

The Baraboo River

- 120 mile length
- 420,000 acre watershed - 655 square miles
- 383 cfs average flow
- total fall 150 feet, 50 foot drop in city of Baraboo area
- Ocoochery "plenty of fish"
- lake sturgeon reported until 1900
- early community named "Baraboo Rapids"
- early 1900's 11 dams on the river







Old Waterworks Dam slated for removal

Deterioration leads to decision
History a sticky question in dam removal debate

Interpretations vary between groups, Indian reservation

Circus World, city still at odds over dam removal

Reparity could raise city taxes 25%, but Parkinson

Longtime local residents concerned about dam removal

Officials say "mad flats,"

Another meeting slated on dam's future

to share more viewpoints

DNR engineer defends Waterworks Dam inspection

Grant could fund dam repair, Joseph says

Looking for the lost dams of the Baraboo

Waterworks Dam removal plan still sparking debate

Upcoming informational meeting hoped to clear up confusion on proposal

River would lose scenic beauty if dams removed

Dam meeting leaves many questions unanswered

Timeline, decisions remain undefined

Don't let DNR make dam mistake again

Waterworks Dam a reprieve

Preservationists, DNR at odds over dam removal plan

Circus World considering dam purchase

City would charge \$1

Waterworks Dam history spans decades

Debate over dam removal continues

Dam removal issue looms in Baraboo

City may have to fund study of dam removal

Dam bursts into council discussion

Waterworks Dam plan faces more scrutiny

DNR: Dam meeting should be open

Time for Baraboo council to admit their mistake

More comments on Waterworks Dam removal plan

Baraboo River 'broken' with dam in place

Opinion 12/5

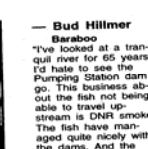
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Talk of the Town

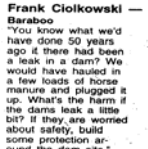
Are you in favor of removing the dams on the Baraboo River?




— Ray Jahn
Baraboo
 "If they took out the Waterworks Dam by the (Circus World) Museum, there would only be a little creek through there. Look at what happened when they took out the Woolen Mill dam."




— Bud Hillmer
Baraboo
 "I've looked at a tranquil river for 65 years. I'd hate to see the Pumping Station dam go. This business about the fish not being able to travel upstream is DNR smoke. The fish have managed quite nicely with the dams. And the ducks won't like a rocky, fast-running river."




Frank Ciolkowski
Baraboo
 "You know what we'd have done 50 years ago if there had been a leak in a dam? We would have hauled in a few loads of horse manure and plugged it up. What's the harm if the dams leak a little bit? If they are worried about safety, build some protection around the dam site."



— Cole Felmlee
Baraboo
 "Taking out the dam would make the Baraboo River look like the Los Angeles River — all bank and no water. When you look down from the Circus World Museum footbridge, all you'll see is mud."



Ed Brecka
Baraboo
 "What ain't broke, don't fix it. I was disturbed when they dynamited the Woolen Mill dam 20 years ago."



Child pleads to save Waterworks Dam
 I don't think the century old dam should be taken out because if it were taken out no one could then fish because the waters would be too swift. It would also be too swift and shallow for any boats or canoes to go down the river.
 For one, it is also a major part of the Baraboo history. That's why I think the dam should be repaired.
 Best regards,
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 Baraboo

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DAM!**











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The Baraboo Runs Free!

Helen Sarikinn
Small Dam Program Manager

*"When you put your hand in
a flowing stream, you touch the
past that has gone before and the
first of what is still to come."*
— Leonardo da Vinci

October 22, 2001 was a
good day to celebrate his



Partners

- City of Baraboo
- Sauk County Land Conservation Department
- WI DNR
- UWEX
- Baraboo River Canoe Club
- River Alliance
- Citizens for Waterfront Revitalization
- Kiwanis
- Alliant Energy
- International Crane Foundation
- Sand County Foundation
- US Fish and Wildlife Service
- UW Madison
- UW Stevens Point



Annual River Cleanup





Mission

“To create an awareness of, beautify, and revitalize the downtown Baraboo River corridor.”

