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Scoping Document

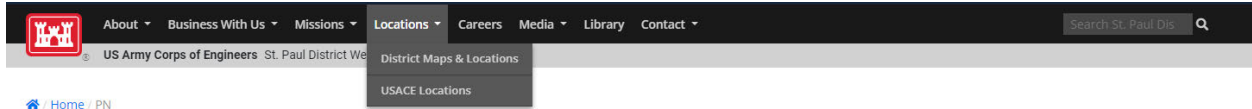
Appendix A: Information on
Scoping Events
Lower St. Anthony Falls Lock and Dam
and Lock and Dam 1
Section 216 Disposition Study

May 2023

Corps of Engineers, St. Paul District
332 Minnesota Street, Suite E1500, St. Paul, MN 55101

A Scoping Events

A.1 Public



Lower St. Anthony Falls Lock and Dam, and Lock and Dam 1 Disposition Study

U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS, ST. PAUL DISTRICT
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The purpose of the Lower St. Anthony Falls Lock and Dam, and Lock and Dam 1 Disposition Study is to determine whether there is federal interest in continuing to own and operate these lock and dams. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers is proposing to evaluate various types of alternatives for each site: (1) no action, which would see the St. Paul District continue to operate the sites as-is, and, (2) de-authorization by Congress of the Corps' federal navigation missions at the sites, leading to disposal of the properties through the General Services Administration. The Corps will study combinations of alternatives for de-authorization and disposal, including:

- Full or partial disposal
- Modification of the locks and dams
- Removal of the locks and dams
- Potential opportunities for the locks and dams to serve a new purpose such as ecosystem restoration.

Four open houses are scheduled to discuss the study and gather public comments.

- Tuesday, Oct. 11, 6-8 p.m. | Highland Park Middle School, 975 Snelling Ave S, St. Paul, MN
- Friday, Oct. 14, 2-6 p.m. | Lock and Dam 1, 5000 W River Parkway, Minneapolis
- Saturday, Oct. 15, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. | Lock and Dam 1, 5000 W River Parkway, Minneapolis
- Tuesday, Oct. 25, 6-8 p.m. | Dowling Elementary School, 3900 W River Parkway, Minneapolis

Comments concerning the scope of the study may also be submitted to: District Engineer, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, St. Paul District, ATTN: Regional Planning and Environment Division North, 332 Minnesota St., Suite E1500, St. Paul, MN 55101 or by email to MplsLocksDisposition@usace.army.mil. Please provide your comments no later than Nov. 25.

Related Link: [Public Notice](#)

HELPFUL INFORMATION:

To facilitate water-borne commercial navigation (barges and tow boats), Congress directed the construction of Lock and Dam 1 in 1917, Lower St. Anthony Falls Lock and Dam in 1956, and Upper St. Anthony Falls in 1963. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers built these three locks projects and continues to operate and maintain them today. In 2014, Congress directed that Upper St. Anthony Falls be closed within one year. In June 2015, the Corps of Engineers halted lock operations at Upper St. Anthony Falls Lock and Dam, eliminating navigation above St. Anthony Falls.

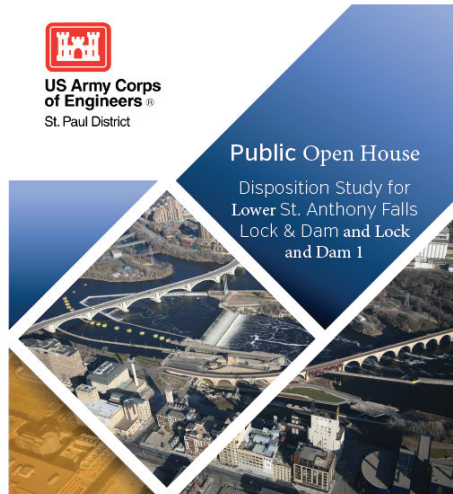
A joint disposition study for Lower St. Anthony Falls Lock and Dam and Lock and Dam 1 started Fall 2022. The purpose of a disposition study is to determine whether there is federal interest in continuing to own and operate the lock and dams.



