

# BELOIT COLLEGE GREEN LIGHTS POWERHOUSE PROJECT

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BELOIT — Beloit College announced today is moving forward with its Powerhouse project, with a kickoff set for June 9.

After years of planning, meetings, discussions and forging partnerships between public and private entities, alumni, parents and friends, the colleges plans to reimagine a decommissioned power plant along the Rock River into a sustainable, fully integrated student union and recreation center are now becoming a reality.

The \$38 million Powerhouse project will be funded completely by the support of donors and several grants and tax credits, with no tuition dollars going toward the project.

“This is a great moment for Beloit College and for all of the magnificent partners who have helped bring the Powerhouse to life. We head into the next phase of this project with ambition, optimism, humility and perhaps most importantly with certainty that the Powerhouse will become a tangible, concrete space,” said Beloit College President Scott Bierman.

“The powerhouse project is an excellent example of a public private partnership,” said City Manager Lori Curtis Luther. “This massive redevelopment and river walk will bring more people downtown and continue growing the strong connection between Beloit College and the city.”

New renderings from designers at Studio Gang Architects are due by early summer, showing the latest evolutions of the Powerhouse project, which over the past few years has benefited from contributions by students, partners, supporters and the community. In addition to the unique integration of student union, student clubs, health and wellness, athletic, recreational and learning spaces, the Powerhouse will be a model of adaptive reuse and eco-friendly design. Not only does it revitalize an existing, historic building full of brick and steel, it will also showcase a set of groundbreaking sustainable practices.

The Powerhouse also will connect to the City of Beloit. The riverwalk, fresh and healthy food options, and spaces for community members to use all stand as important parts of this project.

A public meeting to discuss plans for the Powerhouse Riverwalk Project is scheduled for 4-6 p.m. Tuesday at the Rotary River Center, 1160 Riverside Drive.

Beloit College representatives and designers including those from Angus Young Associates will be on hand to discuss the project as well as other elements of the Powerhouse during the meeting.