Vision

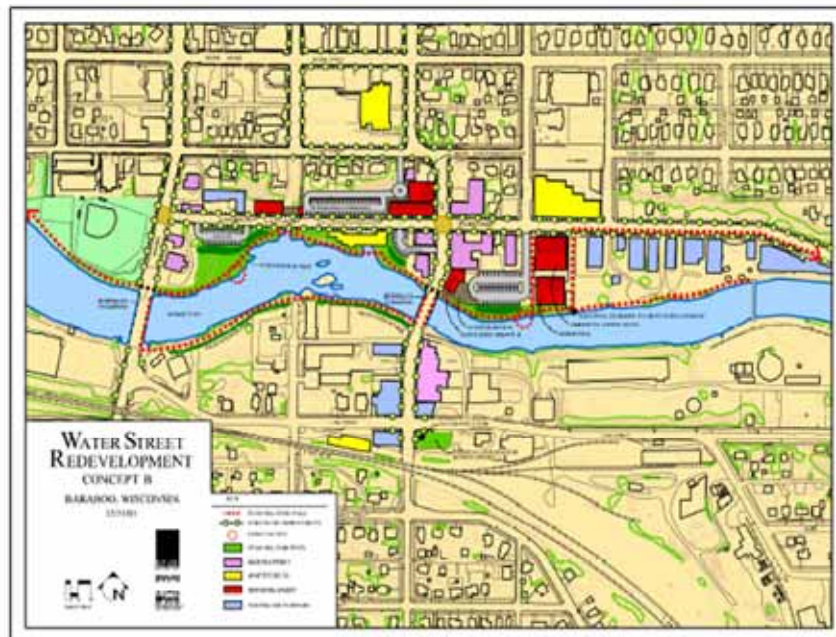
- “To see public and private partners working together to create an environment along the downtown Baraboo River Corridor that will benefit Baraboo residents and visitors alike.”

