

## Kinni Corridor Project Survey

Surveys completed Dec. 9, 2016-Jan. 6, 2017

Surveys completed: 1,365

<b>1. Where do you live?</b>		
<b>Answer Options</b>	<b>Response Percent</b>	<b>Response Count</b>
I live in the City of River Falls, WI	46.3%	632
I live in a surrounding township	23.7%	324
I live in the Twin Cities area	14.7%	200
I live in Wisconsin, but outside the River Falls area	7.8%	107
Other	4.8%	65
I live in Minnesota, but outside the Twin Cities area	2.7%	37
<b>answered question</b>		<b>1,365</b>
<b>2. How have you experienced the Kinnickinnic River? (Mark all that apply.)</b>		
<b>Answer Options</b>	<b>Response Percent</b>	<b>Response Count</b>
Hiking on river trails	80.7%	1,089
Kayaking or canoeing	59.3%	800
Relaxing on benches	56.3%	759
Fishing	54.3%	733
Picnicking	41.4%	558
Biking on bikeways	36.9%	498
Feeding water fowl	29.7%	400
Birding	23.1%	312
Performing scientific experiments	11.3%	153
I have little interaction with the river	3.1%	42
I have never explored the river	2.4%	32
<b>answered question</b>		<b>1,349</b>
<b>3. Individuals and groups have been speaking out about issues regarding the future of the Kinnickinnic River. How familiar are you with these discussions?</b>		
<b>Answer Options</b>	<b>Response Percent</b>	<b>Response Count</b>
Somewhat familiar	56.1%	751
Very familiar	32.1%	429
I am not familiar	11.8%	158
<b>answered question</b>		<b>1,338</b>

**4. Community engagement is critical to the success of the Kinni Corridor Project. In which ways would you be most likely to engage with the Project? (Mark all that apply.)**

<b>Answer Options</b>	<b>Response Percent</b>	<b>Response Count</b>
Read about Project activities on the City's Facebook page.	66.6%	857
Receive updates and invitations via email.	50.5%	650
Read about Project activities in the City's newsletter.	48.5%	624
Attend "Tech Talks" to learn more about issues affecting the future of the Kinni Corridor	33.1%	426
Observe a Kinni Corridor Project Committee meeting.	27.6%	355
Share my comments on the Project website.	24.6%	317
Participate in design planning workshops.	15.8%	203
Volunteer to serve on a Corridor subcommittee or task force.	12.8%	165
Invite a speaker to my community, work, faith and/or neighborhood group gathering.	6.3%	81
Other	4.7%	61
<b>answered question</b>		<b>1,287</b>

**5. As part of the Project's engagement effort, the Committee will host "Tech Talks" to share information about the river, the river corridor, and the Project's planning process. Which of the following topics would be of most interest to you. (Mark all that apply.)**

<b>Answer Options</b>	<b>Response Percent</b>	<b>Response Count</b>
River Falls Dams and Hydros 201 (dam removal and alternatives to removal, hydro relicensing process)	63.3%	760
River Ecology 201 (fish, birds and animals)	62.4%	749
Corridor planning impact on recreation and tourism	62.3%	747
River Ecology 101 (sediment, hydrology, temperature, bio-chemistry)	54.2%	650
River Falls Dams and Hydros 101 (dam history, hydro power, renewable energy and future trends)	54.2%	645
Corridor planning impact on "Main Street" businesses and orientation to the river	53.8%	636
Corridor planning impact on corridor neighborhoods and private/public property in and beyond the City limits	39.7%	476
Corridor planning impact on City and regional economic development	36.3%	435
Other	2.5%	30
<b>answered question</b>		<b>1,200</b>

<b>8. What is your age?</b>		
<b>Answer Options</b>	<b>Response Percent</b>	<b>Response Count</b>
30-44	39.3%	476
45-59	26.5%	321
60-74	18.8%	228
18-29	13.2%	160
75+	2.0%	24
under 17	0.3%	3
<b><i>answered question</i></b>		<b>1,212</b>
<b>9. What is your gender identification?</b>		
<b>Answer Options</b>	<b>Response Percent</b>	<b>Response Count</b>
Male	55.6%	671
Female	44.4%	535
<b><i>answered question</i></b>		<b>1,206</b>

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**"Other" answers for #'s 1, 4, and 5**

1. Where do you live?
Afton on the MN/WI border
Bend, Oregon
Born and raised in RF. Dallas TX now.
Boston
Central WI, lived in RF for 5 years.
Chicago IL
Chicago, IL - grew up in RF and family is there
Colorado Springs, CO
Duluth, MN
East Farmington, WI
Ellsworth, RF native
Evanston, IL
Fisherman who wants to come fish on the free-flowing Kinni
Florida
Former resident who visits family and friends often in River Falls
Former Wisconsin and Minnesota resident. Michigan resident now.
From River Falls; now live in Twin Cities, but visit frequently
Grew up in River Falls and am there often (Menomonie right now)
Grew up in River Falls, live elsewhere now
Grew up in river falls, live in Madison now
Grew up in RF and have family there
Grew up in RF. Live out of town now.
Hartford, WI
Hudson, WI (5)
I actually live on the lake in RF.
I grew a couple blocks from the Kinni, just across the Lewis street from city hall, but now live in Colorado.
I grew up in MN, grandparents and other family in River Falls so there a lot, a lot of time on this river. Live in CA now
I grew up in RF one block off the Kinni.
I grew up in River Falls and live in California.
I grew up in River Falls but now live out west
I live in Minnesota, but am from River Falls and feel strongly.
I live in WI. I spent over 30 years of my life in RF.
I lived in River Falls from June 2014-June 2016
I used to live in Minneapolis and frequently paddled the Kinni. I now reside in Fairplay, CO.
Illinois but I am from RF
I'm from River Falls but now live in Colorado
Iowa, but I'm from RF.
Kenai Peninsula, AK
Louisville, Kentucky
Madison, WI (grew up in R.F.)
Menomonie, WI
Northern Wisconsin
Raleigh NC (2)
Rhode Island
Roberts, WI
Savannah, GA
Seattle, WA
Seattle, WA. Grew up in River Falls
Southern Cali, but born and raised in RF
Stillwater, MN
Student at UWRF
Used to live in RF now live in north WI
Virginia

Wichita, KS
Work in River Falls, live in Hudson
Wyoming but grew up in River Falls
<b>4. Community engagement is critical to the success of the Kinni Corridor Project. In which ways would you be most likely to engage with the Project? (Mark all that apply.)</b>
Actively engage conservation and fishing organizations in my area
As a Level 4, A.C.A. Certified Whitewater Kayaking Instructor -- participate in "flow studies"
Communicate with Anglers in MN AND Wisconsin re issues
Engage in conversation at every opportunity to support returning the falls to the Kinni.
Get updates from friends/family in River Falls
Great waters fly expo
How about a townhall Q&A where we can all ask questions and get answers in a public forum and engage in dialogue?
Hudson Daybreak Rotary would likely be a receptive audience for a speaker
I created a Facebook page "Friends of Lake George" with ideas and photos of a more beautiful Lake George
I could see myself volunteering in a citizen science project, or other ecological type project
I live on the Kinni (lower canyon)
I really would like to understand what the expenses are in keeping the old dam and fixing it, if that is an option. Plus the cost of taking the dam out. How much research has gone into taking the dam out and what impact it will have to
I would like to see what future ideas could look like, either with visualizations or models.
I'd love to see "Tech Talks" available online as well.
Input from local Trout Unlimited chapter
Interested in design planning workshop, but not sure I have skills necessary to contribute
It would be helpful to have it outlined on a couple "officially update sites" , detailing the the goal, and reasons.
Kiap-tu-wish newsletters and meetings where the status of Kinni Corridor Project is discussed.
Kiap-tu-wish RipRap or website
My interaction would have to be remote due to where I live.
None- mail it if you really care
Not sure if my skill set would be useful
Participate as family members see fit
Print/digital
Provide free music for the cause of improving health of river
Provide input re river health.
Put up a "Free the Kinni" sign
River Falls Journal (19)
Relatives & friends who live in River Falls. is the community in favor of this project or is it a small minority of
Share news about Kinni on social media
Share info about the progress with family and friends.
Social media groups
Speak to groups
Support TU to represent my views and concerns
Talk with other people about the project and get different views.
Through Trout Unlimited Kiap-TU-Wish Chapter
University Kinni Consortium Research
Via Midwestern Kayaking sites I frequently read
Volunteer (2)
Webcast or video of project meetings
What the expenses are in keeping the old dam and fixing it, if that is an option? Plus the cost of taking the dam out.?
How much research has gone into taking the dam out and what impact it will have to animals and environment?
Work on the finance plan
Write letters of support for removal and restoration.
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Against
Corridor - planning impact on ecology of river, biodiversity, etc.

Cost
Cost implications
Cost of damn removal
Do they plan to run the falls with the kayaks?
Environment impact, forming an urban green space, protecting non game wildlife and the trout stream.
I am a geophysicist/geologist. Go Kinni!
I don't believe your going to change anyones mind. They are either on one side or the other. The two year study... is just wasting time and money.
I love the kinni, and it is such a wonderful natural habitat and it is important fo me to preserve it as naturally as possible
If available to watch online
Impact of recreational opportunities
Impact on farms and property owners outside the City limits
It all seems like a waste of time and money
Land conservation
More information on renewable energy
None of the above
Planning vis-a-vis wildlife habitat
Really all of the above are important and necessary to be well rounded on the issues at hand
Reducing boater/wade-fishing conflict with no-floating days
River Falls river ecology history - "original" route/s, local native plant, animal, fish species, including which are no longer present and why not, what the original species have been replaced with and why, etc.
See Cole or Nancy at library; park ranger at Willow R. St. Pk. can give presentation on we removed the dam and this is
Seeing the removal of the dam
Taxes (3)
Understand specific costs (current & future (5,10 yr) required to keep the dams operating & producing electric power. Open book accounting is there a vision for the dams 5-10-15 yrs out
Will attend as many as possible

**Kinni Corridor Project Survey Comments**

From: online survey (Dec. 2016-Jan. 2017)

**If you could change one thing about the river or surrounding area, what would it be?**

<b>Free flowing Kinni</b>
Get rid of the dam. The water in lake George is disgusting and heats up the river water. There's no reason for it to be there.
Remove the dams. Free the Kinnicknic.
We would like to see the dams removed given that the energy produced from the dams is limited. In doing so, we hope that the city has a feasible plan to develop the land under Lake George and to incorporate a city park, nature trails, kayak entrance and benches.
I would remove the dam in river falls.
Remove the dams and restore the river to a natural free-flowing condition.
Let it flow it's a great trout fishing river
Returning the river to its free-flowing state through the city.
Remove the dams.
Get the falls back in River Falls!
Get the stagnant river flowing through town
Remove the dam to increase fishing habitat and fishing opportunities.
Removel of the dams.
remove dams and
The dam
Dam removal restoring natural flow.
Back to natural state
Get rid of the dams.
If possible, take out the dams to make the river more natural and peaceful.
Restore the Kinni via dam removal!
Remove dams and no more building near the river
Remove the dams
Remove the dam
I think I'd remove the dams.
Remove the dams.
Get rid of the dam so the river can flow all the way through.
Remove the dam
Remove dam
I am in favor of removing the dams. Lake George is stagnant, & to me an unappealing site much of the time. To let the water flow again would bring "life" & beauty to our downtown area as well as benefit the Kinni River as a whole. I think it would provide such a wonderful, interesting, recreational & relaxing environment for people of all ages in River Falls.
Maybe take out upper Dam? I am concerned about the impact on taxes and where funding would come from
Remove the dams.
Take out the dams
Remove dams?
Removing the dams and creating a natural corridor and cleaning up at the lakes
Dam removal - restore cold water supply and re-establish falls of Kinnickinnic
Take out the dam
Get rid of the dam...
I'd like to see it without the dam.
Removal of the dam. I would visit this place and run the river significantly more if there was actually a falls to kayak, instead of the dam.
get rud of dam.
Remove the dam. []
Remove the dam and get the river flowing again.
Restore the river by taking out the dams and make more open space and trails along the corridor.
Get rid of the dams.
Remove the damn dam.
dam removal.[]
Take the dams out - let the Kinni be cold, clean & clear
Remove the dams (both) and restore the river through the downtown & Glenn Park areas.
Remove both of the dams & restore the natural slow of the river.
Remove the dams
Remove the dams & return the river to a natural flow state.
I would love to see the dam removed. The lakes add no significant value.