Federal actions require an assessment of the environmental effects in compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act [NEPA]. The potential federal action may include deauthorizing the navigation mission by Congress and disposal of federal property at Lower St. Anthony Falls and Lock and Dam 1.

CHECK OUT OUR WEBSITE:

<http://www.mvp.usace.army.mil/MplsLocksDisposition/>



- Open Houses at Lock and Dam 1:
- Friday, October 14, 2:00-6:00 pm
 - Saturday, October 15, 10:00 am-2:00pm

- Open House at Highland Middle School:
- Tuesday, October 11, 6:00 – 8:00pm

- Open House Dowling Elementary:
- Tuesday, October 25, 6:00 – 8:00pm

DISPOSITION STUDY OF Lower ST. ANTHONY FALLS LOCK & Dam and Lock and Dam 1

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PURPOSE OF Public Scoping & Open Houses:

Sometimes, in the preparation of an environmental assessment (EA) in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), there is an early and open process for determining the scope of the issues to be addressed by a study. This process is commonly known as "scoping," during which the Corps will solicit study input. During NEPA scoping for the Disposition study, the St Paul District is seeking input on LSAF and L&D1 from affected federal agencies, Native American tribes, state agencies, local governments and non-governmental organizations, stakeholders, and the public.

The scoping process is the best time to identify issues, determine points of contact, establish project schedules, and provide recommendations to the Corps. The overall goal is to define the scope of issues to be addressed in depth in the analyses that will be included in the EA.

October 2022 - PUBLIC Open Houses

STUDY TIME LINE:

October 2022 - Public Meetings

November 25, 2022 - Due date for comments on scope of Environmental Assessment

Summer 2024 - Preliminary report and integrated NEPA document available for 60-day public review

Fall 2024 - Report submitted for approval

EMAIL COMMENTS TO:

MplsLocksDisposition@usace.army.mil

COMMENTS AND INPUT CAN BE MAILED TO:

US Army Corps of Engineers,
332 Minnesota Street, Suite E1500
Attn: Regional Planning and
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St. Paul, MN 55101

QUESTIONS OR CONCERNS, CONTACT:

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Subject: Save the Date - LSAF/LD1 Disposition Study, State and Federal Agency Scoping Meeting - Wednesday, October 19, 10:00 am
Date: Wednesday, September 21, 2022 11:42:00 AM
Attachments: [092022_LD1_LSAF_factsheet_English_STD_Handout.pdf](#)

All:

The Corps of Engineers (Corps) will be hosting a meeting with our Federal and State agency partners to discuss scoping for the Lower St. Anthony Falls (LSAF) and Lock and Dam 1 (LD 1) Disposition Study. You may recall that we started a similar effort in July of 2018 for these two dams AND Upper St. Anthony Falls Dam (USAF). However, we were redirected to separate LSAF and LD1 from the USAF study. We are starting the LSAF and LD1 study efforts and want to reconnect with our agency partners to make them aware of the continuing study effort.

Both USAF and the LSAF/LD1 Disposition studies, authorized by Section 216 of the Flood Control Act of 1970, intend to evaluate these locks and dams to determine if they no longer meet their authorized purpose, and can be recommended to Congress for deauthorization and disposal. Disposal could include turning these sites over to other entities. The purpose of this meeting is to introduce agencies to the LSAF/LD1 Disposition Study, preliminary alternatives, the NEPA process, and the timeline for study completion. We will also be asking for scoping comments. We anticipate the meeting will be held in one of our conference rooms at our new office beginning at 10:00 a.m., and last no more than 2 hours. The specifics are:

Audience: State and Federal Agencies
Format: Presentation, Q&A, open discussion, and comments
Date: Wednesday, October 19, 2022
Time: 10:00 am – 12:00 pm
Location: Corps of Engineers, St. Paul District Office, 332 Minnesota Street, Suite E1500 St. Paul, Minnesota 55101

The agenda and additional meeting details will be forthcoming, at which time, we will be asking for an RSVP. For those unable to attend in person, there will be an option to participate via conference call/webmeeting.

More info on this project is attached or can be viewed at <https://www.myp.usace.army.mil/LSAF/>. The fact sheet is also attached.

David Potter, Biologist
332 Minnesota Street, Suite E1500
St. Paul, MN 55101
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Please note that the Corps will also be holding a series of open houses. You are welcome to attend these as well.