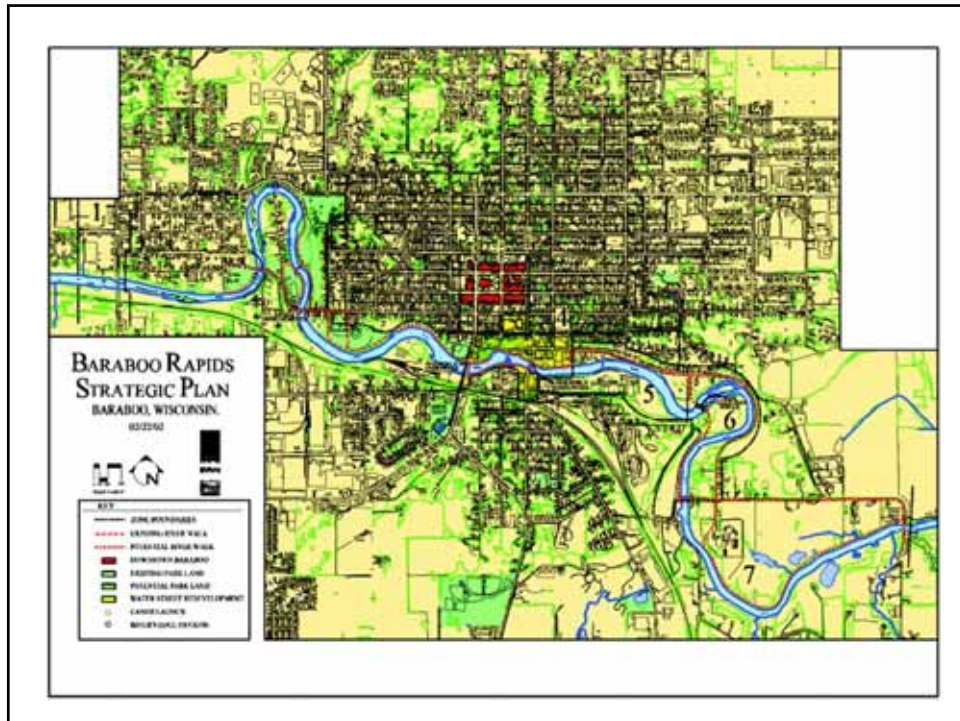
Planning Process

- Obtained River Planning Grant
- Formed Planning Committee.
- Hired professional planner.
- Held workshop with speakers and solicited input from attendees on issues and opportunities facing river.
- Held on-site tours and discussions.
- Prepared draft plan.
- Held workshop update.
- Finalized Strategic Plan plan.
- Adopted by 4 impacted municipalities.

Plan Highlights

- River Identity/Existing Conditions
- River Education
- River Recreation
- Water Quality/River Protection
- Economic Development/Redevelopment
- Public Policy



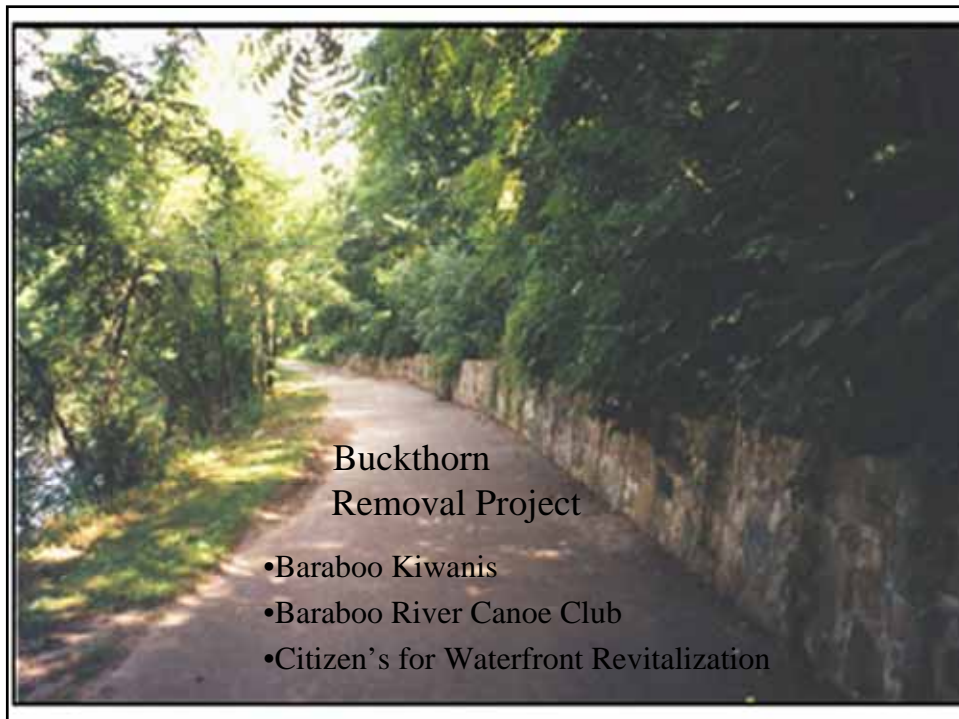






Native plantings

- Alliant Energy
- Sauk County Land Conservation
- International Crane Foundation

