

# Help Save the Lanesboro Dam!

## 4 Key Messages

### Number One

#### **Save the Lanesboro Dam to keep people safe!**

Studies reveal that the 150-year-old Lanesboro Stone Dam is presently “unstable.” The DNR says the dam is a “high hazard structure,” and that “...structure failure of the dam is likely to cause loss of life.” Saving our dam is a matter of public safety!

### Number Two

#### **Save the Lanesboro Dam to keep our local economy strong.**

The Lanesboro Dam is a centerpiece of local tourist activity that brings thousands of people and millions of dollars to Bluff Country each year. The dam itself, fishing, tubing, canoeing, kayaking, and fun activities on the Root River Trail, all combine to make this area one of the most popular tourist destinations in the Midwest. Saving our dam will keep our local economy strong!

### Number Three

#### **Save the Lanesboro Dam as a Minnesota historical “treasure.”**

The Lanesboro Dam--nearly as old as the State of Minnesota—is rare! It’s a stone arch gravity dam; only six like it remain in the United States. Our dam was constructed by immigrant craftsmen using only mortar-less limestone blocks and the Root River itself to keep it standing. It is a state historical treasure that needs to be saved—for today and for future generations!

### Number Four

#### **Save the Lanesboro Dam as a source of “clean” electric power.**

There are nearly 80,000 dams in the United States--only 3% generate electric power. The Lanesboro Dam has been producing electricity for local homes for more than a century. Saving our dam keeps it producing clean, green, and sustainable energy!