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Public Open House Events		
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Subject: Details for October 18 (10:00 a.m.) Lower St. Anthony Falls / Lock and Dam 1 Disposition Study Agency Scoping Meeting and RSVP request
Date: Friday, October 7, 2022 3:56:00 PM
Attachments: [Agency Meeting 10 18 22 Details.docx](#)

All-

Attached are details for our upcoming meeting on the subject. The purpose of this meeting is to inform agencies of the Disposition Study including timeline, answer specific questions, discuss agency concerns or issues and identify data gaps.

Space is limited to 40 or so attendees; others may call in. Please limit to no more than 2 attendees per agency for the in-person meeting.

Please RSVP by Friday, October 14th, COB by responding ONLY to me via this email. Please indicate if you will be attending in person or virtual.

Thank you for your interest.



David Potter
Biologist
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Powerpoint Presentation

LOWER ST. ANTHONY FALLS AND LOCK AND DAM 1 DISPOSITION STUDY

Agency Scoping Meeting
October 18, 2022
10:00 am – 12:00 pm

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
St. Paul District
332 Minnesota Street, Suite E1500
St. Paul, MN

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FACILITATOR INTRO

- Meeting Format
- Agency Input
- Room logistics

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AGENCY ROUND TABLE INTRODUCTIONS

In order, introduce one agency lead speaker and other agency attendees

1. Bureau of Land Management	8. United States Geological Survey	15. Dept of Housing and Urban Development
2. Fish and Wildlife Service	9. Federal Energy Regulatory Commission	16. Natural Resource Conservation Agency
3. General Services Administration	10. Environmental Protection Agency	17. MN Pollution Control Agency
4. Coast Guard	11. MN Department of Transportation	18. Minneapolis Public Housing Authority
5. MN Department of Natural Resources	12. City of Minneapolis	19. Others
6. MN State Historic Preservation Office	13. National Park Service	
7. Bureau of Reclamation	14. Bureau of Indian Affairs	



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SCOPING MEETING PURPOSE

- The scoping process is the best time to identify issues, determine points of contact, establish project schedules, and provide recommendations to the Corps.
- The overall goal is to define the scope of issues to be addressed in depth in the analyses that will be included in the Environmental Assessment.
- What we want from you during scoping:
 - ✓ Comments on issues your agency considers to be significant for this study.
 - ✓ Information about the sites that we might not have.

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AGENDA

1. PowerPoint Presentation (~30 min)
2. Q & A (~30 min)
3. Roundtable (~30 min)


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OVERVIEW

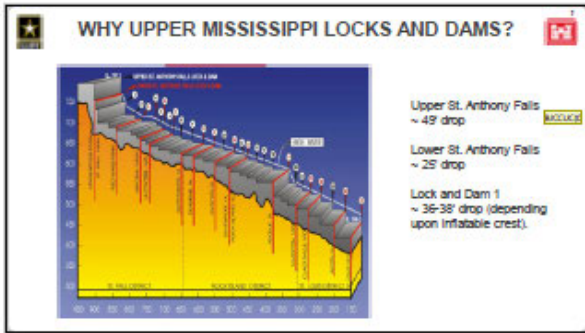
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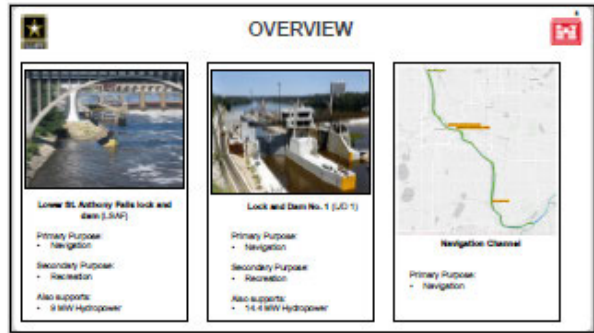
★ This study is focused on Lower St. Anthony Falls & Lock and Dam 1