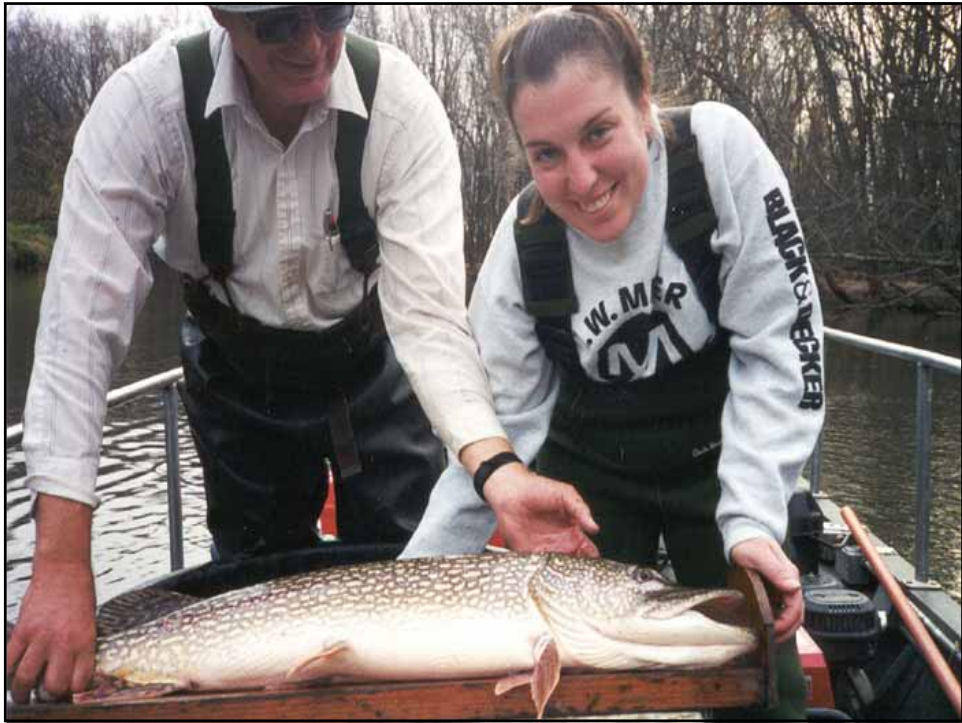


Buckthorn Removal Project

- Baraboo Kiwanis
- Baraboo River Canoe Club
- Citizen's for Waterfront Revitalization



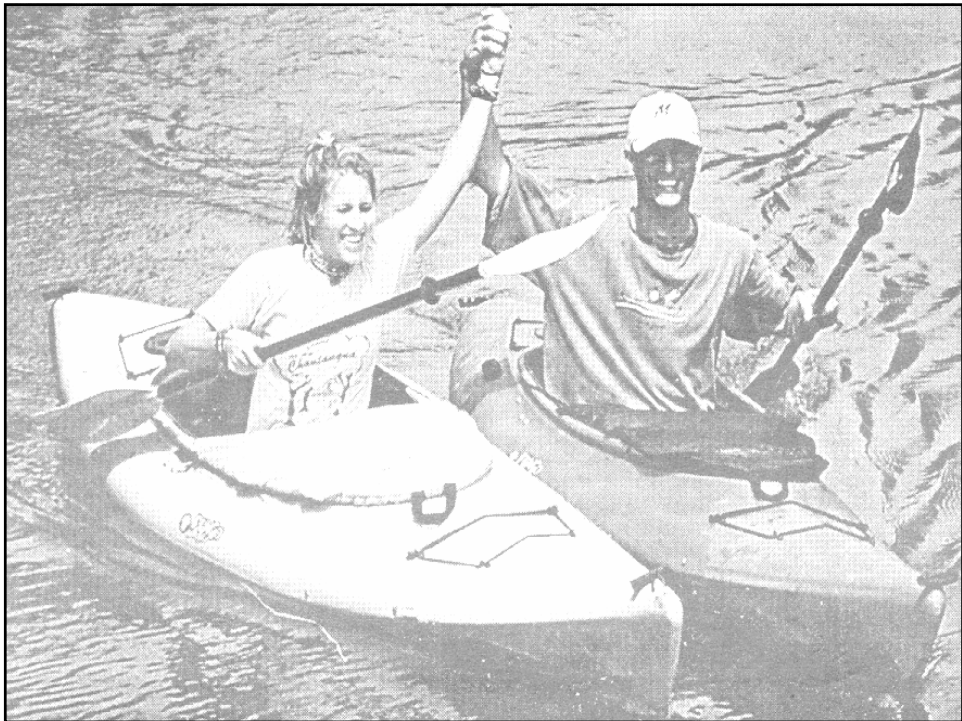




Baraboo River Communities









A better river for everyone.....



...for people,



...for fish,

.....and for wildlife!