Remove the dam
Remove the dams
remove the dam
Remove the dam
Free the river to return to natural flow, managed within city corridor to optimize recreation balanced with natural area
Remove the damsRestore the river
I would remove the dams
I would remove the dams
Remove dams
Utilize its resources to the full extent by dam removal
Remove the dams, clean up the water.
Remove dams
Restoration of the Kinni through dam removal. Decommissioning of the hydroelectric facility & complete restoration = dam removal. I strongly support the surrender of our current Federal Energy Regulatory Commission dam license.
Remove dam.
Removal of the dams
Return the river to it's pre-dam days
Fare the river
I would seek to remove the dams, restore the rapids & plant a visual barrier to the WWTP.
Take out the dams and let the river flow free as nature intended - let the dirty impound vents go - uncover the falls - the falls & the Kinni are the heartbeat of our community and we need to protect & preserve!
Dam removal
Remove the dams
Remove the dams
Bringing back natural state
Dam removal
Remove the dams & put walkways & retention ponds in the old lake area.
Remove the dams, free the river, improve the river, bring positive economic impact to the city.
Remove dams
Remove the dams
Remove the dams
Remove the dams!
Remove the dam
Remove the dams
Remove the dam thing
Dam removal
Remove dams
Take the dam out. Let it flow (the river)
Remove both dams and consider the Lake George ponds or other solutions to address thermal pollution
I'm 100 % in favor of dam removal and natural restoration of the surrounding areas. :)
It is definitely the removal of both dams to protect the lower Kinni from the extremes of temperature swings in summer and winter
Make it free - let the falls be natural
Probably remove the dams - restore natural flow
Remove both damsRestore our beautiful river
Remove dams
Restore the river (Kinni) to natural conditions.
Remove the dam
Remove the dams
That it be restored to a natural state and be clean and flowing.
Removing the dam.
Remove the dams and restore the river's natural course as best as possible.
Bring the river back to its natural beauty.
Remove the dam
Remove the dam. Bring back the falls.
Take out the dam and let the river flow naturally.
Get rid of the dam.
Remove the damn and allow Lake George and Lake Louise to drain.
Keep the river wild and free. Remove the dam.
Remove the dam to have the falls again
Remove the dam.

Remove the dam
Removal of the two city hydropower impoundments and restoration of a mile of trout stream.
Remove the dam....and return the falls to River Falls
Remove dam
Remove dam and make usable park.
Return the Kinni to a free flowing river.
remove the dam in river falls
Remove the dams
Remove the dam
Remove the dams.
Remove the dams
Removal of the dams.
Restore a free-flowing river
continuous river with continuous pathways
remove the dam.
I would like to see the original falls.
remove the dams
Remove the dams
No dams
Restore the river through removal of the hydro dams with revelation of the native falls and river landscape.
Get rid of the dam
take down the dams, fix the river through town so that it actually is a river again!
Remove the dam and restore the river to natural state
Remove Dams
Get rid of the dam
Remove the dams
Remove the dam in order to decrease water temps.
Removal of both dams and the "lakes" they create
remove both dams
remove the dam
Remove the dams.
remove the dam
Dam removal
REMOVE THE DAM!
Make it a natural river once again.
Dam removal to return the river to its original and natural state.
Remove the dam and restore the river/falls.
Remove the dam
Lose the dams
Get rid of the dam
Remove the damn
Remove the dam.
Put the falls back, restore the kinni by taking out the dam
Have the Kinni be returned to its pre-dam natural flow.
I would remove the damn.
Remove the dam
Restore the waterfall and free-flowing water, the lakes right now are gross
Restore the entire river by taking out the dam.
Remove the dam.
Get rid of the aging dams that are warming water temps, are an impeding expense and provide very little benefit to the community
Removal of dams in the City of River Falls
Remove the dam
remove the dam
Restore the river to its natural course within River Falls
Remove Dams to improve water quality of lower Kinnickinnic river.
do both dams count as one thing? remove them.
Access to the river below dam
I will leave this to others who live there currently. But, a free flowing river can be a great thing to a community.

In all my reading, dam removal seems like a win-win for the city and the river so I'd love to see that happen.
remove the dams
Get rid of that damn dam! Let the river flow freely again so the fish and other aquatic life can move up and down the entire reach of the watershed unimpeded.
Remove the dams in River Falls...IF it can be done without harming the river.
Take out the dams to restore the natural falls.
removal of dams
Would be nice to remove the dam.
Remove the dam
bring free-flowing river back to its former self
Remove 2 dsms
remove the dam in the Glen Park area and return the Kinni to a more natural flow pattern and setting
Remove dam
Dam removal
Take out the dam
Remove the dam
Remove the dams.
removal of the dam
Return the entire river to it's natural state and protect it fiercely. This could be so much better without those pointless old dams.
remove the damn so the falls could be a feature
I'd get rid of the dams.
Take out the River Falls Dam
Get rid of the dam.
Would like to see the dam removed.
TAKE OUT HYDRO DAMS
Dam removal
have the natural river by removing dams
Removing the dam.
haul those dams out of there.
As a hydrologist, dam removal to restore natural falls and allow for native fish passage is critical.
I would like to remove the dams.
Remove the dam.
Restore full ecological function the area by allowing natural flow of the river.
Remove the dams to restore the natural river
I would like to see the falls again, fish through town, and enjoy a recreational corridor featuring the free-flowing river rather than two skunks impoundments.
Remove the dam.
Remove dam so that free flowing water can be used recreationally and for aesthetic beauty.
Remove the dam
Take out the dams
Remove dams
Remove the dams in River Falls and restore the rive to its nature state.
Remove the dams
Dam removal to restore natural river bed.
Removing the dams!
Remove the dam. It would be amazing to have waterfalls in river falls again. The dam is hurting the river and not producing enough electricity to be worth keeping.
I would love to see the falls restored
dam removal
remove the dams
take the dam down. Better for economic development, tourism and the environment.
Removing the dam to expose more of the falls
Remove the dam
Remove the Dams
I would like to see a restored falls with a pool riffle system through down town.
Remove the dam
I would remove the dam and restore the falls.
Get rid of the dam
Clearly it would be removing the existing dams to promote the health of the Kinni,
Removing the dams
Remove the dams and restore natural waterway.

Remove the dam and bring the falls back!
Maybe open the dam, need to know more.
A flowing river and falls through town would be beautiful
Take out the dam so there's a FALLS in River FALLS again!
I would like to see the dams removed.
Remove the dam.
Remove the dam. Restore the surrounding area to a park and nature state.
Remove the dam
A free-flowing river so we have "River Falls" again!
After checking out the hydros (and being very impressed by this old equipment still chugging along quite serviceably), I still feel that there is much more value to be had by removing the dams, restoring the river and the falls, and reclaiming a bunch of beautiful wetland/parkland in the heart of the city. What an opportunity!
get rid of th damn and clear out a lot of the fallen trees and debris
Take out the dam
I love the idea of restoring the falls. After looking at pictures, they were beautiful!
Restore it by taking out the dams.
Remove the dams.
remove the dam
remove the dams
get rid of the dams
It's time we remove the dam and restore the natural habitat of the river.
Remove the dams
Remove the dams.
Remove the dam
Remove the dam
Free the falls
Remove the dams
Get rid of the Dam.
Free the Kinni
Take out the dams and let the river return to nature
Get rid of the dams
Remove the dam
Get rid of dams
Take out dam
Remove dam. Improve usability of surrounding land.
I would like to see both dams gone in the next 2-3 years. Give it back to the animals so we can enjoy it even more.!
Take out the dam
Remove the Dams
Remove the dam and Lake George: make it a river again.
Remove the dam and restore the river to it's original state.
Remove the dams to reduce warming.
Remove dams
Dam removal
Remove the dam
Remove the dam and restore the site.
Remove dams
take out the dams
Remove the dams
Get rid of the dams to make it a free flowing river.
Tear out the dam. It just doesn't make sense anymore.
Remove dams.
Removal of the dam
Free the Kinni, so St Anthony Falls can be restored next.
Remove the dam and bring it back to it's natural state
Dam removal.
get rid of the dams
Remove dams for fresh flowing clean water.
Remove Dams
I would like to see the dams gone and the city embrace the river. The status quo given the condition of the impoundments equals a neglect of the resource in town.

Remove dams
Dam removal
remove dams to improve water quality / temperature downstream
I would like the falls back
Remove the dams to reveal the natural beauty and ecosystem of the falls.
Remove the Dam
Bring down the damn
Remove the dams
See the river without dams
The Dam
Dam removal to cool the lower river and make it less turbid. I've spent many days fishing the Kinni for the past 20 years. Because of the shallow reservoirs the lower river gets pretty warm in the summer. It's common to see temps in the upper 60's, even 70 degrees. This is bad for the trout. Fishing can be tough on a summer day, because the fish are stressed due to the water temps. Also the lower river has always had a certain level of turbidity even when the water level is low. This is due all the sediment that comes out of the reservoirs. These are some things that would improve with dam removal.
Remove the dams and make the river's surrounding lands more accessible and recreation friendly, especially within the town of RF- but NOT compromise the wildness of the river itself - if that makes sense.
Remove the dams.
Return the river to its natural state by removing the dams.
Remove damLimit kayakers on river
Remove the two dams
Get rid of the dams.
Remove the dam
Remove the dams
Restore the natural flow of the river, by removing the dams.
Remove the dam to restore the falls the city was named for.
Removing both dams.
Removal of the dams, and more restoration work done for trout habitat
remove the dams, a free flowing river would be better for trout, the environment, and the downtown because more people would be attracted to it
Remove the dams
Better aesthetics (view) of the way the river was meant to be without the dams.
Remove the dam.
Elimination of the dam
Dam removal
remove the dams - drain the impoundments and return the river to it's natural river bed and uncover the falls.
Remove the dam
bring back the falls
Take out dams
Remove the dams and build surrounding parkland (including ponds to collect and perk city storm water runoff).
Remove the dams
Remove the dams and build new trails to allow for easier through river trips, and the ability to stop, store boats and take lunch down town river falls then get back on the river. Also better signage and Milage markers.
Remove the Dam. The stagnant water through the "lakes" in town is just gross.
Removal of the dams
To remove the dams.
Remove the dams.
Remove the dams
remove dams
The dam
Removing the dam
Remove the dam
Remove dam
Restore the natural falls
Returning them to a more natural state, i.e. Removing the dams.
Remove the dams
Restore Kinni to original. Take down the Dam.
Removing the dam to keep the river cold and better for trout and other wildlife.
I would remove the dam and intercept and clean stormwater runoff before reintroducing it to the river.
Remove the dams.
Remove the dams
Take out the Kinni dam.
Remove the dams!