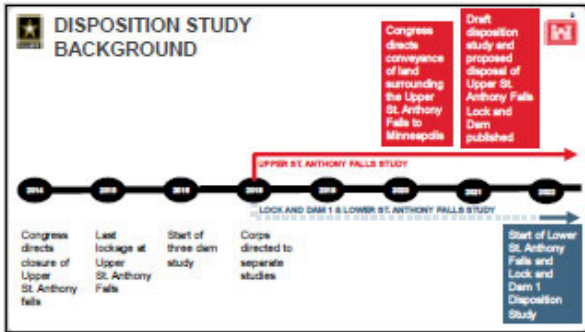
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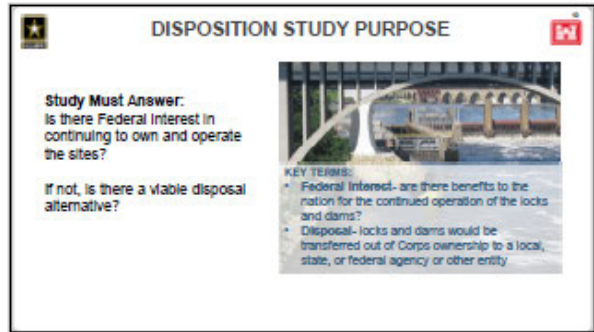
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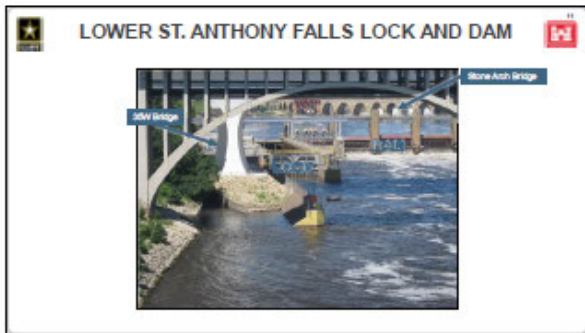
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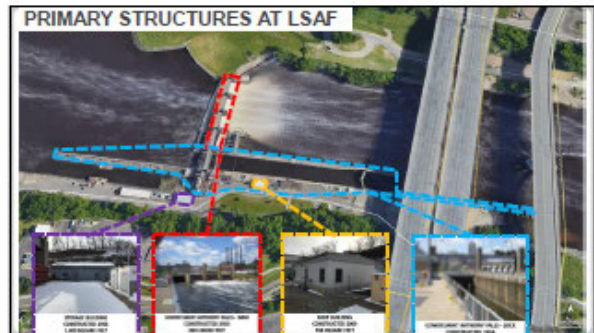
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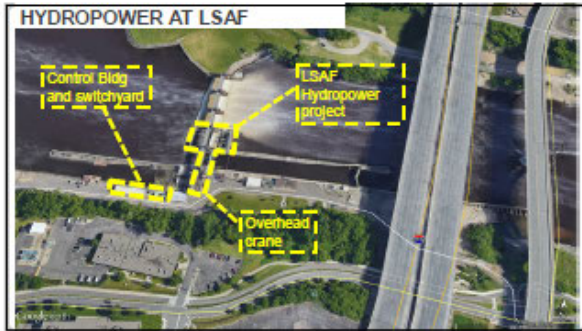
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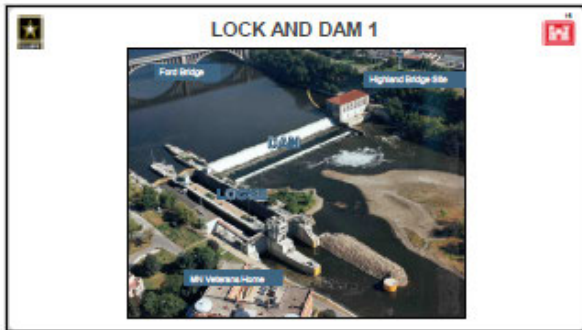
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LSAF STATUS

