

Dear

I'm writing to request your support on S.F. No. 1773 and its companion bill H.F. No. 1867, "C.A. Weyerhaeuser Museum funding provided, bonds issued, and money appropriated."

A bonding bill is needed this year to help the Morrison County Historical Society (MCHS) prevent further damage to their river bank and provide capital improvements to their 46-year-old building.

Severe erosion undercutting the Mississippi River bank is threatening The Charles A. Weyerhaeuser Memorial Museum, which sits only 20 feet from the upper edge of the bank. It's gotten worse since last March, when MCHS staff were due to testify and the pandemic shut down the Legislature. A storm at the end of June 2020 dropped 8-12 inches of rain in a few hours and caused a massive portion of the shoreline to sheer off, as well as causing a mudslide at the Lindbergh House & Museum next door and erosion along Pike Creek in Lindbergh State Park across the street.

The museum building was designed to be an artifact that not only serves as a protective envelope for the collections inside, but tells the story of Morrison County through its form and materials. It was designed by noted architect Foster Dunwiddie, one of the founders of Miller Dunwiddie, which worked on the State Capitol restoration projects.

An appropriation from the State Legislature this year will help MCHS repair the erosion, along with improving and increasing the capacity of the Weyerhaeuser Museum to preserve Morrison County's history into the future.

For more information, please contact the Weyerhaeuser Museum at 320-632-4007.

Thank you for your attention to this critical piece of Morrison County's history infrastructure.

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