"Let the river flow!!" from the wonderful song by _____ Take out the dams, restore the river, and eliminate long term liability and costs to the taxpayers of maintaining the dams.
Free the kinni from the dams.
Take the dams out.
return the river to a free flowing state
Not have the dam.
The damn. It should be a falls again
Dam removal.
Uncover the falls (if it doesn't cause too much damage to the river or the surrounding community)
Remove dam and reveal the natural falls.
Remove the dams.
Remove the dam.
Break the DAMS! Release the RIVER! During the 1800's cities turned their backs on rivers. Relegating the water to alleyways and sewer systems. Now we must return to the rivers, and allow the community to more actively interact with the Kinni.
Remove the dam.
To have the water flow natural
Remove stagnant water within the city (dams).
Take down the dam.
Remove the dam
Dam removal
Restore the natural river flow
Remove the dam
Get rid of the dams.
Removal of the dam
Remove the dams and restore the falls
Remove the dam or at least make other efforts to return the portion of the Kinni that flows through town to a more natural state.
I am fairly new to the area but I would love to see the Falls without the dam.
Make it more natural.
Restore the falls
If I could change one thing, I would like to see the city remove the dams. There are better more profitable energy sources and I don't want my tax payer dollars to go toward relicensing and dam maintenance costs.
I'd remove the dam and permanently protect the river corridor as a natural place with a primitive hiking trail from River Falls to the state park.
Remove the dams
The removal of the dams and restoration of the falls; it would cool the river, reduce sediment and improve fishing and recreation.
Remove the Dams.
remove the dams and build a park downtown with hike trails to attract tourist to downtown and restrict kayak floats
Bring the "falls" back to River Falls.
Id remove the awful hydroelectric dam under the winter street bridge
Take out both damn's in the City of River Falls
It would be great to see the falls again
Dam removal
I would be very interested in seeing the outcome of the possible removal of the dam, and likely in canoeing it.
Remove the dam so the falls are in their natural state.
Take the dams down
Remove the dam, returning the natural flow of water and sediment.
Remove the dams and let the river flow naturally.
Remove the dams and, restore the falls and natural flow of the river
Remove the dams, restore the river.
Get rid of the dams
Remove dams
Don't have a dam if the power plant isn't making power
Remove the Dams
Return the falls, please.
remove the damns
Remove the two dams. Restore historic oak savanna and Prairie around the river
Bring it back to its natural state
I would very much like to see the dams removed. The lakes are gross and the dams don't generate enough power to justify keeping them around. I think restoring the river to its free flowing state would make the entire area more beautiful and natural.
Removing the dams and letting the river take back its natural character. Those sesspool "lakes" need to go. Rivers are meant to freely flow
Remove the dam

Restore the river by taking out the dams.
<b>Keep the dams</b>
Keep the dams! Keep the waterfowl
Promote the south fork falls more. Keep the dams
<b>Development</b>
restrict development
too much development in River Falls over last few years, affecting the stream. Housing and Industrial in areas that used to be very wild. More development creates more demands on the stream, recreation, water quality, etc.
Too much development too close to the river.
Probably ignorance on my part, but I would carefully regulate the addition of impervious surfaces relating to development along the Hudson-River Falls Hwy 35 corridor - ignorance in that this may already be happening
Fewer rental properties that aren't maintained and whose owners or property managers (and occupants, mostly college students) have little to ZERO care for what trash resides on the banks and in the depths of the river. When are we going to say something about this? What a shame!
Ease up on some building restraints as long as it is done in an ECO friendly manner.
Limit development adjacent to the river
Limit development of surrounding area too lessen impact/pollution of the river. Allow the kinni to flow naturally with limited human manipulation. Everything possible should be done to keep this river as clean as possible.
<b>Leave as is</b>
Leave it the way it is
No changes.
Nothing
Leave the river the way it is.
Nothing, why fix something that isn't broke
Nothing
Put the power plant back to work with a new high efficiency turbine and make renewable power!
Nothing
Nothing I grew up with it the way it is and so has my daughter
Leave it the exact way it is..
none
Nothing other than keeping it the way it is!
Leave it as is.
I wouldn't change anything, I think what we have now has been fabulous for our City and has specifically brought people here to explore what we have to offer.
Nothing
Nothing, humans have done enough damage. Walk away. Main street was built around the lake. Take the lake away and humans screwed up twice. Put tax money towards buy land to preserve nature. Rather then spending money to remove whats been done no make energy and once given people jobs.
That well meaning people would leave it alone.
Nothing, I like it the way it is
Nothing
I wouldn't change a thing.
nothing like as is
<b>Paths and trails</b>
More trails, easier access
Expand trails and clean up brush and improve access. Do the attention to detail things that are a minimal cost and have the most immediate impact.
More bike paths and areas to launch canoe/kayaks.
Remove the ugly power station now that it is no longer in use.
Better walking paths
More biking or walking paths
The park and trails around the river used to be horseback riding friendly. I would love to see that again.
Enhance trails, etc.
More trails
I really like the current size and look of the river, but if it has to change it would be nice to have some more walking paths on both sides of the river
Make a more accessible and connected trail system.
A Riverwalk that extends the White pathway.
extending pathways for walking paths-
More trails along route
Extend the hiking and biking paths, add signage, provide trash receptacles/pick up
Easier access to trails

Remove dam and create a larger interconnected trail system throughout the city and surrounding townships.
I'd add more space for walking/running/riding bikes/ roller skating, etc.
Have a walking trail all around and next to it.
Clear brush, extend trails
More walking paths
Additional trails along the river for hiking and biking.
Have a walkway along the river downtown esp. by the ugly grocery store.
I lived in a community similar to River Falls (Decorah IA) Midwest college town with river running through it. There were many ways to walk/bike along river & a 12 mile bike trail. In River Falls, the white pathway only goes so far. I would like it to connect to the southeast side of river-to Foster Prairie and have a way to cross from Foster Prairie to Glen Park.
More paths. Open up to more walking along river and use of the Kinni for picnicking, hiking, snow shoeing.
Hiking areas not the driving loading areas as is now there.
Hiking & biking trails that connect in a coherent way.
Bike/walking trails in some areas, leave some areas natural.
More walking paths along river
Increase the trails - mileage, accessibility
More footpath access to river esp downtown
Make areas in the city more accessible w/walking paths
Grow pathway system to connect areas of River Falls using land along the corridor and river for bikers/walkers to bypass built-up areas unfriendly to biking/walking, not just for recreational use, but also for transport.
More trails
Better pathways for hiking
Have access via trails N to S ends
Biking/hiking trails more continuous
More groomed walking/biking paths
I would like to have a much longer path along the Kinni. A downtown river-walk would be excellent!
A more permanent bridge crossing the Rocky Branch near the intersection of the Rocky Branch and the Kinni.
Expand trails.
More recreational trails north of town
More preservation of the trails by swinging bridge
Provide a river trail.
Hiking path Glen Park to F
More walkways along the river.
more usable space, like the White Pathway
Add more trails and access.
The walking paths along the river are not scenic. Nor is the river just upstream of the dam - logs sticking out, etc.
add a couple walking bridges upstream from downtown.
More bike paths
walking paths on both sides of the river
Less street lights on the "wooded" pathway.
More walkways around downtown section of River.
More hiking trail access to the river or trails within the surrounding area
more accessible hiking trails near the falls
Encourage more hiking around the river
More walking and running trails, because River Dr. is dangerous for pedestrians.
More dirt trails focused on multi use capability. Mountain biking and trail running:hiking in summer. Skiing and fat biking on winter.
Have a path on both sides of Lake George
More paths for walking.
More trails for walking by the river.
more trails
More trails
more trails
The power plant and dam make it difficult to enjoy both the upper and lower sections of the river with young children and biking. One seamless trail system and larger green space with more seating and outdoor family space on both sides of the winter street bridge would be awesome!
Clean up trash, and trails. Also love the look of the natural limestone surrounding the bluffs on trail. Found trash in these areas previously.
More public trails
Make continuous path for walkers and bike riders
More ADA accessible trails
The path to get down to the river by Glen Park is dangerous and not accessible to many people (physically disabled or elderly).
build out riverside trails and walkways through the downtown area.

More pedestrian friendly corridors - along the Kinni as well as throughout the city
Walking paths up steam from maple street bridge
More walking paths
More/Safer access to walking trails along the river
Trails along river
More paths.
More untouched natural areas, with rugged hiking trails.
Add more walking patbs
More trails
More walking and hiking paths.
More trails for walking
Utilize the river by making walking paths and bike paths along the river.
Widen the white pathway just a bit, add more lighting
have a path on the east side of the Kinni in town, opposite the White Pathway.
More light on the bike trails
<b>Parks/Recreation/Natural Space</b>
Develop a camping area with direct access to the river. Maybe Use part of Glen Park.
more parks.
Work to preserve & enhance outdoor recreational activities in the area (canoeing/kayaking, birding, fishing, hiking, biking)
Increase the amount of space that is managed as a protected park/natural area with minimal human impacts (including dam removal and removal of vandalism/littering and invasive species infestations).
I'd like more natural spaces to interact with the river. I like having all the parks, walkways, etc. I'd like to see more.
Extending the state park from county F to to Glenn Park
Can we get the old Mill Dam put back in place? It made such as beautiful rec area.
Maybe tent camping area(s).
More park space and trails around the river.
Make it more attractive and park like
Having a large park near the river
<b>Cleanup/preservation/removal</b>
Cleaner river banks
Cleanup the lake area and improve walkways and commercial areas to accentuate this great resource.
Less trash.
Remove dam and work with land owners toward a cleaner watershed
Reduce agricultural run off
Stop altering the banks in the upper area. By removing the trees and bushes it seems to me that you are changing the water temp and fish habitat.
Get rid of that ugly yard waste dump, there is no reason to have that in the middle of town along our river.
The location of the compost pile by the bus garage because it is the #1 contributor of excess heat seeping into the river because of its extremely close proximity. Compost piles produce TONS of heat and that heat can negatively affect the river by creating an environment for bacteria to flourish and an unfavorable water temperature for trout.
Cleaner
Cleanliness
Cleaner
Simple PR and education about the river for the students going to school around the Kinni, and residents living in its watershed about the importance of conservation and keeping it clean.
I would like to see more native plant species and the removal of invasive species become a priority.
More runoff reduction programs
Down trees on the river and garbage.
Get rid of the waste dump, it could be anywhere but right in the middle of town next to the Kinni and spring pond, turn that area into a nice car-camping area and accessible parking for river access on level ground. Clean up those trails down there. And take out the dams.
Besides remove the dam, I would love to clean up the alleyway behind the businesses that affect the river, notable those along main street west side.
Move the yard waste dump to a better site that isn't right in the middle of the City, and take out the dams to restore the waterfall!
Control the tree and vegetation obstructing the views
Better health of the river
Reduce the entry of nutrients into the river-in the entire watershed.
Get rid of the algae
Less trash
river restoration
I think the downtown area should focus on restoring & preserving the natural beauty & recreational opportunities that the Kinni holds.
Remove eyesores (old bridge supports, etc.)

Restore the portion of the river thru town. Plant drained areas with native vegetation.
Return the fauna to pre-settlement plant populations.
Work to preserve & enhance the area's ecological state.
Retention Basins to collect runoff. Use The high walls of the basins for trails and pavilions.
remove invasive species
Clean up the river and plan to keep it clean!
Get rid of the buckthorn and other over growth.
Flow of runoff into the Kinni from city streets which includes the South Fork and Rocky Branch.
Eliminate or significantly reduce runoff from poor farming and poor soil use practices, pesticide pollution to both the tributaries and river itself. Additionally, protect the tributaries of the river.
implement the settling ponds idea discussed over 10 yrs. ago.
More river clean up...Including a total clean up of lake George...
Clean it up.
Get rid of the concrete and other manmade things
remove sediment at mouth of Kinni river connected to St Croix river.
Clean up around the Kinni
make it more wild in certian area's
Clean up along main Street
Cleaner
Clean it up - especially Lake George
Less pollution going into it.
The amount of trash dumped.
Protection of water quality
To have it be cleaned up, exposed, and be the centerpiece of the town that's named after it's stolen beauty. Let's utilize this amazing natural feature and make RF a destination for more young professionals like myself.
Clean up lake behind Family Fresh.
do not allow people to fertilize lawns within 10 miles of the river. Most people use the same amount of fertilizer on lawns as farmers for a 10 acre field. Lots of it runs of into streams , rivers and lakes
Keep it pristine.
Cleanliness
Keeping it clean
Keep it as natural and environmentally balanced as possible.
Within the City, community clean up days. Neighbors and citizens would get together to keep the banks of the Kinni clean and free of garbage.
With increased canoe/ kayak activity I would be nice to have trash receptacles located near the bike trail on the lower damn. Over last few years I have noticed an increase in beer cans and other garbage from the kayakers. I would be more likely to help pick up garbage and trash if there was somewhere to dump it instead of pack it all the way out
Beautification
Need to kept the river clean
Clean all the brush and some trees so you can see the river and put walking trails..picnic area.. playground..etc
It would be nice if trees which have fallen across the river in some spots could be removed.
Too much brush along the river. It's hard to get to the waters edge during the summer months. If the dams are removed make it easy to walk next to the river.
I would like to see the water cleaner. I know that is beyond the scope of this project but that is what I would like to see.
Stabilize, remove, or control sediments in the impoundments.
pollution
Clear out some areas of brush to make the river more visible. People visit town, and even live here, and never even know where it is!
Clean up the water...right now the water is so full of muck and bird/duck poop you can't use it
Clean it up and add trail signage.
Continue public efforts to preserve shorelines. Have as little private ownership as possible.
The stagnant, murky water above the damn is an eyesore and smells poorly.
Reduce algae & silt above the dams
<b>River Access</b>
Easier access at the dam entryway
access
Better river access for fishing by Senior Citizens.
More access points
More fishing access
More access points to the river
I'd make it more accessible in the northern part of town. It's there, but no one sees it.From the Division Street bridge toward Shopko, it's like it doesn't exist.
More access points and looping trail connections
More accessibility for parking (closer) and better trails leading to river
Easier accessibility

