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## City of Beloit to Hold Public Input Opportunity on Downtown Redevelopment

**November 2, 2023** - The City of Beloit is seeking feedback on improvements to the property at 80-100 E. Grand Ave. The entire structure, including the section over the Rock River, is planned for demolition next year.

A public involvement meeting is scheduled from 5-7pm Tuesday, November 7, at the Downtown Beloit Association, 557 E. Grand Ave., Beloit. The meeting will present information and gather public comments on the project.

The proposed public-private development involves the vacant structure that protrudes over the Rock River at 80-100 East Grand Avenue. The development agreement calls for the structure to be demolished; the demolition process will be led by the City of Beloit. The City of Beloit intends to construct a vibrant and expanded Riverwalk area while the developer, East Grand Development LLC, a Hendricks company, intends to build a four-story, 48,000 square foot building that could include a restaurant, commercial uses, office, and/or residential use

The City was awarded a Municipal Flood Control Grant and a Stewardship Local Assistance, Federal Land & Water Conservation Fund, & Recreational Trails Program Grant by the WDNR to assist with funding the project in support of removal of the structure from the Rock River. The project will decrease flood elevations upstream and promote outdoor recreation with the extension of the Rock River Trail/Downtown Riverwalk.

Construction is planned for spring 2024 through summer 2025.

The November 7th meeting will present preliminary design information and concepts, as well as the proposed schedule. The format of the meeting will be an open house with a variety of exhibits available for review. You are encouraged to attend the meeting, provide input, and ask questions regarding this project.

Representatives from the City of Beloit and Batterman Engineering will be on hand to discuss the project on an individual basis.

If you are unable to attend the meeting and would like more information regarding the project, contact Alex Feuling, Project Manager at (608) 365-4464. Written comments can be mailed to RH Batterman & Company, Inc., 2857 Bartells Drive, Beloit, WI 53511, or by email at afeuling@rhbatterman.com.