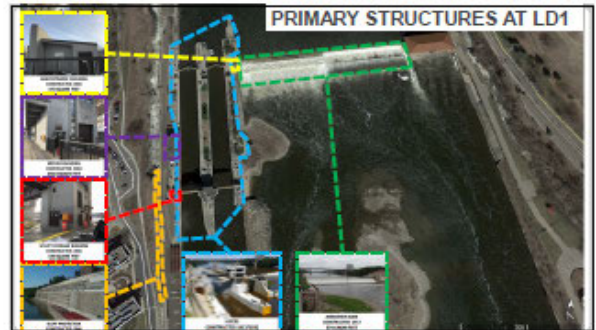
- Open to navigation- primarily recreational users who portage around USAF or commercial passenger boats
- Corps
 - Operates dam 24/7
 - Routine maintenance and security



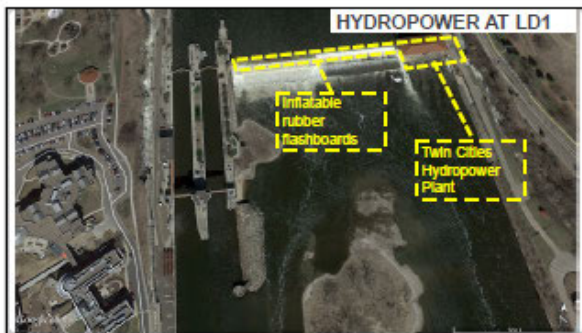
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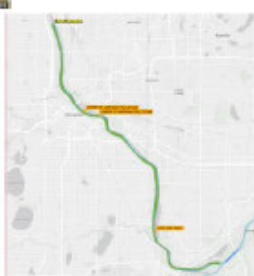
LOCK AND DAM 1 STATUS

- Open to navigation- users are primarily recreational users or commercial passenger boats
- Corps
 - Operates Lock and Dam
 - Routine maintenance and security
 - Dredges pool 1 for navigation (lower priority)



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NAVIGATION CHANNEL



- Maintenance dredging of the nine-foot navigation channel is authorized, historically been required in this area
- Navigation channel is still authorized, but this area is lower priority for maintenance
- Disposition study will evaluate if it is still in the federal interest to maintain the navigation channel
- Study may recommend deauthorization of the navigation channel

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NAVIGATION CHANNEL O & M

Dredging Activities



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DISPOSAL OF FEDERAL PROPERTY PROCEDURE

Federal property disposal is carried out by the General Services Administration

- Other Federal Agencies (No cost transfer)
- Consult with Department of Housing and Urban Development for homeless use (McKinney-Vento Act)
- Negotiated sale to State or Local government or non-profit for a public purpose. (Low or no cost if partnering with a Federal agency)
- Public auction or sealed bid


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SCOPING



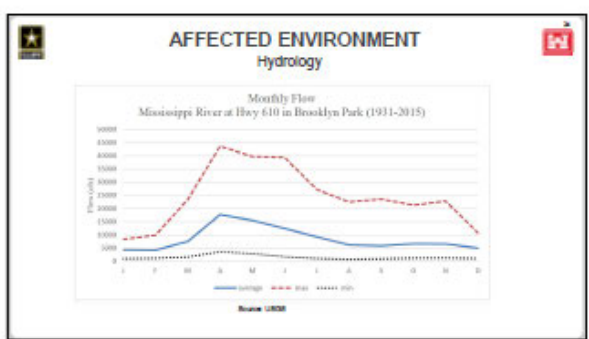
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AFFECTED ENVIRONMENT



Hydrology
Water Quality
Fish
Mussels
Recreation
Cultural

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AFFECTED ENVIRONMENT
Water Quality

Class	Beneficial use designation
1C	With advanced treatment processes, the treated water will meet both the primary (maximum contaminant levels) and secondary drinking water standards issued by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)
2B/2Bd ^a	Permit the propagation and maintenance of a healthy community of cool or warm water sport or commercial fish and associated aquatic life, and their habitats. These waters shall be suitable for aquatic recreation of all kinds, including bathing, for which the waters may be usable.
3C	Permit their use for industrial cooling and materials transport without a high degree of treatment being necessary to avoid severe fouling, corrosion, scaling, or other unsatisfactory conditions.

^a Class 2B waters are not protected as a source of drinking water, and class 2Bd water are protected.