Better visibility
Improve accessibility
Easier access to river.
More access points at the St. Croix that aren't on state Park land.
To make it more visible.
Easier access to the river
The low water areas as well as access to the water near glen park
Have better access in town to the river - don't have an alley next to it.
Make it more visible to the town of River Falls
I like the lakes. Maybe look at ways to make them more accessible.
Easier access.
more public access within the city limits
More access
Better access to the river
More access points to the river
Improved access from R.F. to Cty Hwy F - Push for no till drill commitments. Oh, and remove the dams!
Add accessible pathways/viewpoints in/around Veteran's Park to Falls Street bridge area.
Having more public access for hiking & biking.
Make it more accessible
The river needs to be easier to access, not just to look at but to really interact.
improve water access points
Better parking at accesses
Parking access /More availability
more access and easier access for all ages
Provide more access points and parking.
Increase accessibility.
More access to entirety of the river through the city by sidewalks and paths, lit and maintained
Create a river access point in downtown: I love outdoor meditation with the sounds of a free-flowing river, birdsong, and rustling leaves... (remove the dams!)
More public access points--should be historic, social center
Accessibility to engage with the water in the river. Wading pool, natural swimming area, etc...
More convenient access to the river bank
Easier access to fishing holes
More public land and public access and less development. Keep it wild and keep it public!
More access
Make it more wild and accessible in the city.
Better access below city of River Falls...there's only a couple spots below the city with public access.
More developed access to lower River
More access
create more public space.
More access to the lower kinni
Increased access and visibility of the river.
More water access with no dams.
I don't fish but I understand it's a very highly rated trout stream. Improve the accesability to non-fishing by creating a park and walkways in the lake George area.
Increase access
Make the Kinni more accessible and visible to the public.
More public access between river falls and hudson
How will the City make it easier to get down below to actually experience the falls? It is not an easy trek for most people currently.
Not have to pay to park for river access.
Be able to enjoy the falls (the small one below the Swinging Bridge is nice, just so small, especially when there are lots of people.
Make it easier to get down to the river in Glen Park. It is either a very long walk or a very steep hill up and down. I no longer can do either. I have to go on the swinging bridge to enjoy the Kinni.
Better access to larger parts of the river
accessible to all.
Better river access..
<b>Access to downtown/focal point</b>
Develop River "Walkway" into a shopping area. Limit traffic, minimize dumpster visibility, improve walking accessibility. Simply put: Make it a pleasant area to walk and shop!
I would make the river more of a center point of this town. So many surrounding communities that focus on using the river and all it has to offer provides more opportunities for better businesses to join the community.
Make it more of a focal point for the town

Appearance of river and river bank in downtown
You can barely see the river while in town. Have you been to Waukesha? They really know how to have a River Walk!
Include a "river facing" aspect to Main Street business; encourage development to Main Street beyond the current "yard sales and Bars" that it has become.
have the river part of the main street and businesses
Make the river the center attraction for residents and visitors.
Make river more part of downtown, more attractive. Now too many parking lots, back alleys. Look at Waukesha and what that looks like!
Utilize the river as more of a focal point for downtown businesses and tourism.
We should have more than just one little area with a walkway next to the river in the downtown area. We have a beautiful river running through our town and we continue to ignore it. For instance, instead of making more access with restaurants and shops by the river, a big parking lot was put in (the old econo foods). I have visited and lived in other towns that have water near them and they utilize them and it is absolutely beautiful. This brings in people to walk the pathways and dine near water.
It would be great to have the downtown utilize the river as more than an alleyway.
Change the mainstreet are to highlight the river rather than hide it behind the buildings.
Plan to use it to attract businesses that could be successful in the downtown area. We have too many bars and people my age go elsewhere to enjoy a river in a social setting.
I would make the river banks more inviting for walkers, especially on the side by the businesses. I would also make this side more attractive, yet retaining the integrity of the river.
Make the river more accessible in downtown area.
More access from Main Street.
Rotate buildings on w main st 180 degreesmm
Shift RF businesses to face the river and make the river a focal point of town.[]
More access, more restaurants on the river, and better usage of the river overall.
Better interaction with the downtown. It feels as if we have our back to it.
Take advantage of the river. It is as though downtown turned its back to the Kinni. I agree with the new bike path extension but if the dam goes away will the lake be the same size?
it would be nice to have businesses by the river.
Have more storefronts/restaurants facing the river - no parking lots next to it. Be able to see it more from Main Street. (Ex: wakesha, wo uses their river beautifully)
More ways to interact with the river, especially appreciating it from main street. River Falls is the "city on the kinni" but the planning makes it more like the "city that turns its back on the kinni." Make the water more visible to drive tourism and economic development, all sparking conservation and environmental sentiments from residents and visitors to respect and preserve the landscape.
Should be more of a focal point for the downtown.
Open up Main St. to the river and get via at the dam
"Uncover" more of the real Kinni; orient Main Street buildings to capitalize on the beautiful river. This effort's success of course would be predicated on the free-flowing river. The current stagnant area above the dam is a turnoff.
Clean up downtown area along the Kinni.
We need to clean up the area, make it an asset with a restaurant overlooking it.
I would increase opportunities for access (easy) in or near downtown
Remove bins from behind Family Fresh.
More green space near downtown
Make the section of the Kinni behind Main Street healthier and restore the original riverbed/rock.
Make some areas not wild - but have some businesses face the lake, i.e. Family Fresh - there is opportunity to enjoy the wild area without impacting the wildlife.
To use the river as more of a focal point of downtown. Right now, the backs of the businesses are facing the river - which is the wrong way!
Encourage businesses on the W. side of Main St. to use and utilize their frontage.
Clean up ugliness of structures backing up to river - turn it around
Develop a "river walk" on alley on main street
Re-orient Main Street to face & embrace the river's presence
Create better access and focus on the downtown's orientation towards the river. This is the most vital resource in the community, and the downtown should capitalize on it.
Try to build local businesses around interacting with the river, i.e. restaurants with patios by the river.
enhance the river walk
More of a focal point to downtown
It's really ugly on the downtown side (near Family Fresh) and it would be nice if businesses along the river could help maintain the area or at least not contribute to the problem (i.e. Disgusting dumpsters visible from the white path)
Main Street blocks the river and I worry about the run off polluting the river. If the alleys in back we made to be more pedestrian friendly it could would be nice.
More views from Main Street.
to be a bigger part of downtown
Utilize river behind main street and near Bowens garage. Parks, patios, restaurants, events.
The downtown that abuts the river is so ugly & should be improved to make it useful, both economically and for enjoyment by our corpses citizens.
Alley converted into a partial pedestrian mall on the Riverwalk end to the walking bridge with more shopping and outdoor dining. String lights above the street to create ambiance
Another thing - much of the downtown area and businesses ignore the river - recent years have shown improvements in the downtown area not only acknowledging but also incorporating the river into the design of the downtown spaces but continue efforts on that.
Access/orientation to main street
Increase exposure by improving orientation of buildings along its course in the city.
Allow coffee shops, businesses, etc to have visual access while protecting the river.
Feature the River as a backdrop to RF activities, festivals,stores and Resturants.
Utilize views of the river along it's run through the city. Only Lazy River, the new room in the Antique Mall and the small shops on Riverwalk do at present.

Have it a more visible part of downtown, that is if it is a flowing river again and not lake George.
have the downtown take advantage of the beauty of the river, instead of alley facing the river.
I believe that River falls would benefit from utilizing the beauty of the river and Riverwalk for more than just trash bins and delivery docs. I.e. Cafe and restaurants with decs that overlook the river. Similar to Hudson and Stillwater.
It would be nice if one could dine on Main Street and see the beautiful view the river provides.
Revitalization of the river corridor through the City of River Falls--make it a focal point and not turn the main street back on this resource.
More places to eat
Complimentary businesses for walkers, bikers, etc - destinations for food, drink, snack. With character and/or quality that will attract. Or, destination restaurants, with a walk along the Kinnickinnic for after dinner relaxation.
Developed south side of river clean out brush close alley to auto traffic make it a pedestrian walk area and develope restaurants and businesses on the walk way
I am absolutely for protecting the rivets ecological systems and preserving its beauty.... that being said- it'd be neat to have a bar patio over looking or something.... versus scuzzy dumpster alley that currently borders the kinni downtown, and the crime laden parking lot on the other side. (My car was vandalized and broken into several times while parked there over the two years I lived above main street. Revamping "bums park" was a great idea... But the scumballs just moved across the river where the cars are plentiful and the lighting is poor. Not to mention an easy escape route down the white pathway. Sorry. ) The kinni is the most spectacular part of river falls, and is right down town... But it's hidden on the backsides of businesses where parking lots crumble and seedy people gather. Main street has gotten all the attention, and rf has done a great job with it. I say let's carefully, thoughtfully, mindfully, safely, show off our river a bit!
More access downtown
Open up the backside of the main street business district.
focus main street river falls businesses to feature and promote that they are on the river, promote the river while promoting the city.
Beautify/upgrade the shoreline in the city limits. We have a beautiful river but it is hidden and/or not taken advantage of by the downtown businesses. Most visitors don't have any idea where it is! It is so under utilized! The river could be at the heart of economic development. ☐
The way the river is ignored by main street.
I appreciate the businesses on Main Street but would like to see them clean up the river bank. I frequently walk the pathway. Which now I appreciate the addition to the White Pathway. It makes me so sad to see all the garbage. I know that is probably not possible. I know it's not the business fault it's society.
Somehow better utilize the alley behind (the old Ben Franklin). We need a walkway that's near the water--now we have to peer through weed-y looking plants but not be able to get close enough to engage with the water. Northfield/Red Wing have done it. I know the Kinni's not the same scale but, as it is now, it's not engaging in the downtown area.
That our community and businesses face and interact with the river. It's as though we built with our back to the river.
I would like to have downtown businesses take advantage of the river front rather than have it all be alleys.
turn main streets focus towards the river more.
Including the river in the downtown landscape/businesses.
Provide more commercial access such as restaurants and shopping along the river
The river should be the center point of the town - instead it is surrounded by an alley and a giant parking lot! I feel like this is an opportunity to fix this.
Develop a boardwalk area behind the downtown businesses.
more river visibility from downtown
More noticable through town. Let the river flow
I would have the downtown area along the river be built up to enjoy between division and maple street, driving through river falls, if you had no idea the river was there, you would never see it. Plus re-purposing the old railroad bridge supports for a foot bridge!!!
Whenever possible allow business and building owners downtown to remodel/relocate to emphasize the riverfront rather than the decades old pattern of turning their back to the river, ie. Family Fresh, as the newest construction, has dumpsters on the river side of the lot. Disgaceful!
I wish there was more visual from the downtown area. I.e., restaurants facing the Kinni.
create more restaurants along the river with nice views
Open up Businesses to face the River downtown...not away from it. Use the river as a gathering place and not an afterthought and to let the falls flow freely!
Turn Rover Falls around and make the river the focal point .
That downtown had been constructed in a way that embraced the river instead of hiding it.
Make the area directly in down town area more appealing to people.
<b>Wildlife</b>
Anything that adversely effects the natural flow for the river wildlife needs to be addressed.
Do whatever is best for the trout
Increase potential as a wildlife sanctuary.
Consider more efforts to improve fish habitat making the river catch and release barbless hooks
promote ways to attract a wider array of wildlife / birds.
shrink the geese population
The access of wildlife to freely move up and down the river as they like not just be restricted to upper or lower portions
Find a way to decrease the over population of geese in the pond and removal of geese waste.
Fewer geese - hire a bird chasing dog?
keep it maintained for wildlife and recreational use
Get rid of the geese
improve trout habitat
No horses! Not unless they pick up their waste.
<b>Buffers/Storm Water</b>

