

## Email from Rochester City Administrator

**From:** Zelms, Alison  
**To:** Mark Johnson  
**Cc:** Crawford, Matt; Joe Pavelko  
**Subject:** RE: Silver Lake Dam Fish Passage Modification - \$2.368m OHF appropriation  
**Date:** Monday, March 18, 2024 4:04:03 PM

Mr. Johnson,

Thank you for reaching out.

The Administration team and Council are aware and supportive of the submittal for LSOHC funding.

The project was previously submitted for State Bonding (including a larger version inclusive of park and pedestrian features) and was specifically identified as a priority project in the City's 2020, 2021, and 2022 Council-approved Legislative Priorities reports (see links to Legislative Priorities reports below). It was then determined that a better route would be to continue to look for other funding opportunities (grants, state or federal), and Outdoor Heritage Fund seemed to be the best fit based on LSOHC's support of similar dam modification projects. This decision was largely because we had other critical legislative items that were more critical (Local Sales Tax extension being one, with only one year to get that through as an extension before the current tax expired) than the large bonding ask. I would acknowledge there is not unanimous consensus on the City Council, however there has been continuing support.

Legislative Priorities Reports:

- 2020 - <https://www.rochestermn.gov/home/showpublisheddocument/26492>.
- 2021 - <https://www.rochestermn.gov/home/showpublisheddocument/30348>.
- 2022 - <https://www.rochestermn.gov/home/showpublisheddocument/32235/637800112130923260>

We appreciate your continued support and consideration, as well as outreach on this question.

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