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AFFECTED ENVIRONMENT
Fish

30+ species LSAF Pool, dominated by emerald shiner, bluegill, smallmouth bass, quillback and common carp. (GLEC 2013)

28 species in Pool 2, dominated by common carp, smallmouth buffalo, and freshwater drum (Starus 2008)

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AFFECTED ENVIRONMENT
Mussels

MUSSELS
28 Species, including Threatened and Endangered

Black Sandshell	Duroso	Cassiopea
Fragile Paperhell	Hyalostrea	Winged Musselshell

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AFFECTED ENVIRONMENT
Recreation

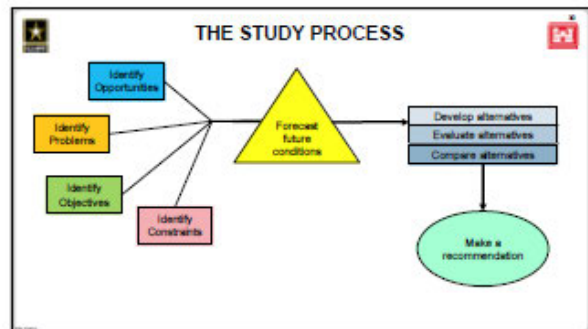
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AFFECTED ENVIRONMENT
Cultural

Lower St. Anthony Falls Lock and Dam is, and ancillary infrastructure facilities comprise and eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places.

- 1. Lower St. Anthony Falls Lock and Dam
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FOCUSED QUESTIONS

1. Does the project meet its authorized purpose?
2. Is there reason to believe the future conditions or needs will be different?
3. Were the alternatives reviewed and considered to inform a Tentatively Selected Plan?
4. What are the economic, environmental and social effects?
5. Does the project pose a risk to public safety?
6. Are there environmental concerns or controversies that will influence the outcome of the study?
7. Is there a stakeholder interested in taking ownership of the project? Does the stakeholder have the financial and legal capacity to assume ownership of the project?
8. What is the level of Congressional interest?
9. What is the Tentatively Selected Plan and why?
10. Are there issues of interest for the Corps leadership to incorporate in to the deauthorization and disposal process?

Corps Interim Guidance on the Conduct of Disposition Studies, 28 September 2016

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SCENARIOS

No Action	Full disposal	Partial disposal
Modify locks & dams	Removal of locks & dams	New purpose for locks & dam (new authorization)
	Deauthorize Navigation	

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EVALUATE SCENARIOS

After gathering input, for each alternative we:

Compare alternatives

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OUTCOME OF STUDY

- After comparing alternatives and evaluating environmental effects the Corps makes a recommendation.
- Recommendation is summarized in a draft report and put it out for public review.
- The input gathered is incorporated and the final report and recommendation is sent to Congress.

Recommendation to Congress

Possible recommendations:

No Action	Full disposal	Partial disposal	Modify locks & dams	Removal of locks & dams	New purpose for locks & dam	Deauthorize Navigation
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NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY ACT (NEPA)

- Clean Air Act
- Clean Water Act
- Environmental Justice Executive Order
- Endangered Species Act
- Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act
- Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act
- Federal Flood Risk Management Executive Order
- State Environmental Laws
- Local Environmental Laws

Additional NEPA documents (like an Environmental Impact Statement, or EIS) may be required in the future, depending upon the recommended action, such as:

- Removal or partial removal of the structure
- Alterations/additions to the structure

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NEXT STEPS

If recommendation is:

- Full or partial disposal
- Modification to lock & dam
- Dam removal
- New purpose for lock & dam

Key Public Participation Point
 Corps of Engineers Action
 Congress Action

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STUDY SCHEDULE

Key Step	Date
Initiate study & Disposition Study Scoping	Fall 2022
Conduct study - Gather public input, collect data	2022 - 2023
Develop draft report with Environmental Assessment	2023
Public meetings, review of draft report	Summer 2024
Comments on draft report due	Summer 2024
Submit final report for approval through Corps	Fall 2024
Congressional Action (if required)	To be determined

Key Public Participation Point

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PROVIDE INPUT & STAY INFORMED

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ATTEND 2022 SCOPING OPEN HOUSES

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QUESTIONS

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ROUNDTABLE

Lock and Dam 1

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SUBMIT AGENCY COMMENTS

Email questions and comments to:
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Project website:
www.mvp.usace.army.mil/MplsLocksDisposition

