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Pidáun̄yayapi.

We thank you.



Project Vision

- The Owámniyomni project is a **groundbreaking effort to celebrate Dakota history and culture** at a site of profound significance.
- Together we will transform 5.2 acres at the heart of the Minneapolis riverfront into a place of **healing, restoration, education, and connection.**
- Our vision is grounded in **Dakota principles** and a commitment to **Indigenize the River.**

Restoring Dakota Culture & Indigenous Landscape



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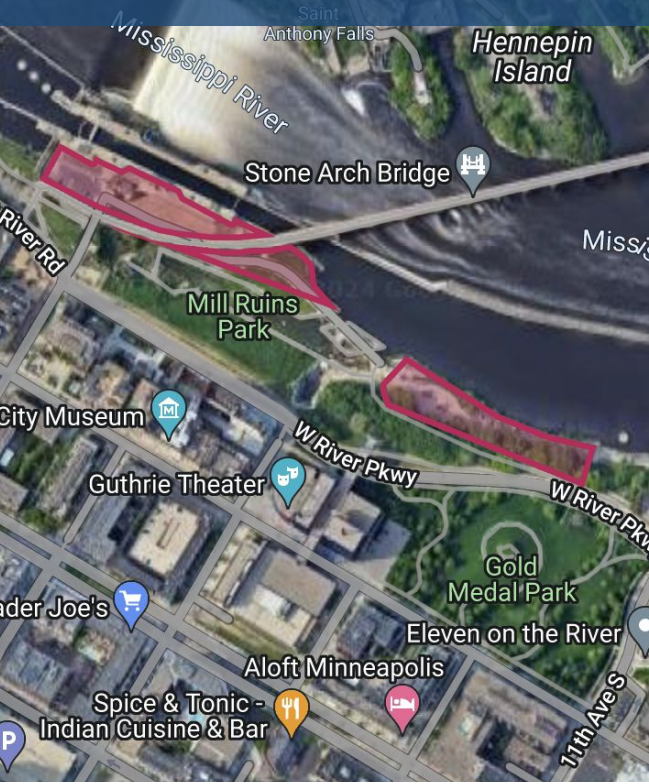


The Big Picture:

- A new model of land reclamation working with Tribes and centering Dakota lifeways
- Creating a coherent place by working in partnership with local government
- Multi-agency coordination to tackle and resolve complex jurisdictional issues
- Designing for the return of relatives (a homecoming)



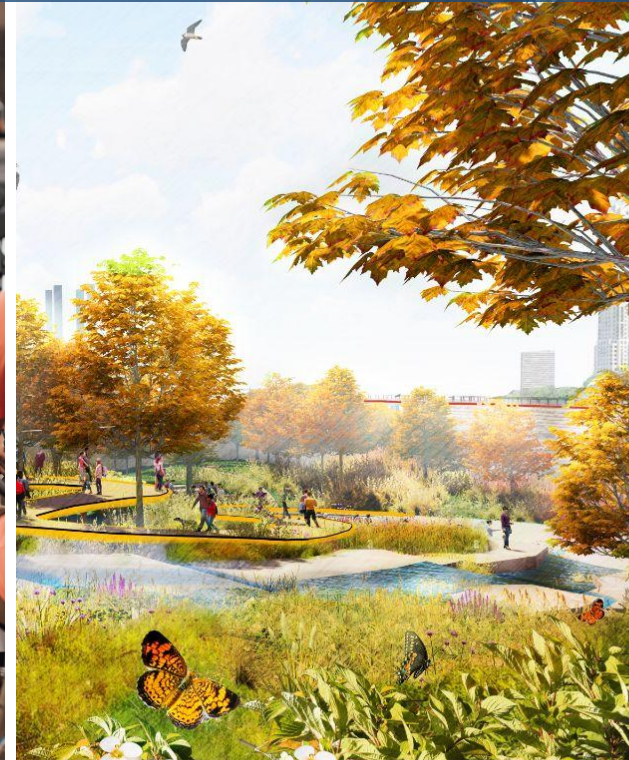
Progress on the Path to Owámniyomni



Activity 1: Acquisition



Activity 2: Program



Activity 3: Capital Improvements

Progress on ENRTF Funded Activities at Owámniyomni

ACTIVITY 1: FEE TITLE ACQUISITION

- OO signed a **25-year lease** with USACE on March 14, 2024.
- OO and the City **engaged with the four Dakota Nations and their Tribal Councils on ownership**, engaging an attorney with expertise in tribal law to study how to transfer ownership to the Tribes if that was desired. The Tribes supported OO as the party to take title when the property is conveyed.
- OO & the City then came to **consensus terms** for OO to become the fee title owner of the land when it is conveyed by USACE.
- OO administered a **competitive bid** to select a multidisciplinary consultant team led by Dakota Knowledge Keepers to guide the work; this team will complete all federal compliance required to effect conveyance.
- OO anticipates **fee title ownership by the end of 2025.**

