

Lock and Dam No. 6 is located at Trempealeau, Wis., and serves as a step in the Upper Mississippi Riverwater stairway of 29 locks and dams.



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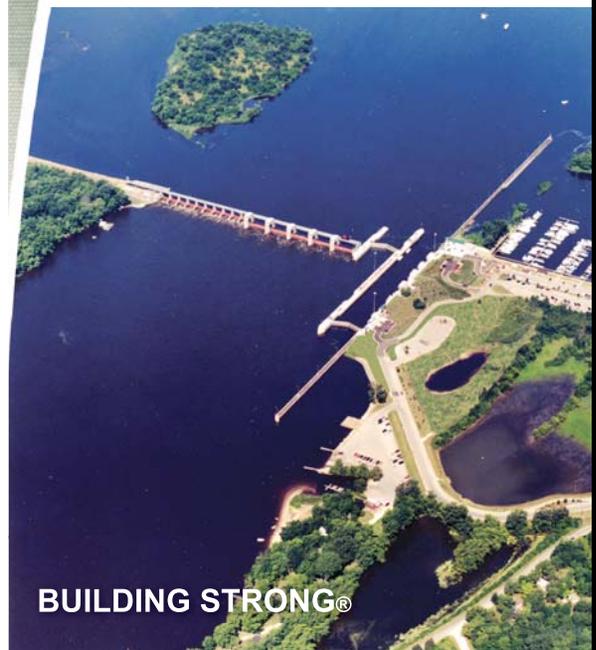
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Navigation

Many types of vessels use the lock which annually passes an average of 15 million tons of cargo, including farm products, chemicals and other bulk commodities. Each year, as many as 12,000 recreational boats use the lock.

Visitors

Thousands of people enjoy recreational boating and visiting the lock. An observation platform provides an opportunity for visitors to view lock and dam operations.

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Lock and Dam No. 6 is located in a bluff-lined valley on the Upper Mississippi River at Trempealeau, Wis. The project includes a lock, a dam with moveable gates, an earth dike and an overflow spillway. The Corps of Engineers originally placed the facility in operation in June 1936, as part of the Upper Mississippi River 9-foot channel project. Later in 1951, the Corps completed the upper guide wall extension. After more than 50 years of service, the Corps undertook a major maintenance program to replace much of the operating equipment and to construct a new control building, which was completed in 1999. This project will afford reliable service well into the future.

Balancing Interests

In addition to navigation, the Upper Mississippi River is a valuable environmental resource and provides many recreational opportunities. The Corps of Engineers partners with other agencies to protect and to enhance Mississippi River resources for present and future generations.

