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The Morrison County Historical Society, organized in 1936 by a membership that elects its board of directors, is a private non-profit which owns and operates The Charles A. Weyerhaeuser Memorial Museum located in Little Falls, Minnesota. They are located on South Lindbergh Drive, just North of the Pike Creek Bridge. The museum building was built as a memorial to Charles A. Weyerhaeuser in 1975 and designed to house and share the history of Morrison County. The building is in need of all the repairs and upkeep that come with a soon to be 50-year-old building, but their biggest concern is the erosion to their Mississippi Riverbank.

Massive rain events in 2015 then again in 2020 have caused major parts of the bank to fall into the river along with many mature trees. One corner of the museum building is only 20 feet from the edge of the bank. The huge amount of sediment entering the Mississippi must affect the drinking water in St. Cloud, the first city to take its drinking water from the Mississippi.

They have been working on funding for the repair and stabilization of the riverbank since the 2015 event and working with Morrison County Soil and Water to find a solution and with their direction, putting in a berm along the bank to divert the water. With the help of the City of Little Falls and Morrison County they were able to hire an Engineering company to develop a design plan to repair and stabilize the bank. They have a "**Shovel Ready**" plan ready to go if the bill is successful. Bids on the job will be advertised and they expect many local companies will be eligible to do the work required.

We need your support in getting Bonding Bill HF 616 and SF 867 to a Capital Investment hearing. With that support we have a chance to have the bill passed this year and stop the museum's slide into the Mississippi.

Any further questions can be directed to Board President Camille Warzecha at (320)632-9383.

Thank you.

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