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ACTIVITY 2: PARTNERSHIPS & PROGRAMS

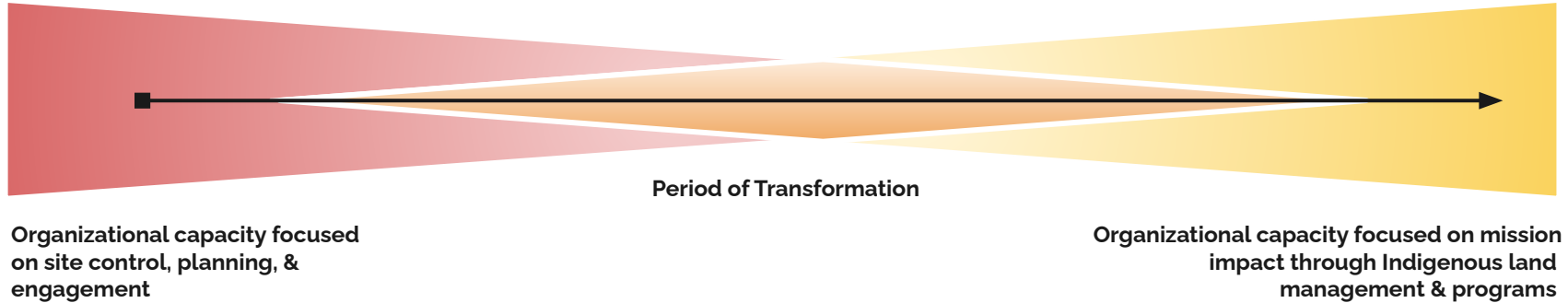
- **The ENRTF funded portion of this work was completed** in 2022 with a competitively bid study on programs and partnerships.
- Since then, OO has hired a **Program Director** to lead, inform, and ground programming objectives to fulfill OO's mission.
- OO has also hired a **Program and Project Coordinator** to support and bridge programming goals with design and implementation.

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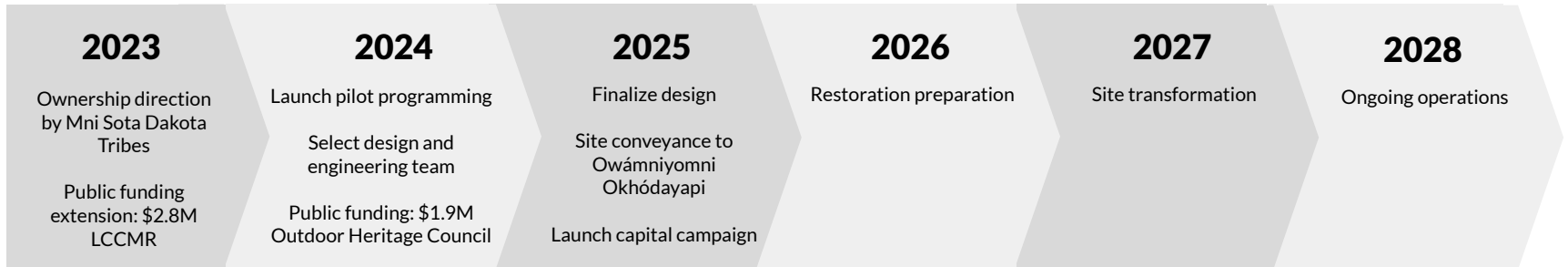
ACTIVITY 3: CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS

- OO completed **broad stakeholder engagement** and presented early ideas in Season One of its work, which wrapped up in 2022.
- In Season Two, drawing on Dakota lifeways, OO has formed a **consensus based decision-making** model to inform the restoration, which is made up of the Tribal Working Group, Programming & Partnership Advisory Group, and the Consultant Team working with OO leadership.
- OO will complete the restoration in **two phases**:
 - The conveyance phase is comprised of work necessary to effect the conveyance of title (2025).
 - The restoration phase is comprised of work to fully restore a living landscape and public access to the site (2027).

Catalyzed Organizational Transformation



IMPLEMENTATION MILESTONES



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Mitákuye Owásin.

We are all relatives.

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