Scoping comments due by November 25, 2022

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Memorandum for Record

Date: 26 October 2022

Subject: Meeting with State and Federal Agencies for LSAF & LD1 Disposition Study, Scoping

Attendees:

NPS - Alan Robbins-Fenger, Dan Ott, Forest Eidbo

MPCA – Amy Hadiaris, Bill Wilde, Kirsten Barta,

USGS – Ben Torrison, M=James Fallon

MNDNR – Dan Lais, Dan O’Shea, Joel Stirus, Melissa Collins, Mike Davis,

MNDOT – Edward Lutgen, Mark Pribula, Patrick Phenow,

USEPA – Kathleen Kowal,

GSA – Kevin Lagare, Richard Balsano

USFWS – Nick Utrup

FERC – Scott Airato, Theodore Strat

Corps – Clay Tallman, David Potter, Nan Bischoff, Megan McGuire, Brad Perkl, Doug Crumb,

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Meeting was held in the Executive conference room at the St. Paul District Headquarters on Tuesday, 18 October 2022 at 1000. Representatives from NPS, USGS, MNDNR, MNDOT, USEPA, GSA, USFWS, and FERC attended the meeting. The intent of the meeting was to provide basic information on the start of the Disposition Study for Lower St. Anthony Falls Lock & Dam (LSAF) and Lock & Dam 1 (LD1).

The meeting started with a 30-minute power point presentation (attached). This was followed with a Q&A session and a roundtable. Draft meeting notes will be assembled and distributed to participants for comment.

Reference:

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All:

The Corps of Engineers (Corps) will be hosting a meeting with local government organizations (LGOs) to discuss scoping for the Lower St. Anthony Falls (LSAF) and Lock and Dam 1 (LD 1) Disposition Study. You may recall that we started a similar effort in July of 2018 for these two dams AND Upper St. Anthony Falls Dam (USAF). However, we were redirected to separate LSAF and LD1 from the USAF study. We are starting the LSAF and LD1 study efforts and want to reconnect with our agency partners to make them aware of the continuing study effort.

Both USAF and the LSAF/LD1 Disposition studies, authorized by Section 216 of the Flood Control Act of 1970, intend to evaluate these locks and dams to determine if they no longer meet their authorized purpose, and can be recommended to Congress for deauthorization and disposal. Disposal could include turning these sites over to other entities. The purpose of this meeting is to introduce LGOs to the LSAF/LD1 Disposition Study, preliminary alternatives, the NEPA process, and the timeline for study completion. We will also be asking for scoping comments. We anticipate the meeting will be held in one of our conference rooms at our new office beginning at 1:00 p.m., and last no more than 2 hours. The specifics are:

Audience: Local Government Organizations
Format: Presentation, Q&A, open discussion, and comments
Date: Wednesday, October 19, 2022
Time: 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm
Location: Corps of Engineers, St. Paul District Office, 332 Minnesota Street, Suite E1500 St. Paul, Minnesota 55101

The agenda and additional meeting details will be forthcoming, at which time, we will be asking for an RSVP. For those unable to attend in person, there will be an option to participate via conference call/webmeeting.

More info on this project is attached or can be viewed at <https://www.mvp.usace.army.mil/LSAF/>. The fact sheet is also attached.

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Please note that the Corps will also be holding a series of open houses. You are welcome to attend these as well.

Date	Time	Location
Public Open House Events		
Tuesday, October 11	6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.	Highland Middle School, 975 Snelling Avenue S, St. Paul, MN 55116
Tuesday, October 25	6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.	Dowling Elementary School 3900 West River Parkway Minneapolis 55406
Friday, October 14	2:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.	Lock and Dam 1 5000 West River Parking Minneapolis, MN 55417
Saturday, October 15	10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.	Lock and Dam 1 5000 West River Parking Minneapolis, MN 55417

Memorandum for Record

Date: 26 October 2022

Subject: Meeting with Local Government Organizations for LSAF & LD1 Disposition Study, Scoping

Attendees:

