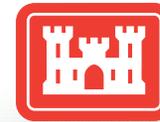
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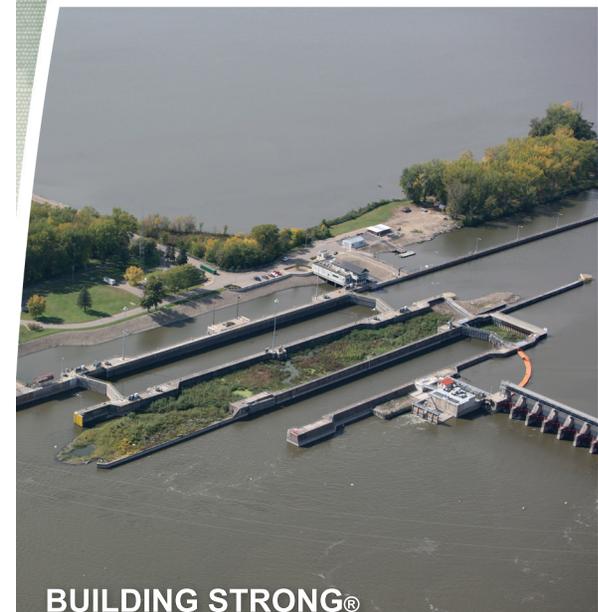
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Visitors

Visitors may view lock operations from the observation platform and use the comfort station.

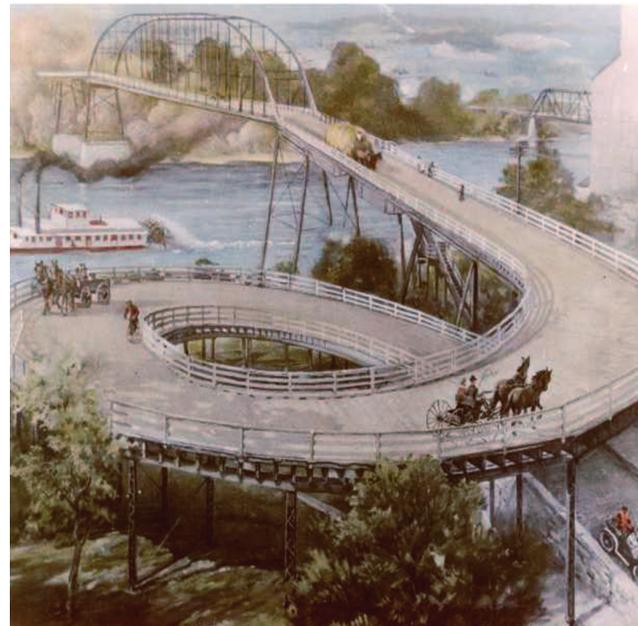
Navigation

Numerous types of vessels use Lock 2. Annually, an average of 11 million tons of cargo pass through the lock. The main commodities include farm products, chemicals and crude materials. Also, as many as 12,000 recreational craft use the lock each year.

Lock and Dam No. 2 lies on the Upper Mississippi River at Hastings, Minnesota. The project includes a lock, an abandoned lock, power plant, dam with 19 moveable tainter gates and an earth dike. The original lock went into operation in July 1931. Poor soil condition caused the lock structure to tip and settle and necessitated construction of a new lock that went into operation in 1948. In 1995, the Corps completed a major rehabilitation of the structure to provide service well into the future.

Balancing Interests

Pool 2, which is the lake created upstream of the dam, serves as an important environmental habitat and resource. The Corps of Engineers partners with other agencies to protect and to enhance Mississippi resources for generations to come.



Rich History

The area around Lock 2 has a rich history. Native Americans used the Mississippi and St. Croix rivers as routes of travel. Later, the rivers provided access to the area by explorers, fur traders, settlers and lumbermen. The spiral bridge shown at right was constructed in 1895. The spiral section on the Hastings approach permitted movement of vehicular traffic from the high river crossing to the level of main street in a limited distance. In 1951, a new steel arch bridge replaced the old spiral bridge.