I would create a buffer zone along the river to prevent agriculture, lawn, pavement and industrial run off from poisoning the ecosystem.
reduce agricultural impact
Keep space near river natural but accessible
Ag land riparian strips
Better runoff control
Town runoff holding ponds
Additional protection from development and harmful runoff
Storm water handling
Increase the buffer areas along the river and its tributaries.
Greater protection of watershed -- agricultural buffers etc.
Agriculture pollution
Storm sewers in the City shouldn't drain into the Kinni.
Less farmland runoff.
<b>Kayaks and boats</b>
It's getting too popular , sometimes the kayaks on the river get a little congested.
Less boat use.
Reduce and/or regulate kayak and canoe traffic
Charge kayak businesses for use of the river - Too Many Boats!
Remedy the dam issues and create a proper portage trail for canoes and kayaks OR remove the dam and return the kinni to as natural a falls as possible.
Limit commercial use of the river by kayaking companies to keep it pristine
The number of kayakers on the river has significantly affected the quality of fishing on the river. The amount of traffic that comes through the river because of the kayaking "industry" in River Falls has not been regulated or monitored to make sure that the surrounding landowners are being taken care of. There is garbage on and in the River. There are numerous people that trespass on private property and have little regard or respect for the beautiful land that the Kinni is a part of. We have our land in a trust that will maintain it as a beautiful and natural resource for generations to come. However this does not seem to matter to the people on the river or who are profiting from the business of the river. We can no longer fish this river or even go down to the river without being overwhelmed with the number of people kayaking on it. It is quite disappointing!
Limit or ban or control commercial kayaking/canoeingRemove hydroelectric/dam
Easier access within city limits for canoeing/kayaking
Access tthe kayak entrance
decrease the obstacles for kayakers for example fallen trees
Limit the number of kayakers on the Kinni.
Make a better landing area for pulling kayaks out of the river downstream
Add kayak access points.
Kayak access from glen park to the lower kinni would be easier to use. That hill is killer, so getting down there on loose gravel or narrow stairs while carrying a kayak isnt ideal. Something like switchback trail might work better?
Besides removing the dams, find a way to negotiate between the kayaking (business profiting from the river) and fisher folks (people enjoying the river). I have nothing against business, but something there doesn't seem fair.
More signage and easier kayak lay I access
I would like an easier way to put in kayaks at the Glen Park put-in site. Having to carry kayaks from the tennis courts down poorly-maintained "stairs" is dangerous and way more effort than it needs to be. I think that the stairs should be remade/repaired, and the trails leading down to the put-in site should be made wider to accommodate for more kayak and canoe traffic. As is, it can be difficult to maneuver kayaks and canoes down the tight pathway.
It would be great if there were fewer kayakers on the lower Kinni.
Remove kayaking
ADA compliant canoe/kayak take out near downtown.
I am concerned about all the kayaking on the river and am not sure how the removal of the dam would impact that. There are hundreds of kayakers everyday in the summer and they leave trash on the river and make it hard for people to fish. I'm not sure that we want all of the tourism in the form of kayakers - we don't want it to become another Apple River.
Fewer kayaks
Literally just the trash along the river when kayaking in the summer. I dont want to see much else go.
Increasing kayaking traffic on Kinni . Kayaking companies should have to pay the city to operate and limit the number of people who can kayak in any given day
restrict, charge, or eliminate the kayaks.
Put some kind of restrictions on kayak use for conflict with the fly fishermen and fisherwomen.
Number of watercraft, especially on the lower river. Much of the upper river can be choked with buckthorn/honeysuckle.
limit commercial boating.
<b>LESS KAYAKS</b>
Reduce or eliminate the loud, sometimes drunken tubing/floating on the river, which usually wrecks the fishing and the experience of fishing. Ban the rental outfits that promote this activity.
Fewer rental companies escorting large groups of kayakers.
Easier access for kayaking
Limit use by businesses like the kayak rental businesses
Ban kayak rental companies from dropping off party goers to get drunk and litter the river!
Limit amount of kayak rental companies sending people down the river each day. Hopefully that would improve the amount of trash being found along the river and well as the over crowded feel of the river on a weekend.
Regulate the out-of-state kayakers so we don't end up with another Apple River tubing reputation.

In some ways, I wish it was still a secret, or known only to those who can be responsible, reasonable... I'm getting nervous about all of the traffic related to kayaks - both on and off the water. It's impossible to fly fish after 8am, and the corner by Glenn Park is way too busy for the neighborhood. I fear that the river's popularity and everyone's efforts to capitalize (tourism, etc) are going to ruin a good thing.
More kayak entry areas.
Whitewater kayaking
The kayak businesses are also nice and fun, but is there an ecological damage that happens? Who governs or controls the amount of people, visitors and ecological impact they make to the river? Maybe it is not much, but as someone who kayaked it with a lot of people, we couldn't help but wonder how the large groups impact it.
Limit kayak traffic to middle of day (10-4 or 9-5). Limit number of kayaks on river by permitting kayak rental companies.
fewer outfitters running trips down the river/ limits of number of kayaks on the river.
Access and control - seems like too many commercial kayaks at times?
Stop the kayaking it is almost impossible to fish with these businesses running hundreds of kayaks a day. Forget the dam and stop the kayaking really!!!
I think the numbers of rental kayaks (commercial outfitting on the river) is getting out-of-hand. On any given summer day there are dozens of these little boats going downstream, mostly banging into rocks and the shore. I think it's nice that newbies get to experience the river this way, but I feel some daily limitations on boat numbers would be wise.
All the kayaks on the river now really take away from having a quality fishing experience. I love to float a river like many other people, but I long for days past when the river was more peaceful and the fish were as ease which made for a wonderful fishing experience. The Kinni is where I learned to fly fish for trout and it holds many fond memories. Unfortunately, due to the kayak traffic on the river I rarely fish the Kinni anymore.
The dramatic increase in kayak/canoe traffic over the past 5-10 years. The river is one of the top trout streams in the US. Can the two sports coexist or will recreational kayaking destroy the fishery? Could the Kinni become another Apple River? If so, do we really want that?
Make it more accessible for canoeing and kayaking.
Limit the amount of kayak tours/businesses allowed down the river.
On a slightly different subject, but relevant to the kinni, for many years it had always been a peaceful and special quiet spot to enjoy fishing, kayaking, etc. although the since the outfitters have commercialized with large groups it has gotten almost gotten a little extreme with with garbage, etc being left behind. . It's nice all can enjoy, but need to do so responsibly and keep it clean.
As is, there's no watchdog agency. It's turning into another Apple River with all the outfitters constantly running people down the river.
<b>Lake George and Lake Louise</b>
Create a downtown park at the current Lake George site. ¶ Have a patio style restaurant overlooking the park. Walkers and bikers could stop there
The lake is not usable.
Lake George looks pretty unsightly in low water times.
Remove lake George
The current Lake George is too stagnant and sediment filled
Keep cleaning Lake George.
Clean up Lake George
The lake above the dam. It's dirty and awful looking.
Clean up the area around Lake George.
Lake george is very dirty and not very pretty. The falls should be a focal point in the city especially for people who have never been here. Its what is expected in the name of the town.
Having a healthy free flowing river to replace the unhealthy "lake"
Get rid of Lake George and add a park.
It's a shame to have such a wasteland (Lake George) so close to downtown commerce.
Drain Lake George, fill it in and create a park on the new acreage.
Clean up the river banks around Lake George
Clean up the algae build on Lake George that grows most of the summer. It is ugly to look at when enjoying the water fowl and walking along the pathway around the lake.
Stagnant water on the lakes
Get rid of Lake George.
Lake George, just seems like it could be a much nicer lake.
Drain Lake George. It is not a safe or clean body of water.
Better use of the Lake George area, clean it up.
Clear the walking paths so that you can enjoy Lake George. Make Lake Louise more accessible.
Deeper lake by downtown, with a swimming beach. Less smell from sewage treatment plant.
Lake George
Lake George- it's disgusting and unusable. I think it's important to our schools to have the ability to utilize the river and surrounding areas. The current state makes use limited.
I certainly don't want to see lake george drained.
Get rid of lake George. It's an eyesore and offers little value to the city.
I'd drain the stinky goose shit filled lakes!! A free flowing river that falls rapidly like our beloved Kinni would if set free, would be a fantastic change to the city! It would be Huuge!!
Get rid of Lake George
The two lakes formed by the dams seem unsightly and don't offer much fishing opportunity.
Clean up lake George
I'd drain the mill ponds
lake george is gross
Lake George has always been a eyesore, mucky, not usable. it would be nice to have that as an area that was cleaner and beautified a bit more.
drain lake George and make into park.

I would like to see lake George be cleaned, drained, dredged, add a park and down town board walk or trail that connects those of the lower dam area
Make Lake George not smell as bad
Clean up lake george - put a nice park in where people can enjoy the area - not business or college housing. You can't enjoy the area as there is no access or nice area to sit.
Get rid of the dam and Lake George, which has always been an eyesore and was not good for anything but smelling bad
Get rid of the stagnant water in Lake George
I'd like one of the lakes to be useful as an actual lake.
Eliminate the "lake"
Make a great park where lake george currently is.
Lake George is a mess.
Drain lake George. Nobody in the history of the world has ever caught a fish there. (Kidding.) But it's basically a cesspool of goose droppings. It isn't pretty, though it's a nice view of the grocery store dumpsters.
Do something to make the area picturesque. If lake George stays make sure its actually not an eye sore looking across and seeing the back of Family Fresh is not beauty.
Remove Lake George
Clean Lake George
Lake George is unattractive and the space could be used differently
Lake George should be cleaned out.
I love the river. I hate lake George. It just seems dirty, whether or not it is. I'd love to see that area cleaned up, or gone. There should be a city ordinance re: feeding geese. It's so unhealthy to give waterfowl bread! I'd also expand the trails along the river.
Removal of lake George
Clean up and improve the natural beauty of Lake George's
Lakes George and Louise are little more than stagnant ponds. Removing the dams would make that area much more attractive.
Increase safe access to Lake George as it is currently for recreational use.
The dirtiness of Lake George at certain times of the year
Have clean water where Lake George currently is that people would be able to use. Right now it is full of geese feces and run-off.
<b>Fishing/tourism</b>
Improve the trout stream to help encourage more tourism.
Make the river fishable through town. Also more visible. I have been in search committees for the uwrf and would love to have shown candidates a more visible river to help show them they should live in river falls instead of living in Minnesota which many faculty do.
Better use of it for tourism purposes.
More access to fishing areas.
Create attraction to the community.
I'm new to the area, so I don't know much about the Kinni, but I do look forward to doing some fishing and would like to see best practices in place for the future of angling.
Make it more visible in the community
make R.F. a destination for fun, fishing, shopping, music.Hudson is kicking our ass in terms of a vibrant downtown.
Make the Kinni more of an attraction.
catch and release fishing only
Designate upper kinni for fishing and lower kinni for kayaking or vice versa.
Enhance the river for fly fishing!
improve fishing in lower section.
Improve trout fishing habitat.
Fewer fisher people that are not welcoming.
Make it a more attractive destination for whitewater paddling.
More fishing access below River Falls.
Keep the water temperature reliably suitable to Brook Trout.
Restore the upper Kinni's fishing habitat that was damage a few years ago to make way for kayaking.
Better fishing
Better fishing
<b>New amenities/activities</b>
Build a Disc Golf course that observed the beauty of the Kinnickinnic River during play.
Turn the yard waste area into a campground!
Restrooms and benches along lower Kinni
Add a family campground by the Kinni.
create a featured park where lake George is now, with an area over looking the falls. It would be a great place for music and river falls days.
Add a whitewater park.
Addition of a small whitewater park in the middle of downtown to attract more business during the spring, summer, and flal.
I would love to see the old railroad bridge returned in an inviting and useful way.
a community gathering area..
More amenities like benches or information plaques about the river