CM Toberts's Office – Adam Yust

Minneapolis Planning and Economic Development – Andrea Burke

Minneapolis Public Works – Annika Bankston

Minneapolis Convention Center – Loren Olson

Minneapolis Community Planning & Economic Development – Meg McMahan

City of St. Paul Civil Division – Sarah Sullivan

Corps – Clay Tallman, David Potter, Nan Bischoff, Megan McGuire, Brad Perkl, Doug Crumb, Ben Everson, See Xiong, Elizabeth Moriarty, Jill Bathke, Sierra Keenan, Helen Walz

Meeting was held in the Executive conference room at the St. Paul District Headquarters on Tuesday, 18 October 2022 at 1:00 p.m. Representatives from the Cities of St. Paul and Minneapolis as well as Congressman Tolbert's office attended the meeting. The intent of the meeting was to provide basic information on the start of the Disposition Study for Lower St. Anthony Falls Lock & Dam (LSAF) and Lock & Dam 1 (LD1).

The meeting started with a 30 Minute power point presentation (attached). This was followed with a 30- minute Q&A session and another 30-minute roundtable. Draft meeting notes will be assembled and distributed to participants for comment.

Reference:

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Prepared by David Potter

A.4 Hydropower Interests



DISPOSITION STUDY

Lower St. Anthony Falls and Lock/Dam 1 Disposition Study

AGENCY SCOPING MEETING

Hosted by: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, St. Paul District

Meeting Purpose: Inform agencies of the Lower St. Anthony Falls/Lock and Dam 1 Disposition Study, timeline, answer specific questions, discuss agency concerns/issues and identify data gaps.

Date/Times: Thursday, October 20 / 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Location: East Tower, 13th Floor Executive Conference Room, 332 Minnesota Street, Suite E1500 St. Paul, Minnesota 55101

Parking: Potential parking areas include Lowertown ramp, Galtier/Cray ramp, Pioneer ramp, on-street metered parking or public transportation options.

RSVP: Please confirm your attendance by accepting the meeting invite or sending an email to Clayton Tallman (clayton.e.tallman@usace.army.mil) by Friday, October 14th.

Meeting Format: Face-to-face, PowerPoint presentation followed by Q&A and roundtable for agency comments.

Directions:

NOTE: There are two entrances to the First National Bank building. If entering from the 5th street side, go up to the skyway level, when you reach the security desk area, walk south past the escalators and turn left to use the elevators on the east side of the building. There is also an entrance mid-block on the 4th street side of the building which will take you directly to the elevator corridor. Turn right to use the elevators on the east side of the building. NOTE: Use the elevators marked "express" to access the upper floors. Elevators marked "local" only go to the lower floors. Go to the 13th floor where you will be met by an attendant. Call (651) 302-1518 if you need assistance.



Memorandum for Record

Date: 24 October 2022

Subject: Meeting with Hydropower Companies for LASF & LD1 Disposition Study, Scoping

Attendees:

Xcel Energy – Steve Crotty, Matt Miller

Brookfield Renewable – Mark Luciano, Ben Ewall

USACE:

In-person – Clay Tallman, Nan Bischoff, Megan McGuire, Molli Naber, Doug Crumb, RE, Ben Everson, John Incha, See Xiong

WebEx – David Potter, Diana Karnish, Elizabeth Moriarty

Meeting was held in the Executive conference room at the St. Paul District Headquarters on Thursday, 20 October 2022 at 1300. Representatives from Xcel Energy and Brookfield Renewable attended the meeting. The intent of the meeting was to provide basic information on the start of the Disposition Study for Lower St. Anthony Falls Lock & Dam (LSAF) and Lock & Dam 1 (LD1).

The meeting started with a 15 Minute power point presentation (attached). Followed with a Q&A and conversation with the hydropower representatives. It was noted that LSAF and LD1 share the dam structure with Brookfield Renewable hydropower turbines. LSAF hydropower permit runs to 2056 and LD1 hydropower permit runs through 2034. Renewal of the LD1 permit is anticipated to start in 2029.

Xcel stated that their hydropower plant at Upper St. Anthony Falls can only tolerate a 1' fall in the tailwater. Discussion by the power providers over the increased electrical demand and the effectiveness and constant supply of hydropower.

The hydropower representatives were informed that to ensure their opinions and concerns they must be submitted in writing.

Prepared by Clay Tallman