<b>Management</b>
Poor management of public resources.
Mosquito control!!!!
I would look into ways to improve the output of the hydro facilities. Also, I would invest money into research involving the large compost piles producing thermal pollution into our beloved river. Thermal pollution is defined as sudden increase or decrease in temperature of a natural body of water which may be ocean, lake, river or pond by human influence, like large composting piles within 200 yards of the kinni.
Controls on commercial usage
Take out the old railroad embankment
city focus on river
Better habitat management in and around the river
Can't think of anything. Maybe making sure there are trash receptacles to avoid littering.
A decade and a half, or so, ago there were some trees cut near Glen Park and the Dam, and I didn't love that.
Foliage along river does not appear well maintained (areas utilized by Art on the Kinni and Bacon Bash festivities).
<b>Community integration/celebrate</b>
Make it more integrated into the community; we need to see it and celebrate it. People come to River Falls and never know the river is here.
Improvement of the area around the river to better incorporate the river into the community
More inclusion of the river in our community/downtown.
More people would engage with river.
Keeping it open to all - businesses & residents alike.
Significantly improved feeling and function of the corridor as a thriving natural and recreational destination, not the "back door" of downtown.
It's underutilized. Should be gem of city, not hidden behind downtown
I would love to see the river as the heart of the community, brought more to the forefront, rather than the background.
I would request more be done to embrace the river as an asset of the community. Example: encourage businesses to open their building toward the river and upgrade the alley to a pleasant area that includes river views and green space.
Make it useful. It is an unused, unrealized asset to our great community. The concepts I've seen would enhance our town.
Make it more inviting
The river should be the natural focal point of our community?
More respect for river. I fish, kayak, hike, all seasons of the year, for well over 20 years. I like it the way it is, and wouldn't change a thing. BUT, that is all i have ever known, and if the change if for the better, those of us who love the kinni need to be open and compromising to the ways of nature.
The town needs to utilize and embrace the Kinni more than it does. That was one of the first things I thought when I moved to the area 2 years ago. This place has a ton of potential.
<b>Power Plant</b>
Do something wonderful in that old powerplant - restaurant overlooking the river, brewery. etc.
Utilize the hydro power more effectively.
<b>Other</b>
Human involvement.
Disband the Friends of the Kinni
Add more river overlooks in the Kinni State Park
Provide a beach area
I would tell people to enjoy the river, quit trying to push agendas, and shame the short sighted city planners who sold the turbines and tied the city's energy forevermore to the Twin Cities grid. Shame!
Accessible information about it. Where can I find that?
Awareness!
My "pipe dream" would be to find a way to satisfy those who want to "free the Kinni" while keeping, maintaining, and improving the hydro power (assuming that it's cost effective to keep hydro power).
Being rather new to River Falls, I am here more to listen and learn. My family & I enjoy fishing, kayaking, and hiking the trails.
Reduce the population of River Falls (well - kidding) Seriously - reduce the impact of our city on water quality (dam or no dam)
Too early to rush to judgment
Make it visible!
Remove the Waste treatment plant.
NOt sure
stop farmers from allowing their cattle to pasture in and along the river
move river falls to mn. right next to its sister city woodbury, since they look the same.
N/a
Increased analysis regarding the impact humans have on the river.
Not sure at this time. Need more info!
stop trying to make a river for all activities. Its a Creek not a river. t
higher river levels
As an out-of-state visitor, the parking lot fees at the takeout can get a bit spendy with repetitive use.

Get water moving faster to make system healthier.
Start the planning and execution process in 1990.
The concrete on the upper dam.
Is that gross hospital-teal "fish and birds" statute still there? Scrap it.
Don't spend my tax money
Restore the Swinging Bridge falls completely as they are still damaged from removing the sewage line.
Good

**Kinni Corridor Project Survey Comments**

From: online survey (Dec. 2016-Jan. 2017)

<b>If there is one thing you wouldn't change about the river or surrounding area, what would it be?</b>
<b>Keep the Dams</b>
Keeping the dams in place.
keep the dams and lakes. the hydro is a dependable, renewable, 24/7, locally controlled source of electricity . If that source is not here, we burn more coal and increase our dependence on outside sources for power. The Free the Kinni people are actually asking the RF citizens to throw away a useful asset to further the preferences of a vocal group of special interests. Also, where else can the children see and feed the ducks and geese? I
Not take dam out
Keep the dams
Would not take out the dam
Leave the dam in place to prevent invasive species from making their way upstream.
I would leave the dam in place, as what the removal of the dam at the Willow River State Park has done to my personal recreation use. Don't worry I know you will still remove it and I will be ready to say I told you so when even kayaking will disappear as no one wants to kayak single file while destroying their kayaks in 2 inch deep water
I worry that dam removal will have unintended consequences, we need to explore them. Lake levels plummeted when the dam on the Willow was removed. People used to fish there, now barely anyone does.
I would strongly recommend keeping both the dams as they have many positive attributes to the river and wildlife habitat. A key example is the two large ponds produced by the dams serve as two massive ecosystems for migratory birds like ducks, geese, swans and herons along with fish and other aquatic organisms.
Keep the dam
Dams
The dam.
The dams.
The dams
Green energy is very important to me. I would no remove the dam.
Keep the dam forming Lake George
Leave dam Save plants/electr/hydropower Self sustenance
Leave the dams in. Ducks need habitat along with trout
Not remove the dams!!
Keep the dams. Develop actual good number for the cost/benefit or both the dams removed and keeping the dams. I
It would be nice to have a little more public input on this whole issue. The efforts to save the dams are starting much behind the out of area supported activities which encourage dam removal. Where is the save the Kinni money coming from?
Leave the dam in place . It is a symbol if River Falls .
Leave the dams in place. The contribute green energy and are paid for... continue to get are moneys worth.
I think the dam should stay. Look at willow river it's hideous
At this point, I do not see a need to remove the Dam. Is there any living person that has seen the river without the Dam? I don't believe there was much of a waterfall ever.
Leave the dams if they are profitable.
Dams
Dam
Leave the dams.
I do not see the point of taking out the damn if it negatively impacts the watershed of the area down stream.
To leave the dam!
Keep a remnant of the dams in place as a historical record.
Wouldn't remove the dams.
Removing the damn. It has been there for far too and the area has adapted to it.
Removing the dam to drain lake george and release contaminants that have been settled there for decades!
The dams. It is a local commitment to sustainability
clean energy production
The dams
Leave the damn in place.
Taking the dams out, it will cause more problems the what people think
I would like to see the dam kept in place.
The history if the dam we moved here because we loved everything including the dam.
Leave the dam
dams
Keep the hydroelectric dam
LEAVE THE DAMNS IN
I wouldn't remove the hydro-electric dams.
<b>Paths/Trails/Hiking/Bridges</b>

The beautiful trails.
Access to the river and trails.
Trails
Walking paths
Maintain the hiking.
I prefer it to be left more natural..the hiking trails I am referring to. No need for big signs etc
Bike and hiking trails.
Walkways along river in town
The trails. If anything, I would want more added once the dam is gone.
Area of the river near Glen Park and Kinni River area trails heading south from Glen Park.
The trails
The secluded walking areas
The nice pathways for recreation.
The rustic trails by Glen park
The hiking trails
Current walkways
I love the white pathway
Continue to plan for trails along the river corridor.
The trails below the dams
Hiking trails
I like the existing hiking - walking trails. (I would like to have them expanded!)
The natural areas where we can hike. Not sure as of yet if I want to take out the dams. I realize we would need to work on our lakes.
I love the pedestrian paths & benches near the river
The white pathway
Trails for walking near the river. They have been a very important part of my (and my kids') lives.
The trails and observation areas
Keep the trails on the lower kinni
Extensive hiking trails along the Kinni.¶
The feel of it. I love that it takes a hike to get down to the river and how relaxed and secluded and undeveloped it feels
White pathway
River area below dam and ease of hiking along river bank
I absolutely love the addition of the new signs mapping the river walking trails. I think that's a great addition and has really helped me explore some of the more remote/obscure sections of trail.
I would develop more trails accessible to all ages...
The trails are wonderful.
The hiking trails.
there are many nice trails.
White Pathway
White path trail is really nice
I greatly enjoy the walking trails.
Don't get rid of trails
Fisherman trails
the trails
The hiking trails.
White pathway
Beautiful atmosphere of the trails and river.
Maintaining pathways... such as White Pathway and making the area accesible to everyone.
Trails
The trails near Glen Park
Keep the trails around the river.
I enjoy the paths near the river.
Trails
The swinging bridge area is beautiful. The bridge over Maple street is lovely and the walking bridges are nice as well near the riverwalk area.
Keep the pathways and trails
No bridges!!!
Pathways along the river
The White Pathway is awesome.
I love the area below the swinging bridge. We hike those trails a lot
The trails that people can hike along or around the river.

Rural character of parks and trails along the river.
The paths surrounding the river are lovely
Pathways
Multi user trails.
Walking trails
Never get rid of the swinging bridge :-)
Keep the trails protected and accessible.
The public walk ways around the river
Trails
don't pave all the paths
The nature trails, and how RF keeps the areas clean
The walking trails.
Glen park trails
River Falls has so many great trails.
The paths from Glen Park to the Rocky Branch area.
The beautiful trails
The continuation of walking path that is planned.
I love all the trails and woods
The swinging bridge
The lovely trails!
The trails.
Having walking paths around the river.
I would leave the river trails unpaved.
I really like the white pathway, the nice bridge behind the theater, and the fact that they are making this a large loop.
Walking paths.
keep walking/bike paths or even increase them.
The Kiln trails.
The trails below the lower dam.
the excellent trail systems along the Kinni
I love all of the hiking trails and the great fishing/kayaking. I never want that to change.
Trail system
Beautiful trails an babbling "currents."
<b>Stewardship/Preservation/Cleanliness</b>
The intense interest in the wellbeing of the river.
Presevere the natural paths and flow of the river.
Keep it presrved
Cleanliness
That it is cool, clear and clean; a class 1 trout stream. It provides a greenway corridor through the City.
The water quality.
Local commitment to help protect it.
Quit regulating rivers and water levels.
I would let the ecosystem that has developed over the last century stay intact.
Maintain its "pristineness"
The beauty and the desire to preserve it for future generations.
Water Quality!
Keeping the river clean
Continue to work on keeping the Kinni: 1) protect nature; 2) clean
Concerned about the preservation of Foster Cemetary
Cold, clean, clear water
Quality of water
Water quality (relative to other nearby rivers)
Keeping it clean, clear and cold!
preservation of wilderness
I would keep the flow the same.
Preservation of ecology of the stream, I.e trout and wooded areas for wildlife.
Abundance of cold, clean water to support a highly-valued cold-water resource.
look and feel of the lower canyon of the Kinni

River health and natural beauty
Keep protecting the river from thermal and other pollution.
The community commitment to environmental stewardship
keep Kinni input water clean.
The conservation already put in to the river... Keep it up
Maintain as the highest river-oriented priority the preservation of the river's natural state as a resource for all to enjoy, both now and in future generations.
I would do everything I could to preserve the river. It's a treasure.
Protect the prime farm land
Preservation of the current eco/hydro relationship.
Preserving the river quality to fish, kayak and hike near is paramount.
COLD, CLEAR, AND FLOWING WATER
Keep it pristine.
The clear, cool water. Specifically in the summer.
cleanliness
Keep it clean.
Fabulous clear water.
The water quality is fairly good below the lower dam. I wouldn't want to affect or damage that quality with any poor demolition or dredging activities
Protecting all of the land available along the length of the Kinni.
Continued protection of the river and its tributaries.
I wouldn't do anything to threaten the health of the river's ecosystems.
Cleanup efforts should be made to make sure it remains a beautiful experience instead of an eyesore in certain areas.
preserving the natural beauty of the river
The river's health. Keep it as healthy or better.
Preserve as much natural area as possible
The water quality
How pristine the river is between river falls and Hudson. You feel like you're a million miles from civilization.
The care of, and attention to the unique ecology of this precious resource.
Keep it cool and clean
Reduction in water quality
How clean and pristine it is
Clean the water
The water quality
The scenic areas and their protection
cleanliness
keep it cold, clean, and clear
The cleanliness of it
Keep it intimate, clean, and sustainable.
<b>Development/Tourism</b>
I would freeze development. I would not allow any further development along the river watershed that does not meet stringent environmental standards.
No development.
Keep it protected from housing
Future development not aligned with community needs.
keep housing developments away.
Limited commercial development.
I wouldn't develop it more than it is - keep it natural.
The natural beauty and level of protection there is now through the land trust ensuring limited development along the free-flowing Kinni!
Protect the shore lines from development
No development or fracking around it. Protect our water!!
I would not change the remaining un-developed land between M & MM - do not develop this area.
No further development
Stop any development at the Kinni and Rocky Branch junctions. Keep green spaces and setbacks to protect the river, but weave-in scenic overlooks and stops.
Lack of development in lower river
More development along river
Don't develop.
No commercial or residential development along the river corridor
Low commercialism close to the actual river
The natural meanderings of the river should be allowed to alter the floodplain according to natural geological processes. Human infrastructure that is threatened by these meanderings should be moved further away from the river.

Increase development along the River.
Maintain the current impervious surfaces (don't add to them)
the beauty of the Kinnickinnic, don't develop it too much
Few buildings visible from river
Low development along the river
Keep development along the river modest (no new subdivisions bordering the river.
No further development
The riverbank is mainly undeveloped, and it should stay that way.
it it "wild" for future generations to come by eliminating completely or greatly reducing the amount of development allowed along this stream
the lack of commercial businesses along the river.
No commercial, residential or industrial development.
The west shore. Keep it free from development
Keeping commercial and residential development away from the river.
Large setbacks and park expanses in newly developed city areas
The amount of development. It's pristine.. Leave it that way..
Keep development (businesses and residential areas) away from the river to keep it wild
No more houses or too much development. We really enjoy it as secluded as possible!
Keep the lid on shoreline development--there should be NONE!
The tourism in our area
Keep buildings away from the river, particularly the lower Kinni
Little human development visibe while paddling on the river.
The distance that urban development stays away from the river.
The lack of development along the banks is very nice, I understand through downtown, but kayaking the rest is very peaceful without disturbances.
Keep porotecting it from development
the preservation efforts of the city- not having buildings and patios right on the river.
Keep it undeveloped
Don't have too much development other than downtown.
Wouldn't add any more housing or development in the city.
Don't develop the area too much around the river, but keep it open to the public with parks.
Keeping the natural areas undeveloped
I wouldn't change the amount of buildings and development along the river
Protect the Foster Spring area from development
<b>Lakes</b>
I'm worried how taking out the dam will affect Lake George, leaving it a marshy mud hole.
I like the lake
I like having lake George with the bird feeding dock off the pathway for my young children
Upstream and DS of lake George, axe the lake.
Keep lakes George and Louise
Tow small ponds "are not" affect the Class A Trout!
Don't get rid of Lake George
Lake George
Leave L. Louise ":wild" and untouched
Make the lake (or whatever will be there) less appealing to migratory species who then become non migratory animals. i.e.: make the place less prone to goose poop.
Though I view the removal of the dams to be beneficial for wildlife and ecosystems, I enjoy having Lake George and Louise. It would be nice to some how preserve the lakes if the dams go.
Lakes George and Louise
the lakes
I do not want lake george drained
I really enjoy Lake George going down to feed the ducks and geese. I cannot imagine not having the lake. I do agree in the summer it does not look so pretty. It's pretty green. I love the the kids who enjoy feeding the ducks also and just enjoy the outdoors.
<b>Access</b>
Public access to the river. The city has done a good job of providing public access points. More north of City Hall would be good.
Public Access.
I would not change the great amount of access there is
Minimal access points for fisherman. Our land backs up to the kinni and we have one of the few access points which is nice.
Accessibility
public access

The access to fish and kayak.
Keep it accessible to fishing canoeing
Continue to provide/ maintain public access to the river
Access to river
Accessibility
Current river access
I would not make all areas of the river easily accessible. With river recreation being overly accessible I would worry about the increased pollution and litter of the river.
It's accessibility.
Access to Kinni via Glen Park
Veterans Park BridgeMaple St. BridgeLimited Access
Keep limited access points
public access
River access
Public access to the river
Easy access to the river.
Public access
Accessibility
Inaccessibility to lower canyon - maintain remoteness of those areas to reduce impact on plants & animals
Public ownership & access
Opportunities for non-damaging access by residents & visitors.
The natural charm and rustic character should (mostly) be preserved throughout. There are opportunities to create access and alter the shoreline conditions in areas that adjoin community access points, but other areas should maintain and ecological focussed character.
How accessible the river corridor is. Love the access points and the trail system.
Accessibility
The amount of public access land. It's a wonderful thing.
The accessibility is great
The level of access. That is the best thing.
The access points (north of town) to the river are nice.
Abundant public access along the entire corridor
Public access
Public access. It is a great treasure for River Falls. I have many memories of the river being my nature's playground while growing up.
Access for school children and conservation projects.
Public access to the Kinni corridor - access actually needs to be expanded, especially in the downtown area.
The accessibility
Improve public accessibility for fishing
Various points of (groomed) access - great trails provide great opportunities to fish, kayak, hike, enjoy the river.
Seems to be good public access to portions of river
Public access
Current access; there are currently a good amount of public areas to enjoy the river. So great!
Keep it roadless from River Falls to county F.
access points
Access to the river.
Access. The Kinni is an amazing resource with so much water to explore and I'd hate to see any of that land get closed off.
Public easements and access to the river
public access points.
access that would be detrimental to the river bio and ecology. More people and uses = more pollution.
Free public use and access all year.
Create more public spaces for hiking, hunting and wildlife viewing.
Public access
access to parks
It has wonderful accessibility
Keep access to the lower river as it is so that a sense of wilderness is preserved.
Access points
Public access to the Kinni in so many places.
Easy access
Access via the River Falls parks.
Easy access to the river
Keep the river open and available to the public.

Ready access to the river in town
The easy park and neighborhood access
put a place where residents can park for free to enjoy the area. more walk down areas where people can get down to the river to enjoy. there are not a lot of access points.
I think there's pretty good access to the river and the activities on it for most folks. Make sure that any change is inclusive, accessible, and well marked so that people both local and visiting can find ways to access and enjoy the river.
keep the rustic isolated feel to the area while making it more accessible and environmentally sound.
Access points seem to have reasonable limitations (i.e. limited parking for kayaking and fishing entry)
Public access to it
I wouldn't change how accessible it is
public access to the river inside River Falls
Public accesses.
Upstream access points
Public access
River access
Free accessibility for all
Free access to river
Public Access
The accessibility to the Kinni for recreation.
Public access to the river.
Public access for all.
Maintain access.
I would not change the access for recreation
Keeping it as accessible to the public as possible.
great river access
access
Free access to hiking trails
Allowing school and community groups to access the river for educational use
The amount of public access is great!
Access to the river via trails and walking paths
River access.
Accessible hiking trails and kinni access
Access to the river.
access to the river
I like the accessibility of the Kinni, both above and below River Falls.
the amount of trout fishing access points are phenomenal.
Access
Accessibility by the public
<b>Kayaking</b>
Too much kayaking and reduce fertilizer
Continue & expand kayaking tradition
Leave downstream areas where fishing and kayaking are the main use.
Kayaking
Kayaking access.
The river access points for kayaking
access for kayaking
ability to kayak
Being able to kayak
Love the kayaking. Need to keep it a viable kayaks option
the ability to kayak down the river.
I would ban kayaking before it becomes "Apple River Two".
Kayaking & canoeing
If the dams are removed to not get rid of natural deterrents of the water just because kayakers need to have it easy.
The kayak experience
The amount of people kayaking the river. We don't want to overcrowd the river.
Kayaking on the river
canoeing/Kayaking
<b>Natural/Wild Space</b>

Keeping the lower canyon a wild place.
That it is so natural and pristine that lots of people want to enjoy it.
Delicate ecology.
Keep it as natural and environmentally friendly as possible
The natural shoreline
Keep it as wild and natural as possible
keeping it as natural as possible
Natural
It's wildness.
Keep it natural - power lines, etc. away.
Leave nature be. We have a gorgeous site in RF - don't ruin it.
keep it natural
Keep it natural
The wild feeling of the lower Kinni - especially
The wildness of the lower Kinni
Natural wooded shorelines
Strive to maintain a natural environment along the river.
Keep river cold & as wild as possible Don't make corridor all about people & human use Who speaks for the ecosystem?
Keep the natural-esque condition.
I would not add more lighting or infrastructure by the river, to maintain its true nature feel.
Wild
Wildness and relative undeveloped nature of the river.
natural tree canopy shoreline
Maintain its natural beauty on its banks.
Keep it natural
The natural component
I suppose what I'm really getting at is that in many larger towns I've seen, they successfully maintain a truly wooded lot somewhere near the middle of the city. Habitat and oxygen are thus provided. In RF the necessity is thankfully not as great to provide these things as it is in the case of Forest Park in Portland, but ultimately I will always want primarily to consider retaining wildness where we can. I think without wildness, the forces that caused human greatness are no longer playing on us; we become languid, bored, even sickly. We destroy ourselves with an insatiable appetite, "hungry ghosts," if never reminded of our own chaotic mortality.
The natural flow of the river
The wildness of the river.
The wild and scenic character of the river
The wildness of it:)
Wild aspect of much of the river.
The wild nature of the canyon.
The nature stuff
wildness
Keep some areas remote.
Existing natural areas along the river; maintain as much as possible.
Keep it natural.
Let it go back to natural flow
natural area on both shorelines, existing rocky formations
Current natural dams
I like how wild and undeveloped is is below Glen park and below the lower dam.
The river is a tremendous natural resource and constructive tourist attraction to the area -- please let it run wild once more.
Shorelines and natural ecosystem.
Continue to have the local river protection groups (i.e. land trust, pheasants forever, etc.) and like-minded river corridor private landowners protect the river. Keep it rural and natural.
Keeping it as natural as possible given the amount of human interaction and use.
Natural aspect
Keeping river wild
Don't add "modern convenience" such as paved trails or lights, keep it wilder.
Continue to protect the natural environment.
The nature
That it is still wild and not over developed.
Keep the area around it forested, with the exception of tree removal for river navigation
The "wild" areas between Division Street and county MM that are or were owned by the Hovde's
I would like to see the river remain as wild as possible
The amount of woods, nature around the river

keeping the river wild
Keep it as wild and free of urban blight as possible.
Keeping it wild and natural
Naturr
Leave the trees
The undeveloped stretch as the river reaches the St. Croix.
Keep shorelines and surrounding areas as natural as possible
I appreciate the unobstructed, free flowing stretches of clean water that dot the landscape surrounding RF. Places like the Kinni and Rush are unique beautiful places.
I LOVE that the river and its banks are kept wild. The kayaking makes you feel as though you are in another place, far from Wisconsin.
Keep it wild
It's natural state. A happy medium needs to be achieved between community and natural use. One of my most cherished memory's of growing up in RF is walking along the Kinni below that dams and feeling like I'm in a different, untouched world.
Keep the woods protected and the natural areas low impact.
To keep as much natural habitat as possible.
The sense of wildness, except to increase it.
As natural as possible
Leave it undisturbed
Keep wild aspects along the corridor, not letting it get developed
<b>Beautiful/Relaxing</b>
How beautiful it is and how relaxing it is to be around. It's a little "home away from home" while in the middle of town.
How peaceful it is in the middle of the city
Its natural beauty
The serenity that I enjoy every time I spend time on, in, or near the Kinnickinnick river.
Natural beauty
the current beauty of the south fork where it enters the Kinni.
The natural feel and beauty of the area. Bring that into town.
The natural beauty of the river where it isn't blocked up by the dams.
I love how quaint and quiet it is.
Beauty.
The scenic beauty.
It's beauty, family friendliness,
Natural beauty
The areas that are currently quiet should remain quiet
Peacefulness of river
Maintain its natural beauty.
The scenic beauty
Maintain the beauty
Continued use of out of area users that love and appreciate its beauty.
Peacefulness
The scenery
It is a beautiful natural resource
be sure to maintain and/or feature the natural beauty of the flowing river
The natural beauty.
The peacefulness of the area
The beauty in the lower kinni
Beautiful surroundings
The beautiful natural river
The beauty of the rest of the river.
the natural beauty of the kinni.
The natural beauty
The natural beauty of the Kinnickinnic River as a free-flowing stream.
The peaceful surrounding for myself and wild life.
Natural beauty of the Kinni and its valley
The natural scenic beauty the Kinni provides just a short distance from my house.
The peace if running water
The natural beauty
Natural beauty and peacefulness
The scenic beauty of the natural Kinni!

The natural beauty of the Kinnickinnic, where it is not affected by the dams.
The natural beauty and the quiet it provides, in contrast to the rest of our busy culture.
The solitude of the southern portion of the river.
It's beauty
Its natural beauty
the natural beauty
It's beauty
The sound and sights of the river
The natural beauty of the river
Quiet spaces.
The natural beauty of the incredibly valuable canyon section of the river. As our society grows and urban centers expand areas like the Kinni canyon will be become even more priceless.
The beauty of the lower Kinni
natural beauty and clean water
The beauty and fun to be had on the Kinni by all
It's natural beauty
serenity of the flow of the river
The Kinni's natural beauty as a free flowing river.
<b>Power Plant/Hydro Power</b>
I wouldn't get rid of the power plant.
Please don't demolish the old Power plant. The building could have amazing potential for re-use as brew pub, restaurant, etc. - with an incredible view. ☐
Please keep the focus on the health of the river & its ecosystem.
I wouldn't remove the city's power plant
I would not remove the power plant!
Hydro power - expand if possible
If the dam is removed, keep the old portion of the power plant intact as a city museum. New portions could house a business (coffee restaurant, brew pub, but the city should maintain control of the old portion of the power plant.
<b>Downtown</b>
The Kinni is a Class 1 SELF SUSTAINABLE nationally recognized trout stream and has been for over thirty years. There are no signs that trout south or north of the lower dam are suffering in any way. Jeopardizing twenty two miles of a Class 1 river to make 1.2 miles more estheticly pleasing downtown is morally wrong. The whole discussion should be based on what is best for the river and not what is best for marketing and business downtown.
A restaurant that faces the water for fine dining. What a wasted opportunity today.
Main Street small town feel
Proximity to the city
Riverwalk
Not having business right along the river.
Businesses near river - walkable to Main St.
The downtown scene and the natural river.
It's closeness to downtown is perfect.
The vicinity of the river to downtown. It's part of the experience.
I would not change the quaint character of our downtown area. It can be expanded as conceived, but yet retain its character.
<b>Parks/Recreation/Green Space/Events</b>
keep glen park beautiful
The art in the park
Recreational activities and access around the Kinnikinic in the city
Activities
Maintain or improve public access for recreation
The parks built around it
large area green space
Minimal human impact, but small parks and trails.
Existing park lands
Retain green space.
The park systems are run well in this city. Keep up the great attention to detail.
I wouldn't get rid of any of the parks.
I would limit park infrastructure to the areas immediately surrounding the mill ponds.
Dam or no dam, I like the peace and tranquility of the trails and different recreational areas of the kinni. I don't want them overrun - it's not the same place with a parade of people. I don't want an urban park.
I would like to see the public/community space along the north/west bank remain in one form or another.
recreation

The park.
The parks along the entire river
Love music in the park. Love bacon bash. Love art on the kinni. Great events put on by the wonderful volunteers, coordinators, and artists of the area. The whole project has gotten a zillion times better over the last couple decades... let's keep it going!
Green spaces
All the green.
The recreational uses on and adjacent to the river.
I love Glen Park and the ability to take my children hiking down to and along the river.
Continue development of recreation near the river
Preserve recreational opportunities in this beautiful place.
Surrounding parkland.
<b>Everything</b>
Everything
Everything
Everything else.
Everything but the dams.
everything besides the dams
Everything.
<b>Fishing/Class 1 Trout Stream</b>
The ability for hiking and fishing along the banks and surrounding area below the dam.
Maintain the fishing
The amazing fishing currently available
The reputation of the river as a first class trout fishery.
Maintain all fisheries
My big concern is the quality of the water to protect the fishing.
Keep invasive fish out of the Upper Kinni
Fishing!
access to trout fishing and education about the impact of water quality as habitat
Maintaining it as a CLASS I (A) Trout Stream and cold-water resource
The excellent fishing. Lots of good things!
The efforts to keep the Kinni a high rated trout stream - keeping it clean & cool through rain/snow runoff efforts
The status of Class 1 trout stream
Class 1 trout stream
Maintaining the Kinni as a Class I trout stream
I've lived and grown up in Rivet Falls for 62 years, spent many hours as I was a kid fishing the river. Caught many trout from this River above and below both dams. Actually larger trout below the lower dam. I see no need for a change. Actually used to catch crappies and bluegills in Lake George.
The trout stream rating of the river
High quality water and the fact that it is a class one trout stream (a rare item these days and here it is, right in our back yard).
The natural qualities that make the Kinni an Outstanding Resource Water and Class I trout stream.
Keep the great fly fishing access.
I'm from rf originally but have moved a hundred miles south, and I still hear of many locals who head to pierce county to trout fish. Keep up the good work.
Continue to try to get fly fishing easements along private property stretches of the river.
I wouldn't change the fishing regulations specifically size and number limits.
The trout fishing is very good.
Fishing
keeping the Kinne a class 1 trout stream
Remove the dam to increase fishing habitat and fishing opportunities.
fishing seasons
the fishing
I don't fish but I understand it's very highly rated. Any changes must benefit the fishery.
I'd like it to continue to be a great trout stream.
maintain the river as a class 1 trout stream
Focus on maintaining River as a first class trout stream.
The great fishing
World class trout status
More liberal catch and release/artificial only fishing regulations on trout.

good fishing
Trout fishing
<b>Upper and Lower River</b>
Remote feel of lower river
The area below the dams.
Undeveloped lower river
The rural/remote feel to both the upper and lower river.
Free flowing steep valley of lower kinni
The river is beautiful above and below the dams.
Do not destroy the canyon below the Glen Park dam!
Lower Kinni is great just like it is.
upstream and downstream are fine
water quality of the water in the lower river.
The beauty of the lower Kinni
The lower kinni.
Lower Kinni is gorgeous - preserve it as much as possible
Keep lower Kinni as undeveloped as possible
The kinni above and below the center of town (the parts of the kinni not affected by the dams) is what I wouldn't change, it's beautiful and amazing in its natural state.
In regards to the upper kinni, There is a lot that needs changing
<b>Buffer/Land Use/Storm Water</b>
Keep wooded buffer zones on the kinni.
Land use pattern in the watershed
The level of concern over protecting it from pollution and run-off/impervious surfaces
It accommodates many things now from varied recreation to storm water to energy production. Maintaining balance in the future will be important.
Protection from Agricultural runoff
Capture and treat runoff.
Keep buffer zones.
Cold, clear and clean water from buffers around the river.
The water shed that allow for flooding with little erosion.
Riparian buffers...
<b>Wildlife</b>
I like the impoundments as they provide a great roost for Canada geese, ducks and othet waterfowl
The duck feeding
Cold water maintenance for native trout.
Maintain healthy fish populations
Keep plans in place to keep the river clean and full of naturally reproducing fish.
birding opportunities
Wildlife
The quality of the river habitat.
No negative impact to current aquatic species
Do not wish to have an unexpected ecological impact on the wildlife with the damn removal.
Wildlife in and around the river as well as the overall temperature to avoid some bugs
Birds
Water fowl
Quality of fish/wildlife population
Maintain the animal life.
the area for the wildlife to live
The great trout population.
Good habitat for fish and fowl.
maintain the nesting birds, turtles, geese and swans
the ability to feed the ducks at lake george
The river is an amazing trout fishery. Do whatever is necessary to protect the fish.
fantastic trout environment
Making sure the river is a clean healthy river for trout and other wild life.
Continue to manage fr all naturally reproducing trout n the kinni

quality of trout fishing, so close to major metropolitan area (TC as well as River Falls) is quite surprising given the increased pressure development places on a natural trout stream
emphasis on trout
trout habitat.
River diversity, host for migrating birds, and recreational uses
The beauty of the whole area and the vast array of wildlife that live there. Also that it's somewhat of a hidden gem and not too touristy.
the wildlife
Preservation of the wildlife and fish
Keep the trout
Assure the wild brook trout and brown trout fishery
I like the pond for the wildlife. I wouldn't want the loss of the dam to affect the wildlife that has grown dependent on it as it is.
Keep it safe and cold enough for trout.
natural habitat for any wildlife.
Wildlife
The wildlife habitats.
cold water habitat.
<b>Wouldn't Change/Nothing</b>
I wouldn't change a thing.
Nothing
Leave it the way it is
I wouldn't change anything except for removing things that harm or pollute the river.. leave it the way it is
Nothing
I wouldn't change the lower river valley
I would not change the upper Kinni before RF and the lower Kinni below Lake Louis.
No alternation!
Wouldn't change anything un-natural
Nothing
Nothing
nothing like as is
There's many things I wouldn't change.
nothing
Any of it
Nothing except the dams
<b>Community/City Symbol/Focal Point/Support</b>
The focus on the river as a symbol of the city
The city of River Falls pride in this natural treasure
The city's focus on the river.
River Falls is a nice town. Lets keep it that way.
Love the town and frequently stop for a meal in town after kayaking, snowshoeing or hiking
small town feeling
Never lose sight of the opportunity the city has to restore the Kinni and develop the corridor for the natural and economic benefit of the community
it's importance to the town's sense of self
The community's commitment to it. I also like that the areas along the river outside of the RF limits are typically quiet and peaceful.
The love and support for this river
Small town feel.
the community support for dam removal and restoring the river
Keep it small
Small town atmosphere.
The rural character should be maintained as best possible.
The atmosphere.
highlight the actual river as a part of the town
City built around a river
The location.
The love the city has for the Kinni.
The love that everyone has for this wonderful natural treasure. <b>May we have the wisdom to do whats right for the river, for our children and our children's children!!</b>
Community involvement

<b>Other</b>
The river
The fact I can enjoy it like my own backyard.
No comment at this time, question needs to be made more specific.
Create any new obstructions to the free flow of the river
Do not take out the dam without knowing the cost & cost to the residents (tax implications, property value changes, etc.)
It's so beautiful and it is one of THE most peaceful places on Earth for me. My history around the river goes back to my childhood and now my own kids enjoy it as much as I did. The history and beauty are two top things I don't want changed. And I'm not really that worried about those two things changing actually. I know there are great leaders and citizens always putting those things first. Thank you to everyone involved ... all opinions, all view points. What an amazing, lucky city we are to have the Kinni!
No concrete
The river bed
the ability to use it for many different things.
The random structures that are still around the river. Historical remnants.
The fact that so many people (from all angles) are concerned and interested in this study!
No comment
We need to maintain our reverence and respect for this and all rivers. ☐
They are a like a life blood to the areas that they occupy, whatever the watershed, they are all special!
Reduce restrictions
Conduct public talks on river ecology and stream aquatic/terrestrial life improvements.
support for the kinni watershed project
remove dams
Keep the falls in some form. The more natural the better!
Remove the dams in River Falls.
The river and the falls are best when they flow!
A watering and resting place for people and animals.
population density
No comment.
Leave it
Ability to enjoy the river
Take out the dams.
Free the Kinni
I have loved every outlying piece of the River I have seen. At most, some banks may need strengthening.
Enhance the actual falls area once dam removed.
The natural flow of the river.
I love Foster Cemetery.
no comment
Maintain older historical landmarks
It's history
I like that there aren't a million people down there but understand that dam removal is good for the river and would likely draw a bigger audience.
The naturally flowing areas of the river should not be impeded.
The rest
Good
<b>Don't Know/N/A</b>
??
N/A
NA
Sorry-not sure.
NA
Not sure
not sure
?
I don't know.
Don't know enough about the area yet to comment on this.
?
Not sure
Don't know
Not sure at this time.

Na
I don't know
Not sure
not sure